

# Year Overview



COVID is still impacting many aspects of life in Uganda, and schools and churches remain closed. This has affected the children who attend Kitazigurukwa Special Needs Unit, but the staff continues to follow them up at home. Large clinics have been unable to resume due to restrictions on the number of people who are able to gather, however Evas has continued to run small OT/life skills sessions with limited numbers. She has also run a small feeding programme for some malnourished children in the project. Jones continues to run his club foot clinics. The chilli staff have worked hard this year, under difficult conditions, to encourage farmers and support their chilli growing, as well as enroll new families onto the chilli growing programme.

We are hopeful for a great chilli harvest this year, however this will be dependent upon the rules at the time. During the full lockdown during much of 2021, children and caregivers were unable to travel to CORSU and other hospitals for sur-



*Evas working with a child with cerebral palsy at the Rehab Centre.*



*Project mums learning about the benefits of sorghum porridge at the feeding programme.*



*Project staff, Victory, sorting chillis with a beneficiary.*

gery/review, however we did our best to refer them to local hospitals for basic services as much as possible. In June, the Bishop of North Kigezi, Benon Magezi, passed away from COVID. We are so saddened by the loss, but thankful for Bishop Patrick Tugume for coming out of retirement to 'hold the fort' as we wait for a new bishop to be appointed. Please keep this critical appointment in your prayers. One of the highlights of the year was in February, when CORSU selected the Chilli Children Project as one of the beneficiaries of brand new, donated, specially equipped wheelchairs. See more details later in the newsletter.

All in all, we are so thankful that we have been able to continue serving the communities of SW Uganda in various ways, despite the limiting and challenging circumstances this year. As with many charities, funds have dropped during the past couple of years. We still need a few people to commit to our Give 2021 campaign. Can this be you?!

*A field clinic in Kisoro, with Mt Muhabura in the background.*



*A typical 'socially distanced' day at the Project Office.*

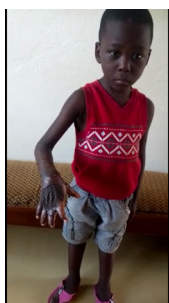
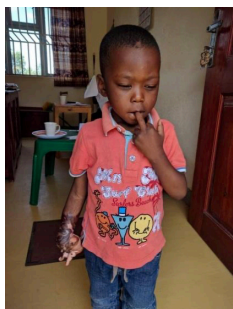


# Changed Lives

**These are just some of the many children who receive life-changing surgery and treatment during 2021, thanks to the support of the CCP.**



Moses, registered at our April field survey in Kisoro District, went to CORSU for surgery soon after. He is still recovering but we hope for a successful outcome!



Mark suffered from a severe burn contracture from hot water. This was limiting his functionality as well as the trauma of the physical appearance. CORSU did a great job of completing a skin graft and he continues to receive physiotherapy.



Baby Keith was born with severe bilateral club foot. Because Mum brought him for early intervention, Jones was able to manipulate using the poinsettia method. Amazing!



*Obed and Dismas are brothers and were identified at a clinic held on the edge of Rukungiri district.*

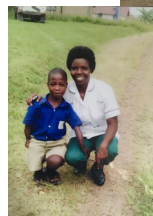


*Both had bilateral club foot, but because of their age, they were forced to undergo surgery. They're doing well and we hope that they continue to use these braces for the best long term results.*

## Well done, Aggrey!

Aggrey has been supported by the Project, both medically and educationally, since he was very young. He has grown into a wonderful young man.

Despite the lockdown, certain school year groups were able to do their exams this year. We are delighted that Aggrey recently passed his O Levels with a first grade! We will continue to support him to do A Levels.



# Thank you, CORSU!

We are so thankful to CORSU who, in February, invited the Project and 14 of its children to receive brand new, adaptable wheelchairs. These wheelchairs were commissioned by Bishop Benon Magezi the following week. They are such a gift to the children. Some children came with pressure sores as they had laid in one position day in, day out.

