

Annual report

2023





Our vision

Our vision is to support vulnerable and poor children in local communities in Uganda with health care, schooling and nutrition, as well as contribute to sustainable development.





Making a difference
Changing lives



Greetings!

Dear AJABU Family,

This year's end brings us a deep sense of thanks and pride for the remarkable path we've traced together in 2023. We joyfully send our heartiest salutations to each person involved in our large AJABU community - supporters, volunteers, collaborators, and recipients all.

This year showed the strength of teamwork. We saw people committed to change, powered by our shared goal. As one, we started and ran our medical center. Seeing the good we do in people's lives warms the heart.

AJABU Children's Ministries began with a dream to help kids in Uganda who need it most. Our aim? Providing health care, education, and food. But we also want to stimulate long-lasting growth and improve their communities. We firmly believe in the powerful difference that kindness, teamwork, and active participation can make. Soon after looking back on the previous year, we can't help but feel inspired. The tales of courage, optimism, and headway coming from our projects have been incredible

We owe our success to you. You've generously donated, passionately volunteered, and willingly partnered with us. Your trust in ACM empowers change. Because of you, together, we create a difference.

As we look forward, our spirit is high. We'll build more on the solid base we share. Big challenges await us, but our determination is even bigger. Our adventure keeps going, and we ask each one of you to stay with us. Let's shape future chapters together.

As we progress, we continue to embrace the essence of AJABU. This spirit embodies the potential for positive changes, values every endeavor, and understands the profound impact of banding together to achieve a lofty goal.

Thank you for being an integral part of the AJABU family. Together, let us shape a future filled with compassion, equality, and hope.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Christine N. Wanabi

Founder of Ajabu Children's Ministries
Country director Uganda

Dag Frode Helgestad

Founder of Ajabu Children's Ministries
Country director Norway





Bringing hope and healing to rural Uganda

OPENING AJABU MEDICAL CENTER

Great news everyone! Thanks to your kind support, we've opened a needed health center in a less fortunate rural Ugandan community. This big step happened on July 2nd. Our achievement is a testimony to your consistent involvement in this cause.

This trusted health clinic signifies hope for the people it serves. Located in an isolated area where healthcare is hard to reach, the center is dedicated to offering comprehensive health services to those most in need.



Bubwa



Facts about Bubwa village and region

The village is small and is situated by the lake. Much of what happens here is fishing. This includes low income among families who face challenges due to lack of access to basic needs.. There are very few schools in the area which makes it very difficult for the children to get an education. The school is too far away for the youngest children.. Many children therefore work in the area with fishing and housework. This drastically reduces the chances of a good life. The villagers want help that can make it possible for them to get out of poverty and give their children hope for a better future.

- **Poor fishermen's village found in Buikwe district**
- **Over 130 vulnerable children**
- **7 km to schools**
- **Low education attainment (40% dropping out of schools)**
- **Poor sanitation causing chronic diseases**
- **Child marriages (a child having a child)**
- **No kindergarten or nursery school in reach**
- **Poor nutrition causes health issues**
- **Poverty**



Some of Bubwa village with the Ajabu Medical Center in front



The building with the Great Lake Victoria behind

Phase 1 - 2022:

The start of the Ajabu Medical Center

Fundraising 14500 NOK.

Fundraising for this project was started in 2022 and the aim was to establish a medical center in Bubwa. The driving force behind this was the inaccessibility of medical help to the residents of the village. Ajabu Children's Ministries chose to solve this by converting a suitable building into a health centre. We restored and made the building capable of accommodating a doctor's office, a pharmacy and a bedside post office. Furthermore, the project aimed to increase the economic opportunities for the inhabitants by attracting people and tourists from the surrounding areas. Security measures were implemented in collaboration with the local military, which oversees fishing activity in the area.



Phase 2 - 2023:

Finalizing the Ajabu Medical Center

Fundraising 38.704 NOK.

In January 2023, the collection for the second and final phase of the project began. The aim was to open the center in July. The work that now remained was to put in two windows on the front of the building, install lightweight walls, paint and join together interiors such as shelves, reception, a waiting bench. In addition, hospital beds, chairs and children's furniture, desks, a solar cell system with 8 light points outside and inside, as well as the purchase of remaining medical equipment were purchased. Finally, the pharmacy was filled with medicines.



Our Medical Team led by Dr. John focuses on providing essential healthcare services, fostering a healthier population through accessible and compassionate medical care.

