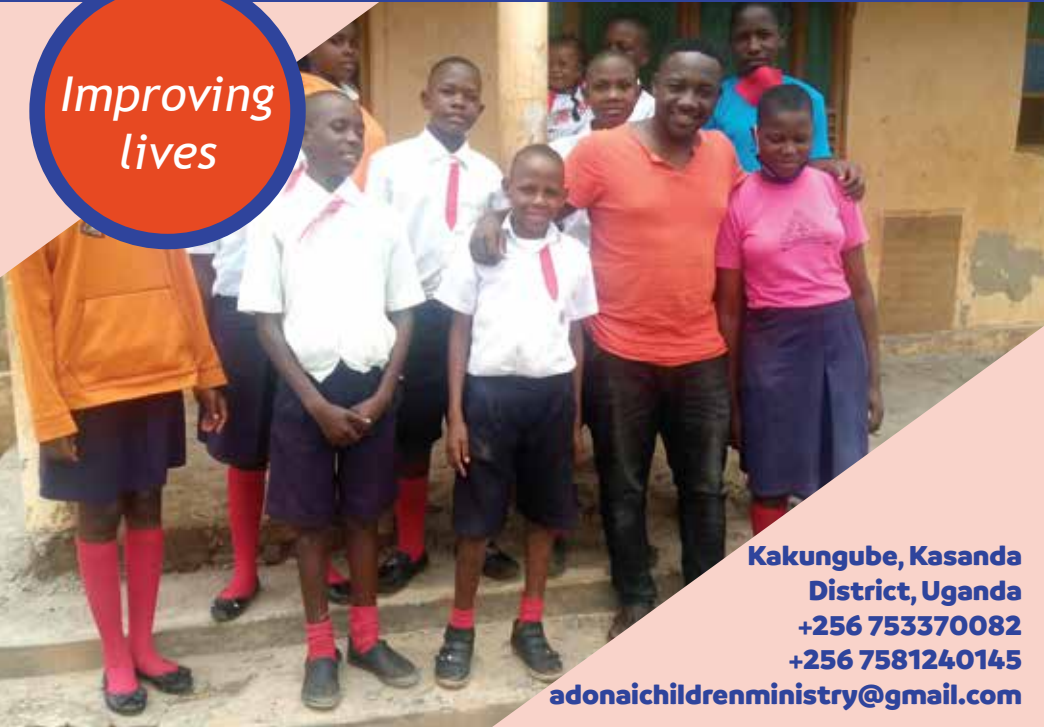


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CHILDREN MINISTRIES

Profile

*Improving
lives*



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OUR STORY



ADONAI CHILDREN MINISTRIES (ACM) is a faith-based Organization established for purposes of improving lives of vulnerable children, youth and adolescent girls and young women. Our programs include; Education, Art and sports, Health, Disability Inclusion among others.

Children throughout Africa are facing incredible challenges and life-threatening risks, often disproportionately carried by girls and young women. These risks arise when accessing basic rights like quality education, healthcare, or decent work.

Young people also suffer interpersonal violence, are affected by the slow onsets of climate change or front-line impacts of disasters. They experience intersecting forms of marginalization, and struggle with the brunt of global erosion of human rights and impeded access to justice. Despite those barriers, their sense of optimism remains strong — even in the face of adversity. What could these children accomplish if they were allowed to unlock their full potential?

ADONAI CHILDREN MINISTRIES (ACM) has been able to reach more than 200 orphans and other vulnerable children through payment of their school fees, feeding and provision of scholastic materials.

ADONAI CHILDREN MINISTRIES (ACM) is rooted in the belief that a local Christian community organization is extremely effective in establishing long-term sustainable change. As such, our programs combine Education, art, spirituality and community engagement with a model focused on agency on children in delivering programming that provides high quality services to them and an alternative to traditional development scale.

WHY WE DO **WHAT WE DO**

Uganda has one of the youngest populations on the African continent (UNICEF, 2015), Children comprise up to 56% of Uganda's population, yet they continue to be seen as secondary. By 2014, Uganda had a population of 40 million people, including about 19 million children (UNICEF Uganda statistics, 2019). The living conditions for this important group of the Ugandan society is anything you would call undesirable. Children continue to live in conditions characterized by

inadequate access to education and health services, biting poverty in homes, exploitation and violence. The given living conditions for children in Uganda undermine the four cardinal rights of a child to survival,

- ◆ Development
 - ◆ Protection And Participation
 - ◆ Kidnapping
 - ◆ Child Murdering and Sacrifice
- Remain Widespread In Uganda.



