

RWENZORI ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

NEWSLETTER

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A new year, a new beginning...

RAPCD is a Community Based Organization who operates in Rwenzori Region. We are fighting for the rights of children with disabilities and our main goal is to improve their lives.

In January, the world was celebrating the beginning of the year 2012. A nice tradition in which we obviously participated, while sharing a lot of dreams and plans for RAPCD for the new year. As the first school term has ended now, we would love to share with you the activities during the first months of the year.



Parents' empowerment

We support parents' groups in order to improve the economical status of families with children with disabilities. Last year, we started a poultry project and encouraged saving and crediting schemes. As these projects are going on, we also planned for more activities, as shown in the pictures below.



The parents of Maliba zone received 3 pigs to start up a new Income Generating Activity.

The piggery project will assist the parents to overcome medical

The selling of coffee seedlings is another way on how parents try to improve their income.



Medical and rehabilitation support

Through home visits and out reaches with specialists, we monitor the children's health. We try to improve the access to and knowledge of facilities and specialized services offered by hospitals like OURS Mbarara or Cure Hospital in Mbale. By networking with other organizations, we aim to improve the lives of children with disabilities.



Parents and children are attending a training about the causes and prevention of disabilities. After the meeting, children were assessed by a team from Kagando Hospital. Special thanks goes to Iris and other members of the staff for making this possible.



The staff attended a training on prevention and management of disabilities, facilitated by OURS Mbarara, our main partner in the medical and rehabilitation program.

We assessed 46 children within the first quarter. 4 children were referred to OURS Mbarara, while 8 children were referred to Cure Hospital (Mbale).

Education Support

Integrated Child Education Center — one of the major projects of RAPCD — targets blind and deaf children and offers them special attention both in and outside class. Children are trained in hand skills, social interaction and daily living activities on top of the academic class work. The pictures below show one of the many activities going on at the school during the first term of this year.



The children enjoyed a football training given by Anders Bronken, a volunteer from Norway, in order to promote physical education.



The teacher is explaining the pupils how they can create small toys out of paper.



Rubina is writing a thanknote to the people who support her for secondary education.



Children are using the braille typewriters they received by Mr. Saidi, one of the teachers at school.

Other activities

We received many visitors from all over the world, more specifically from Australia, Belgium, UK, Norway and Canada. Hereby we would like to thank everyone who supports RAPCD in any way or another!



Rebecca Baldock from Accomplish Children's Trust brings a visit to the school.



Children showing gifts from ACT.



We hosted the Belgian ambassador at our education center.