

**COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FOR  
DEVELOPMENT AND ACTION RESEARCH  
(CIDAR UGANDA)**

**W4L Bike Report:**

**Phase 1**



**Project Theme:**

**“Riding for Better School Grades”**

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## About CIDAR Uganda



Established in 2005, the Community Initiatives for Development and Action Research (CIDAR) Uganda is an independent and not-for-profit Community Based Organization based in Eastern Uganda, with a

mission to: “contribute to poverty reduction and sustainable development of the disadvantaged and vulnerable communities in Uganda through community-led action programs and interventions”.

Registered as a Community Based Organization (CBO), CIDAR is part of the eastern region community development network and is fully registered in the District of Jinja (Reg. No. 122293).

To date, CIDAR has partnered and collaborated with Wheel4life Foundation for more than 5 years. To date, over 400 beneficiaries, mostly students and vulnerable youths in critical need of transport means have so far benefited from the partnership.

Indeed, we are grateful to the support of Wheels4Life Foundation!

## 1. Bike Purchase – Phase 1, 2019

In April 2019, Ms. Carmen wired a total of USD 9,000 for Phase 1 of the project towards the purchase and distribution of bikes for the needy. Unfortunately, there were delays in the receipt of funds to the project account due to transfer-related challenges. However, all the funds were later received on the project account in the last week of April 2019.

On 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019, a total of 140 bikes were purchased from SQL General Enterprises Limited. In addition, the supplier (Mr. Kumar Pradeep – the General Manager gave us 5 additional (complimentary) bikes because we promised to purchase more bikes from him for phase 2 of the project. In total we got 145 bikes fully fitted. **A total of 32,760,000 million Uganda shillings (equivalent to USD 8,830) was used to buy the 140 bikes, each bike costing 234,000 Uganda shillings (equivalent to USD 63.07).** The balance of USD 170 was used for transporting the bicycles to the various distribution centers while USD 30 will be left on the account to cater for the bank charges.

**Needless to mention,** the Manager of SQL General Enterprises Limited (Mr. Kumar Pradeep) promised to give us 12 complimentary bicycles if we again purchase bikes worth USD 6,000 and above in the near future (i.e. between June and September).

## 2. Bike Distribution

On 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (45 bikes), CIDAR Uganda distributed 60 bikes, 40 bikes and 45 bikes respectively on the above dates to the intended beneficiaries. Majority of the bikes (143) were distributed to children of school-going age) while only 2 bikes were given to the 2 Local Council Chairpersons largely to monitor the usage of the bikes by the beneficiaries among other reasons. 65% of the recipients were already in school while 35% of the beneficiaries had dropped out of schools due to various reasons, including the lack of transport means to access the distant education facilities in the area.

*Photo on the right: some of the students who received bikes*



We thank the district authorities who heavily participated in the distribution process for the bikes. Special thanks go to **Mr. Kabagambe Dickson**, the **Community Development Officer for Kyiwaani Sub-Location**, who heavily supported the CIDAR team in organizing the distribution ceremony and also served as the Guest of Honor.



*Photo Right: Mr. Kabagambe Dickson (CDO Kyiwaani S/L) handing over a bike to one of the former school drop-outs (Mbagadi Mark)*

### 3. Why People Need Bikes

There are several reasons why people in eastern Uganda need bikes. The bike beneficiaries gave the following reasons why they needed the bikes:

**a) Bikes are the easiest means of transport to access schools for school-going children.**

Most students who received bikes confessed that the bikes were mainly going to be used as transport means to access the different schools. On average, students walked between 5-10 kilometers to school.



**Mulapada Lucky** (inset), a senior two student has been travelling seven (7) kilometers to and from her school. She was so happy when she was among the beneficiaries and promised to utilize the bike to arrive early at school such that she doesn't miss any classes due to late coming.



According to **Kakeeto Georgina** (inset), the bike will help her attend to her education needs. As an orphan, Georgina had dropped out of school due to lack of school fees. She said that her brother will use the bike to offer transport services to people (customers) in the community for a fee. The money collected will be used to pay for school fees for Clarence. She thanked Carmen for making her education dream come

true.

