



YUSMILE

READ TO CHILD PROJECT WITH HEALTH CENTERS IN
KAMPALA, UGANDA

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Who we are:

- Established in 2019, YuSmile is a non-profit organization which promotes Education, Health and Sustainable agriculture through Humanitarian aid and development projects in Uganda.

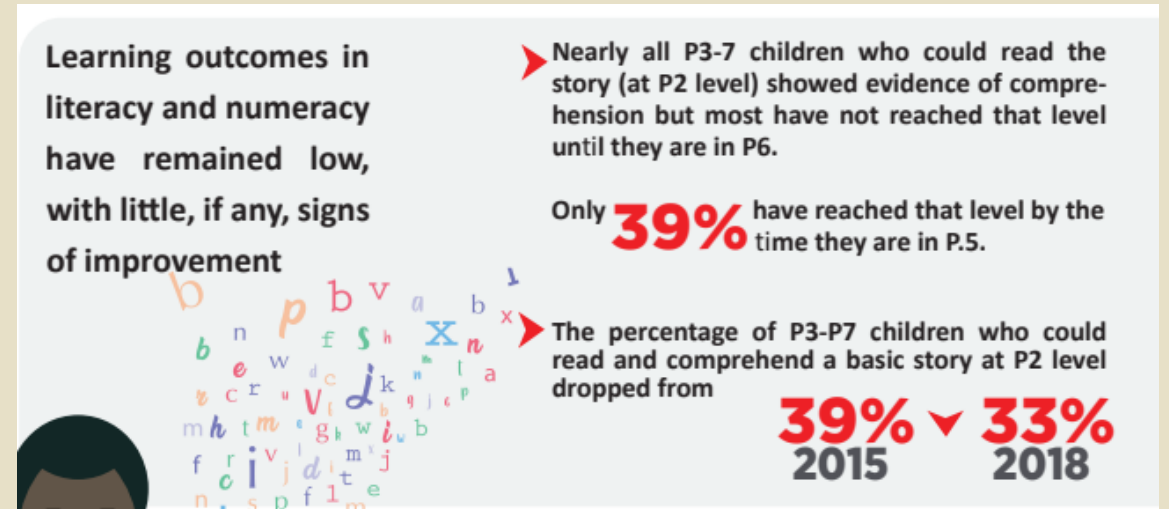
Our Vision:

- A world of Literate, Healthy people living in sustainable environment.



Stats

- Estimated population of 44m and with about **8m** children below age of 5years.(est 2022 by UBOS)
- Uwezo/Twaweza report (<https://twaweza.org/>)
- Low levels of Enrollment in kindergatten/pre primary and primary schools.
- Abstentism of children and Teachers.
- Children are acquiring reading skills late



Support Received

Dr. Chris Landon

Landon Pediatrics Clinic (USA)

Inspired us to start the program and shared good information on examples in the USA .

Shipped the initial hardcover books that kickstarted the program.

Own Funding

To buy reading books and distribute them within the Health Centers and Communities.

Logistical Support to Volunteers who move to these communities and also monitor and get feedback from Health Centers and Parents about the program.



Activity – Reading Camp



Situation

First Phase of Read 2 Child project started in Slum Area with densely populated communities.

Reaching more than 500 Children



Book Trust Grant

In memory of Wendy Cooling, Book Trust was able to extend a Grant in the Second Half of 2025.

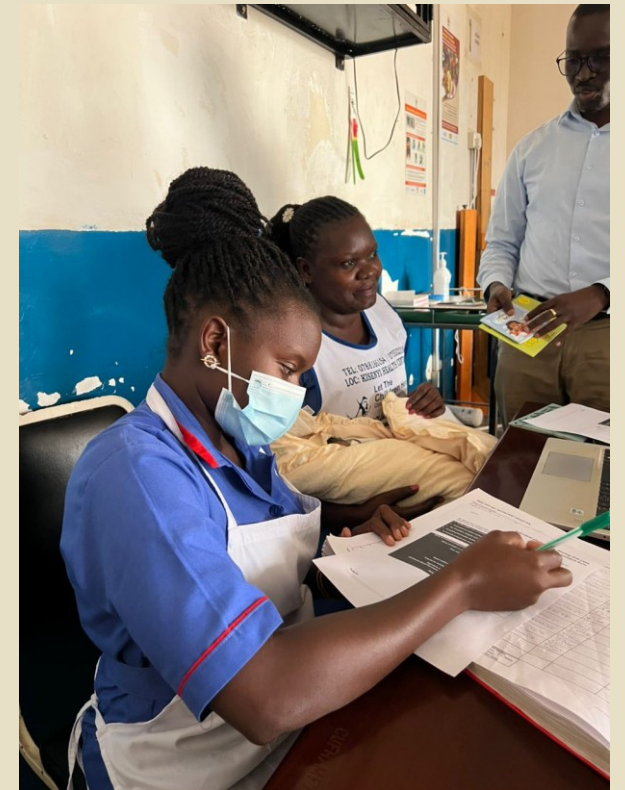
This enable us to start on the second phase of the Read 2 Child project.

We have been able to hadout about 600books to families translating to an impact of about 1,200 Children in a home.

The final disribtion has been planned to take place starting April targeting another 800 to 1000 families.



Activity – Phase 2 Book Gifting



Road Blocks

- Covid19 came with lockdowns of about 2 years affecting program, changed model.
- Model to keep books for reading and return changed due to covid lessons, so books are given not to be returned (higher cost)
- Parents who do not give rightful contact information for us to follow up on phone to check in on progress.
- Some parents not able to read to their children, means they have to get support from neighbors and or other children.

Way Forward

- Step by Step approach

(start with easy to reach areas and spread out as resources come in)

- Continue mobilizing resources from both local and international grants to scale program.

- Monitoring and Evaluation at the End of the Book Gifting to determine improvements, learning outcomes of the Children and Families.

Thank You