



The Linda Project

A child has the right to be a child!

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Dear friends and other interested parties,

Here we are again with the latest news from Lira, Northern Uganda.

The children are all back home, holiday until mid-September. The report cards of the secondary schools have been changed and I can no longer make sense of them, but it will be ok. 1 more trimester and the school year is already over.

Benjamin Ojok, who is studying in the Netherlands, went to Lira for 3 weeks to check things out. He is now also a member of the board. He found the cows, goats and chickens of the neighbours in our garden, the fence was totally broken. So, he immediately addressed and fixed that.



The new fence

Everything gets very expensive in Uganda. For example, school fees before Corona were about 100 euros per trimester, which has now risen to 250 euros.

The government, in its wisdom, has decided that one should no longer cook on charcoal. This is in connection with the climate. Not a bad idea in itself, were it not for the fact that 90% of Ugandans are dependent on charcoal. There is often no electricity, gas can be found sporadically in bottles, well, what should you do? The sigiri is a very economical type of barbeque, and people cook on it. I wonder if they are going to enforce.

And last week it was announced that second-hand clothing is no longer allowed. Poor Ugandans. Most people are very poor and absolutely cannot afford new clothes. There is already a lot of crime, such as theft, and I am afraid that this will increase enormously. We were broken into at night and the thieves took the TV and the fridge.

FOOD

I thought you might like to see what people like to eat in Uganda.

Posho and egg plant



Meat, posho and bojo



Beans and posho
(This is what kids eat in school every day)



Millet and spinach



Chicken and casava



In the North East of Uganda, in Karamoja, they eat different



A few more pictures of the kids in House of Hope.

These are **Finah** and **Nancy** at their new school St. Katherine. They go to 1st grade secondary school (O level)



Nancy competed in the national Rugby competition for secondary schools in Mbarara and they finished 2nd.



Kizito washing the dishes. Every day, someone else has the dishwashing chore after dinner.

What does **a school day** look like at boarding school? Here is the schedule of **Ivan**, in the 5th form of secondary school.

03.50 get up.

04.00 in class to do homework.

06.00 back in the dormitory to get ready for the normal lessons.

7.20 Start of lessons.

8.45 breakfast. It consists of a cup of tea and a dry sandwich.

9.10 Follow-up lessons.

12.00 lunch (beans and posho).

14.00 remedial lessons.

17.00 day is over.

18.30 dinner (beans and posho).

You will understand why the children are so happy to be home for holidays.

We wish you a nice summer and until next time,

Team Netherlands
Team Uganda

Team Northern-Ireland
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