

# WIU NEWSLETTER

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Dear Reader,

Hope you are staying Healthy. Welcome to the second edition of the Windle International Uganda (WIU) internal newsletter.

Happy Reading, Stay Safe, Stay Healthy!

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# Highlights of October

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## New Project Highlight: **Upgrading Teachers Capacities**



## New partnership Agreement

In October, Windle International Uganda (WIU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Islamic University in Uganda. The MOU is intended to guide management of an upgrading program for 45 teachers in Rhino Camp Refugee Settlement



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## Scholarship Highlights

### DAFI Highlight:

During the month, 228 continuing students (80 F & M 148) resumed their physical studies after re-opening while 107 are expected to graduate before the end of the year 2021.

New scholars were enrolled after concluding the interview process in all refugee settlements and Kampala where 60 new students (F 27 & M 33) have been enrolled at different institutions of higher Learning within the country.



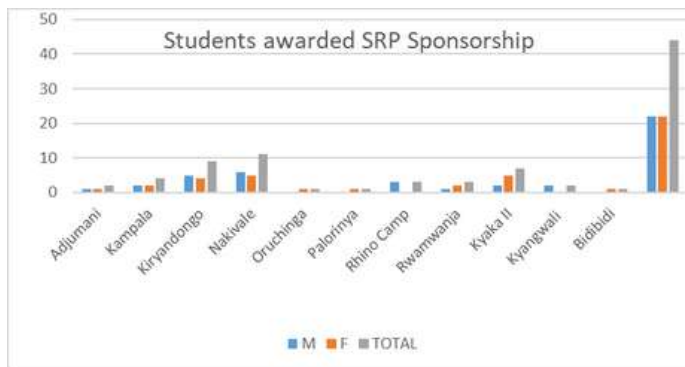
Joint Team Meeting with Bugema University Vice Chancellor

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## SRP Highlight:

Out of 92 students who were interviewed between July - August for 2022/2023 academic year, 44 (F22&M22) have been offered sponsorship opportunity in Canada. The students will be subjected to immigration Interviews and other pre-departure activities. This consist of 31 students to be placed in English and 13 for French institutions in Canada.

In the coming weeks, the selected students will be oriented on Immigration application procedures and international language tests, which are part of the processes involved before departure to Canada.



Location	M	F	T
Adjumani	1	1	2
Kampala	2	2	4
Kiryandongo	5	4	9
Nakivale	6	5	11
Oruchinga	0	1	1
Palorinya	0	1	1
Rhino Camp	3	0	3
Rwamwanja	1	2	3
Kyaka II	2	5	7
Kyangwali	2	0	2
Bidibidi	0	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>44</b>

## Auxiliary Department

### Skills For Employment Project (SEP)

With funding from European Union (EU Trust Fund), Windle International is implementing a two-year Skills for Employment Project' in 3 districts of Obongi, Yumbe, and Koboko in West Nile region.

The action aims at increasing access to sustainable employment opportunities for nationals and refugee youth in West Nile. It is anticipated that by the end of the two years, the action will achieve the following objectives;

- I. To select 1000 youth and young women and enrol for formal vocational skills training
- II. To train 1000 refugee and host community youth and young women on informal skills-based training
- III. Equip 1000 refugee and host community youth and young women with entrepreneurial skills and start up kits to start gainful self-employment.

The project anticipates that by end of two years at least 1000 youth, young women and their families will be productive using the acquired relevant skills to generate income for self-reliance and economic emancipation.

The beneficiaries are being trained in trades that were found highly marketable in the target area including Electrical/solar wiring and Maintenance, cosmetology, craft making (hand Crafts, hand bags, shoes, etc.), Electronics and phone repair, fashion and design. The project has been conducting practical training for the enrolled beneficiaries (youth and young women) in the above courses.

### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS THIS MONTH

Following the presidential directives to reopen the tertiary institutions by 1st of November, the SEP training resumed on the 1st November with registration of trainees on first day, in preparation to kick start the training.

The two cohorts are attending the training using double shift system to catch up with the lost time and content.