OUR Values

Ministry: We are committed to living, preaching and teaching the word of God. Our love for God and His calling shall be our driving force. The power and influence of the Holy Spirit is the key agent of transformation. We value, appreciate and recognize the diversity of gifts in the body of Adonai .

Leadership: We are committed to godly transformational leadership in Church and society that equips believers to participate in the Great Commission. People are our greatest asset both within and without the church.

Community: We work with and exist in a community. We believe that it is our responsibility to impact them in a holistic manner. We will stand in solidarity with those who are marginalized by society.

Family: We are committed to building strong and effective families that serve the purpose that God ordained for them.

Integrity: We are committed to personal integrity and holiness in the ministry. We are committed to teaching and practicing sound Biblical doctrine.

Accountability: We are committed to a culture of transparency and accountability with our members and the general public

Excellence: In keeping with our identity and ministry target, we are committed to a culture of excellence in all our service delivery and ministries.

Partnership: We are committed to partnering with like-minded ministries, churches, Para- church organizations and other agencies that subscribe to our philosophy of ministry.



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OUR Approach

*skills acquisition is
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We Pursue a young peoples' led development path. ADONAI CHILDREN MINISTRIES (ACM) delivers its model for social change by training local Children and girls who often lack the opportunities for education and employment, and then mobilizing them to improve the care for their community's most vulnerable babies and children. This lays the foundation for healthy development and a lifetime of benefits to the child who can grow to be a positive and active member of their family, community and society.



We understand that skills acquisition is key to transformation of children, girls and community at large. We are guided by our hands-on model to facilitate an empowering process for the communities in ways that give them more control over their own resources through strengthening their analytical capacity, skills, and confidence to drive their own development.

Our ideology is premised on understanding that the primary role of education is to change mindsets to those that are developmental.

VISION:

Our MOTTO:
With God I can.

MISSION

ACM attends to the welfare of children in Uganda who are orphaned, abandoned or who can't be supported by their parents

PROGRAMS:

EDUCATION-EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT(ECD):

ADONAI CHILDREN MINISTRIES (ACM) seeks to change the community's attitude towards children's formal education by going beyond the classroom to talent search, development and use. ADONAI CHILDREN MINISTRIES (ACM) believes that the ECD approach being taken at the learning centres designed on the three (3) components of Talk, Read and Play present a theory of change that will greatly benefit Uganda's children in the long run as highlighted by UNESCO (2014): "Literacy is a basis for lifelong learning and plays a crucial foundational role in the creation of sustainable, prosperous and peaceful societies...Literacy is essential for eradicating poverty, reducing child mortality, curbing population growth, achieving gender equality and ensuring sustainable development, peace and democracy.



CULTURE, ARTS & SPORTS (CAS)



CAS can address major global challenges - such as conflict prevention and resolution, social integration, prevention of violent extremism, and protection of cultural heritage. CAS is also a key vector for collaboration, as outlined in the AU Abidjan Summit Declaration (2017). CAS can contribute to socio-economic stability, sustainable development and economic growth, through cultural entrepreneurship;

the culture and creative arts industry is indeed considered to be one of the fastest growing sectors of the world economy, with an estimated growth rate of 7% of the global GDP. The 2007 Africa Strategy (JAES) proposes a stronger cultural cooperation. A budget of EUR 40 million was allocated under the European Development Fund to support the contribution of cultural industries to the socio-economic development of ACP countries. However, the sector's potential deserves to be further harnessed, through visible initiatives that can also help connect young people to opportunities (financing, networks, and necessary skills to build their careers).



