

# Advocacy & Awareness: Project Bumwalukani, Uganda

## Orphans & Vulnerable Children Program

**Overview:** With an HIV epidemic within the top ten highest prevalence rates in the world, and a fragmented healthcare system, a complex health situation exists in Uganda. Many cannot travel to clinics to receive the healthcare they need, causing many treatable situations to worsen. Within the Bududa district, children who are HIV positive and have lost one or more parents are considered for the OVC Program. Each child in the program receives mentorship and guidance from a guardian, who will link the family to FIMRC staff, ensuring the child is well taken care of. The guardian also receives HIV training to understand and communicate the important steps to staying healthy. Children also participate in activities to learn about health topics, bond with other children in the program, and simply to enjoy being a kid.



### Discussion Questions:

1. How does structuring a healthcare system affect the health care itself?
2. What are benefits and challenges to the health care provided in your local community?
3. Where are areas of improvement in preventative medicine that could impact your local community's health?

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