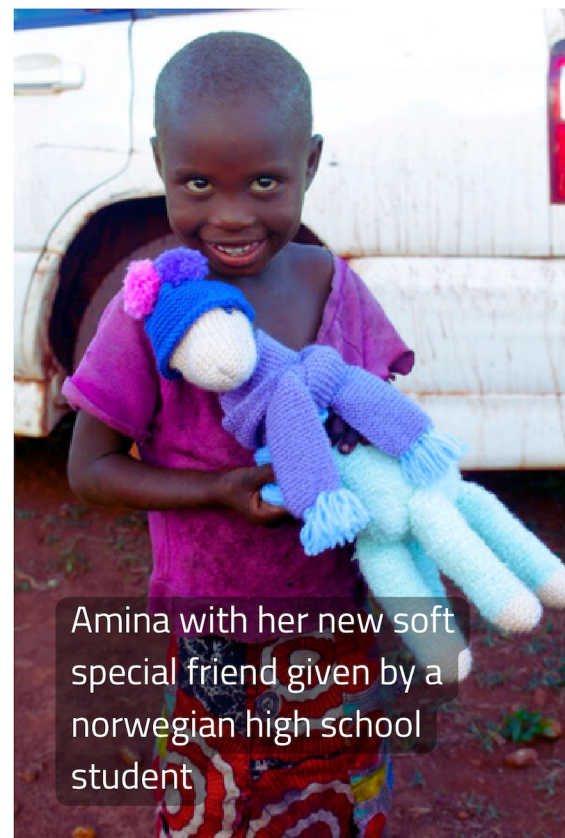


Some from the hard working team finishing the Medical Center

The Journey

Ajabu Children's Ministries has extended a hand to help over 130 vulnerable and needy children in the village of Bubwa and the surrounding area. On July 7, 2022, a medical outreach was conducted, involving an extended Ajabu team led by our physician Dr. John Engulat.

On this day, everyone received a free health check and medication, we were given talks and given guidance to children and adults. Stuffed animals for all the children and clothes donated by Norwegian contributors were also given out to great enthusiasm big and small.



Amina with her new soft special friend given by a norwegian high school student



The medical outreach to Bubwa Village 7th July 2022

The Journey in pictures



The medical outreach 2022



Dr. John attending to the sick during the medical outreach



Acquiring the building for the medical center, 2022



The proposed building



Start of renovations, 2022



The founders and a team of dedicated workers



More Planning



Everyone joined in to have the medical center ready for opening this summer



The waiting room chairs nicely done



Partnering with a pharmacy to supply medicines to the medical center



Picking up the equipments for the medical center



Finally we arrived Bubwa after 5 hours...



Starting the work on 30. june



The builders installing windows



The carpenter partitioning the medical center



More work done by the builders



Our founder, Dag Frode doing the branding of the medical center



The building yet to be painted.



Setting up the admission rooms



The children's waiting area



Our head supervising worker, Lwanga painting the medical center with Ajabu colors



Ajabu Medical center on 2. july 2023!

The opening 2. july 2023



On 2 July 2023, the village of Bubwa witnessed an important event with the opening day of the Ajabu Medical Center. The excitement and anticipation was palpable as residents, local leaders and health professionals gathered to celebrate the inauguration of this much-needed health facility. Many had put on their best dress to go to the doctor's appointment that day!



Waiting patients...



Our nurse doing a malaria test

The medical center offers basic healthcare services and is staffed by dedicated professionals. In 2023, we will have had two nurses and a doctor on rotation. The health center aims to meet the health needs of the disadvantaged population in Bubwa. The center offers services such as general checks, vaccinations and basic medical treatments.



Our doctor in charge - Dr. John



The nurse behind the pharmacy desk

THE AJABU MEDICAL CENTER:

SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Our medical center is equipped and staffed with highly trained healthcare professionals who are passionate about making a difference.

Here are some of the key services we will be offering:



GENERAL MEDICAL CARE

From routine check-ups to the diagnosis and treatment of illnesses, our medical center will provide comprehensive primary healthcare services to address the community's diverse medical needs.



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

We will offer prenatal care, safe delivery assistance, and postnatal support to ensure healthy outcomes for both mothers and their babies.



IMMUNIZATIONS AND PREVENTIVE CARE

In partnership with the Ugandan Government, Our team will administer vaccinations, conduct health screenings, and promote preventive measures to reduce the incidence of preventable diseases in the community.



BUBWA COMMUNITY

The impoverished community rejoiced with overwhelming happiness as the long-awaited medical center finally opened its doors, bringing hope, healing, and a brighter future to their lives.