The turn up for the training was more than 50%, the figure will improve as time goes by with continuous mobilization. Currently a total of 698(M315, F383) trainees are attending the training, with a gap of 302 trainees to meet a target of 1000 trainees.

A total of 500 WIU/EU branded T-shirts have been distributed to 500 trainees after verification. This will increase safety and visibility of WIU in the community. Besides this, the items have created confidence and smartness among the learners

In compliance to COVID-19 SOPs, all the 9 training centres across the three districts were supplied with SOP items like hand washing facilities, temperature monitoring guns and the Face masks. For instance, 158 Facemasks have been distributed to 158 trainees in Koboko (M73 and F85) while others will receive upon proper verification and confirmation.

The practical training is already in progress in all the nine (9) training centres in various trades such as fashion and design, tailoring, solar and electrical handing etc., as given by the pictorial illustrations below;





Tailoring trainees learning how to take measurements at Palorinya Primary School



Learners for Tailoring in for practical class work at Millenium College during field visit



Electrical and Solar Wiring SEP Trainees during the site visit in Obongi town to test skills gained from class



SEP Project Coordinator interacting with Deaf Learners for Craft Making at St. Paul COU during field visit

# Communications Department

In October, WIU had a successful alumni webinar as part of the celebrations for 25 years. This involved an alumnus from Windle International Kenya, Windle Trust International (South Sudan) and Windle International Uganda who are located all over the world.

The webinar was targeted for all Windle beneficiaries at university level, the alumni were sharing tips on how to transition into the employment world after university as well as tips on how to be memorable at the work place to add value to themselves.

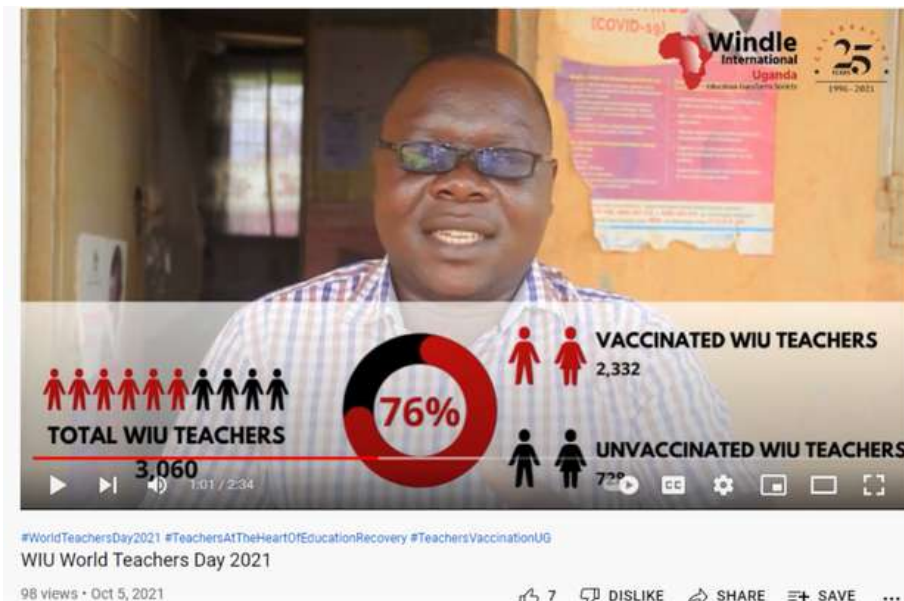


We had a total of 85 participants from all over the world as the speakers were from 4 countries (Uganda, Kenya, South Sudan and Canada).

At the end of the webinar we set out a poll requesting whether they found the webinar useful and we got yes 100%. We have encouraged the scholarship department to plan for these webinars every year to keep the beneficiaries at this level motivated despite the circumstances.

## Latest from our Social Media

As we are all aware, our teachers are at the heart of education recovery, and it is vital to have them all fully vaccinated to enable them to support children when schools are reopened. Follow the link below to watch a clip to see how far we have gotten with our teachers vaccinations and hear from one of our teachers about their experience with the vaccine:



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RWv\\_J3yCUMo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RWv_J3yCUMo)

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Hope you enjoyed the read!

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