

Your sponsored child lives in
the community of:

Barakalo, Uganda



About Barakalo:

The community of Barakalo is located in Northern Uganda. The inhabitants are of the Lango tribe and speak Luo. English and Kiswahili are also spoken. This community was affected by the Karamojong cattle raids in the past but has largely recovered from the loss of property and displacement caused by the raids. However, HIV/AIDS has left many orphans in the community. Poor utilization of the land has also led to malnutrition and poverty for these subsistence farmers. There are about 600 families with nearly one thousand children in the area. The Food for the Hungry staff plan to empower the local church leaders and families and discourage harmful traditional beliefs that have hindered the development of the children.

Challenges faced in Barakalo:

- Local churches do not carry out holistic ministry.
- Proper school facilities and infrastructure.
- Health practices and good hygiene.
- Opportunities for vocational skills training for the children.
- Clear and safe water.

Strategies for meeting these challenges:

- Training for Sunday school teachers, church leaders and families on discipleship.
- Introduce Child Evangelism Fellowship and other Kids clubs.
- Collaborate with the local government and other relevant agencies to provide training and construction in the community.
- Health and sanitation training for children and their families.
- Mobilize the community and leaders to utilize the local resources.

About the Child Development Worker

Jerry Obba, Geoffrey Ocan and Ben Moses Kiprop are the child development workers in Barakalo. They are very grateful to work with Food for the Hungry to bring transformation in the community. Jerry said, "I thank God for choosing me to work for his children. It is a joy to participate in molding the future generation." Geoffrey said, "Working with the children is both challenging and exciting, it is like seeing the future unfold before you." Ben said, "It is a joy to teach and counsel children. They are always eager to learn. Seeing transformation in their lives gives me great satisfaction."

