

MIREMBE COTTAGE FOR STREET GIRLS

PROJECT PROFILE 2011-2012-2013



Mirembé Cottage for Street Girls is home to twenty-two girls between the ages of 6 and 15. These girls were all living on the streets of Jinja prior to Mirembé's opening in 2011. Either abandoned or run away after a life of abuse and neglect, these girls had nowhere to turn. Just Cause has been working with the founder, Daniel, a former street kid himself, to support the girls since the project began.

Through 2011 and 2012, the focus was to simply help provide the girls with a home and the basic necessities of life such as hygiene supplies, food and clothing. Just Cause was able to support the girls with these items through donations brought from Canada, in addition to providing school supplies, educational games, sports equipment and books.



The staff members of Mirembé are focused on establishing stability in the lives of these girls. In order to provide some routine and provide a future for the girls, a vital piece is to have each girl attend school. In 2013, Just Cause was able to make a significant contribution to the education of the children at Mirembé by paying for all of their school tuition fees for the year. We also provided each girl with a new school uniform, shoes, and school supplies for the year.

Our volunteer teams were warmly welcomed by the girls at Mirembé. Their absolute joy for life is contagious! The girls love to sing, dance and entertain. They would not let our volunteers get away with just watching, everyone had to participate!

We also spent time completing art and craft activities, practicing english, jumping rope and reading books.

After spending a day with the girls at Mirembé it is difficult not to marvel at the fact that they are a delight to be around and have a love of life that is hard to come by despite their tragic stories. The commitment to build a future for these 22 girls and their willingness to work hard at getting an education, is the reason that Mirembé Cottage for Street Girls is a project Just Cause continues to support.



OUR WORK AT A GLANCE

- *Sponsored all 22 of the girls to attend school for the year*
- *Provided school uniforms and school shoes to each of the girls*
- *Provided school supplies to equip them for their classes*
- *Collected and delivered clothing donations, toys, sporting equipment and craft materials for the girls*
- *Provided much needed hygiene products to the home*

