

# JWII Newsletter



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## *From the Communications Team*

Dear members,

We trust that you are all well and staying safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is our first Newsletter since taking office, so we welcome any suggestions, constructive criticism and of course any news you would like us to include here.

The Executives of Jopadhola Wiloka International, Inc. (JWII) organized the virtual 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) which was held in July 2020, unlike the past AGMs, where we would meet face to face.

The AGM was productive; we had lively discussions mainly on

- 1) Early childhood education
- 2) Tree planting projects.

We also held a virtual fundraising drive which achieved significant pledges from the participants.

During the AGM, new JWII Executives and Board members were elected for a term of four years (2020-2024). We welcome you all and look forward to working with you throughout the duration of your term in office.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone (members and volunteers) who have given their time and resources towards achieving the JWII goals.

- Michael Cooper-Ochiengh (Lead),
  - Mary Bedeau,
  - Sam Bedeau
- The Communications Team

# Welcome Message from the President



You are most welcome to the Jopadhola Wiloka International Incorporated, (JWII's) 16th Annual General Meeting. Thank you all for joining us. It is unfortunate that we meet under the current circumstance of COVID-19.

This year brings an end to the current Executives 4-year tenure (2016-2020). Join us in thanking everyone who made a difference to JWII.ORG. We would not have come this far without you.

- 1) We continue with our commitment to improving Early Childhood Education. Based on new evidence and best practice we are no longer providing text books to Primary Schools. Our main focus now is working with the communities to build Early Childhood Education Centres, (see our pilot project on page 3).
- 2) We have created a new website and switched hosting provider.
- 3) First pilot project - Early Childhood Education Centre – underway.
- 4) Streamlined membership by removing non-performing office bearers, leaving us with a small but committed team.
- 5) Ongoing work in revising and amending the JWII Bylaws
- 6) Attracted and maintained membership and, tried to locate members who could act as representatives of their villages or sub counties in Padhola. (Please see the Map of Padhola on the last page, it represents a number of active members by District).

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## Meet the New executives and offices

<b>President</b>	Richard Ofwono
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Earl Christie
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Evah Ochiengh
<b>Treasurer</b>	Earl Christie
1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Treasurer	Deborah Christie
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Treasurer (Oversight Responsibility)	Anne Owere Okoth
<b>Early Childhood Education Coordinator</b>	Sammie Chasia
1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Childhood Education Coordinator	Lydia Odaga
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Childhood Education Coordinator	Martha Ochieng
<b>Secretary</b>	Paul Okumu
1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Secretary	Gracie Ochieng
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Secretary	Penina Mulindwa
<b>Communications Officer</b>	Michael Cooper Ochiengh
1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Communications Officer	Mary Bedeau
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Communications Officer	Samuel Bedeau
<b>Global Mobilisation Officer</b>	Michael Onyango
1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Global Mobilisation Officer	Peter Osinde
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Global Mobilisation Officer	Lydia Odaga
3 <sup>rd</sup> Assistant Global Mobilisation Officer	Patrick Opendi
<b>Chief Fundraising Officer</b>	Deborah Christie
1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Fundraising Officer	Andrew Okoth
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Fundraising Officer	Peter Osinde
3 <sup>rd</sup> Assistant Chief Fundraising Officer	Sheila Magara

# Early Childhood Education Centre

*1st Pilot project underway – Construction of a building consisting of three classrooms and the headteacher’s office*



***“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” – Nelson Mandela***

## **Current and Planned Initiatives**

- 1) Windows and doors have been ordered with a view to install as soon as they are ready.
- 2) The next phase would be the construction of the kitchen, a dining area and toilets.
- 3) Furnishing and equipping of the classrooms and office.
- 4) Fencing.
- 5) Electrical wiring/installing solar panels.

In the beginning, our goal was to improve primary School education by providing text books. After several years, we found that the results have not improved. So our focus has now shifted to creating Early Childhood Education Centres which will provide three (3) years of foundation learning that will not only prepare young children for primary school curriculum, but also instill in them positive attitudes towards learning. This is our first pilot project. The structure consists of 4 rooms of which 3 will be classrooms and one the Head Teacher’s office.

The construction of the Early Childhood Education Center above is in Kidera village, Rubongi Subcounty. It is collaboration between the community and JWII. The community of Kidera donated land, built the foundation and walls of the 4-room school block. JWII provided funds for roofing materials and labour.

The Early Childhood Education Center in Kidera village expects to open in January 2021. The expected intake is 120 pupils, comprising 3, 4, and 5-year old children. The date will be determined based on when most primary schools open in Uganda.

JWII's long-term vision is to have numerous Early Childhood Education centers dotted all over Padhola.

***If you would like to make any donations towards any of the above please do so on the JWII website – <https://jwii.org/>***

## Meet Our Social Media Heroes!



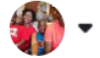
### Early childhood education, Padhola, Uganda

Fundraiser for Jopadhola Wiloka International Inc by Richard Ofwono · 🌐

Donate

Share

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✔ This fundraiser has ended  
Thanks to everyone who donated!

