



PLATFORM for the NEEDY (PLANE) ANNUAL REPORT 2022





Dr. Pascal Kabura our board member hands over scholastic materials to the beneficiary . He appreciates PLANE and her volunteers for the great work done to provide education to vulnerable Ugandans.



Rev.Sarah Kakyo hands over scholastic materials to children and thanks volunteers for the passion extended to the needy.

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Ainganiza Steven Waddell Founder and Executive Director

A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Steven is a Dad of three beautiful children, Steven Musinguzi 21, Priva Ampaire 10 and Elijah Ainganiza. A journalist by profession with 17 years' experience in both electronic and print media, Steven is a social –economic change agent. He's passionate about serving vulnerable communities prioritizing women and children to offer them a platform to voice their concerns.

I take this opportunity to appreciate the executive, board of trustees and the entire staff for the work done to serve this organization and also improve on the lives of the people, spiritually, socially and economically. The past two years 2020 and 2021 were difficult years for us. Covid 19 and its effects on the health of the people and also the partners who were planning to support our programs withdrew because of the covid 19 impact on finances. But we continue to pray to the almighty God for his guidance and hopefully we shall be successful in the near future. With God's guidance, we promise to continue impacting on lives of vulnerable children and women in the Western Uganda through PLATFORM for the NEEDY (PLANE).

"We're now celebrating 12 years of existence and exemplary service. We're delighted to see PLANE reach out many people and impact on their lives. Despite the financial challenges, each year we

celebrate milestones and we've continued working towards the scaling our programs to rural areas and ensure the sustainability of our work".

Every year is a difference experience for PLANE.

Our appreciation to our local and foreign volunteers for the great work they do for this organization ranging from coordination, writing, designing, marketing, website management, partnerships and fundraising among other important duties. PLANE would not be visible without our volunteers and partners who are playing a huge role for the organization. Thanks to our different partners, stakeholders, friends and well-wishers. Thank you so much for the compassion and support to our causes. We've able to provide the much needed psycho-social support and material assistance to our beneficiaries in our areas of operation because of you.

This year we have been able to get ambassadors who have promised to market the brand of the organization internationally and hopefully this will give us visibility. At the end of the year 2022, PLANE as an organization rewarded her volunteers and ambassadors for the great work they have done for the organization. They were offered Awards and certificates for the extra ordinary job done for the organization. We promise to continue serving our communities in the Rwenzori region of Western Uganda prioritizing the needy orphans, children, girls and women.

I humbly request for the continued support and guidance from our board members, volunteers and partners if we are to serve our people and have an impact. I am also calling upon other volunteers with passion and interests to join our organization and make a difference together.

For God and my Country!

Steven Waddell Ainganiza
Founder & Executive Director
PLANE - Uganda



Madam Grace Kasabiiti
PLANE Chairperson

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Madam Grace Kasabiiti is one of our longest serving board member. She has held the position of the chairperson for two terms. A single mother and a teacher by profession, Grace has a Diploma in Primary education and a degree in the same field. She is currently the Deputy Head teacher Kabata primary school in Bunyangabu district Western Uganda.

Also a counselor, Grace is self-motivated and passionate about children and women’s rights promotion. Grace is also a Board Member of other Community Based Organizations in the districts of Bunyangabu and Kabarole. She is passionate about collecting, Analyzing, and evaluating data to address global inequalities and social justice.

As a professional teacher, Grace is enthusiastic to join and work with PLANE that works closely with children and women. She is optimistic that if she employees her knowledge and skills to influence society, change will be realized and we shall see development of Uganda in the coming years.

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Madam Grace Kasabiiti
Chairperson
PLANE - Uganda



ABOUT PLANE

PLATFORM for the NEEDY (PLANE) is a Non-Governmental Organization, NOT for profit operating in the Kabarole district and Fort Portal Tourism City, Rwenzori region, Western Uganda.

We advocate and protect children and women’s rights through provision of prevention and multi-disciplinary intervention in investigation and information dissemination through radio drama and outreaches so as to have a health -violence free society.

The organization also helps transform the lives of the disadvantaged populations in Kabarole district and Fort Portal Tourism City, Rwenzori region, Western Uganda through empowerment programs, human rights advocacy, and health and literacy promotion so that they can have a better quality of life.

PLANE focuses on general health awareness promotion, social security, and economic empowerment for teenage mothers, preventing violence against children and women, human rights promotion, and mitigating the impact of violence against children and the youth and other related interventions.

PLANE implements programs aimed at educational support to orphans and vulnerable children by providing scholastic materials and school fees.

We also implement programs for empowering young mothers and rural women through livelihood interventions. In addition, we greatly support intervention on Gender-Based Violence prevention, sexual reproductive health rights, water, sanitation and hygiene for rural communities.

Founded in 2010, PLANE is registered with the **Uganda National NGO Board No. INDR11119949NB**. The organization has developed potential capacity and recognition in enhancing Health promotion Programs, advocacy for the protection of children's rights with emphasis on girl child education, Youth and Teenage Mothers Empowerment, caring and improving lives of vulnerable children and ensuring a well-equipped and knowledgeable farming community.

Legal Status & Registration:

PLATFORM for the NEEDY is responding call for expression of interest to advocate for the protection of children's rights, to help meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential.

PLANE is one of the national charity agencies in the country operating in Ruwenzori region set up in 2010 and registered at the national level (under NGO Bureau) in 2014 operating under the NGO Act of 2006. PLANE is member of Girls not Bride Uganda (GNBU) alliance a fraternity that is focused on fighting teenage pregnancy and early marriages in Uganda.

The Initiative is an incorporated charitable entity based in Uganda in East Africa.

Primarily PLANE is into charitable work mainly children and women rights protection and SGBV prevention, Educational support. HIV prevention and Sexual Reproductive Health, Livelihood and economic empowerment, Environmental conservation and Water, sanitation and hygiene.

PLANE is run by a group of professionals dedicated to support the underserved and vulnerable populations in Uganda. PLANE has a dedicated board of 7 members and 5 Trustees supported the secretariat/management team of staff (7) and

core volunteers, Global Ambassadors and other volunteers with technical expertise who support field level interventions and partnerships.