Many children who received wheelchairs have become too heavy for their parents to carry, and so are left at home. Since receiving the wheelchairs, children have been able to move out of home, sit and interact with the world around them. Many of the wheelchairs have tables, enabling the children to develop skills such as self-feeding, food preparation etc. THANK YOU CORSU!!





# Chilli Update

Zaire, Martin and Victory have been busy 'in the field'. Their work includes preparing chilli nursery beds, distributing seedlings to farmers, monitoring chilli growing within families, teaching and training new chilli farmers, and preparing for the upcoming harvest in October.

Chilli growing is core to us as a Project. Chilli growing helps families to develop economically, providing them with much needed income which may be used for paying school fees, buying household necessities, paying for transport for medical treatment etc.

Since an answer to prayer in the increase of the buying price of chilli, many new rural farmers have enrolled onto the programme. We are so encouraged, and hopeful that chilli growing can continue to benefit families and communities alike.



*Martin giving out chilli seedlings to a new, excited farmer.*



*Distributing plants to a family after a church service (after they were allowed).*



*Looking after a chilli nursery bed, and preparing it to give plants to farmers.*

## Virgin Money Closing

Virgin Money Giving has announced that they will cease to operate from November 2021. As a result, we have taken the decision to move our Giving to Stewardship or directly through our bank account.

### We have two options available to you to switch your giving

1. Give Directly to Chillli Children -> preferred option as this avoids fees on your giving

Our Bank Details for your monthly standing order are:

Barclays Bank

Sort Code: 20 - 84 - 17 Account No.: 00848883

For Account of: Chillli Children of Rukungiri (Uganda)

2. Give via Stewardship (3.5% fee) <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20095422>

If you are a new donor and are eligible for Gift Aid, please also return the attached form to us so that we can claim an additional 25p for every £1 that you donate.

## Giving to Uganda

We are committed to send around £70,000 to the project in Uganda.. Unfortunately, we have fallen short of our fundraising needs in recent months. This means that Evas will need to make hard choices about which activities she is able to continue to fund in this coming year. If you can, please consider helping us with a financial donation.

### How you can help:

Do you have a Gift Matching or Give as You Earn scheme at work? Please let us know if we are not listed as a registered charity so that we can enroll.

Are you a member of a church or organisation that is searching for speakers? Are you looking for a named charity for a future sporting or calendar event? Are you an organisation or school looking for a charity to sponsor in 2022?

### What does my donation mean?

- **£30** can correct a minor deformity such as removing digits or club foot
- **£200** treats osteomyelitis (bone infection) or post-injection paralysis
- **£250** can treat a child with hydrocephalus or spina bifida
- **£500** can fix genu varum (bow legs) and genu valgum (knock knees)

You may like to consider **leaving a lasting legacy** to the work of the Chill Children Project in your will. If we are one of your favourite charities, then would you consider leaving a gift in your will? It would enable the work of the charity to continue and you would be passing on something wonderful to future generations.

If you are making your will, or updating your will, we would be thrilled to be included in your plans. Any gift, large or small makes a huge difference to the children and families involved with the Chillli Children Project. If you would like to speak to someone in person about this, then please do get in touch.

## One off giving

First Name .....  
Last Name .....  
Address.....  
Postcode .....

Email address: .....

Amount £..... Date.....

- ☐ I enclose a cheque  
☐ I enclose a cash donation

## Charity Gift Aid Declaration

Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer. In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box: ☐ I want to Gift Aid my donation of £..... and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to Chilli Children Trust / ☐ I am not eligible for Gift Aid.

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Title ..... First name or initial(s) .....

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Full Home address .....

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Please notify the charity if you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address, no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Please make cheques payable to Chilli Children of Rukungiri Trust. Send to 37 Forest Road, Bingham, Nottinghamshire, NG13 8RL