

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Season's Greetings!
Best wishes to you and your family this season and always. May Christmas spread cheer in your lives



GIRLS' EDUCATION CHALLENGE



Zoe* first came to Uganda as a refugee with her family. Civil conflict in their country left them homeless and unable to continue with studies.

They first lived in a refugee camp where conditions were difficult. It was also challenging to learn in

the school in the camp since the classrooms were overcrowded. Her parents decided to move to Kampala in search of better opportunities and living conditions.

But in Kampala, they could not afford to educate their children. Family mentors from the CRANE Member met with the family and told them about the Creative Learning Centres, which excited them and she joined immediately.

At the CLC, she actively participated in the learning and other activities like the league. Midway through this year, she graduated from the CLC and joined a nearby school where she is happily studying in senior two.

GEC seeks to increase the life chances of marginalised girls

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!



CRANE engaged in roadside shows that attracted large crowds from the communities where our network members are implementing their activities in June and July. This event cut across all CRANE departments as we joined hands to talk about children's rights.

It was such a joy to see children lead their communities and leaders in a conversation about being appreciated, their responsibilities and what they consider as abuse. We also talked about child protection, reporting mechanisms and referral of cases.

Michael, one of the police officers that attended the shows, commented, **"I am happy that this information has gone to children, parents, and the local leaders. We hope that we may reap out of this activity"**



CHILDREN BELONGING IN FAMILIES



Faith* was found abandoned near a school in 2010. We later learnt that her mother was a 16 year teenager. She felt inadequate to raise the child on her own since she couldn't even provide for her basic needs.

Faith was referred to Sanyu Babies' Home where she was looked after; and learnt how to talk and walk. She had started studying her first year of kindergarten when she was adopted.

She is almost 5 years old now, and in her third and final year of kindergarten; where she is performing well and confidently speaks two languages – English and Luganda. Next year she will be joining primary one.

Faith has many friends both at school and at home due to her social character. It is this character that has made it easy for her to adapt to her foster family who love having her as a child in the family. She is pictured here with her foster mum.

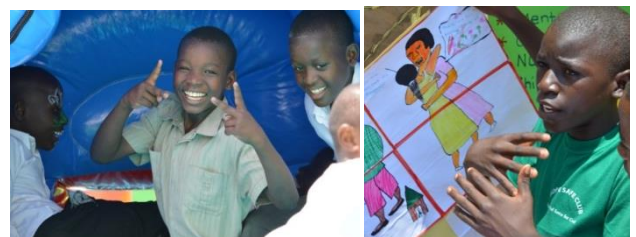
RIGHTS FAIR

The **Child, Family and Community Support (CFCS)** department held a rights fair where **529 people** (439 children and 90 adults) from **30 communities** participated. These participants represented schools, churches and local organisations that have children's safe clubs and child protection committees.

Each safe club got the opportunity to showcase a **child right and responsibility**, in **interactive fun ways**; as well as share success stories of **child protection interventions** and the impact their activities have had in their respective communities.

The children and mentors had a lot of fun in a day that was filled with beautiful music, dancing, poems, cross learning and delicious food.

CFCS has worked with **safe clubs** and **child protection committees** in different communities for two years now. These safe clubs have been **equipped with knowledge and skills about Children's rights for active participation in child protection.**



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN WORKING TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN

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