



**CGC** | CONCERN FOR  
THE GIRL CHILD

**Our Passion is Empowering the Girl Child**

# PROFILE



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# A Bird's eye view of CGC



At CGC we have a clear purpose to make an impact on the lives of the most vulnerable and destitute girls in our areas of operation. We want to make sure that these girls are given a holistic service that will in turn translate into confident, protected, empowered, young girls that will also make a difference in the lives of their families and communities. For the past 17 years we have impacted 800 girls through providing access to education, health information as well as empowered the communities to ensure that the interests of children are put into consideration at all levels. Our niche as an organization is girl child education with the end goal of ensuring that they participate in the political, social and economic development of their communities thus the entire country. As Brigham Young rightly put it; "you educate a man; you educate a man. You educate a woman; you educate a generation," our hope is to touch not only the lives of girls but their families, schools and entire community.

# Background of CGC



Founded by Dr. Ann F Hayes and the Late Freddie H. Kasozi, Concern for the Girl Child was formed after realizing the widespread marginalization of the girl child that had taken a toll on Ugandan societies especially in the remote/rural areas that had been most affected by the HIV/AIDS scourge and gorilla political war. In 2001 CGC set out to operate as a national child- focused Non Government Organization operating in Kampala and Luwero districts. Its main target beneficiaries were and still are girls between the age of 13 – 21, their families, communities and partner schools within which the girls were enrolled. To date the organization has been in operation for the past 17 years and it has since expanded both in geographical and programme scope. CGC's major intervention programme was education, where girls were enrolled into secondary school, provided with access to health information and later monitored to ensure they attended regularly and eventually completed their studies. As of today, CGC gives a holistic service to its beneficiaries integrating child care and protection, Reproductive Health, water and Sanitation and Economic strengthening. We believe that providing education alone is not sustainable let alone working independently as an organization. In that regard we have partnered with other like-minded child protection, education and girl child activists to reach out better. We recognize the support of the government ministries as well as the local government bodies at the district, sub counties and village levels in our areas of operation. We are forever grateful to our donors, CGC North America, DANICA Children's Foundation, Drop Foundation and all local donors in Uganda for your continued giving towards a great cause, we further appreciate that the noted achievements could not have been attained without you.

## Our Vision

We envision a world where all people are contributing to the social, economic and political development of their communities

## Our Mission

We are a national non-government organization committed to protecting, respecting and fulfilling the rights of vulnerable children and young people, through provision of education and skills development, health, child protection, economic empowerment and psychosocial support in partnership with communities, government and civil society in Uganda.

## Our Goal

To transform vulnerable and disadvantaged girls into productive, caring and responsible citizens



## Objectives

To increase access to education and health services for disadvantaged girl children.

To advocate for best practices among stakeholders towards the realization of the rights of children.

To reduce the & exploitation and increase awareness of risk of sex abuse sexually transmitted infections (STIs) & HIV/AIDS among vulnerable children.

To promote the rights of the girl child in the social, political and economic spheres of life.

## Areas of Operation

<b>Kampala District</b>	Nakawa Division
<b>Nakaseke District</b>	Kikamulo Sub County
<b>Luwero District</b>	Luwero Town Council, Luwero Sub County Kamira Sub County

## CORE PROGRAMS

### Education Support



Through ensuring increased enrollment, retention and completion of education for beneficiaries. This is done through career guidance and improving learning in class by closely monitoring the conduct and attendance of beneficiaries and providing career support and mentorship.

## Child Care and Protection



Strengthening community and school based child protection structures as a sustainable approach to protection for children, increasing awareness by all children and adults in the target communities of their role in protecting children, availing information on services available and procedures for accessing the services and improving the legal and policy frameworks on gender and social inclusiveness.

## Reproductive Health & WASH



Improving access to sexual reproductive health services by women, men, girls and boys in target communities, Water Sanitation and Hygiene promotion for the target communities with the end goal providing children with access to clean water at school, home and in their communities.

# Organisational & Economic Strengthening

## Economic Strengthening



In the past 16 years CGC has found economic strengthening central to the development of beneficiaries and their families. Through the skills development & capacity enhancement, families have been able to increase their household incomes with the use of project tailored Village saving loans & associations, income generating activities and girls trained in apprenticeship life skills. As an organisation this is foundational to our existence.