PLANE staff & Board Members pose for a photo after delivering materials to children at St. Peter's & Paul Primary School Fort Portal Tourism City

Organizational Philosophy:

PLANE is an organization built on the philosophy of unity in diversity for advocacy on the rights of children and women.

Vision.

A just, knowledgeable and violence free society that responds to the rights of the most vulnerable population.

Mission.

To promote empowerment programs for better Health, Education and Livelihoods for the disadvantaged populations.

PLANE-Development Goal:

"Contributing to a violence free society".

THE MAJOR FOCUS AREAS HAVE BEEN:

1. Social Security (Child Rights Protection and Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV Prevention).
2. Education (Early Childhood Learning, Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Education) for vulnerable children.
3. Health (HIV/ AIDS and Adolescence /Sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR).

4. Economic Empowerment for Young Mothers (Vocational training, Village Savings & Loan Associations (VSLA and Financial Literacy).
5. WASH in Rural Communities & Environmental Conservation
6. Sustainable agriculture production and productivity.
7. Agriculture extension and advisory services.
8. Lobby and advocacy
9. Human rights promotion and protection.
10. Promotion of practices that integrate gender concepts, concerns and misconceptions.

Objectives:

- Provide the youth with sexual and reproductive health information, services and advice relevant to their needs, circumstances and stage of development to enable them achieve their full potential.
- Enhance the right to health of children, youth and Young Mothers through improved household; nutrition and food security, sanitation, hygiene, income levels, prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Thematic Areas

- Maternal and child health
- Adolescent health and youth empowerment
- Mitigation of SGBV and promotion of Financial Literacy
- WASH in Rural Communities & Environmental Conservation
- Agriculture production and productivity.
- Gender
- Rural micro finance.

Aims and Objectives:

- To advocate for the protection and promotion of children and women's rights.
- To build capacity that provides the rural communities to access social services like education, health, water and sanitation for improved livelihoods.
- To increase knowledge levels on health and gender related issues in communities.
- To support provision of vocational skills to orphans and school dropouts for their improved wellbeing.
- To support the establishment of the Orphans

and Vulnerable Children model homes.

- To contribute to increased livelihoods among the youth and women population

Our Core Values: Values

Empathy

We strongly subscribe to the empathetic leadership in all our programmes and operations.

Equality and non-discrimination

We believe in ensuring that every individual has an equal opportunity to make the most of their lives, and is entitled to all rights and freedoms without any distinctions.

Solidarity and Networking

We believe in building a movement and promoting cross-generational and peer –learning to strengthen girls' and women's voice, power and influence from the margins of society.

Diversity and Inclusion.

We respect diversity and work with girls and women across intersecting inequalities such as disability, class, ethnicity, income, religion and location.

Accountability & Integrity.

We embrace honesty and accountability and utilize the female and religious advantage in leadership for transparent stewardship of organizational resources.

Golden Thread

“Bringing empowerment & fulfillment in the Rwenzori region districts of Uganda”

PLANE PROGRAMMES:

Health and Sanitation:

- Promote health education and awareness creation among rural communities.
- HIV/AIDS prevention campaigns through Radio Talk shows, radio drama and outreach community dialogues.
- Promotion of Reproductive Health activities in schools and rural communities through information dissemination about family planning, maternal health, early pregnancies, stigma and discrimination using peer education, radio drama skits and outreaches.

- Promotion of water and sanitation hygiene activities in rural communities.

Education

- Advocating for children's education especially the girl child.
- Orphan and vulnerable children sponsorship program to increase access to education.
- Child monitoring and counseling in schools.
- Advocate, lobby and support for infrastructural Development like construction of classrooms, pit latrines among other structures.
- Support legal services for the vulnerable children especially the girl child.

Human Rights Advocacy:

- Gender Based Violence (GBV) awareness creation to prevent and reduce on violence against women and girls, leadership empowerment.
- Advocate for the prevention and protection of children's rights like defilement, early marriages, rape and school dropout among others.
- Land rights advocacy campaigns for vulnerable groups like women, elderly and children whose lands are grabbed.
- Radio drama skits and outreaches on the rights of people and support for legal redress.



Angella expressing her disappointment after relatives grabbed her piece of land and leaders didn't help her. She wonders the role of leaders in solving disputes.

Livelihood:

- Women and Youth Economic Empowerment (WYEE) programs through training and skill development on income generating projects.
- Supporting women and youth groups with farm equipment to enhance their household income.

Research and Documentation:

- Conducting research about the rights of vulnerable children.
- Documentation and dissemination of research findings through leaders' conferences, meetings, forums and radio programs.

Strategies:

- Community/school dialogues
- Music and Drama groups
- Debate on community issues
- Magnet theatres
- Sports activities
- Radio talk shows
- Peer education
- School visits
- Skills Development

PROGRAMMATIC ACTIVITIES 2022

1.0 FAMILY CLINIC PROGRAM:

PLATFORM for the NEEDY (PLANE) PLANE initiated the Family Clinic Radio Project. The talk shows run every Monday from 10:00pm-1:00am on Voice of Tooro radio 101 FM in Fort Portal Tourism City, Western Uganda.

In the Family Clinic Radio Project, PLANE hosts different resource persons to create awareness and educate the public on the rights of children, importance of education, land rights, Youth and Women Empowerment programs, HIV/AIDS, Family Planning, Domestic Violence mitigation measures, good nutrition, Malaria prevention, among other health and social-economic issues.

• Why family clinic?

- A family or a community is the center where most health, social, legal, environmental and other problems emerge. This program was designed to help the family to discern and solve

such issues in a more localized manner.

Goal:

- To enable families/communities to clearly access critical information and generate local solutions to their problems.

In the Financial year 2022, a total of 38 Radio talk shows were carried out tackling a range of topics with the aim of solving societal problems and building broken families and communities.

Unlike the previous year when we focused mainly on health especially covid 19, this year we focused much on disease control and prevention, Domestic violence and reproductive health issues, financial literacy and empowerment for youth and women.



Namara Ruth and Auntie Oliver in Family Clinic Program discussing on how women should sustain their families.



Teacher Sunday B Sam for New Valley Primary in Family Clinic Program talking about how Domestic Violence affects children socially, spiritually, mentally and economically hence the need for couples to communicate and cooperate in marriage.