**Namuli Gloria**, (photo left) a senior five student at Bethany Comprehensive S.S, said, the bike is everything to her and family. In her own words she said and I quote:

*"....Nebaza wheels4life olwo kumpa eigaali eno. Nze nva mu family ndavu ela akagali kano kajayamba family yaife mubuli kyintu. Okusomba amadi, okulambula abeekyiika, okuntwala kwisomeero, okutwala mwogo wa maama mu katale nebindi bingi."*



Meaning:

*"I thank Wheels4life for donating this bike to me.*

*I come from a very poor family where this bike will help*

*our family in many ways such as: fetching water*

*for home consumption, checking on our distant*

*relatives, transporting me to school, transporting*

*mummy's cassava produce to markets among other benefits".*

According to **Mugisha Brian** (one of the beneficiaries), the bike will mainly be used by him to go to school. He dropped out of school 2 years ago due to lack of school fees and money for transport as his school was so far. With this bike, he was confident he would offer transport services to people in return for money which would be used for fees and also he would use the bike to access his former school.



On the other hand, **Atim Janet** (photo on the left), a senior three school drop-out said the bike was very big relief to her and her siblings. Atim comes from a child-headed family and she is the bread winner. She dropped out of school to fend for her two siblings as both parents died of HIV/Aids. She is to use the bike to ferry charcoal (local fuel wood) for selling in distant markets to get additional income to enable her attend school and fend for her family (siblings).

**Muzungu Aiden** (a bike beneficiary) was quoted saying:

“...Nga ojeeko okuntwala kusomelo,  
njakozesa egali eno okuyambako mama  
okusenya enku mu kyibila, njakuyamba taata



okukyima amaazi ku luuzi ate nange njakozesa

egali eno ukucaalilako mikwano gyange lwemba nsobode.”, literally  
meaning that:

“.....Apart from utilizing the bike to transport him to school,

he would use the bike to help his mother to collect local fuel wood from the forest, help his father to collect fresh water from the distant river stream and also to use the bike to attend/access his school.

.....He thanked Wheels4life for the wonderful and extraordinary gesture”.

There are many other reasons why students needed bikes and among them included:

- a) For recreational purposes – used for local bike sports in rural areas. About 45% of the beneficiaries said so.
- b) As a means of transport to access distant but rather better health care units and or services.
- c) For accessing pertinent information in the community for households. e.g planting seasons, immunization schedules for kids, access to farming inputs etc.



## 4. How they will use the bikes

### a) Access to schools:

Based on the agreement with Ms. Carmen of the Wheels4life Foundation, Phase I of the grant was to be used to support needy students to access school. Accordingly, most of the bikes distributed are to be used as follows:

Out of the 145 bikes distributed, 143 bikes were distributed among the critically needy children (in primary and secondary schools) to whom having a bike meant everything in life. The bikes are to mainly ease facilitate their movement to and from the different schools.



**Kato Bugembe** (a senior three student) said the bike is a big relief to him and his family because it will provide the much needed services of transporting him to school, his father to the garden and market and his mother to church. He said that everyone in his family can ride a bike and that a bike is an important

asset to his family as it's used for many purposes, some of which were mentioned above.

Below, some of the school-going girls and boys who got bikes and their parents (last photo down):



### **b) Monitoring bike beneficiaries:**

Out of the 5 bikes received as a commission for the bulk purchase, 2 bikes were donated to two community leaders, Ms. Nakyeejo Zubeda and Mr. Kaleema Bruhan from Ssembera Sub-Location and Kyiwaani Sub-Location. They will use the bikes for two main purposes: a) to monitor the usage of bikes by all bike beneficiaries and; b) to use the bikes to help other needy community members in need of urgent or emergency services like in case of delivery expectant mothers to health centers at night and also using the bike as mobile ambulances to deliver very sick persons in need of transport to health facilities for treatment.

## **5. Challenges**

During Phase 1, a total of 145 bikes were distributed mainly to needy students. However, the number of needy students and people (in need of bikes) continues to rise due to the rising poverty levels in the country. Majority of the existing families and households in the areas where we work are needy and disadvantaged. They lack the basic necessities of life such as: food, clothing, shelter, education and transport means among others. Indeed, a bike delivered to these families and households makes a huge and great difference to their lives.

Based on current records, **423 students missed out on the bikes during Phase 1**. Majority of these come from very impoverished families. Our emphasis is to use bikes to raise the plight of these students and families. We pray that Wheels4life supports these kids achieve their dreams in life. The bikes to them will indeed make a great difference.



*Photo: Some of the bike beneficiaries (school girls) after they received their bikes at the distribution point.*

## 6. Conclusion

A total of 145 bikes were distributed to the very needy students, many of whom were moving very long distances to access basic education. Some of the beneficiaries who were school-drop outs were able to go back to school due to the bikes.

We sincerely thank you so much Carmen and Wheels4life in general for contributing to the realization of these kids dreams – they are back to school.