## Organisational Development



Implementing our strategic mandate to serve and strengthen governance is priority to CGC, through stakeholders at all levels. CGC's organizational structure is comprised of a patron, Dr. Ann F. Hayes who is also a founder of the organization, a board of 9 members including 5 women and 4 men. The secretariat is managed and run by professional staff.

# CGC in Numbers

Enrollment of girls into secondary schools since 2001	614 girls
Currently on program	234 girls
Completion of education	170 girls
Single seater desks donated	100
Water harvest tanks donated	02
School Teacher's houses built	02
Dining sheds	02
Library school enhancements	03
School latrines	02
Impact through projects	20,543 youth and children

## Achievements

### Completion of Education

170 girls have successfully completed their education in different academic and vocational disciplines. Courses in business administration, accounting, entrepreneurship, social sciences, procurement, nursing, dentistry, agriculture, education, nursery teaching, catering, tourism, mass communication have been pursued.

### Development Programmes

Through the school development programmes, partner schools have been improved. School friendly environments have been created to enable daily attendance and enhance quality education. Talking compounds with sexual reproductive health messages, 100 single sitter desks, 2 water tanks, 2 dining sheds, 2 teacher's houses, 1 school latrine, 1 school kitchen, library books and a school library have been set –up in Luwero, Mazzi, Kalinabiri and Kiwoko secondary schools and Kamira Primary School.



## **Enrollment**

Contributed to the government efforts by enrolling over 614 girls into secondary schools since 2001 to date. CGC has thus provided access to education through identifying the most vulnerable girls in Luwero, Nakaseke & Kampala in Nakawa division and giving them access to education.

## **Country Resource Centers**

Through four community resource centres established in Luwero, Mazzi, Kiwoko and Kampala offices, CGC has been able to disseminate information on child protection, health, education and livelihoods to the communities in which we operate. The resource centres have been developed to the extent that they are regarded as meeting and training centres for the communities. Internet is also provided for the students that need to do research. Vocational, gardening skills and other income generating activities have been provided to the youth of these communities.

## **Child Protection**

Community based child protection structures have also been strengthened over the years through different trainings and sensitization on how to respond, report and handle cases of child abuse. The structures include SOVCCs, DOVCCs, SMTs, PTAs, school child rights clubs and these are not limited to parents/ guardians, teachers, local leaders, religious leaders and children. They have been engaged in issues of children at all levels and through these faces, CGC has created a more sustainable approach to handling cases of child abuse thus reducing it.

## **Increase in the retention**

We have realized an increase in the retention of students in secondary schools of Mazzi, Luwero, Kiwoko and Kalinabiri as opposed to before. This is noted in the increase in the number of the children completing their education each year.

## **Strong Collaboration**

Through strong collaborations with partners, CGC was able to implement different projects funded by European Union (2003 – 2004), Global Fund (2005 – 2006), Civil Society Fund (2009 – 2011), Save the Children International (2010 – 2011 and 2015) and AVSI- SCORE (2012 – 2014). Altogether 20,543 youth and children including their families have been impacted. Children were empowered to defend their rights, youth were further equipped with financial literacy skills and provided with start-up kits for their business, families were provided with Income Generating Activities and gardening skills for sustainable incomes, they were further trained in establishing Village Savings and Loan Associations which played a key role in financing their businesses and farming initiatives.

## Mazzi Resource Center

A multi-purpose hall that will generate income for the Mazzi Community Resource Centre was completed recently. The hall will host events like conferences, workshops, trainings, community weddings e.t.c.



## **Where we want to be in the next 5 years**

**We** would like to build a vocational training school in Luwero where we will equip vulnerable youth with unique top of the choice vocational skills including carpentry, Knitting, interior design, photography and videography, beauty, art and crafts, bakery and landscaping. Skills that will easily create self-employment opportunities for them and well as encourage social entrepreneurship in their communities.

**Mazzi** Multi-purpose complex running and completed with guest house facilities, outdoor and indoor sports facilities



**We** would like to expand our children's camps to non CGC beneficiaries where not only our beneficiaries are impacted but all other children within the communities.

**We** would like to expand further in geographical and programmes scope in the areas of the east and north where we feel the vulnerable girls are still in dire need of advocates and their families are in abject poverty.

## How you can support CGC!

1. Invite us to speak and fundraise
2. Support a Girl's Education

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3. Give a Gift in Kind

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