Dr. John in the Pharmacy



DENTAL CARE

Oral health is often neglected in underserved areas. Our dental services will include check-ups, cleanings, and basic dental procedures to improve oral hygiene and overall well-being.



HEALTH EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

We understand that raising awareness is key to building a healthier community. Through workshops, seminars, and community outreach programs, we will educate the local population on essential health practices and disease prevention.



FAMILY PLANNING

Empowering individuals and families to make informed decisions about their reproductive health, helping them control the timing and spacing of pregnancies. By offering access to contraceptives, counseling, and education, these services ensure that residents have the means to plan their families according to their preferences and circumstances. This not only promotes better maternal and child health outcomes but also contributes to economic stability, improved education, and overall well-being within the community.



Our supervising Dr. Elungat John and full-time nurse Martin Ikori with Christine Wambi, director of Ajabu Children's Ministries, Uganda.

FINANCES 2023

Here is an overview of contributions and how they have been distributed in 2023:

2023	Income (NOK)	Permanent income	Additional Support	AMC*	AMC* Operation	Education
		Partners/support		Post		
January	3.300,-	2.300,-	1.000,-	700,-	600,-	2.000,-
February	2.300,-	2.300,-		1.700,-	600,-	
March	6.800,-	2.800,-	4.000,-	6.200,-	600,-	
April	6.500,-	2.500,-	4.000,-	3.900,-	600,-	2.000,-
May	3.600,-	3.600,-		2.000,-	600,-	1.000,-
June	23.350,-	3.300,-	20.050,-	17.200,-	600,-	3.550,-
July	11.500,-	3.500,-	8.000,-	9.200,-	2.300,-	2.000,-
August	3.500,-	3.500,-		1.200,-	2.300,-	
September	3.750,-	3.750,-		1.450,-	2.300,-	
Oktober	3.500,-	3.500,-		1.200,-	2.300,-	
November	3.750,-	3.500,-		1.200,-	2.300,-	
Desember	4.750,-	3.750,-	1.000,-	1.200,-	2.300,-	1.250,-
TOTAL	62.300,-			47.150,-	17.400,-	11.800,-

*Ajabu Medical Center (AMC)

In addition to this, private contributions have been donated to administrative costs in Uganda, such as rent, electricity, water charges, car expenses, transport, telephone etc. This has made it possible for support from our partners and supporters to go directly and unabated into the projects that have been described in this report.

Partnership & ongoing projects



Ajabu Medical Center, Bubwa

Ajabu Medical Center invites partnerships to support the centre, or the children in Bubwa who have medical challenges. Feel free to contact Ajabu Children's Ministries for a collaboration about financial support and important health care.

Partnership

Gives you the opportunity to closely monitor projects you are involved in with a financing structure that suits your preferences. For example, contribute to a safe operation of the center, support staff salaries, cover a percentage of medical expenses or support intended and ongoing targeted health programs

Sponsors

Sponsors will receive regular updates on the children benefiting from their support, allowing them to stay informed about progress and program developments. Your involvement is essential to making a meaningful impact on the lives of these children, to ensure that they receive the health care they deserve.





Smile Bright Project

Ajabu Children's Ministries launched the "Smile Bright" project in October 2023. This is a dental health program that contains information and guidance, as well as distribution of dental health products, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste etc. This initiative is an extension of the organization's dedication to the well-being of vulnerable children.

The primary objective of the project is to provide essential dental services and education to children. Dental professionals, volunteers, and educators ensures comprehensive services, including dental check-ups, cleanings, and treatments

The Smile Bright Project employs outreach events and on-site dental services to reach children in Bubwa. The program emphasizes education, the importance of preventive care. Workshops and educational sessions are to instill good oral hygiene habits in the children, aiming for a lasting impact on their overall health.



Kapito with his toothbrush!



Education Project

AJABU helps to promote children's education by providing access to essential educational resources such as books and uniforms. Every term we give the children in Bubwa help to get them off to a good start at school. We are currently working with the local schools to keep these children in education. This means that we enter into a partnership agreement with the schools to cover the school fees for the children from Bubwa

By supporting the education project in Bubwa, you contribute to these children's opportunity for education and a better life.



Meeting with heads of our partnering local schools, 17 km away from Bubwa

Plans for 2024

- Expanding The Medical Center
- Partnership with the schools in Bubwa
Ensuring the education of vulnerable children in Bubwa (p1-p7) education by sponsoring them.
- Fundraising for the Ajabu Headquarter (Learning and Outreach Center)
- Partnering with Norwegian schools and organizations
- Releasing the Ajabu single and music video
- Charity Concert in Tønsberg at the end of the year?

