



YAREN ORGANISATION LTD · ACTIVITY REPORT

Half-Year Report 2023

May to November 2023

Education, livelihoods, training and the life of our team in
Kampala: what we did, who we reached and what we learned.

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30 November 2023

REPORTING PERIOD

May – November 2023

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OVERVIEW

The half-year at a glance

Between May and November 2023, YAREN Organisation Ltd ran English classes for adults, a children's library, tailoring and handcraft training, and a series of trainings for our team and for teen mothers. This report follows each activity month by month, with the numbers and the challenges we met.

41

adult learners at the peak, in two English levels (June)

30

children reading in the library in its first month (May)

12

trainees started tailoring; 5 completed all 7 months

29

handbags made by the handcraft group

40

teen mothers and girls aged 13–17 in training sessions

UGX 187,000

received for handbags, electricity and paper

MONTH BY MONTH

May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
English classes open with 38 adults; library opens for 30 children; tailoring and handcraft start; new office supplies	English splits into Levels 1A and 1B; GAYO youth climate conference (30 June)	Mini MBA; 2-day training for 40 teen mothers and girls; handbags finished	Sharing session with teen mothers; first handbag income; a whiteboard arrives	Library class paused; Level 1B drops to 8 learners; electricity paid	3-day conflict management training for the team; new English teacher for Level 1B	Business trainings with AMI (Mbarara) and ILO; Africhild and CIYOTA meetings



EDUCATION · 01

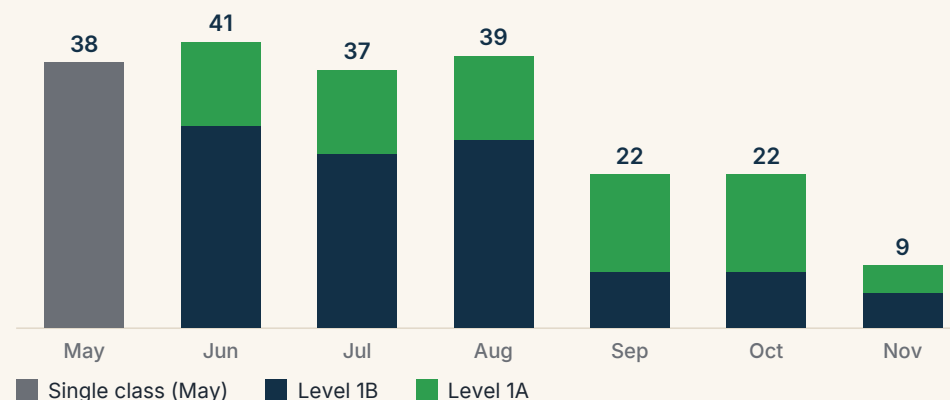
English for Adults

Adults learned to read, write and speak English in two levels. Numbers peaked in June at 41 learners. From September, attendance fell sharply: rain, late arrivals, a change of teacher, and learners leaving for jobs or health reasons.

WHY LEVEL 1B FELL FROM 29 TO 8

Of the learners who started in May–July, 2 left the country for health reasons, 3 got jobs as primary school teachers, 12 dropped out and 2 moved up to Level 1A.

LEARNERS PER MONTH, BY LEVEL



	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
WHAT WE TAUGHT	Greetings and self-introduction	Personal information, family, cardinal and ordinal numbers	1B: verbs, sentence building, auxiliary verbs. 1A: parts of the body, dialogue	All levels: present continuous, regular and irregular verbs	1A: debate preparation, demonstrative pronouns. 1B: regular verbs	1A: weather, transport, clothes, food. 1B: revision with new teacher Gervais	1A: money, numbers, decimals. 1B: telling time, tenses
CHALLENGES	Little space and teaching material	Class split into two levels	Learners leaving; teacher fell ill	Whiteboard markers and practice materials	Change of teacher; fewer Level 1B learners	Late arrivals, irregular attendance, rain	Rain in the mornings and evenings

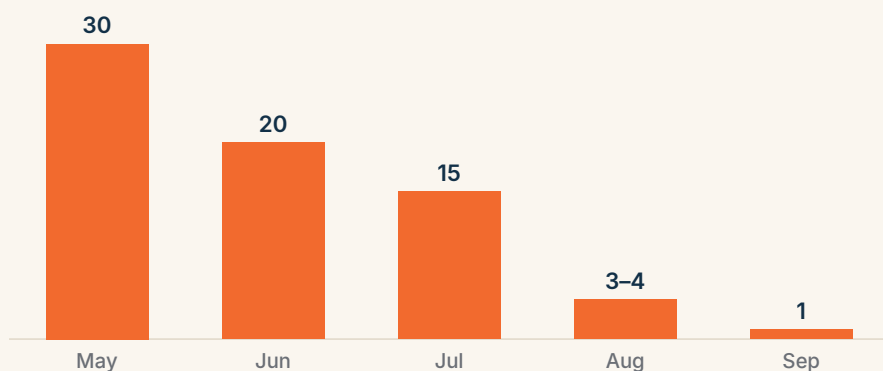


EDUCATION · 02

The Children's Library

Children aged 5 to 12 came to the library to read, starting with the alphabet. Many could not yet read or write. When schools reopened, attendance became irregular, and by September the class was paused.