Teacher John Brother Karatunga, Namara Ruth Kaboga and Kitugutu talking about the rights and responsibilities of children in our family clinic radio talkshow



Lt: Steven Waddell, Patrick Murungi, Robert Olimi (sick and needs hip joint replacement), Friday LCI chairperson Katumba and the team in Family Clinic Radio program mobilizing funds to support Olimi's surgery

OUTCOMES:

- Registered a deduction in women and Children human rights violation.
- Reduced incidences to orphans and Children property grabbing.
- The number of clients or people accessing our services has increased.
- A good number of couples embroiled in conflicts and misunderstandings have been counseled and have seen peace in families.
- Many people have been able to be offered guidance and counselling on phone.
- Improved couple relationship at least by 60 percent
- Feedback and responses to people's have been done
- The feedback through phone calls gives us a direction to make strategies on how to solve community problems.

- Increased awareness and understanding of the community issues.
- Increased community participation.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Economic empowerment is one of the three (3) major pillars of our operations. During the COVID-19 pandemic era and its associated effects on human, economic, educational and health systems, combined with climate shocks, food crises and confusion, set back progress made towards gender equality were this exacerbated access to economic opportunities for women and girls especially those who were not involved in formal jobs.



Training of the youth in music, dance and drama .

In a bid to find a solution, PLANE embarked on training the youth to equip them with knowledge and skills on solving youth unemployment.

This year, we conducted 08 (eight youth conferences) on sexual reproductive health, financial literacy, setting up small income generating activities, farming , rabbit keeping, poultry as well as business knowledge so as to enable to bridge the knowledge and skills gap towards economic independence.



Training the youth in Kazingo in music and drama talent as an income generating project

2.0 RADIO DRAMA PROJECT:

The radio drama project has been on since 2013 and it has created impact on the mindset of the people in the Rwenzori region and Mid-Western.

PLANE started the idea of a drama group called **“BAHEMUKA”** literary meaning **“I’m ashamed!”**

The drama is aimed at creating awareness among the people on issues of Domestic Violence mitigation , Children and Women Rights Violation, HIV/AIDS, Family Planning, Conflicts and peace building, economic empowerment and service delivery among other issues of public concern that need urgent attention.

The drama group consisting of 25 characters rehearsals and records the skits in local languages (Rutooro & Runyankorre Rukiga) that are played on VOT 101 FM from Monday -Friday 6:00am-6:30am

The listeners are given an opportunity to interact and comment on the drama episode being aired hence promoting listeners’ participation and problem solving. A total of 7 (seven) plays were scripted and aired this year. The topics included but not limited to Domestic Violence, Children and Women Rights Violation, HIV/AIDS, Family Planning and manageable families, Conflicts and peace building, economic empowerment and service delivery and corruption ; mistreatment of the elderly persons; among other issues of public concern that need urgent attention.

This financial year 2022 in partnership we Rwenzori Anti-Corruption Coalition (RAC) we produced plays about **“Women Participation in Leadership and Monitoring of Government programs, human rights violations and referrals”**.

Our Bahemuka drama group also performed in outreaches in Kaswa trading center, Busoro Sub County, Kabarole district, Butebe trading center in North division Fort Portal city, Nyaika hotel in Central division during the Anti-Corruption week and Kakinga trading center in Rwimi Town council, Bunyangabu district.

These plays were aimed at sensitizing the communities their role in monitoring government programs and encouraging women to participate in leadership and monitoring roles so as to have better service delivery.



Our Bahemuka drama performing in Kaswa Trading center Busoro sub county about the effect of domestic violence on the family.



Our Bahemuka Drama Group in auditioning in VOT studios.



Bahemuka drama group performing in Butebe trading center focusing on women engaging in leadership and monitoring government programs

Pictorial of BAHEMUKA Drama Group auditioning.

OUTCOMES:

- Our engagement with listeners has increased.
- The number of the listeners increased. Every day we receive new members.
- Increased areas of reach in the region.
- Increased number of people and satisfied users testifying how the drama touches and transforms them.
- Promoted co-existence in communities hence reduction of Family conflicts and violence.
- cases of Domestic Violence reduced and this is according the number of callers testifying
- The number of people seeking for information and referrals has also increased.
- .During our outreaches a good number of students and community members appreciate our services.
- Community members and students say they listen and learn a lot from the drama.
- People empowered to demand their services.
- Increased number of people interested to join our BAHEMUKA drama group.

3.0 SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS EDUCATION

PLANE started this program of Sexual Reproductive Health Rights Education after realizing that many children in school were dropping out, engaging in early pregnancies and forced into teenage marriages by their parents and relatives. Under this program PLANE in partnership with Voice

of Tooro 101 fm organized conferences for the youth to sensitize them on topics of career guidance; Sexual Reproductive Health Rights; Financial Literacy and IT tools and how to use the Social media profitably. These conferences are always organized in the holidays with the aim of attracting a good number of youth both in school and out of school.



Adolescents Sexual Education Talk in Ilbonde ,Karago Town Council



A voice for the voiceless adolescents. PLANE offers a platform to the adolescents to air out their concerns for leaders to respond.



Youth in grouped to discuss issues of teenage pregnancy and home income generating projects



Tom a youth says he's grateful to PLANE for reaching out them and giving them a platform to discuss issues that affect them. He's disappointed with leaders who after getting votes they never return to talk about their issues including unemployment and access to soft loans



The youth conference of Sexual reproductive health and behavioural change held in Mukubo, Central division, Fort Portal Tourism City. Youth were happy to have such educative talk and requested for more every holiday.

3.1 OUR EVERY HOUR MATTERS CAMPAIGN PROJECT:



Kamengo Secondary School Students Proud of hearing about Every Hour Matters Campaign, the access and availability of the services at some health facilities for the first time. We didn't know about PEP&Emergency Pills.

