



### UGANDA

#### The Lukome Center:

The students of classes 13 and 14 at the Lukome Center took Uganda's national vocational skills exam in March, and graduated in mid-April. Due to the lingering economic impact of the pandemic and consequent lockdowns, many of them – especially those who come from the Imvepi Refugee Settlement – will be returning to difficult situations. Some will likely be expected to act as the sole breadwinners in their families. Nevertheless, we are hopeful that with the support of staff, they will do well.

African swine fever is slowly waning, but continues to be a problem in the northern part of the country. While the virus has devastated swine herds and caused economic hardship for many, the Lukome Center's herd has remained safe. Provided this remains true, we expect to receive large orders soon as farmers seek to rebuild their own herds.

#### Imvepi Refugee Settlement:

Food shortages remain a significant problem with the settlement, and one that is unlikely to change for the foreseeable future. The rainy season is underway, and we continue to work with our students as they tend their own gardens and farm plots. We have also recently recruited more girls into the program and will continue the agricultural training with them as well. The food insecurity issue continues to underscore the importance of ChildVoice's agricultural skills training programs, and we are pleased that more and more girls are signing up.

### NIGERIA

Construction of ChildVoice's new Youth Empowerment Center within the Malkohi internally displaced persons camp has been delayed by some additional paperwork, but is nearly ready to begin. Meanwhile, installation of the accompanying water borehole has become a more urgent matter due to the looming rainy season. The borehole is essential for our agriculture, bakery, and other water-dependent programming.

Following the recent successful completion of a THRIVE project program in Mubi, we are now discussing a potential partnership with another NGO that will allow us to keep working with the 200 girls who participated in the project.

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### HOW YOU CAN HELP

**DONATE:** The needs of the youth we serve are ongoing. Join us and be a force for good in the lives of war-traumatized Ugandan and Nigerian youth. To partner with us, please go to [childvoice.org/makeadonation](https://childvoice.org/makeadonation).

**VOLUNTEER:** There are many ways to help! You can join a sewing group and help put together THRIVE reusable menstrual pads, or even create your own fundraiser to support ChildVoice's mission. To learn more, email [info@childvoice.org](mailto:info@childvoice.org).

**VISIT:** Uganda is now allowing US travelers to enter the country again. Visiting the Lukome Center is a great way for you to interact with our staff and students to get a deeper understanding of what we do and why we do it! For more information, contact our Team & Intern Coordinator at [teamandintern@childvoice.org](mailto:teamandintern@childvoice.org).

**PRAY:** Please pray for the Lukome Center's classes 13 and 14 graduates who are returning home and for the new students who have just arrived. And pray for funding to come through for the planned borehole in the Malkohi camp.

To join the ChildVoice Prayer Network, email [haley.westerkamp@childvoice.org](mailto:haley.westerkamp@childvoice.org).