

# SPOTLIGHT NEWS



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## SCHOOL EXAMS



Children in the final grade of Musoto Christian School (MCS) have just taken their end of year Primary School exams. Unlike SATs in the UK, these exams can actually determine if a child is able to continue into secondary education so they're really important. We wish them all good luck with their results!

Exams took place over two days under strict external supervision. The Mbale Education Office asked if we could also host students from other schools, so along with the 67 P7 pupils from MCS, we welcomed 20 from Cream Nursery and Primary School and 38 from El-Shaddai Nursery and Primary School.

What was particularly wonderful, was this year we had more girls than boys from MCS taking these exams! There were 40 girls vs 27 boys. This is such an incredible statistic as historically females in these local communities were not generally encouraged to pursue an education.



## STUDENT NURSES AND MIDWIVES

We're delighted to welcome our first ever student nurses and midwives who will be joining us for a month on placement at the Maternity Centre as part of their Diploma training at the Mbale School of Nursing and Midwifery.



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# FORGING LINKS - TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

## BIRTH ATTENDANTS

Due to a shortage of trained health workers in Uganda, local communities still rely heavily on Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) during home births, so they are an integral part of maternity care. With home birth rates still high (despite the risks), we are really proud to have introduced our first training programme for TBAs covering:

- The importance of referring mothers for ante-natal care in the first trimester
- The dangers and risks that can lead to death during home delivery
- The importance of post-natal care

With this increased knowledge and awareness, coupled with their traditional experience, we hope to significantly improve the maternity care that mothers and babies in these communities receive.



## CHILD HEALTH DAYS

We also recently held an Integrated Child Health Day. Our Community Health Promoters made preparations at the facility to then go out into their communities. And local children received age appropriate health care and vaccinations to keep them up to date.



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