CHILDREN ATTENDING



May Alphabet letters and first books (30 children, stable)

Jun Letters and how to pronounce them

Jul Reading whole words

Aug Reading and dialogue practice

Sep Class paused: rain and school schedules



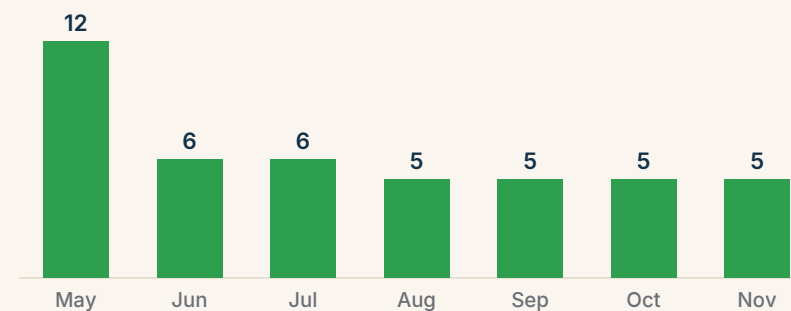
Children with their books at the YAREN library.

LIVELIHOOD · 03

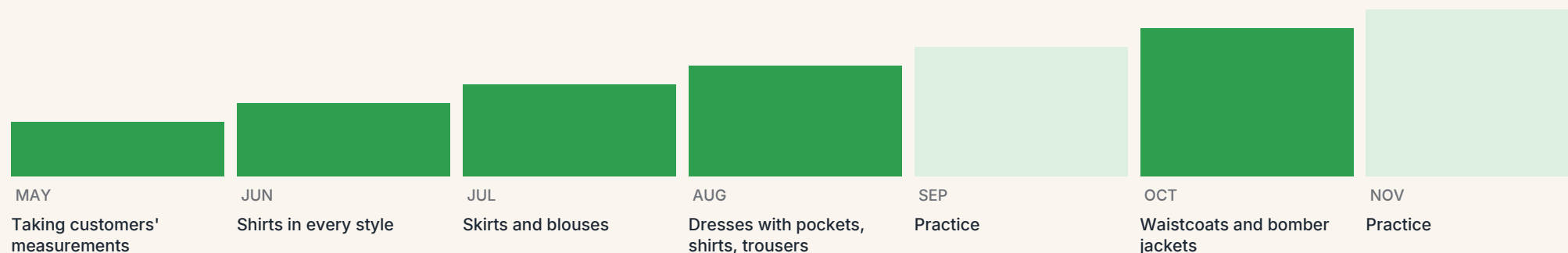
Tailoring

Twelve trainees began in May; half left early, and five stayed with the course to the end. Over seven months they moved from taking measurements to making shirts, dresses, trousers, waistcoats and bomber jackets. The lack of materials was the biggest problem throughout.

TRAINEES PER MONTH



WHAT THEY LEARNED, STEP BY STEP



CHALLENGES

6 of 12 trainees left in the first month. Materials (thread, lining) were short every month. One trainee stopped late in her pregnancy. Rain disrupted October.



LIVELIHOOD · 04

Handcraft & handbags

From May to July the handcraft group learned to make handbags step by step, growing from 9 to 11 members. They produced **29 handbags**, which became gifts, marketing samples and our first earned income.

May	Starting a handbag	9 participants
Jun	The next steps	10 participants
Jul	Finishing the handbag	11 participants

WHERE THE 29 HANDBAGS WENT

Special gift to the Director	2	for marketing
Taken to a Kampala conference	9	for marketing
Sold by Gabriel	1	UGX 5,000
Given to students to sell	7	UGX 35,000
Sold by students	6	UGX 32,000

The original report records 4 handbags remaining in stock.



The handcraft group at work, and the finished handbags.