EVERY HOUR MATTERS CAMPAIGN YOUTH EQUIP WITH DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLATFORM for the NEEDY (PLANE) started the implementation of the Every Hour Matters Campaign. In this campaign, PLANE equips the youth with skills to access post-rape care at health facilities. This, in line with the Every Hour Matters campaign that aims at increasing awareness about the critical importance of quickly accessing post rape care. The campaign calls for national and community leaders to ensure comprehensive services are available in all communities. PLANE observes that most youth lack access to information about reproductive health. There is need for youths to prioritize the every hour matters campaign to access post rape care services like PEP and Emergency pills at the nearest health facility to prevent HIV and unwanted pregnancies. Today millions of people including girls and adolescents in Uganda are subjected to sexual violence by friends, relatives or members of the community. This vice exposes them to risks of acquiring HIV and unwanted pregnancies. This, if not controlled, ruins their future. Despite the high rates of rape and defilement, many adolescents

are not aware that survivors of sexual violence have only 72 hours to receive post exposure prophylaxis (PEP) to prevent HIV/AIDS. The female survivors have 120 hours to receive emergency contraception (EC) to prevent pregnancy. PLANE conducted education trainings in schools to create awareness on access to PEP and emergency pills in case of rape and defilement.



Ruyonga Enock a youth engaging the youth to be innovative at the youth conference held at Kyebambe Model Primary School in Fort Portal City



Maliam our legal and Advocacy Officer talking to students about referrals in case of sexual abuses and domestic violence



Mr. Kusiima Director of studies Kamengo Secondary and Steven Director PLANE addressing students of PEP and emergency pills and accessibility.



We are happy to have PLANE educate us about PEP and Emergency Pills. We didn't know about them. Every Hour Matters should scale down to villages

LESSONS LEARNT:

Kebirungi Harriet a youth from Buheesi said that the training helped her to understand the availability of the services at health facilities. She further advised fellow girls to stick to their goals, listen to their parents and avoid peer groups that may spoil their future. Ruyonga Enock a resident of Kiyombya and the head prefect Kahinju secondary school said he was motivated by the training, learnt how to identify himself with the family back ground and become innovative.

According to violence against children surveys, (VSCS) led by CDC globally, 25% of girl's first sexual intercourse was physically forced or coerced, and the majority of cases happened before the age of 16.

LESSONS LEARNT:

- Increased knowledge on the access of PEP and Emergency Pills for post rape care
- Increased knowledge on sexual reproductive health
- Increased knowledge on protected sex
- Reduced cases of early pregnancies.
- Reduced cases of school dropout in schools
- Improvement of students/pupils' responsibilities
- Peer-to Peer Health groups formed
- Improved academic performance and decision making.
- Teachers have started sexual education sessions at least once a week
- Improved identification of issues to discuss on during the education health conferences.



Steven Waddell PLANE Director assures the students that this program of Every Hour Matters will be rolled out in all schools once we get funds.

CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED IN THE FIELD

- Many students revealed they have never heard of PEP and availability of these services.
- Many said they fear to talk to their teachers on issues of sexual education and Reproductive rights
- Students disclosed that most teachers have no time to attend to students' issues especially reproductive health issues. Their focus is on academics.
- Some teachers shy away to talk to students about issues of reproductive health.
- Teachers revealed that students value information from external educators than their teachers.
- Students noted that parents don't talk to them about sexual reproductive health.
- Career guidance education is required in schools to prepare the students.



We Didn't Know About Every Hour Matters! Thanks to PLANE. We now understand what to do



3.2 OUR DREAMS PROJECT: Teenage Pregnancies; Early Marriages A Nightmare

In our Dreams Project; PLANE came up with the idea of writing poems on teenage pregnancies and early marriages following a rise in the cases of teenage pregnancies and early marriages during the Covid 19 pandemic.

We partnered with Dr. Elizabeth a writer based in the Netherlands.

The books were to be distributed to the schools both primary and secondary to enable them read and understand the problem and how to prevent and avoid the vices that affected their education and their future life.

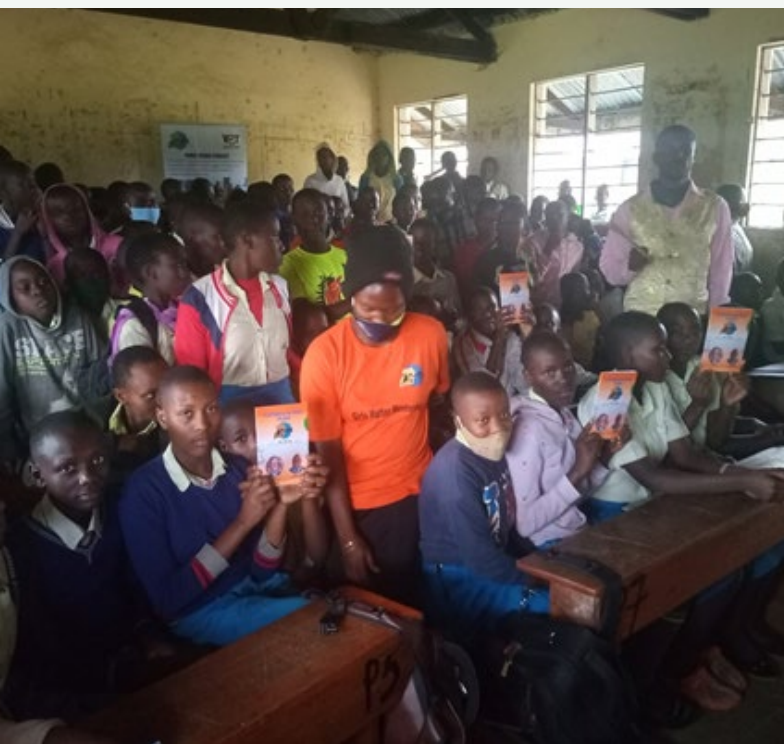
Our goal was that we wanted everyone in Uganda who is concerned about the issues of teenage pregnancy and child brides to know that their concern is understood and addressed.

Girls deserve a childhood, an education, and a long life of freedom.

The writing is enjoyable and important because when we reach out to help there is a cascade of positivity. Writing poems is our way to share the modest wisdom we have.

PLANE hopes to spread the message and transform the communities. It is not someone's fault for having a difficult life but a simple thing like a poem or education can change a life and a whole community. To our children and youth... We're so excited for you to explore this booklet and experience the way that poetry can make a difference in your life. We

truly hoped that this would encourage them to take responsibility for their own life and those around them. We hoped that it would encourage them to make the best decision for themselves. Reading this booklet would hopefully open their eyes and give them some perspective around adolescent sexual practices, teenage pregnancy and early marriage. It would show them that their life has far more potential and that they focus on their health and school... they would have a strong and successful future.



