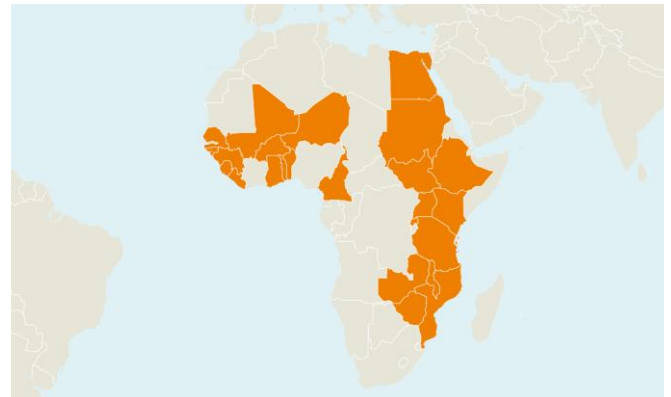


ANNUAL UPDATE

UGANDA

WEST NILE



Together with your sponsorship, children and families are making positive changes in West Nile. Learn more about the valuable ways we work with children and communities.

Plan International has been active in the tropical West Nile region of northwestern Uganda since 2018. In 2014, less than 42% of people in this region could read. This year, with your support, we worked with 3 primary schools in the Asili, Aringa and Ramogi regions, improving classrooms, supplying equipment and co-creating fun school clubs to make learning fun and accessible for everyone. Today, 2,228 students are learning in better conditions than ever.



1,009

Young people learned about sexual health



4,635

Community members discussed child abuse



3

New classrooms were built

“PLANS RISING PROJECT, WHICH SUPPORTS SCHOOL CHILDREN, SAVED ME FROM DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL.”

Lydia, 14 years old, Sponsored Child





NAME: CLETUS

AGE: 10 YEARS OLD

DREAMS TO BE: A DOCTOR

“I AM VERY HAPPY THAT I AM NO LONGER SICK ALL THE TIME, BECAUSE WE HAVE A WATER PURIFIER. SOMEDAY, I WANT TO BE A DOCTOR AND HELP SICK CHILDREN.”

Meet Cletus

Thanks to Plan International's projects, Cletus is healthier than ever.

When our team in West Nile, Uganda first met Cletus's parents, they told us that he was regularly sick and missing school.

Drinking Water for Everyone

Like many families in their community, Cletus and his parents relied on a spring well for water. What they didn't know was that this water was not clean enough to safely drink: in fact, it was the reason why Cletus continued to get sick, missing school days due to malaria or diarrhoea.

This year, we worked with 950 families, including Cletus's, to install solar-powered water purifiers. While we were there, we made sure that all local children were immunised against preventable illnesses. We also spoke to local parents, including Cletus's, to discuss caring for sick children at home and how to access professional health care at nearby health centres.

Growing Big and Strong

Today, Cletus's family reports that Cletus is regularly attending school, and no longer falling sick the way that he used to.

When we learned that thousands of parents in Uganda struggle to afford school supplies for their children, the support from sponsors like yourself, enabled us to provide books and pencils to around 70,000 Sponsored families across the country – including Cletus and his siblings.



Today, Cletus is able to go to school regularly.

OUR PROJECTS IN WEST NILE ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



I CAN DO ANYTHING



This year, young people built new vocational skills and imagined bright futures.

Plan International's REAL-ANSWER project focused on offering empowering sustainable skills to young people in the West Nile region, particularly girls and women. After 16 young people practised hairdressing and semi-industrial skills on production of reusable sanitary pads.

This year, the formation of fun new school clubs like music, dance, drama and sports made children much more excited to keep going to school.

Another 1,009 young people in 16 communities discussed sexual health and reproductive rights alongside their local village savings and loans groups, where they practise establishing financial goals and budgeting. 12 savings and loans groups were formed anew, whilst numerous savings groups received donations of livestock and shoes for new small business ventures.

EDUCATION FOR ALL



Though enrollment in West Nile schools is increasing, many schools are not equipped to meet the needs of their new students.

Our SPIN project set out to address a few key accessibility issues in schools, which often left girls and students with special needs struggling to continue attending lessons: a lack of gender-inclusive bathrooms, which meant many girls felt they had to miss school during their periods; a shortage of school supplies; and classrooms that were difficult for children with mobility issues to enter.

This year, 1,035 girls and 1,193 boys received school supplies like books and pencils. Five new latrines have separate, private changing areas for girls.

“Before, I found it difficult to enter the classroom because of my wheelchair. Our new classrooms have a ramp, so they are very easy to enter.”

- Deogratus (17) from West Nile



YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



The best is yet to come – and together we will continue to work for a brighter future for the children in West Nile.

- 22% of children between 6 and 15 years old in West Nile are not enrolled in school. With your support, we will improve schools' resources with supplies and more sanitary latrines.
- 25% of teen girls in West Nile are already mothers. Next year, we will focus on engaging boys and men on issues related to the rights of women and girls, as well as sexual health and safety.
- Just over half of all teens in West Nile have been tested for HIV. We will continue community-wide outreach about contraception and the prevention of sexually transmitted infections.

Thank you for your continued support.



“This year, we have been able to deliver education, lessons on reproductive health and active leadership activities. Thank you for making this possible in our communities.”

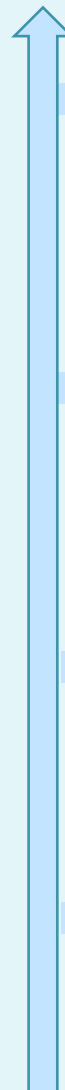
Isaac Obong
Programme Area Manager

THE PLAN EFFECT



Your sponsorship commitment becomes long-term change – providing help for self-help. We involve children at the centre of all projects, bringing effective and sustainable solutions to families and communities. With Plan's Effect, your commitment helps empower communities to transform their lives and futures.

THE LAST 12 MONTHS



FEBRUARY



13

peer leaders trained in discussing education

MARCH



3

new classrooms built

SEPTEMBER



654

young women learned more about sexual health

NOVEMBER



16

young people became vocational peer educators