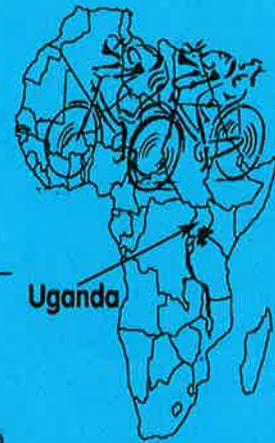


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Dear Jorg,

Greetings from Jinja and the Bicycle Sponsorship Project and Workshop –BSPW. On my own behalf and that of the Bicycle Sponsorship Project and Workshop, I wish to express our sincere gratitude to you for the donation of 9000 Euro. We thank you for having loved us so much and for enabling us to achieve our goal of improving incomes in poor households using the concept of a bicycle.

May I take this opportunity to introduce to you six initiatives which are the lucky recipients of 86 bicycles and two bicycle ambulances donated by you:

Kamuli School Of Midwifery: This is a church based initiative located in Kamuli District. It is an initiative that was established with the purpose of accessing health facilities and services to communities in and around Kamuli District. The school received four (4) bicycles on sponsorship basis for its nurse trainees. The bicycles are being used by the trainees to make home visits to patient's homes, thus reducing the daily cost of transport to Kamuli hospital by the patient, by bringing medical services closer to the patients.

Mbikko Disabled Group is another church based initiative that received 2 bicycles on sponsorship basis. It is located in Mbikko – Kyabaggu Zone, Njeru Town Council - Mukono District. It is an initiative established with the aim of addressing the needs of persons with disabilities and also promotes increased incomes in their households. The bicycles are being used to mobilise members, follow up on member activities, monitoring and evaluation.

Source of the Nile Integrated Women's Association – SONIWA, is a community initiative of women in Jinja District, with the purpose of empowering women socially, politically and economically. The Association has a membership of over 600 women and is also promoting village banking among rural communities of Jinja and improving the capacities and capabilities of women in the District. The initiative received 15 bicycles on sponsorship basis. The bicycles are being used in individual households to fetch water, and firewood, take children to school, take sick members to hospital, help in the garden and in marketing farm produce. The receipt of these bicycles was acknowledged by the Woman Member of Parliament for Jinja District.

Mill Hill Missionaries: This is a church based initiative located in Naava Zone, Mbikko town, Njeru Town Council. The initiative in addition to its pastoral work is involved in helping its surrounding communities to improve their standard of Living by training them in improved farming methods, helping to meet community health needs and enabling individual households to work as a team in marketing their produce for better prices. The initiative received 20 bicycles on sponsorship basis.

Butagaya Women's Association, is an umbrella comprised of 42 women groups, and is operating in two sub – counties of Jinja District, namely; Budondo and Butagaya Sub counties. The Association received 15 bicycles on sponsorship basis and two bicycle ambulances as a donation. The bicycles were distributed to individual member households.

Nkondo - Kidera Development Union (NKDU), like the association above is also comprised of over 90 groups comprised of both men and women. It is also working in two sub – counties of

Kamuli District, namely; Nkondo and Kidera Sub Counties. Three of its member groups received bicycles donated by you. They include: Kyebajjatobona Mixed group which received 15 bicycles on sponsorship basis, Bukeire Tugezoku Development Group which received five bicycles on sponsorship basis and Akatono Kalyabagwaine Women's Group Kilangira which received 10 bicycles also on sponsorship basis. The Union received a total of 30 sponsored bicycles.

The Union is involved in promotion of crop, diary farming and apiary. Members collectively market their products. The union is also involved in promotion of basic health care and runs two Health Centres II to supplement on the Government medical facilities in the area which are few.

The union also has 4 member groups specifically established to address issues of persons with disabilities in Nkondo and Kidera Sub counties, advocate for their needs and do all the other tasks of Nkondo – Kidera Development Union - NKDU.

The Group received two bicycles on sponsorship basis, and the bicycles are being used for co – ordination, follow up of group activities, monitoring and evaluation. The bicycles are also creating harmony among the membership of the group as they are shared between members for purposes of carrying out household chores like fetching firewood, water, ferrying inputs and manure to the gardens, and also transport the produce from the gardens and to the markets.

A total of 86 sponsored bicycles and 2 bicycle ambulances were distributed to the above mentioned initiatives. Enclosed with this letter are letters of thanks from the different initiatives, for your ease of reference.

Thank you once again,

Yours faithfully,


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