Our team at Bagaya Primary School Kicwamba sub county for Our Dreams Project



Our team at St. Stephen's Wisdom School Kicwamba sub county for Our Dreams Project

OUTCOME:

- Reduced cases of teenage pregnancies and early marriages
- Equipped the students and children with the information to understand the problem and take right decisions.
- Improvement of teachers in handling and responding to the students issues.
- Teachers got the skills of handling and integrating education in their teaching.
- Teachers helped with teaching/learning materials on prevention of teenage and early marriages.
- Teachers and children acknowledged the problem and its solutions.
- Improved relationship and coordination between PLANE and the partner schools

OUTCOMES:

- Increased knowledge of the financial literacy skills
- Increased knowledge on sexual reproductive health
- Increased knowledge on protected sex
- Reduced cases of early pregnancies.
- Reduced cases of school dropout in schools
- Improvement of students/pupils' responsibilities
- Peer-to Peer Health groups formed that is to say Whatsapp group
- Improved academic performance and decision making.
- Teachers have started sexual education sessions every Friday
- Improved identification of issues to discuss on every holiday.

CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED IN THE FIELD

- Many students revealed they fear to talk to their teachers on issues of sexual education and Reproductive rights
- Most teachers have no time to attend to students' issues especially reproductive health issues. Their focus is on academics.
- Some teachers shy away to talk to students about issues of reproductive health.

- Students revealed parents don't talk to them about sexual reproductive health.
- Career guidance education is required in schools to prepare the students.

2.0 ORPHANS EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP:

Under this program of orphan education sponsorship, many vulnerable children approach our office requesting for assistance to be included on the program.

Over 200 needy children and orphans have approached our office seeking for support and to be included on the program.

But because of lack of funding out of this number, PLANE was able to sponsor 105 children providing them with scholastic materials such as exercise books, pens, pencils, soap, bags, uniforms and tuition/fees and other personal requirements to enable them access quality education

2.1 COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROJECT:

Community Education Project was initiated after Peato Wangweera 17-years old high school student in Massachusetts; USA but a citizen of Thailand picked interest to support the vulnerable children in Uganda.

Peato is passionate about volunteering and he decided to volunteer at PLATFORM for the NEEDY (PLANE) as a software Developer where he assisted many local Community Based Organizations to create websites for them.

Being generous about the underprivileged children; Peato started a fundraiser on GoFundMe to raise funds worth \$15, 000 to help 200 needy Ugandan children who were detrimentally affected by the Covid 19 pandemic hindering their access to education. But only \$1750 was collected. Many children suffered after their parents went unemployed during Covid-19.

While some were sleeping on a single meal, the majority were unable to go back to school when the government reopened educational facilities

on January 10, 2022. Despite the government commitment to open schools, many vulnerable children were unable to go back to school since most lacked educational materials and other basic needs. This is mainly due to closure of business and the lock-down where most parents and guardian before the lock-down survived on subsistence means. The advent of the lock down worsened their economic situation and this will take time to recover from such a situation. Worse, the present prices for commodities have increased making it extremely difficult for families of these children to meet the basic needs.

Luckily, Peato set the fund-raising campaign with the hope to attract support to the needy children by providing them with educational materials, including exercise books, pens, pencils, soap, jelly, uniforms, shoes, food and tuition/fees.

Peato was later joined by his loving mother Anna Boonteang who mobilized donations and support from good Samaritans and well-wishers from her community in Thailand to help Peato and PLANE fulfill the children's dreams to have a brighter future that is fully empowered.



Moses Bright a guardian to one of the beneficiaries appreciating PLANE and Peato for the support dedicated at furthering children education in Kabarole District



Dr. Fr. Pascal Kabura board of trustee poses in a photo with beneficiaries after receiving donations



Dr. Pascal Kabura our board member hands over scholastic materials to the beneficiary . He appreciates PLANE and her volunteers for the great work done to provide education to vulnerable Ugandans .



Rev. Sarah Kakyó hands over scholastic materials to children and thanks volunteers for the passion extended to the needy.

2.2. AIM OF THE CAMPAIGN:

- To support the 200 most vulnerable children to access educational support (scholastic materials that include books, pens, pencils, soap, uniform, bags and fees/tuition) to further their education in nurseries, primaries, secondary and vocational schools.
- To promote improved stay in schools and access to education amongst the vulnerable children.



PLANE staff sorting out education materials ready for distribution to the children

2.3 PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- Identification of more project beneficiaries from the community targeting the most needy children to benefit from this Community Education Project
- Mobilize resources and fundraise to raise \$15,000 to support 200 needy children
- Distribute scholastic materials and fees to 200 children
- Continue orientation of the parents and guardians about the project, the sponsors and their continued support of their children.
- Visit the benefiting children in their homes and have their stories.
- Hold meetings with the sponsors to brief them about the progress of the project
- To meet and request the sponsor Peato and madam Varanya Boontang to be our Ambassadors in Thailand to always mobilize resources and fundraise for the needy children

for the sustainability of this project.

- To prepare and share the report with the sponsor and other stakeholders.
- Provide video documentary of the beneficiaries talking about the project impact.
- Monitor the learning and performance of the beneficiaries in schools
- Provide the funders with accountabilities.



Moms & their daughters exciting after receiving educational materials. Appreciates PLANE and Thailand Community for the support offered to them.

2.4. PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

- PLANE registered 127 most needy children to benefit under this Community Education Support project. But the first phase only 68 children benefited because the resources were not enough.
- Received funds from Peato and Anna Varanya Boontang to support the children under this project.
- We received \$1955 from Peato and his mom Boontang and we spent \$ 1886 on the purchase of scholastic materials and fees to children.
- Held a meeting with Peato and Boontang requested them to be our Ambassadors in Thailand and they humbly accepted to continue supporting the organization.
- Purchased the goodies and distributed them to the beneficiaries on Friday 19th August December at St.Peter & Paul's Primary school Virika Fort Portal tourism city
- Produced Reports and accountabilities and submitted to funders.
- Videos of beneficiaries' talking about the project were produced and submitted to the funders.

LESSONS LEARNT

- Small contributions to vulnerable children can be appreciated and can be a turning point in improving the lives of vulnerable children and their care takers/Parents.
- Some disaster can be detrimental to the economy affecting especially the neediest communities, their livelihoods and access to social services.
- Working with the local leaders to identify the most vulnerable children to benefit reduces bias especially where the selection criteria is well known to the leaders and community members.