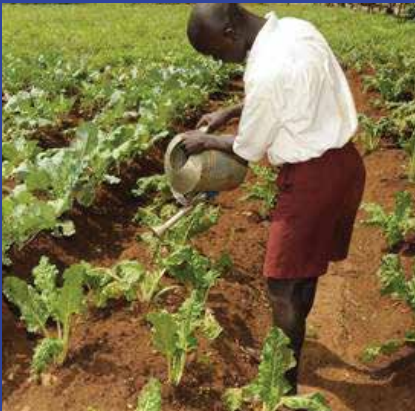
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OUR OBJECTIVES AND WORK ON CULTURE, ARTS & SPORTS (CAS):

- ◆ To support young sports and creative professionals, by promoting collaboration and enabling access to investment, capacity building and opportunities.
- ◆ Existing and emerging CAS projects and creations are promoted, with attention to indigenous forms of CAS and showing the potential of CAS in building bridges between African & the rest of the world.
- ◆ Networks of young CAS professionals in Africa and internationally are formed and reinforced through cultural exchanges and intercultural dialogues.
- ◆ Capacities of young CAS professionals are built, through skills development and empowerment activities.
 - ◆ Innovative means of investment and financial support for the creative sector are promoted.
 - ◆ Socio-economic benefits of the creative industry and of CAS are stimulated.

OUR ACTIVITIES AND ASPIRATIONS ON CULTURE, ARTS & SPORTS

- ◆ Organizing major multifaceted events/festivals ("CAStivals"), visible and attractive for young people, involving stakeholders of selected regions, with cultural, art and sport events, creations, competitions and/or innovations, networking, etc.;
- ◆ Developing a digital network/platform compiling opportunities for CAS professionals from Africa and other continents (directory of CAS professionals, support opportunities, capacity-building, calls for selection);
- ◆ Suggesting innovative proposals to enhance capacity and opportunities for CAS professionals (e.g an Afro-European Cultural Label, ...).



EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Quality education and skills provide the best route out of poverty, inequality, and instability, and are our best safe-guard against climate change, disease and extremism. Greater investment and commitment are needed to target, pilot and invest in solutions to change the future for this (girls and young women) generation and those to come. Access to quality education and the opportunity to develop

ADONAI CHILDREN MINISTRIES (ACM) aspires to provide high quality education and training systems, that are efficient and that facilitate young people's access and integration. However, youth on the continent face high unemployment rates and difficulties transitioning into the world of work. In light of the UN 2030 goals,

SDG 4 and international commitments, relevant stakeholders must be assisted in providing quality education to equip youth with skills and competencies to take on future challenges and opportunities in society: "21st century skills". Innovative schooling systems, under different forms,

have been shown to improve student success, active citizenship and transversal skills, needed for the future job market. There are good examples of multi-stakeholder collaborations in creating innovative learning environments (e.g., ESTEM, VET and Global Education). Coordination and dissemination of these efforts in the region is necessary.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND JOB CREATION

Sub-Saharan Africa will need to create 18 million new jobs a year by 2035, while currently only 3 million are annually created. This issue is a crucial priority for the (ADONAI CHILDREN MINISTRIES (ACM)). Uganda's national unemployment rate is 9.2%, while the unemployment rate for youth aged 18-30 is 13.3%. Although high, these rates are not so far removed from global averages. Consider the European Union, where the average youth unemployment rate has hovered at 14.3% for the last few months of 2019.

But the unemployment statistics for Uganda are misleading. In reality, Ugandans, and especially young Ugandans, are highly likely to be underemployed, in precarious and non-rewarding work, or in jobs that cannot offer decent incomes. 83.5% of the Ugandan population aged between 15-29 work in informal jobs, and that figure is 10% higher for young women than men.

In this endeavor of job creation, young people are uniquely positioned to stimulate innovation and create social capital, especially in key sectors such as agribusiness and renewable energy. Youth must be empowered to participate in shaping a shared future and economy, working closely in partnership with agribusiness and renewable energy. There are gaps in support services for young entrepreneurs, in knowledge of and access to current flagship initiatives.



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Soil degradation and unsustainable land/water management are key causes and impacts of climate change in Africa. The Great Green Wall initiative, launched in 2007, is the AU's flagship initiative to slow the expansion of the Sahara Desert, address land degradation, boost food security, and to support transformational resilience of communities to adapt to climate change. However, coordination between the various projects composing the Great Green Wall should be further improved.

