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CHILDVOICE STUDENTS IN NIGERIA DEMONSTRATE PERSEVERANCE

RESILIENCE. PERSEVERANCE. ADAPTABILITY. These are qualities we seek to foster in our students as they progress through their programs. Spiritual fortitude in the face of adversity is especially important for young people living in challenging environments where local needs and opportunities can shift quickly.

Some of the recent graduates of our program in Mubi, Nigeria who are now in aftercare (post-program monitoring and support) exhibit exactly that resilience and adaptability. Two such graduates are Japari and Abigail. Japari learned tailoring skills through our innovative apprenticeship program and had been working in a tailoring shop. Abigail had been raising chickens.

When their businesses slowed down, rather than simply accepting a loss of income, they took action and put other skills they had learned through ChildVoice to use.

“When they were not getting enough customers, they decided to engage themselves in something else, instead of just waiting for customers,” said Nigeria Co-Director Rebecca Malgwi.

After experiencing a downturn in tailoring, Japari decided to put some of the agriculture skills she had learned through ChildVoice to use. She is currently buying and selling cereal grains (rice and maize) and beans at market, and has been making a good profit at the end of every month following her initial investment. Meanwhile, Abigail was having trouble finding buyers for her poultry products. She successfully pivoted to growing and selling vegetables, and is doing well with her small business.

ChildVoice continues to walk alongside these and all our graduates in aftercare. It is gratifying and reassuring to see that beyond the vital skills these students have learned through our programs, they are putting what is perhaps a more important and fundamental skill—resilience—into practice!



Japari (left) and Abigail, two of our Mubi students who are

▶ **DEMONSTRATING PERSEVERANCE**

OF NOTE...

IN NIGERIA, our field team recently identified a community of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the village of Dauchi, Adamawa State, as being a good candidate for our programs. Staff members have already registered 75 beneficiaries and are beginning to do initial assessments as to their specific needs.

OUR WORK with partners in Moldova is moving forward, and we are pleased to announce that two new transition houses for at-risk youth have just opened! These will provide much-needed transformational counseling and skills training services to at-risk youth in a residential setting.

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IMVEPI UPDATE:

Child-Headed Households in Dire Need of Support

As we reported in the summer 2025 issue of Voices Rising, Uganda has been receiving an unprecedented number of new refugees since the beginning of the year. That number now stands at nearly 135,000. Among those new refugees are a number of child-headed households—families of children led by the eldest sibling after their parents were either lost to illness or war, or simply abandoned their children out of desperation and hopelessness.

With the help of local leadership in conjunction with the Danish Refugee Council, ChildVoice has identified a dozen such households in Imvepi Refugee Settlement. The eldest siblings of these households range in age from 17 to as young as 13 years old. They are all in desperate need of everything from better housing and basic household and bedding supplies to food, trauma counseling, and skills training.

“One of the key points that we noticed was that some of them were trying to determine how best to end their lives,” remarked Imvepi Program Manager Julius Owori.

ChildVoice will continue to provide counseling and other support services to these young refugees as they learn to navigate their new reality.

This map shows the number and origin of the
NEARLY 135,000 REFUGEES
that have arrived in Uganda since January of this year.

Source: UNHCR Uganda Refugee Arrival Movement Monitoring Dashboard.



One of several
CHILD-HEADED FAMILIES
ChildVoice is working with in
Imvepi Refugee Settlement.

OF NOTE... (CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS)

OUR 2025 fall fundraising campaign was a huge success, exceeding our goal and bringing in over \$41,000! Our deepest gratitude goes out to everyone who contributed so generously to help keep our life-changing counseling and skills training programs running strong. Thank you so much for helping to restore the voices of children silenced by war!

THANK YOU to all the golfers and sponsors who made our NH Golf for Hope Classic a success. We had a fantastic day on the course and surpassed our fundraising goal! This year's event will support ChildVoice's agricultural training programs—equipping students with seeds, tools, and essential training for the upcoming planting season. Special thanks to our Title Sponsors, JMD Industries and Turbocam International!

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