2.4 CHALLENGES

- Out of the 200 children we had target only 58 benefited.
- Our targeted goal \$15000 wasn't yet realised to enable 200 children access scholastic materials at ago. Fortunately, the fund-raising

campaign is still ongoing.

- Overwhelming number of children who come to our office seeking for assistance.
- Overwhelming number of teenage mothers due to COVID-19 in need of rehabilitation and support with income generating projects.
- The number of needy children has since increased to 127 including those in secondary and vocation training institutions.

4.0 FUTURE PLAN:

- We plan to meet Peato and Mom Varanya to discuss on how to recruit volunteers and Ambassadors to help her establish a permanent network of Thailand PLANE Ambassadors/ volunteers for the sustainability of the project
- Plan to invite Peato; his mom and their community members to come and visit Uganda; interact with the project beneficiaries to discover for themselves the problems facing the children in Uganda.
- Want to expand our partnerships with Thailand and USA communities and other countries.
- We plan to visit Thailand to see and interact with Peato; madam Varanya and her community that is supporting this project to get the opportunity to explain to them PLANE mission and programs and also appreciate them for the amazing work done of supporting the children in Uganda.

5.0 CONCLUSION

By and Large, the initial phase of the project was successful, appreciated by both parents/guardian and the local leaders. With intensified resource mobilization, PLANE hopes to scale up the number of beneficiaries and also sustain support for quite some time.

OUTCOMES:

- Improved Stress reduction on the guardians.
- A strategy to the kids' bright future.
- Reduced on school dropout rate.
- Restoration of hope to underprivileged children.
- Improved relationship, coordination between PLANE, children and their guardians.

5. YOUNG MOTHERS EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

Under this program of the Young Mothers Empowerment Program (YMEP) PLANE mobilizes the Teenage mothers in groups and equips them with knowledge and skills on income generating projects, Savings and Credit skills , nutrition of their children and Reproductive Health issues like Family Planning and Manageable families.

During this F/Y 2022 PLANE conducted two trainings on Financial literacy ; Savings and Credit, good home sanitation, nutrition of children ; urban farming and engagement in income generating activities to increase on their household home income.

We didn't have any fund to help in skilling the teenager out of school.



Training of youth in savings and credit and music, dance and drama as an income generating activity. These trainings were carried for two weeks in Bukuuku, North division, Fort Portal Tourism City.

6. CHARITABLE PROJECT

PLANE as a charity organization we have been conducting charitable fundraising events to raise funds to help the vulnerable people with complex illness.

In the year 2022 we organized a campaign and raised funds to help Tugume Joseph of Kinyankende , Mugusu sub county Kabarole district. Joseph aged 25 had eye complication and needed Three Million Five Hundred Thousand shillings only (3.5m). In partnership with Voice of Toro 101 FM we launched a fundraiser to mobilize the people on radio and managed to collect 1.8m and he was operated in Mbarara Ruharo eye hospital. He was successfully operated and he is now feeling fine.



PLANE director, Ategeka Bernard and relatives at the thanksgiving ceremony at Aunt's home appreciating PLANE for mobilization.

PLANE also took part in the fundraising for Fort Portal councilor Hon. Bernard Ategeka a resident of Katumba , Kacwamba ward , Central division.

Bernard needed Sixty five million shillings (sh65m) for HIPS replacement at Kumi Orthopedic hospital. We used the radio to mobilize resources through our Family Clinic Radio program that runs every Monday 10:00pm-1:00am. We also secured airtime in the morning and mid-morning programs on VOT to mobilize the people for support. Bernard has the most successful operation on both legs .He invited PLANE for a thanks giving ceremony at his aunties place in Katumba.



PLANE Director Steven Waddell hosting Bernard Ategeka thanking the people for the support they gave him. The surgery was successfully done and he can now walk.

We also fundraised Patrick Muhumuza of Busoro who required three million shillings for the construction of a pit latrine and a kitchen. Patrick is blind and he lost his sight when four years due to measles.



Patrick Muhumuza who needed funds for construction of a pit latrine and kitchen.

OUTCOME:

- Increased number of patients with complex illnesses seeking our charity campaigns
- People's hope has been restored after getting treatment
- Improved treatment
- Improved care for vulnerable persons
- People/communities have learnt to solve their problems by contributing to those with complex diseases.
- Improved on mobilization skills.
- Improved confidence in our services.

WHAT OUR VOLUNTEERS SAY!



Habib Anush is our UAE Ambassador and Coordinates Volunteers

In PLANE Uganda organization, I'm currently a volunteer recruiter and UAE Ambassador. I started working with the organization as a STEM teacher to help increase knowledge and opportunities for those in need. Now at my current capacity I recruit volunteers, guide them on their journey in this organization, help carry out fundraiser's to raise awareness and financial help for those in need in Uganda. I help expand the base of operations by increasing the number of volunteers working towards the noble cause of helping the needy, and more. I intend to continue raising awareness of the issues that prevail in Uganda and gathering funds and increasing the number of volunteers that can do the same which will make a difference in tackling those issues.



Gupta New York Ambassador PLANE

Through my research on organizations that were making a positive impact on the environment, I came across Platform For The Needy, a nonprofit organization focused on sustainable development and environmental conservation. As I delved deeper into their mission and goals, I was inspired by their dedication to creating a better and more sustainable future for all. Their focus on community-based solutions, capacity building, and empowerment of local people resonated deeply with me, and I decided to get involved in their cause. As someone who cares deeply about the environment, I created a GoFundMe campaign to raise awareness and funds for environmental conservation. I was able to raise \$1,000 and decided to donate the proceeds to Platform For The Needy to support their ongoing efforts towards sustainable development and environmental conservation. Moving forward, I plan to continue supporting Platform For The Needy by helping them partner with other nonprofits with similar goals and objectives. I also want to further educate people about environmental problems and the need

for sustainable development and conservation. By working together with like-minded organizations, we can make a significant impact and create a more sustainable and prosperous future for all.



Vyapti Shahani Subramani USA Ambassadorship Coordinator

Platform for the Needy is an exceptional organization that has given me a great opportunity to help Ugandans in need. I have found the work in the NGO to truly help the people at an individual level, making it extremely beneficial. The numerous programs on health and women's education are important in a society that lacks the proper schooling on a larger scale. PLANE is necessary organization whose work has been immeasurably helpful, and I am thankful to have been able to add to PLANE.