In a special way, we thank **Mr. Jon Craton**, who donated the funds to make our project possible. Thank you so much sir for your generosity. May God reward you abundantly!

We look forward to receiving the Phase II funds to complete the 2019 project as promised.

Thank you again M/s. Carmen for trusting us.

### List of Bike Beneficiaries

Serial No.	Name of Beneficiary	Level/ Occupation	School/Entity
1.	Ntongo Jewel	Senior three	Manjasi Academy
2.	Kabatereza Esther	Senior four	“ “
3.	Kalema Edward Gift	Senior six	“ “
4.	Kamaji Andrew	Senior three	“ “
5.	Mulapada Lucky	Senior two	“ “
6.	Nawita Regan	Senior three	“ “
7.	Mbabazi Whiteney	Senior six	“ “
8.	Ninege Blesity	Senior six	“ “
9.	Mugosi Favour	Senior four	“ “
10.	Anyalisa Peace	Senior five	“ “
11.	Nantongo Brenda	Senior three	“ “
12.	Kaketo Georgina	Formerly school drop out	“ “
13.	Kakama Emmanuel	Formerly school drop out	“ “
14.	Nakidde Daniella	Formerly school drop out	“ “
15.	Mugabi Stephen	Formerly school drop out	“ “
16.	Sinabulya Keron	Senior three	“ “
17.	Nabosa Rahma	Senior three	“ “
18.	Babirye Swabula	Senior five	“ “
19.	Nakato Sulaini	Senior five	“ “
20.	Kigongo Shukuran	Senior two	“ “
21.	Kingisi Max Mahelina	Senior two	“ “
22.	Liisa Etiarian	Senior two	“ “
23.	Kaketo George Jimmy	Senior three	“ “
24.	Blethy Benj	Primary six	Nyamitanga Primary COU

25.	Mulapada Fortune	Primary six	“ “
26.	Namanda Ibra	Primary six	“ “
27.	Naigaga Gloria	Primary six	“ “
28.	Kayongo Jurdan	Primary five	“ “
29.	Mutumba Raymond	Primary five	“ “
30.	Kiganda Armond	Primary five	“ “
31.	Naigaga Sumaiyah	Primary six	“ “
32.	Nabulya Keisha	Primary six	“ “
33.	Bigikwa Miracle	Primary four	“ “
34.	Ssenyonga Ashram	Primary four	“ “
35.	Mutebi Ashraf	Primary six	“ “
36.	Nakibule Joan	Primary five	“ “
37.	Kusasira Jacklyn	Primary seven	“ “
38.	Nsubuga Najib	Primary six	“ “
39.	Nakabugo Juliana	Primary seven	“ “
40.	Kirabo Jovia	Primary seven	“ “
41.	Kisakye Jonah	Primary six	“ “
42.	Katumba Jonathan	Primary four	“ “
43.	Watuke Collins	Primary four	“ “
44.	Sserunjogi Brandon	Primary seven	“ “
45.	Walusimbi Musa	Primary seven	“ “
46.	Ssenyonga Samuel	Primary seven	“ “
47.	Mukiibi Joshua	Formerly school drop out	“ “
48.	Ssemakula Brighton	Formerly school drop out	“ “
49.	Buwembo Dickson	Formerly school drop out	“ “
50.	Waswa Mawejje	Primary five	“ “
51.	Kiiza Nyanzi	Primary six	“ “

52.	Bagwanji Canaan	Primary five	“ “
53.	Kato Bugembe	Senior three	Bethany Comprehensive S.S
54.	Noonya Trevor	Senior three	“ “
55.	Ssebuufu Joshua	Senior five	“ “
56.	Namuli Gloria	Senior five	“ “
57.	Naluwooza Joana	Senior five	“ “
58.	Ssenabulya Francis	Senior five	“ “
59.	Nakalanzi Pauline	Senior three	“ “
60.	Nalwere Catherine	Senior three	“ “
61.	Nabagereka Zahara	Senior four	“ “
62.	Mugembe Alpha	Senior four	“ “
63.	Santa Mariah	Senior three	“ “
64.	Blessed Mary	Senior five	“ “
65.	Mutebi Rebecca	Senior three	“ “
66.	Mukiibi Francisco	Senior three	“ “
67.	Katerega Egulansi	Formerly school drop out	“ “
68.	Nansikombi Flavia	Formerly school drop out	“ “
69.	Namata Betina	Formerly school drop out	“ “
70.	Kibuuka Gracious	Formerly school drop out	“ “
71.	Mbagadi Mark	Formerly school drop out	“ “
72.	Bamulangakyi Sempijja	Formerly school drop out	“ “
73.	Mukembo Bruhan	Formerly school drop out	“ “
74.	Kalikwani Racheal	Formerly school drop out	“ “
75.	Kirunda Abraham	Formerly school drop out	“ “
76.	Isiko Mathias	Formerly school drop	“ “

