

# British Charity Feeds Kampala's Street Children On Christmas Eve



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"Are we going to die of hunger instead of coronavirus?" A very real question street children and homeless youth of Uganda are asking themselves. They may not be among the most vulnerable to falling ill from the virus, but they are at unprecedented risk of undernutrition and malnutrition, leaving them increasingly vulnerable to health complications, and even death. Access to adequate, nutritious food has become a scarce luxury for them – yet it is a fundamental human right; something that the governments has a legal obligation to protect and promote, especially during times of a pandemic.

On Christmas Eve, Mehiel Foundation, a small charity based in the UK managed to feed nearly 300 of Kampala's (Uganda) street children.

The day started with a counselling session where the children were encouraged to share their emotional stories as well as their aspirations and dreams. Some want to return to their home counties around Uganda, others have hopes of one day starting their own business and some are eager to enrol in vocational courses in order to leave the streets and settle down.

Mehiel Foundation, which runs a training institute in the Wakiso District offered to support all interested children with free education.

Lawrence Patrick, the charity's founder commented: "The availability of food in a quantity and quality that is sufficient to meet the dietary needs of individuals should be a given, not a luxury and we as humanity are failing these children every day."

Let's all join hands and do our part to help street children get off the streets. A simple solution which Mehiel Foundation is aiming to implement is to educate and train them in life skills as well as providing the necessary resources which would encourage them to start a new chapter in their life.

Mehiel Foundation is a small charitable organisation based in Oxfordshire, UK, founded in 2010 which has undertaken over 30 projects in 14 countries around the world. Its primary aim is to tackle the underlying causes of poverty and social injustice, in order to deliver lasting change in the lives of underprivileged and vulnerable people.

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