During my time here, I have monitored and updated PLANE's website to add images and writing to expand on the programs. I have created the organizations first online international donation system, allowing PLANE to collect international funds. I have also worked on organizing other volunteers to join PLANE. I will continue to fulfill my role as the Website Manager and will expand into fundraising in the future.

PLANE is a critical organization that has provided and continues to provide important resources to

help the vulnerable children and women in Uganda. Volunteers are key to PLANE's success, bringing assistance in all parts of the NGO, including fundraising, awareness, and technical aspects. As a current volunteer, I have found volunteering at PLANE to be fulfilling, valuable experience that truly helps those in need.



Rintaro Hirota Japan Volunteer & Ambassador

I first found this organization when my relative told me that there is a volunteer opportunity where I can help save people's lives. I joined PLANE as the Design Director and since then I've been creating posters so people around the world can be alert about the situation of the people in Uganda and know that they can do something to help. Also, I have made a fundraiser for orphans in Uganda so they can have the necessary materials for education. My future plan for the organization is to keep on volunteering and supporting the Uganda people for the next 3 years, and possibly continue even after I go to college.

PLANE is a great opportunity for you to use your own skills to help people in need, and the best thing about this is that you can contribute from far away. If you are interested in joining, please feel free to join us!



Jan Volunteer and Teacher from Netherlands

My name is Jan and I live in Amsterdam in the Netherlands, I am 18 years old and I've been a part of PLANE since September 2022. I've been given the privilege to help through the means of teaching young Ugandan adults about entrepreneurship and economics. I've been teaching through recorded videos online and have been setting the students questions to do. I've really loved helping PLANE so far as I think it is such a wonderful organization providing so much good to Ugandan's and the world. I am organizing a fundraising event to help PLANE raise money and awareness of their cause. I have found the organization of PLANE very strong and Mr Waddell has always helped me with anything I have needed and has always been very friendly to me.



***Gregorio Nazi Barcelona
(Mathematics Volunteer Teacher)***

Throughout the year of 2022 PLANE has given me an opportunity to teach underprivileged children in Uganda. The organization has been great at not only offering volunteering opportunities but also helping those in need. In the year of 2022 I worked as a math tutor teaching certain topics such as quadratics. For the year of 2023 I plan on continuing my work with PLANE Uganda through teaching other math topics to kids that are part of this program and also trying to bring in as many volunteers as possible to become a part of the PLANE community.

PEOPLE'S VOICES (TESTIMONIES)



Madam Kemigabo Catherine Senior District Health Educator Kabarole

I'm passionate about health issues and as a district health educator I look at health as crucial in life. I'm proud to be part of PLANE as a board member. There are many organizations but they don't reach out the intended groups of people. I am pleased to associate with such an organization that reaches the people in rural areas and tackling issues of Gender Based Violence, family planning, HIV/AIDS, nutrition among others.

PLANE's campaign of "Every Hour Matters" joining the global partners will help in reducing the high rate and prevalence of the teenage pregnancies and HIV infection.

Many of our girls have got pregnant and dropped out of school while young and others get infected with HIV but this campaign will prevent them from acquiring the infection since they can access the post rape services at our health facilities. We know that youth lack information and as district ad partners we shall continue to sensitize them so that they get the information. I appreciate PLANE for the initiative.



Abdullah Tusiime (middle) receives tuition from Steven Waddell PLANE director as his brother Francis witnesses.

Abdullah, "I've both my parents but my dad has sickly. Despite the sickness they are poor and can't raise money for the tuition. I struggled to get funds for my Ordinary level. Thank God that I passed all the science subjects and in second grade. I scored 33 aggregates but when the results came, my heart was filled with thoughts and prayed to God to create for me away. I was in Bahemuka drama as an actor and I approached the organization seeking for support and I go to a nursing school. But , it was not easy because they never had that much amount for the nursing course .

The director advised me to go for Advanced Level (high school) but still I had no hope of getting the fees. PLANE restored my hope when they offered me fees for my first term at Kahinju secondary school and pledged to continue helping me.

May the Almighty God bless PLANE and Peato and Mom for their support".



Jolly Kemigisa a youth from Nyabukara, Central division

Jolly, “As youth we have been neglected in terms of engagement in government programs. We also lack information because our leaders don’t come back in our villages to inform us and update of the developments. I would like to appreciate PLANE for bringing us together as youth to discuss our issues. It has given us a platform .I have learnt something new from PLANE that the youth can form groups and access government funds at low interest rate. Also I thank them for the sexual education health talk that empowers us as youth especially females to guard against the unwanted pregnancies. We have seen many girls suffer with children neglected by their purported boyfriends”.

Jacky, “There many cases of Domestic Violence in our families. Many girls have dropped out of school and gotten married because of the family violence. We thank PLANE for these educative programs but we appeal to you to scale these programs to the rural areas and all the sub counties, meet parents in churches so that the vice can be reduced. I’ve learnt a lot today and I promise to share it with my parents and sisters”.



Rose 14 from Boma

Rose, “My life has been totally changed. I now have the information about how to to prevent unwanted pregnancies and HIV. My friends got pregnant and are now out of school because they lacked information and parental care and guidance. Now that we’ve been empowered by PLANE, I think I’ll not go as I came. I ask my the adolescents to refrain from the bad peer groups, concentrate on their education and also embrace such good educative programs where we get opportunities to have organizations like PLANE reach us in our communities”.



Jacky Namara a youth.



Joyce Kobusinge

Joyce, “You’ve offered us a platform to air out our concerns. We appreciate you for these trainings and youth conferences where we get a chance to share different issues affecting us as adolescents. In our homes and schools parents and teachers do not talk to us about reproductive health. I’ve heard it for the first time and I’ll take heed of this advice. Thanks PLANE but I appeal to you to organize such conferences for our parents to discuss about their roles as responsibilities because it seems many are off track”.

