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“This is the day the LORD has made! Two days back I had a dream about a new opportunity coming my way. I did not share this with anybody but I felt it was real. See!! I have a bicycle two days after the dream! My life MUST change. I cannot remain the same. All my plans MUST be realized because I have a MEANS to realize them all.” said Nakasendwa Harriet, one of the beneficiaries.

This year 2019, CBIRD received 115 bicycles to be given to needy people in different parts of Masaka in Uganda.

The beneficiaries of this year were:

- a) Community leaders: A bicycle given to a community leader serves a great number of people. The community leader such as Local Council Chair persons use the bikes to inspect community facilities like wells, schools, etc and then bring reports in the village council meeting. The same bike received by a Local Council Chair person is also shared by the NAADS coordinator to identify homes that should receive seeds for planting in the next season and also help the coordinators to organize agricultural meetings in the different villages within the areas of jurisdiction. In short, the nine members that form the village executive committee use the same bike.
- b) Family heads: As it was done last year, this year 2019 CBIRD had selected some household heads basing on poverty levels. There are some households that have been poor to the extent that they have never educated any family member. This has caused a vicious cycle of chronic poverty in these households. We realized that in many households there are goods that could be sold if there was chance to carry them to markets because all households grow food and very often there is surplus food which can

fetch some money to help family members access household necessities. We therefore gave family heads a bike to use it to improve their livelihood. The bike they received will enable them carry food surplus to markets earn some money to cater for their family's needs and also use the balance to pay school fees for some family members. They will also use the bikes to serve as a means of transport to access medical services. This helps to break what we refer to as Rural Remoteness.

C) Catechists: These are people whose major work is to support the communally neglected people (especially people infected with HIV/AIDS). They give spiritual support and counseling to such people in order to restore in them the meaning of life and later bring them back to community.

MODE OF DISTRIBUTION

CBIRD donated in clusters. Different parts of Masaka were all represented. Woman Member of Parliament for Masaka commissioned the entire event which took place on the same day. Her presence was important because she first lectured the beneficiaries about the reason the bikes are given to them, how they should use them. In her final remarks, she emphasized the need to take good care of the bike because it will change their life and that of their communities.



Mutyaba John Mary demonstrating how to ride a bicycle. He is a community leader responsible for youth in two villages. The bike will be a means of transport for him to reach to the different youth groups.



This was at the first donation station in Kasaka – BuwungaSub county when the residents were offloading bike of their leaders. This Station is located in one of the rurally isolated area of Masaka and the bikes which will be given to the beneficiaries will enable them to go places to reach their community residents



Mr. Charlse was sensitizing the beneficiaries on how to make good use of the bikes they were about to receive. He emphasized the need to handle the bikes received with care to ensure that they serve the purposes they are given out for. At this donation center in Bukakata (near Lake Victoria) the bikes which were given out will not only benefit the community but also individual people whose major economic activity is fishing. Fish markets will easily be accessible



In Green the woman member of Parliament for Masaka. She had a list of all beneficiaries who she promised to monitor to ensure the bikes benefit the communities they are meant to serve. At this donation center, there were 33 beneficiaries waiting to receive their bikes.



In this picture, parents with their children came to receive bikes to enable them change their economic statuses. The same bikes were to be used by the children to go to school but parents were majorly encouraged to use them to generate income through vending agricultural produce to markets to be able to raise school fees for their children



This was a second donation center. Before the bikes were given out, the district member of parliament who was the chief guest educated the beneficiaries about the benefits of a bicycle. She asked the beneficiaries to pay the donor by putting the bikes to good use. In the community, beneficiaries had two representatives who are good mechanics of bikes. The two mechanics promised to give free services to all the beneficiaries and to teach those who are willing to learn the basic

mechanical skills to ensure that the bikes do not break so easily.



Ddungu Joseph is a Chatecthist. He does the work of spiritual support with his friend Mulindwa Isaac (in Blue). So the bike will be used by two people to serve the community.



At this donation center the two mechanic specialists were present. They identified other mechanics to work with to help the beneficiaries. The donation activity took the whole day and in all donation centers crowds were present to witness the event and to know who received the bike to make sure they follow them up for better services



At this donation center, majority of our beneficiaries were women leaders. These women are agents of change in their respective communities but there often hindered by the long distances they had to travel to meet women groups. This time, the distance barrier has been broken because a bike bridges it all.



A grandmother received a bicycle for her family. This lady is a retired teacher who no longer has any means of survive apart from peasantry from which she gets food. This bike will enable her to carry her surplus to market to fend for her grandchildren. She was happy to receive this bike and she hope to see change with it.



This old lady is a grand mother of four grand children. She received this bike to enable her improve the economic status of her family. She is a small farmer who grows maize, sweetpotatoes, and sugar canes. Her two grand children can ride this bike to the market to sell some of the agricultural products. We hope that this will improve her income and be able to take care of her family.

