



INFRASTRUCTURE

Provide structures that promote safety, dignity and stability for children

PROJECT PROPOSAL



Provide new homes for children living in dilapidated shelters in Uganda

Thank you for considering such a generous donation to support an Infrastructure project in Uganda. Your kindness will create long-term, sustainable impact for Compassion assisted children, their families and communities.



SUPPORTING:

14 Compassion assisted children and their families



LOCATION:

Ochegen Child Development Centre (UG0586)



PROJECT TIMELINE:

February 2019 - February 2020



PROJECT CODE:

UG INT-15117



ESTIMATED LOCAL CONTRIBUTION*:

US\$2158



FUNDING REQUIRED:

A\$87,800

*Our local church partners would also like to make a financial contribution toward this project—a demonstration of their commitment to the project's sustainability and their community's ongoing development.

Project description

Staff at Ochegen Child Development Centre [UG0586] regularly visit the homes of Compassion assisted children to provide support. From these visits, staff have identified an urgent need to improve living conditions for 14 Compassion assisted children and their families. These children are currently living in deplorable conditions that are unsafe, unprotected from the weather, and at risk of collapse. This Infrastructure project will supply the materials and resources to construct new, safe

homes for the children and their families. Families will donate their own land for construction, and the build process will be overseen by a dedicated project committee. The provision of new foundations roofs and floors will ensure children are living in safe and decent homes. Families will also receive hygiene training and information about how to tend to their new homes, empowering them to protect the health and wellbeing of their children into the future.



Why is this project critical?

Projects are always based on children's most critical needs, as determined by the local church who knows each child and their situation individually. This project was identified as essential to children's healthy development for the following reasons:

- Most of these families earn less than US\$4 per month; two families are led by single mothers who are struggling to make ends meet, relying on casual labour like gardening.
- Currently, children live in grass-thatched shelters that cannot protect them from varying weather conditions, increasing their risk of pneumonia, flu and other airborne diseases. One child describes how food often rots in their family's house because of its damp conditions.
- Most of the families have seven members who sometimes share a shelter with their livestock. Children often share sleeping mats with their siblings. Without privacy or adequate resting space, the current living conditions have affected the children's psychological wellbeing, emotional development and academic performance.
- In its current state, these shelters are unsafe and susceptible to collapse. The homes are constructed with grass roofs, causing poor ventilation and a daily reliance on firewood for cooking, which exacerbates the risk of fire.

“In 2016, 84 per cent of Uganda's population lived in rural areas, of which only 18 per cent had access to electricity.”

World Bank, 2016

Project objectives

1. Improve living conditions for 14 Compassion assisted children through the construction of new, safe shelters by February 2020.
2. Assist and improve the emotional and physical condition of these children by providing decent shelter and protection.
3. Support the academic performance of children such as Asio Margret [UG05860222] by providing a space to rest and sleep.

Investing in long-term development

Compassion is committed to sustainable child development. For this reason, our projects are always carried out as long-term collaborations with maximum community engagement.

Your support will equip local community leaders with the information and skills to drive the implementation of this project and respond confidently to any project changes along the way.

With strong community investment, this project will also have effects far beyond the physical work, touching all aspects of community life: building the local economy, investing in the community's skilled workers, and giving children a strong support network as they grow.

What happens if a project changes?

Your support equips and empowers our local church partners to make project amendments as lives, resources and circumstances change. If project amendments occur, your Relationship Manager will ensure you are appropriately informed. If project costs decrease, surplus support will be allocated where most needed with your permission.

Ready to support this project?

Thank you for your generosity! Your Compassion representative will be in touch to talk you through the next steps. Alternatively, you can call or email your Compassion representative directly using the business card details attached.

While we know that important financial decisions take time, we don't like to keep our local church partners waiting too long for a response. One month after you receive this proposal, this proposal will become available for other supporters to fund.

Thank you for partnering with Compassion Australia to release children from poverty in Jesus' name.