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GROWING IMPACT, BUILDING FUTURES: RWO'S PROGRESS IN THE 1ST QUARTER

January – March 2025



Our dear resilient family,
The first quarter has been a period of significant growth and strengthened partnerships. We are thrilled to share the progress we've made in empowering adolescent girls and young women in Uganda, thanks to the dedication of our team, the enthusiasm of our beneficiaries, and the vital support we receive from you all.



FOCUS AREA

- **Ending Child Marriage
- **Community Outreach
- **Vocational Skills Training
- **Fostering Local Partnerships
- **Capacity building



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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROGRESS

*** Expanded Reach:** We significantly increased our impact, reaching 1067 individuals, a remarkable 27% increase compared to the previous quarter. This growth demonstrates our expanding influence and the growing need for our services.

*** Empowering Future Leaders:** Our capacity building workshops equipped 70 individuals, including peer leaders, with essential knowledge and skills in areas like SRHR and public speaking, empowering them to become agents of change within their communities.

*** Strengthening Community Ties:** We actively engaged with 73 stakeholders, including local leaders, government officials, and civil society organizations, fostering crucial partnerships to enhance our visibility, share expertise, and leverage resources for greater impact.

*** Reaching Students:** We successfully re-established the Resilient Club at St. Lawrence High School, reaching 250 students with peer-to-peer counseling and vital SRHR information. This marks an important step in engaging young people in educational settings.



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Progress continued...

***Diversifying Skills for Economic Empowerment** as we launched new, economically viable skills training programs in bookmaking, bag making, and soap making, in addition to our existing offerings. A total of 81 individuals engaged in skills training, equipping themselves for internships and future employment opportunities.

***Providing Essential Health Support:** Our initiatives at Kitala and Nalugala Health Centers continued to deliver critical healthcare and counseling services, benefiting 110 individuals while collecting important data on HIV, gender-based violence (GBV), and teenage pregnancies.

*** Addressing Urgent Needs:** We responded to critical cases within our community, providing support and referrals for three very sick children of young mothers in our Gerenge Resilient Club, ensuring they received necessary medical attention.

*** Celebrating Women's Leadership:** We marked International Women's Day in Gerenge with 84 participants, under the theme "Accelerate Action," showcasing the talents and resilience of the girls and women we serve.



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This quarter, volunteer Alexia and intern Hedvig joined the team. Alexia contributed intensively for one month at health centers and SRHR sessions, while Hedvig worked full-time for two months in global development and economics, focusing on community outreach, fundraising, and online support. Their efforts have significantly aided the organization's mission and program expansion. Hedvig continues to work remotely on RWO's online presence with the Executive Director and volunteer Giulia.

Over the years, International Volunteers have become an integral part of the Resilient team, significantly influencing our journey with their invaluable time, skills, contributions, and sense of family.

We are so lucky to have you on this empowerment journey.



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A Closer Look: The Situation in Gerenge and the Power of Family Visits

Our family visits in Gerenge during this quarter provided invaluable insights into the complex challenges faced by the girls and young women in this community. We witnessed firsthand the harsh realities of poverty, inadequate housing, and limited access to essential amenities.

Our findings revealed that many girls live in temporary wooden shelters with poor sanitation, lack stable employment, and have limited educational opportunities. Sadly, we also observed a correlation between lower levels of education and higher rates of teenage pregnancy.

These visits underscore the urgent need for comprehensive support that addresses not only immediate needs but also the systemic issues that contribute to their vulnerability.



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This quarter, we successfully engaged 515 individuals through our programs, ultimately impacting a total of 1,067 through community activities. These figures represent lives touched and skills fostered. Our experiences underscored the significance of tackling the root causes of vulnerability, such as poverty and lack of education. We acknowledge the necessity for improved counseling, information on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), relief support, and safeguarding policies.

To advance these efforts, continued partnership is urgently needed.

Your continued support plays a crucial role in fostering sustainable change for adolescent girls and young women in Uganda. The accomplishments of this quarter are a direct result of your contributions, enabling us to:

- Supply essential resources for program expansion.**
- Tackle intricate community needs identified during family visits.**
- Invest in staff training to ensure long-term sustainability.**
- Equip skills training centers with the necessary materials.**

Join Us in Crafting a Stronger, Fairer Tomorrow!

- **Chip In Today: Every bit helps power our game-changing programs.**
- **Be a Regular Hero: Monthly donations lay the groundwork for our endless adventures.**
- **Spread the Word: Share this newsletter and our social posts to amplify our mission.**
- **Dive In: Explore ways to partner up or volunteer with us.**

Thanks for Sparking Change!

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