



## ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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### OMWAANA TUGENDE CHILDREN'S HOME



#### CHILDREN:

**NUMBER OF CHILDREN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR: 59 BOYS: 30 GIRLS: 29**

**NUMBER OF CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE YEAR: 64 BOYS: 31 GIRLS: 33**

**NUMBER OF CHILDREN BROUGHT TO THE HOME IN 2025: 5 BOYS: 1 GIRL: 4 Ages 4 - 11**

**NUMBER OF CHILDREN RESETTLED: 6 WITH FAMILY MEMBERS: 5 WITH FOSTER FAMILIES: 1**

**NUMBER OF CHILDREN SPENDING TIME WITH VISITING FAMILIES (families in the surrounding community willing to take in a child at weekends and for the holidays): 44**

#### STAFF in 2025

##### 10 full time staff and 2 part time staff:

1 warden who is also a social worker

1 bursar who also works as a care worker

2 nurses who also work as care workers

2 care workers (with responsibility for helping children with homework)

1 cook

2 gatekeepers / night watchmen

1 part time social worker

1 gardener who grows green vegetables and looks after the piggery at the Home.



Staff meeting

## REPORT FROM THE WARDEN

### ACHIEVEMENTS

OTCH is doing well, all the staff are co-operative, responsible, and hardworking, especially in taking care of the children. The children are all healthy and happy and learning how to become responsible citizens of Uganda.



**The children from one of the houses with their 2025 Christmas tree**

- All the children with HIV are on treatment and have undetectable viral loads. They have millet porridge in the morning and silver fish with their supper to boost their health.
- All our children are at the top of their classes in the local government aided primary school. This is because we study with them at night and go over class work.
- The children eat green vegetables grown in the Home's Garden every day. They drink milk in their porridge and have an egg once a week and meat once a month.
- They drink water treated with water guard (chlorine).
- They have all been vaccinated against yellow fever.
- We have managed to give most children the experience of living in the community by sending them to visit families in the surrounding villages at the weekends. These families are vetted by the social workers, and the part time social worker visits them periodically to make sure the children are well cared for and to resolve any challenges.
- We are managing to resettle children back into the community, where possible with their own families and where this is not possible, in foster families.



**Children in Primary 1 class**

- The non-profit Adelante Africa Nursery and Early Primary School at the Home is growing and proving to be successful both in the education of the children of OTCH and of the surrounding community giving a valuable quality and at the same time low-cost educational service.

There were 185 children at the school this year. As the school is held in the sitting room of the houses of the home the classes are small, greatly to the advantage of the children.

· The appearance of the Home and its cleanliness have improved greatly with a lot of capital expenditure in 2025. This was on:

- completing face bricks on all the houses and the main hall where the children eat and study.
- re- painting the Home inside and outside.
- repairing the walls of the latrines and tanks.



The Home is now freer from mud and dirt. The staff have also made a great effort to dispose of rubbish in a hygienic manner and a donor from the USA paid for an incinerator to burn needles, and medical waste.



In 2025 The District of Kakumiro gave us an irrigation system for one of the pieces of farmland of the Home. It consists of a well with a solar panel and pump, a water tank, hose points and sprinklers. We have planted Hass avocado seedlings and cocoa. The aim is to make the Home more sustainable from Uganda and not dependent on funds from Spain and the UK.

## CHALLENGES

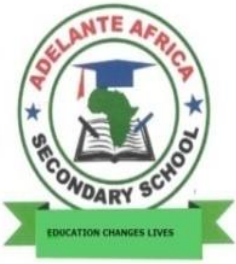
· We have had the challenge of bedbugs being brought into the Home after the holidays / weekends from children's families / visiting families. We are trying to solve this by treating the beds and mattresses twice monthly with boiling water and boiling children's clothes when they come back from visiting their families. Under the guidance of the district Probation Officer we are also spraying the beds. This seems to be working better and the problem is decreasing.

· We had a challenge this year where one fourteen-year-old girl who went to her home at Christmas, under the care of her adult sister, was raped by her cousin. The police were involved, and the boy put into prison. The girl was pregnant but miscarried during a bout of severe malaria.

As a result, no girl who has reached puberty is allowed to leave the Home until they are resettled. We arrange for them to do activities such as basket weaving and cake making at the weekends.