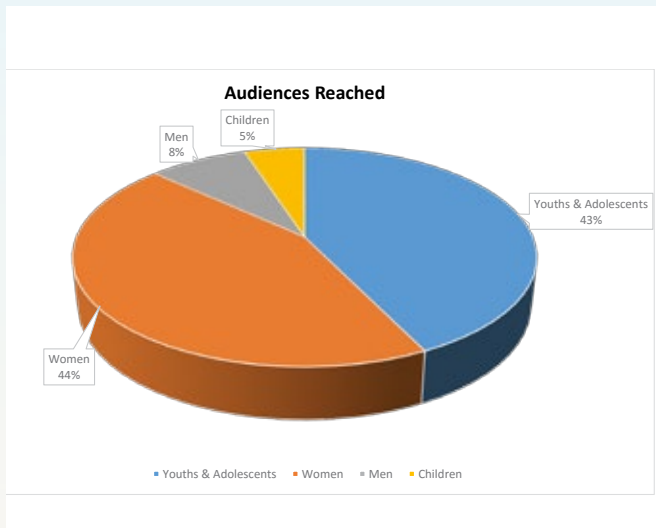


Joseph Kiiza a youth from Mbuzi

Joseph, “We hear many organizations in Kabarole and Fort Portal city but this is my first time to see an organization reach us and educate us of issues of health, income generating activities and SACCO formation. Thanks to PLANE for organizing this conference and I assure you that my life has been changed.

As youth, yes we need to form groups and participate in government programs but sometimes our efforts are hampered by government officials who ask for bribes. I need to know how such corrupt officials can be dealt with”.

PIE CHART DATA PROGRAMS:



NUMBERS AT A GLANCE:

	<i>Indirectly</i>	<i>Directly</i>
1. Family Clinic Radio Program	- 824, 4708	1,870
2. Bahemuka Drama	- 400,000	5,008
3. Gender Based Violence	- 5834	876
4. Education For Children	- 1,200	127
5. Environment Conservation	- 5875	800
6. Youth & Women Empowerment	- 7250	50
7. Health & Sanitation	- 187,000	2,500
8. Girls Math's Mentorship	- 3,000	80
9. Dreams	- 12,000	100

DATA

PLANE through her programs has been able to impact on 245 lives of people directly, 127 children and over 50, 000 indirectly through the civic education radio programs; drama; trainings; outreaches in schools and conferences for the year 2022. And we're hopeful and prayerful that God will help us reach more people and transform their mindset change and their lives directly and indirectly.

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR 2022:

- We have continued to partnership with National and local NGOs.
- Maintained the good working relationship with the Kabarole district and Fort Portal city.
- Provided scholastic materials and tuition to our children and we are glad one of our children is in S.6 doing PCB/M.
- Radio talks on Family Clinic and radio drama were conducted as scheduled. And the

audience has increased and a good number of panelists is joining us for the talkshows.

- Our generous and hardworking volunteers received awards for the amazing extra ordinary and excellent work done.
- The organization was able to register for online donation system with Flutterwave. We can now receive online donations. We extend our thanks to madam Vyapti Subra our Ambassadorship in USA who helped us to do the registration. We are now eligible to receive donations globally.
- Website domain www.platformforthenedy.org space was purchased and now it can accommodate more information.
- Madam Vyapti our volunteer/ambassador has continued to help us updating the website regularly and she has upgraded it.
- We have got a good number of volunteers to design social media posts and maintaining social media platforms
- Conducted onsite fundraising for three people with complex diseases. They needed funds to access treatment.

CHALLENGES:

- High expectations from the beneficiaries as many people want their children to study free without contributing.
- Limited funding to reach out the targeted audience in rural communities and implementation of our programs.
- Limited funds to facilitate the panelists for the Family Clinic Radio talk show every Monday.
- We haven't got a reliable partner to fund our program activities.
- We have failed to attract a sponsor for the Family Clinic Radio program and the drama.
- PLANE through voice of Tooro is getting an overwhelming number of people seeking support to fundraise for them to raise funds for treatment of the complex diseases such as heart diseases, kidney, cancer and eye diseases.

ORGANIZATION PLANNED ACTIVITIES 2023:

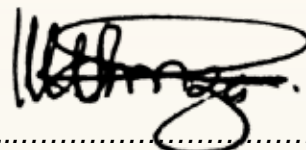
- School outreaches; PLANE plans to carry out school outreaches in both primary and secondary. We shall have sessions on health advocacy, and mental well-being and career guidance with young boys and girls in schools.
- We shall also educate them on the issue of teenage pregnancies and early marriages and Every Hour Matters Campaign.
- Start a Campaign dubbed Greening Uganda Schools. We shall plant trees in selected schools and educate them on the importance of conservation of environment hence mitigating the effects of climate change.
- Girl Leadership Trainings: We shall continue with youth conferences and trainings to transform the mindset of girls and boys through empowering them with hands on skills and information that enables them to lead, thrive and live violence free lives where they can ably exercise and have control over their lives.
- PLANE, this years wants to improve on social marketing since we have the international Brand Ambassadors and volunteers to attract more partners.
- Improve on the local resource mobilization to raise funds. Local fundraisings for the complex illnesses.
- Intensify on community dialogues and drama performance in rural communities.
- Continue with Proposal writing and lobbying for funding.
- PLANE shall continue supporting a manageable number of school going children with scholastic materials and fees whenever support is available.

APPRECIATION TO PARTNERS; STAKEHOLDERS & APPEAL

- Our appreciation go to our Board members, Board of Trustees and staff for the good work done voluntarily amidst financial challenges.
- Thanks to the work done by Dr.Fr. Pascal Kabura Adyeeri a board member for his support. He was present at the launching of the Education Community Project at St.Peter's and Paul Primary school.

- We also appreciate Rev. Sarah Kakyo Amooti Rwenzori diocese for her support and accepting to work with us the needy.
- Appreciation to Rwenzori Anti-Corruption Coalition (RAC) who gave us some little funds worth 2.3milliom Uganda shillings for drama in communities to empower women in leadership, monitor government projects and demand accountabilities and also fight the gender based violence in families .
- Our sincere attitude to all friends, partners, volunteers, ambassadors and stakeholders of PLATFORM for the NEEDED (PLANE). Your support & contributions have helped us to be visible in communities. Thanks a lot for the support.
- Special appreciations go to Voice of Tooro 101 FM for the partnership and the family of Peato Wangweera and Varanya Boontang for the support to the needy children.
- Together We Can Transform Communities.

“For God and My Country.”



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