

UGANDA RED CROSS SOCIETY

RAKAI BRANCH

QUARTERLY PROGRESSIVE REPORT FOR THIRD QUARTER 2008

Uganda Red Cross Rakai branch continued to carry out its mandate of reaching out to the vulnerable during the third quarter of 2008. This report covers the reporting period from the first day of July 2008 to the thirtieth day of September 2008. It presents the achievements made during the reporting period.

ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED

Training in CBFA at St. Gonzaga
First aid services at the kabaka's coronation anniversary
Blood donor recruitment
Support to OVCs in Bukaala village
Training the Red Cross action team
Disaster assessment in Betelem parish of Nabigasa sub county
Dissemination
Radio publicity
Group workshops
Link workshops
Training community disseminators
Local exchange visit
Launching of Bukaala youth link
Participating in a regional youth camp
Orientation of the BGB, BYC, SBGB
Networking
 Training resource mobilization
 Joint meeting on domestic violence.

Training in community based first aid

This activity was carried out at St. Gonzaga SSS in Lyantonde and was meant to prepare the volunteers for the event of coronation anniversary of the Kabaka of Buganda.

It ran from July 21-26 2008 at the school and 60 participants completed the basic course. It involved theory and practical and was assessed for the award of basic first aid certificates.

First aid services

The branch offered first aid services at event of the fifteenth anniversary of the Kabaka of Buganda. This was on the 2nd day of August 2008 at Kabula sub county headquarters in Lyantonde district. The prominent case at the function was the rescue of a primary school girl who had collapsed on a hill side during a climbing exercise and rolled back ward down hill. The volunteers rushed to the scene and carried her on a stretcher and handed her to the medical team of St. Elizabeth dispensary for treatment and she recovered from the entire trauma.

Blood donor recruitment

At the same function of the Kabaka's anniversary, the branch organized a blood donation exercise as part of the activities to mark the event. Masaka blood bank team collected 38 units of blood.



Supporting OVCs in Bukaala village

This activity was a local initiative of the youth of Kyotera town junior link in support of their colleagues' activities. The members collected scholastic material like books, pen, and second hand clothing to be given to OVCs in Bukaala link. These were passed over to the link on 30th august 2008 at the ceremony to launch the link at Bukaala primary school. This was part of the activity to mark the launch of this link. In all 12 dozens of exercise books, 20 pens, 2 trousers and a pair of shoes were given and ten children benefited from this activity.

Training the Red Cross action team

The Branch trained a community Red Cross action team from 1st -5th august 2008. This training was jointly carried out with that for community disseminators and took place at OCBO in Kyotera. The LC V Rakai and the RDC witnessed the function at which 60 volunteers participated





Disaster assessment in betelem parish

On the evening of 24th September 2008, a storm accompanied with strong hail storm befell the three villages of kanga, najanga and luseese in betelem parish of nabigasa sub county kyotera county rakai district.

The disaster was quickly reported to the bfc by one of the members of the local RCAT and an assessment was quickly done, a report compiled handed in for possible relief assistance.

Dissemination

The branch carried out dissemination activities in both schools and rural communities. The areas covered include St Agnes vocational school, St Joseph's vocational school, young star orphans club and Bukaala rural link. The branch registered three links and recruited 112 members in various categories.

Group and link workshops

The branch carried out one day workshops for its groups and links as a capacity building measure for them. The content included the quality mechanism for meeting operational standard of registered groups and the activities they can be implemented as Red Cross activities. The following were covered, St. Gonzaga, Bukaala, Ddembe group, Agali Awamu group, Nsambya CBHC group and Kismula Twesitule development group. The benefiting groups and links become more cohesive and efficient and effective in their work.

Local exchange visit

The link of action for youth development kyotera town visited young star orphans club and they participated in various activities including foot ball, bicycle racing, music dance and drama. The BFC was there to give guidance. This took place on 23rd august 2008 at kiruli village in kifamba Sub County.

Regional youth camp

The branch sent five participants to a regional youth camp held in Mityana branch from 19-21 September 2008. This was organized by head quarters.

Launching of Bukaala youth link

The branch launched Bukaala youth link in Ndolo parish of Kabira Sub County in Kyotera County. The colour full function was held at Bukaala primary school and presided over by the bgb chairman Salongo Frank Lule. The treasurer woman representative and the BFC attended. At this function the youth from Kyotera town junior kink donated some scholastic items to support OVC in the community. The LC I chairman of the area was among the guests.

Orientation of the BGB, BYC and SBGB

The branch conducted an orientation workshop for the members in governance structures as indicated. The coordinator for branch capacity building Mr. Okum David was the chief facilitator assisted by the estates officer Mr. Gombya Francis.

The closing ceremony was presided over by the RDC Rakai Madm Ida Bikorwenda. This enabled the branch to form sub committees and resolve some outstanding conflicts with between governance and management.





Networking activities

Training in resource mobilization for NGOs. This activity was organized UNASO and benefited member from branch networks of UNASO itself. The activity took place in Masaka at Faria Flo hotel from 11-13th September 2003. The branch was selected to participate as a member of the Rakai district network and the BFC participated on its behalf.

Joint meeting on domestic violence. This took place at Rakai health sciences program in Kailisizo on 23rd September 2008 and was called by the forum for NGOs in Rakai district in collaboration with the Rakai health sciences program. It was meant to streamline and harmonize information passed on to communities regarding domestic violence to avoid confusing the communities. The BFC participated in his capacity as secretary for the Rakai network of AIDS service organizations