A coherent mapping can help further develop the GGW, while enhanced support for agroforestry can represent additional incentives for youth to stay in rural areas and engage in activities promoting the sustainable use of natural resources. Agroforestry has proven suitable to mitigate the consequences of climate change and can provide livelihood opportunities for youth in the region. As Uganda grapples with the consequences of global warming and environmental degradation, every effort towards facilitating environmental protection



Climate change includes both global warming driven by human-induced emissions of greenhouse gases and the resulting large-scale shifts in weather patterns

in this region worthwhile. More so, whereas global and national macro-interventions are largely important, there is need to support and promote micro-interventions that encourage engagements of communities to promote environmental protection.

It is vital that young people be empowered to play their part in protecting the environment, by being good stewards and actively preserving our ecosystem right from their communities.

ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN (AGYW)

There are 1.2 billion adolescents (10-19 years old) worldwide today and this number will rise through 2050. Nearly nine out of ten adolescents live in low- and middle-income countries.

The health and well-being of adolescents now and in their adult lives greatly depend on key education opportunities and access to quality health services that help them stay healthy, empowered, embracing gender equality norms and demanding rights.

While the majority of adolescent health issues are preventable or treatable, adolescents face multiple barriers in accessing the knowledge, information and health care they need. The provision of appropriately tailored service and health care is weak or absent for adolescents and understanding among service providers of their specific needs is limited.

These challenges can be exacerbated by age, sex, ethnicity, religion, disability, location, wealth, marital status, sexual orientation and gender identity, migratory status and other characteristics.



Adolescents have failed to experience the reduction in mortality seen by younger children. While under five deaths halved during the Millennium Development Goal period, progress in adolescent mortality has stalled. Globally, adolescents carry 11 percent of the global disease burden and each year there are more than 1.1 million adolescent deaths.



Access to quality health services help adolescents stay healthy

AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION

Despite the fact that about 80% of the Ugandan population is dedicated to agriculture, the country is still unable to guarantee the food security for the entire population.

Malnutrition has actually increased in this decade while per capita agricultural production has decreased, the causes are known and shared by all stakeholders.

While the production / inhabitant's ratio is justified by the demographic boom that the country is experiencing, the problems related to malnutrition can be summarized in: limited technical knowledge on nutrition, poverty, inadequate value addition systems and limited access health related information.

To these problems are added the new challenges that the world in general, and Uganda in particular,



will have to face in the imminent future as a result of anthropogenic actions (climate change, demography, etc.).

Agriculture in Uganda, as in the rest of the less advanced countries (LDCs), is an activity carried out by the most disunited groups of the population who work small plots of land (small holders' farmers) and in many cases still live below the poverty line.



*Agriculture is the backbone of Uganda's
Income*

PROJECTS

ADONAI CHILDREN'S HOME

The Adonai Children's Home located in Kasanda district in Kakungube community is a safe refuge for school age orphans, street kids and needy children who are in need of food, education, counseling and a place to call home. The home is Adonai-centered and provides a continuum of care including physical, emotional, and spiritual nurturing. The Home's goal is to help the children mature into caring, responsible and productive members of society, regardless of their past background. Ultimately the purpose of Adonai Children's Home and Rehabilitation Center is to transform the lives of the children in our care and to bring honor and glory to God and to give them a home, an education, and a future in which they can become responsible people within the community.

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The Adonai Children's Home located in Kasanda district in Kakungube community

ADONAI BRIGHT PRIMARY SCHOOL



Adonai Bright Primary School, unlike other schools, believes and undertakes a holistic approach in education.

the education that takes into account the body, mind, soul and spirit - all of which have guiding goals.

EDUCATION PHILOSOPHY

Our education philosophy is premised on the Bible as the Word of God and the foundation and authority for truth. Excellence in classroom teaching, spiritual growth and maturation of every student, and practical Christian ministry for every student are the primary and central elements in our education philosophy.

This philosophy is the guiding standard for designing, implementing, and evaluating the curricular and co-curricular activities of the Adonai Bright Primary school.



Education is vital. Without it the orphans cannot go anywhere or get a job.