BENEFICIARIES LIST

NO	NAME OF BENEFICIARY	DESIGNATION
1	Katumba Joseph	Community Leader for the youth
2	Namwanje Maira	
3	Ssembatya Maurice	
4	Sserwanga John	
5	Namuyaba Agnes	
6	Naluswata Monica	Community Leader for the youth
7	Nakyonyi Rosemary	
8	Nakitto Mary	
9	Lugaaju	
10	Mutyaba John Mary	Youth Leader
11	Nambalirwa Rose	
12	Ddungu Joseph	Chatecthist
13	Nakanyike	Chatecthist
14	Kayongo Disan	Community Leader for the youth
15	Muweesi Dalausi	Community Leader for the youth
16	Ssekisambu Mauricio	Chatecthist
17	Kaberuka Ivan	Chatecthist
18	Keezaala Flugensio	Community Leader for the youth
19	Nambi Olive Norah	Community Leader
20	Ssenyomo	Village Leader
21	Buzige Goergewillim Feresio	Village Leader
22	Kisekka	Household Head
23	Nalongo Namutebi Madeline	Chatecthist
24	Kazibwe Godfrey	Household Head
25	Walakira Aloysius	Household Head
26	Kirabira Mbaagatuzinde	Household Head
27	Kiryia Dominic	
28	Kityo Joseph	
29	Mukisa Denis	Household Head
30	Aliddeki Peregrine	Household Head
31	Ziriddamu Maximilian	
32	Musiitwa Pontiano	
33	Lubowa David	
34	Kambugu Fred	Household Head
35	Musuuza Adrian	Household Head
36	Muliika Hamza	Household Head
37	Luyimbaazi Denis	

38	Atukwase Joseph Mary	
39	Busuulwa Paul	
40	Mbagatuzinde Peter	
41	Nassamula P	
42	Namirembe Francesca	
43	Nassejje Sissy	
44	Ssemuwemba Aloysius	
45	Kaseendwa John	
46	LubuulwaAugustine	
47	Kanyike Adrian	
48	Kaliika Ambrose	
49	SsessimbaFaustine	
50	Jjombwe Joseph	
51	Ssemwanga Peter	
52	Asiimwe Methodius	
53	Kiyimba Joseph	
54	NaluwembaAnnet	
55	Ssimbwa David	
56	Mulinsike Gerald	
57	Lumbuye Clement	
58	Buuzibwa Filip	
59	Ssekiwoga Godfrey	
60	KiyingiChripino	
61	AntanansioLubega	
62	Nannozi Mary	
63	Nambuubi Speranza	
64	Nanjobe Oliver	
65	Nankinga Catherine	
66	Nassimbwa	
67	Namugga Juliet	
68	NakittoAsumpta	
69	SsemugenyiAyub	Household Head
70	Kasumba Aiden	Youth Leader
71	Zalwango Idah	Household Head
72	Namuleme Joanita	Household Head
73	Nambuusi Janat	Household Head
74	Namugula Maria	Household Head
75	Nampeera Vivian	“
76	Lubegerenga Peter	“
77	Ssebulime Anthony	“
78	Nalwadda Pauline	“
79	Kamukama Aeron	“
80	BalamuMusokeGeorgewillium	“
81	Kibuuka Pascal	Community Leader
82	Mulema Tom	“

83	Kimbowa John	Catechist
84	Katende Steven	Household Head
85	Mbaziira Ivan	Household Head
86	Muwukya Robert	Household Head
87	Ddembe Joseph	“
88	Kaseegu Patrick	“
89	Kateregga Godfrey	“
90	Muyingo Thomasmore	Catechist
91	Lwamunda Chrysostom	Catechist
92	Kyasanku Pater	Catechist
93	Mbaziira Tomas	Household HeadCommunity Leader
94	Mulumba	
95	Ssewankambo Joseph	
96	Musanya Godfrey	
97	Muguluma Paul	
98	Kyakuwa Ronald	
99	Kasagga Godfrey	
100	SsemugenyiMaalo	
101	Kyabaggu Robert	
102	Bukenya	
103	Mubru G W	
104	Nampagi Irene	
105	Namigadde Gertrude	
106	NalunkuumaAnnet	
107	NakasaggaGorret	
108	Nabayinda Sarah	
109	Nakiwu Amina	
110	ZalwngoGaudentia	Household Head
111	Nabatanzi Olive	Household Head
112	NakiguliSpecioza	Chatechst
113	NannyonjoProscovia	Household Head
114	Nakato Olive	Household Head
115	NankabirwaMaxy	Household Head

We realize that in all places we have donated bikes, bicycles are considered to be the principal source of mobility. Most people in these beneficiary communities use bicycles to travel to faraway places to fend for their livelihood. Others use bicycles to reach areas where land is fertile for agriculture, to transport their farm products to local markets and to seek for health facilities located far away. A bicycle is a Cargo carrier. Men and women carry more than 200kgs of goods using bikes. Bikes are easy to maintain, and can go all places no matter the topography.

We shall always be thankful to Wheels4life who invented this idea of supporting the neediest with a Bicycle. Bicycles have changed life and they continue to change more and more lives in rural areas of Uganda.

We therefore continue to request for more support to change peoples' life with a bicycle. Thank you Wheels4life, Thank you all donors who make it possible to have funds to purchase bikes for the needy people in our local communities.

By

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