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School cuts child dropout rates, pregnancies

Uganda faces significant challenges with school dropout rates and early pregnancies. In response, IRFF-UK has dedicated nearly a decade to improving education and health for young children. One recent beneficiary of funding is the state-run Busabala Primary School.

Located near Lake Victoria, **Busabala Primary School** serves children from impoverished fishing and agricultural communities. High dropout rates among six-to-12-year-olds are often due to unwanted pregnancies or the need of their families to earn a survival wage.

However, the IRFF's GirlChild and WAIT projects at Busabala are transforming these circumstances. Both teachers and students are witnessing positive changes.



"The program has inspired our girls. They now enjoy schooling and are eager to listen, learn, and receive sanitary pads and underwear. They adhere to the advice provided. Since the program began two years ago, none of our girls have become pregnant."

Senior educator Sesima Goratsi

No More Pregnancies

Senior educator Sesima Goratsi, who has taught at Busabala Primary School for over a decade, shared her observations:

"Before the GirlChild/WAIT
programs arrived, only one in
four of our girls knew what a
sanitary pad was. Now, all the
girls understand how to use
them. Previously, most girls had
only one pair of knickers, and
some wore no underwear at all.



Some even became pregnant and had to drop out of school."

Students in the program are excelling academically, a testament to the dedication of both pupils and teachers. **Sesima attributes this**

success to their shared love of education:

"We teachers love our occupation, and we encourage the pupils to appreciate who they are. We are not harsh; we show them the value of studying. We tell the girls that women can be successful and highlight female leaders in Uganda, encouraging our girls to follow in their footsteps."

From War Refugee to Child Leader

Latifa Hamza, a war refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), fled to Uganda with her mother and siblings after her father was killed. Conflict in DR Congo has led to six million deaths over the past three decades. In Uganda, they found security and education.

Latifa joined the GirlChild project and is **now a leader at Busabala Primary School.** She shares her experience:



"The GirlChild project has helped me in many ways, like keeping myself clean, having good character, and being respectable. It has provided us with sanitary pads, knickers, and knowledge. "My mother is very happy for me.

The money she would have spent on sanitary pads can be used for our education instead. I know I will get a first grade in my exams. I want to

become a fashion designer."



Thank you

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At **IRFF UK**, we're dedicated to making a real difference in communities where help is needed the most. Right now, **Destiny Junior School** in Kibiri, Uganda, urgently needs your support to build **biodigester toilets** for their young students. This project is critical to improving health and sanitation for 109 infants aged 3 to 6 years old.

The problem: An outdated and unsafe pit latrine

For over 12 years, Destiny Junior School's infants have been using an old pit latrine that was never designed to serve this many children. Originally built for a small family, it has been filled and emptied several times. Now, local health inspectors have declared it unsafe to continue using.

- Shared by 109 children: 60 boys and 49 girls in the infant class alone.
- Health hazards: Increased risk of diseases like dysentery
- Distance challenge: Children struggle to reach other toilets in time, often soiling their uniforms before they get there.



The solution: A sustainable biodigester toilet

We are committed to transforming this situation by installing a **biodigester toilet system**. This eco-friendly solution breaks down waste safely and turns it into biogas that can be used for cooking or heating.



The system will provide:

- Hygienic and accessible facilities for infants, teachers, and persons with disabilities.
- Long-term benefits with easy maintenance.
- Improved health conditions by preventing the spread of dangerous diseases.



Why it matters: The health of the children is at stake

The headteacher at Destiny Junior School has made a passionate plea:

"The health of our children is critical, and the current facilities are not fit for purpose. These children need our help to ensure a safer, healthier environment."

With your help, we can act before the situation worsens and provide these young children with the sanitary facilities they deserve.



How you can help: Donate today!

This project cannot succeed without **your generous donations**. By contributing to the construction of the biodigester toilets, you will:

- Directly impact the health and well-being of 109 children.
- Ensure **long-lasting**, **sustainable facilities** for the school.
- Help prevent future health crises in the Kibiri community.

Donate Now



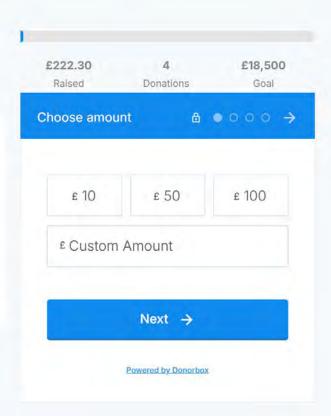
Every donation makes a difference

Whether large or small, your donation will have a lasting impact. Together, we can ensure these children have a safe and clean place to go, improving their overall quality of life.

We aim to have these toilets completed before the school breaks for the long third term Christmas holiday. But we need your support now to make it happen.

Act now: Your support is urgently needed

Donate now and be part of this life-changing project. Help us provide safe, sustainable toilets for Destiny Junior School. **Your generosity** today can build a healthier tomorrow for these children.













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Click to Donate to Destiny Junior School's biodigester campaign



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Period Poverty & Education Support In Africa

IRFF UK is a UK-based charity for Africa operating projects across Africa with a dual focus on education and addressing period poverty. We are breaking the cycle of poverty by ensuring access to education for all and preventing female dropouts through the provision of menstruation products and education. Through this communities and youth are empowered and Africans are given the best chance for a brighter future.

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Period Poverty

Emergency Relief

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As a charity for Africa, IRFF UK holds a strong promise to help underprivileged African girls facing challenges, especially period poverty, which makes it hard for them to go to school. We are dedicated to breaking down these barriers by making sure these girls have what they need for their periods. By doing this, we empower these young minds, giving them the chance to stay in school, learn, and break free from the cycle of poverty.

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A Small Glimpse At The Difference IRFF UK Has Made How IRFF UK has helped in Africa so far?

Destiny Junior School

Jigger Removal

Home For Children





IRFF UK built Destiny Junior School in 2009. The children in the local area have thrived ever since!

IRFF UK built **Destiny Junior School** in Kampala, Uganda in 2009, and has gone on to see more than 500 students graduates go into further education which otherwise wouldn't have happened. £115,000 has been invested in total, starting from £330 a month and now at £1,150 with 206 students in total



Why Choose IRFF UK?

What makes our charity for Africa unique?

What sets IRFF UK apart is our commitment to more than just being intermediaries in fund transfers.

We prioritise a comprehensive approach centred on education and empowerment to uplift individuals from poverty.

Our unique focus is on equipping people with the skills necessary for self-sustainability, fostering independence rather than dependence on Western donations.

We believe in creating lasting change by empowering individuals to build a better future for themselves and their communities.

How Can You Get Involved?

How Can You Support Our Charities Work In Africa?

Making A Donation	
Spreading Awareness	
Volunteering Your Time & Skills	

Your efforts in the areas of education, health and sustainability are vital in certain countries and truly appreciated. My family will continue to sponsor a child at Destiny Junior School in Uganda, and will endeavour to support other causes that IRFF UK informs us about.

Marshall de Souza

Destiny School Sponsor

The Women's Federation for World Peace, South London, has been supporting Destiny Junior School through IRFF-UK for more than 12 years. Our ladies sincerely had been helping to provide a better place for the children of Destiny Junior School in Uganda. We believe Education and health are the most important things for the life of the child.

Dolores Read

Destiny School Sponsor

I have been happy to sup, projects that IRFF is runni Uganda. In particular, I h donated funds towards the of a perimeter wall and a at Destiny School. I really the good work IRFF has beover the years to help people/children in Africa.

Joyce Suda

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