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THE SOMERO SHADE

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The Somero shade has become a wider space for out of class activities that have fostered interaction and learning among the Home based schooling and I.T student beneficiaries of Somero Uganda, as well as with the community.

Introduction

Somero Uganda in the first half of the year 2013 was solely engaged in activities geared towards boosting learning among the vulnerable girls and young women living in the slums of Kawempe division, Kampala district. Being a grass root organization with emphasis on girl child education, several developments were aimed at, so as to achieve the goal to provide an environment supportive to effective learning and the attainment of an educational goal by the vulnerable girls and young women living in the Kawempe slums.

The Somero shade.

The new shade area is one of the achievements of Somero Uganda in the month of June. The need to create wider space for the expectantly growing numbers of vulnerable girls and young women who joined Somero, bore the idea of roofing the former open space to make a shade. Besides, the shade has become an asset to the Somero team as it cuts down on expenses of renting tents to shelter visitors on some occasions.

The community's support and positive response towards the effort made by Somero Uganda and their partners in the struggle to change the fate of the most endangered sex in the society, a woman, motivated the Somero team to propose development plans that would eventually change the face of Somero Uganda, the quality of the services offered to the girls and young women who are beneficiaries of Somero Uganda, as well as the local community.

We now have a fully supportive environment to learning, knowing that space had never been enough for the organization; maximum utilization of the available space was done and a shade created with the help of de. Wereldwinkel Kerkrade. Somero Uganda can now host small gatherings of about 100 people which is so far so good news to the Somero team. We are now sure that learning has been boosted by this move as we expect to hold bigger educational booster meetings for the students in and around the community of Kawempe slums, with reduced costs incurred for venues.

The shade from the entrance to Somero (Right), and from the opposite side, (left and below).



An extension of the wall was done, metal poles fixed to support the roof that joins to the former building. The former ragged state of this particular space, limited Somero Uganda from fully utilizing the space. Besides, it was not possible to sit outside when either it was raining or very hot. This new shade has therefore become very important to Somero Uganda not only as an open class for bigger groups of learners, but also as one of the ways to realize the dream to make learning more interesting to the girls and the young women beneficiaries of Somero Uganda.

The new shade area has become a relaxing and learning space for larger groups of the girls and young women beneficiaries at Somero Uganda.



The shade is now a place for out of class recreational activities like creative dancing, discussion and interaction space for both the home based schooling program and Information Technology students at Somero Uganda.

The girls and the young women utilize the shade for entertainment, and dances.



Somero Uganda also believes that this shade is a life time investment to the organization as it has reduced on expenses of renting tents for some of the organization’s functions. It was therefore so fortunate to have the shade structure in place, since it also served as the venue for the Somero girls’ graduation ceremony held in the month of June.

It was the venue for the Somero girls' I.T graduation on the 15th of June 2013



Two office desks were also made, a front desk for the Somero Uganda reception space and another office table was also delivered, which has reduced on the congestion within the office. The Somero team now enjoys a wide office space besides the beauty created at the reception area. Thank you Wereldwinkel Kerkrade for funding to enable Somero Uganda improve on her office environment so as to fully be able to educate the vulnerable girls and young women living in and around the slums of Kawempe division, Kampala district.

The front desk at the reception made with funding from Wereldwinkel Kerkrade.



Somero is proud of your dedication to support the lives of the girls and vulnerable young women in the community of Kawempe, You have not only made it possible for these vulnerable girls and young women to realize their educational dreams to new livelihoods, but also empowered the Somero Uganda team to encourage them to walk through their open doors to a new future that you have blessed their lives with.

The other office table provided, courtesy of Wereldwinkel Kerkrade



Somero Uganda cannot thank you enough but wishes you abundant blessings, we are grateful for your choice to bless the lives of other people. God bless you.