#### Fundraiser Ended

\$312 raised of \$500 ⓘ



You, Deborah Christie and 6 others donated.

#### Fundraiser Progress

This fundraiser raised \$312, and reached 62% of the goal. You're on your way!

<b>8</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>4</b>
donated	invited	shared



### Early childhood education in Uganda

Fundraiser for Deborah Christie · 🌐

Donate

Share

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✔ This fundraiser has ended  
Thanks to everyone who donated!

#### Fundraiser Ended

\$1,862 raised of \$2,500 ⓘ



You, Connie Ofwono and 35 others donated.

#### Fundraiser Progress

<b>37</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>16</b>
donated	invited	shared

Huge congratulations to our executives: President Richard Ofwono and our Treasurer Deborah Christie who have used social media to fundraise for campaigns within early childhood education in Padhola.

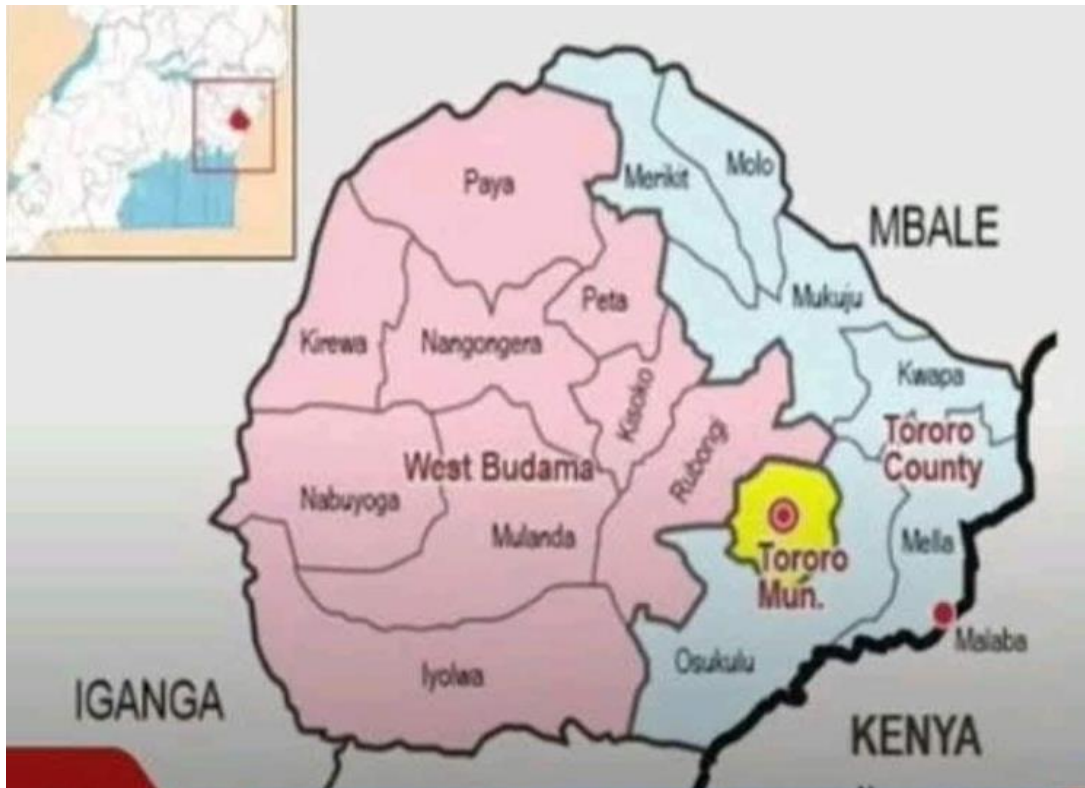
Be encouraged, sharing a post, making a campaign online can have an unimaginable reach! The possibilities are endless and now in a society where social media is at the forefront of our everyday lives, JWII can be spread through these new digital avenues.

Is your birthday coming up? Please consider asking your facebook friends/connections to give to JWII.org instead, no amount is too small.

## Other fundraising Endeavours

Thank you to all members and friends who pledged to give (or have) given generous amounts towards purchasing of furniture, windows and doors.

**Map of Padhola.**



TORORO	NAGONGERA	KWAPA
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**Areas of improvement:**

- Team work – There seems to be a lack of trust from some members. Some people maligning the name of JWII and the work that we do (without getting firsthand information or verifying their information directly with the JWII Executives).
- Fundraising initiatives and drives – Commitment to pay annual membership of \$120 either as a lump sum or monthly \$10. Also, take up the opportunity to fundraise using other avenues e.g. via Facebook (some members are already doing this and have been very successful), GoFundMe etc.
- Maintenance of website - Need to hire professional web developer to give the website professional look and updates.
- Better outreach to mobilise more members and retain members.

**Thank You!**