Details is described in The Ajabu Children's Ministries Workplan 2024-2025.



Would you like to contribute?

- You or your company can become a partner!
- Your kindergarten, class or school can do fundraisers!
- Your organization or club/team can help!
- Work as a volunteer for a period!

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Be a partner or sponsor and get our newsletters!

The AJABU team



CHRISTINE N. WAMBI

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Christine N. Wambi is a dedicated and forward-thinking leader, committed to advancing the organization through her years of experience and unwavering integrity. Her passion lies in making a positive impact on the lives of children, and she has devoted her life to this noble cause.



DAG FRODE HELGESTAD

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He serves as a teacher, career counselor, and music producer, bringing his extensive experience working with children and youths to the forefront. With a background in media production and web development, he has a diverse skill set. Alongside his roles, he passionately engages in sports activities, showcasing a deep commitment to causes close to his heart, particularly those benefiting Uganda and vulnerable children.



Dr. John Elungat

Ajabu Medical Center

Dr. John is trained medical professional who combines medical expertise with compassion to promote the overall health and well-being of the children in Bubwa. He is currently in charge of running the Ajabu Medical center.



JACQUELINE MUWANGA

Jacqueline, a dedicated Psychologist with extensive experience, contributes valuable insights to enhance mental health programs at ACM, and collaborates with diverse board members for evidence-based initiatives, ensuring effective support and positive impact on beneficiaries' well-being.



ROBERT COINES SSUUNA

Experienced brand manager and dynamic board member at Ajabu, utilizing strategic marketing insights for impactful awareness and engagement. Ensures brand consistency across channels and materials, contributing a unique blend of marketing expertise and philanthropic passion for success.



FRANCIS KALUMIRA

Francis, a vocational skills teacher and dedicated counselor, is a valuable board member with expertise in education and counseling. With a proven track record, he enhances vocational training programs, provides compassionate guidance, and contributes collaboratively to Ajabu's overall vision and impact.

Ajabu is informative and transparent!

See our website and you-tube channel!

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Fundraising & Donation

Welcome to AJABU Medical Center!

We are thrilled to share with you our journey of the medical center!
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Help us fundraise the Learning Center

Experience AJABU Children's Ministries

Making a difference - Changing lives!

AJABU is a non-profit organization with a primary mission centered around child care and the empowerment of impoverished individuals within local communities, aiming to foster sustainable development. The organization is committed to making a lasting impact on the lives of children and vulnerable populations by addressing their immediate needs while also equipping them with the tools and resources necessary to break the cycle of poverty.

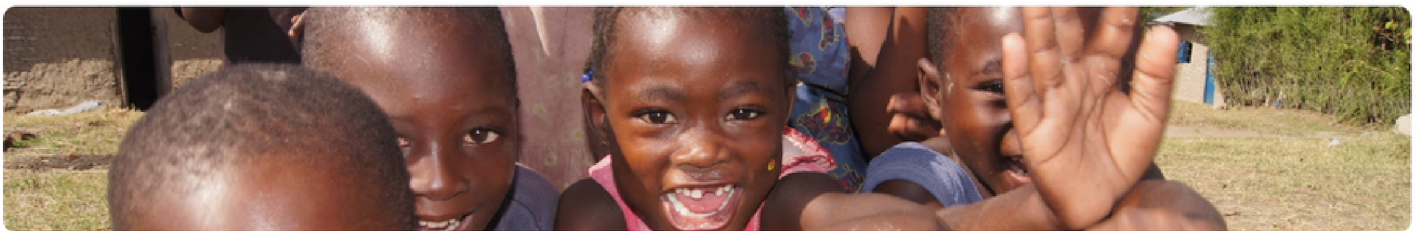
Support & Partner

AJABU Medical Center in Bubwa is now open!

Support the children! Read their stories

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AJABU er en ideell organisasjon som arbeider for sårbare barn, fattige og trengende i lokal... >

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The opening of Ajabu Medical Center! Sett 63 ganger • for 3 måneder siden	AJABU Children's Ministries: The Medical Center - part 5 Sett 52 ganger • for 7 måneder siden	Jah vi Maler og vi Maler Sett 38 ganger · for 1 år siden	Ajabu Children's Ministries: Bubwa Medical Outreach - ... Sett 58 ganger · for 1 år siden	AJABU Children's Ministries: THANK YOU from Bubwa! - ... Sett 259 ganger · for 1 år siden	AJABU Children's Ministries: Bubwa - part 2 Sett 1,3k ganger · for 1 år siden

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