SPIRITUALLY



The school contributes to the spiritual growth of the pupils through many programs. This includes the Friday and Sunday program of pastoral instructions as well as life skills which help build students' character. Guideline: Fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

ACADEMICALLY

The school is staffed with competent, diligent teachers who are committed to their work. We have done many joint exams (Zonal and Divisions), and the school has featured as one of the best. In the recent zonal exams with about 18 schools, our school featured 2nd while in the division exams of about 29 schools the school featured 3rd. Guideline: Academic giants we are and we shall be.



PHYSICALLY

Adonai Bright Primary School actively participates in sports, music and Arts. After every school day time is set aside for games and sports activities.

The teachers help identify different gifts among the pupils and nurture them through these Friday evening activities. *Guideline: Nurturing talents.*



ENVIRONMENTALLY



environmental conservation is key to a healthy lifestyle in a community

The school is environmentally sensitive with environmental programs and related activities scheduled for every Wednesday evenings. Interestingly compared to our neighboring schools this is the most active school environmentally.

In Uganda, many schools and people are not environmentally sensitive. We believe it is necessary to sensitize members of the community about environmental conservation, preservation and promotion.

We start with educating the children about this importance. Currently, the students embrace this challenge, which has impacted the community positively. In fact, many people and families around have started planting flowers and trees. *Guideline: Act locally. Impact globally.*

PENTAGON KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR OF ADONAI BRIGHT PRIMARY SCHOOL

- ◆ The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.
- ◆ Academic giants.
- ◆ Citadel of talents.
- ◆ Local action for global impact.
- ◆ In God we trust.

SPORTS MINISTRY

Adonai Sports Ministry was started in 2020 by Douglas XXSEMJJU as a youth evangelism program. Today the sports ministry has expanded into a full ministry mission which sends tens of male and female youth on short-term mission trips all over Uganda. Our goal is to extend the love God to all sports-loving people. Our main focus must be building Christ-centered relationships, discipleship / evangelism, and training believers in the discovery and development of their gifts, talents and vision for the enhancement of their communities and the advancing of the Kingdom of God.



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SPORTS EVANGELISM

Taking the Gospel to the young and lost has never been the same since we started the Sports Evangelism. Sport is hugely popular among young people in our community and in Uganda in general. Sport is therefore a credible and attractive way of engaging the attention of young people and providing a platform to both share the Gospel with them and also through which to promote prevention of HIV, de-stigmatization and to encourage the development of important life skills.

In a region that is becoming more resistant to traditional efforts of evangelism and ministry, sports have proved to be one of the most effective ways of evangelism over and above traditional evangelism which has not been effective, especially in reaching the youth. In school events, church events, local community events, district leagues and national competitions,

personal testimonies and a clear Gospel message are presented in a sport setting and used successfully to share Christ with the unsaved. Sports, especially soccer, net ball, and volleyball, are a major part of our community's culture and touch a greater segment of the population each year.

We always seek to identify those sports-minded individuals in the local church whose gifts and abilities are aimed in this same direction,

and we train them to use those gifts to bring others to Christ.

We attempt to help these individuals understand the talents God has given them and then show them how to use their gifts effectively.

Besides empowering young people with the Gospel of the risen Lord Jesus Christ, Christ Care Sports Ministries educates young people about HIV/AIDS, teen pregnancy, drug abuse and life skills.

ADONAI OUTREACH MINISTRY

The outreach Ministry exists to offer quality and dependable care to sick and disable members of our community.

All too often, people are turned off by the prospect of helping with the sick and disabled because of fear and/or a lack of understanding of their conditions. At Care Ministry we struggle to provide medication, counseling, wheel chairs and all other necessities for the sick and disabled.

Our relational focus with the sick and disabled include:

- Delivering meals to people with AIDS
- Taking them on fun family outings and adventures

- Going on a walk together
- Becoming a best friend to people with developmental disabilities
- Walk or run to educate and raise money for medication or buy a wheel chair for the disabled
- Play soccer or other sports with youth who have developmental disabilities
- Grant “wishes” for children who are sick
- Deliver or serve meals to people who are bedridden or their families
- Make food for families with relatives in the hospital



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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

Our staff of professionally trained counselors can handle a variety of counseling needs; from family & childhood dynamics, to marital tensions, to emotional obstacles like depression or anxiety.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Our support groups are tailored to meet specific types of needs and we offer both Bible-based support.

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