FINANCE · 05

Where the money came from, and went

MONEY RECEIVED, AUG – NOV 2023

UGX 187,000



Aug	From handbags	UGX 15,000
Sep	For electricity	UGX 40,000
Sep	For a ream of paper	UGX 20,000
Sep	From handbags	UGX 20,000
Oct	From handbags	UGX 32,000
Oct	For electricity	UGX 30,000
Nov	For electricity	UGX 30,000

HOW THE HANDBAG MONEY WAS USED

UGX 67,000

Water delivery during the dry season	15,000
Half of the electricity debt (via Pastor Claude)	15,000
Repaid a loan to Log	15,000
Data for borrowing from the airtime agent	5,000
Data for uploading videos to YouTube (IT)	5,000
Data for the field officer to send documents	5,000
Shared with the team for water	5,000
Soda for the handcraft teacher	2,000
Total	UGX 67,000

NOTE
The handbag table records UGX 72,000 in sales, including UGX 5,000 sold by Gabriel. UGX 67,000 of that reached the team and was spent as shown.

CAPACITY BUILDING · 06

Training & learning

Life orientation

Business development services

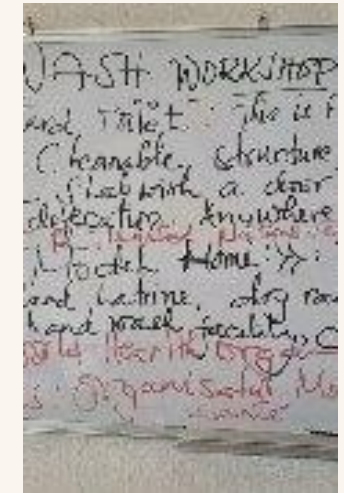
YAREN's business model

What is YAREN?

Business growth and digital tools

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
SESSIONS	What is YAREN; business model; report writing; Google Docs, Drive, LinkedIn; personal hygiene; spiritual psychology on negative emotions	Personal initiative; spiritual psychology on love	Mini MBA; 2-day training for teen mothers and girls aged 13–17; spiritual psychology on forgiveness	1-day sharing session with teen mothers and girls; spiritual psychology on love	No sessions recorded	3-day team training on conflict management	Business development services with AMI (Mbarara, 2 days); business growth with ILO (3 days)
PEOPLE	11	11	5 (Mini MBA) · 40 (teen mothers) · 7 (spiritual)	40	–	4	1 at each
CHALLENGES	–	Laptop	Network, laptops and space	Space; sessions stopped without reason	–	–	–



Training sessions with the team, teen mothers and community members; the WASH workshop whiteboard (right).

PARTNERSHIPS · 07

Conferences & meetings

30 Jun	GAYO conference of the Youth Climate Council (YCC)	4 staff
Jun – Jul	Three principles meetings about the community	2 staff
Nov	Africhild meeting on opportunities and challenges facing children	1 staff
Nov	CIYOTA meeting on launching and starting a CBO	2 staff



RESOURCES · 08

Supplies received

May	2 filing cabinets, perforator, whiteboard markers, box of pens, ruler, correction fluid, 2 carpets, 2 fibre mats, chisel
Jul	2 sheets of manila paper, whiteboard markers
Aug	A ream of paper, a whiteboard
Sep	5 reams of paper, whiteboard markers



Top: the Youth Climate Council stakeholder convening. Bottom: community meetings.

LOOKING BACK · 09

Projects, team & challenges

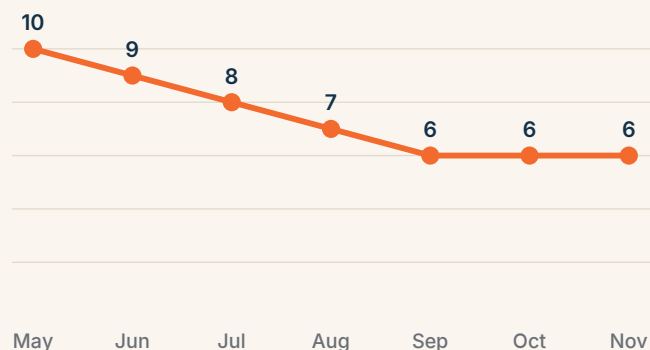
PROJECTS PLANNED

1 of 7 implemented

- ☒ Training in life orientation (2 parts)
- ☐ Garden
- ☐ Launch of teen mothers training in Kyaka camp
- ☐ Women of Power
- ☐ Conflict management training in the community
- ☐ Plastic designs for children
- ☐ Hygiene training in schools and churches

TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT

10 → 6



One team member left each month from June to September; the team then held steady at six.



CHALLENGES AND RESPONSES

- Jul** **Water**
→ Pay someone to bring water in the dry season
- Aug** **Team motivation**
→ No response yet
- Sep** **Motivation; few activities**
→ Look for what we can do with local resources
- Oct** **Motivation; little movement at YAREN**
→ Look for ways to motivate workers
- Nov** **Motivation; electricity cut off**
→ Pay the electricity bill

WHAT WE TAKE FORWARD

Keeping the team motivated, securing basic running costs (electricity, water) and having enough materials will decide how much we can deliver next.



Thank you

to our learners, trainees, team and partners.

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The YAREN team and community members, 2023.