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77.	Dhikusooka Immaculate	Formerly school drop out	“ “
78.	Bigambo Betty	Formerly school drop out	“ “
79.	Muleke Ephraim	Primary seven	Kamunda Parents Primary School
80.	Kintu Sulait	Primary seven	“ “
81.	Kintu Mohammed	Primary six	“ “
82.	Komakech Peter	Primary five	“ “
83.	Odokonyero Moses	Primary six	“ “
84.	Onapap John Bosco	Primary seven	“ “
85.	Sindi Mable	Primary four	“ “
86.	Kyoziira Sarah	Primary four	“ “
87.	Bamwegomba Sumaiyah	Primary four	“ “
88.	Nalwanga Mariam	Primary four	“ “
89.	Ntambi Esther	Primary seven	“ “
90.	Wekaaza Michael	Primary seven	“ “
91.	Magoba Raphael	Primary six	“ “
92.	Mukembo Noah	Primary six	“ “
93.	Aimana Daniel	Primary six	“ “
94.	Kyemutai Solomon	Primary four	“ “
95.	Mbabazi Mohammud	Senior six	Creamland High School
96.	Kasedde Derick Peter	Senior six	“ “
97.	Magoola Flavor	Senior six	“ “
98.	Mirembe Fortunate	Senior six	“ “
99.	Kaysaan Blessing	Senior six	“ “
100.	Muzungu Aiden	Senior three	“ “
101.	Kintu Rayaana	Senior three	“ “
102.	Omunide Christopher	Senior five	“ “

103.	Nakakande Immaculate	Senior five	“ “
104.	Nanteza Florence	Senior three	“ “
105.	Atim Janet	Completed senior two	“ “
106.	Awiyango Bright	Senior four	“ “
107.	Amukech Praise	Senior three	“ “
108.	Owomugasho Doreen	Senior five	“ “
109.	Kamukama Godfrey	Senior four	“ “
110.	Kalyango Abubaker	Senior four	“ “
111.	Chemarun Stanley	Senior six	“ “
112.	Kakeeto Clarence	Primary seven	Ikungu Day & Boarding Primary School
113.	Gombolola Mathew	Primary six	“ “
114.	Isiko Catherine	Primary six	“ “
115.	Bakali Mbagadi	Primary seven	“ “
116.	Sitenda Robert	Primary Three	“ “
117.	Mugisha Brian	Primary four	“ “
118.	Mugisha Francis	Primary seven	“ “
119.	Owesigire Frank	Primary four	“ “
120.	Dhabangi Syrus	Primary four	“ “
121.	Welukwagana Sula	Primary four	“ “
122.	Mirembe Asinansi	Primary seven	“ “
123.	Kyonda Rebecca	Primary six	“ “
124.	Yudaya Babirye	Primary four	“ “
125.	Sharitah Yakubu	Primary four	“ “
126.	Kyonzira Abdallah	Primary six	“ “
127.	Bugembe Isma	Primary seven	“ “
128.	Kakaire Sulait	Primary seven	“ “
129.	Nkwidi Monday	Primary six	“ “

130.	Niwamanya Bernadette	Primary five	“ “
131.	Kintabuli Agnes	Primary seven	“ “
132.	Nalwanga Charity	Senior six student	Lukowe Secondary School
133.	Nabukenya Rachael	Senior six student	“ “
134.	Naboosa Raheel	Senior five student	“ “
135.	Kirunda Abdul	Senior five student	“ “
136.	Nabagereka Maimuna	Senior five student	“ “
137.	Mulungi Agnes	Senior four student	“ “
138.	Namuli Flavia	Senior four student	“ “
139.	Nabandeke Charity	Senior three student	“ “
140.	Nakakande Joanita	Senior five student	“ “
141.	Kembabazi Sylvia	Senior four student	“ “
142.	Kadimba Omutongole	Senior two student	“ “
143.	Nabatanzi Sarah	Senior two student	“ “
144.	Nakyeejo Zubeda	Ssembera Sub-Location	Local Council Chairperson
145.	Kaleema Bruhan	Kyiwaani Sub-Location	Local Council Chairperson



*Photo by: Abubaker Ntambi (Programme Director - CIDAR Uganda)*

**“Thank you Wheels4Life”**