Also we are carrying out counselling sessions with the older girls, led by the female staff of the Home and counselling sessions for the older boys led by the bursar / care worker (who is male) and a local catechist who stood as godfather for many of the boys who did their first communion this year.

These counselling sessions have been very successful, and the older children of the Home are very aware of the dangers and responsibilities of sexual relationships.



## ADELANTE AFRICA SECONDARY SCHOOL

### NUMBER OF STUDENTS



In 2025 we had 314 students. Senior 4: 62 Senior 3: 92  
Senior 2: 80 and Senior 1: 80.

There were 164 girls and 150 boys.

In each class there are around 20 students sponsored  
from Spain and the UK.

**Three of the girls in S1 sponsored this year.**

### REPORT FROM THE HEAD TEACHER OF THE SCHOOL

#### ACHIEVEMENTS

##### Education

· Once again, this year we were the best performing school in the secondary leaving exam (UCE) in Kakumiro District. This has been the case now for four years and is especially commendable as at least a third of the children come from very vulnerable families.

We had a celebration to honour the children, staff, parents and local officials who support the school and have contributed to this success.



**The teachers with their award certificates by the “Pelota Valenciana” court donated by a Vice President of Adelante Africa Spain and children dancing during the celebration.**

· We organized some career guidance, with previous students who are now studying at St Peter’s Vocational Institute, coming to talk to the students at the school.

- The Assistant Director 1 and the Director of Studies went to various training sessions to keep all the teachers up to date with the teaching techniques included in the New Curriculum.
- We bought five new computers for the school.

### **Extracurricular events**

#### **Sport**

- Five teams participated in the District Games and all five qualified to go on to the Bunyoro Regional Games. The girls' volleyball team excelled, coming first in the District, and second in the Bunyoro Regional Games. They went on to represent the Region in the National Games.



#### **Other events**

- The Debating Club of the school took part in the District Debating Competition.
- Each term there was full day of "language bedazzlement". There was a mixture of dances, poems and plays performed by the children along with news presentations. There is a very great improvement in the creativity of the children and their use of ICT.
- The second edition of the school magazine, full of articles by the children and teaching staff was published.

#### **Infrastructure**

- We continued to work on the playing fields and built restraining walls at the top and bottom to prevent erosion.
- We built a plate washing station for the dining hall.
- We installed solar on all the classrooms so when the hydroelectric breaks down the children can still do their homework without fear of damaging their eyes.
- We have painted all the classrooms and the girls' dormitories.

### **CHALLENGES**

- Since it is only the second year of the new curriculum, data presentation and grading is still a challenge in some subjects, most especially the arts.
- We had a challenge with thieves stealing the electric cable that runs from the water pump of the well to the school twice. This meant that we were without pumped water on two occasions. In both we were helped by local politicians and the head of the electricity company to resolve the issue.
- We have also had problems with thieves stealing chickens from the staff quarters. Omwaana Tugende has given the school three puppies and solar night lights have been installed to hopefully put an end to this.

### **DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH PROJECTS**

#### **The Young Women's Sewing Class and The Young Women's Hairdressing Class**

In January a new group of 30 girls joined the Young Women's Sewing Class and 20 The Young Women's Hairdressing Class.

The sewing class lasted all year and there were 2 hairdressing classes of 6 months each.

The sewing class donated the clothes they made in class to Omwaana Tugende Children's Home so this project benefited two groups in the community!

At the end of the year there was a very joyful celebration attended by the parents of the girls, where they received certificates and 10 of them received sewing machines. They have 2 years to pay back the machines.



Happy girls at the end of year celebration



Two of the girls with their sewing machines

### Surgical Camp



In November 4 surgeons, one cardiologist, two anesthetists and one surgical nurse came from Spanish hospitals to Kakumiro District Health Centre IV to operate for free alongside Ugandan medical staff. They performed 72 operations including the removal of tumours and the treatment of hare lips on 9 children. Their working conditions were very basic but the results were life changing for many of their patients.

We hope you have enjoyed this report and thank you for your support in 2025. We hope you will continue to help us to make a difference in this poor rural District in Western Uganda in 2026.

Thank you from all the members of Adelante Africa in Spain, the UK and Uganda!



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