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# End of Year Report 2025

## letter from our **Executive Director**

Dear Friends, Partners, and Supporters,

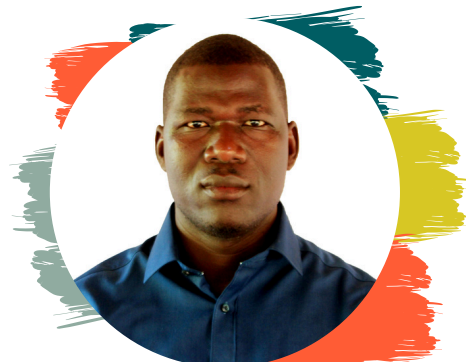
In 2025, The Recreation Project aimed to reach 600 young people through our play-based learning program, and we exceeded this target, impacting 609 lives. Our focus was not just on numbers but on the depth of our impact. We expanded into Amuru to meet real needs, ensuring communities could benefit from transformative play.

As we enter 2026, our goal is to maintain quality over quantity, choosing to enhance the excellence of our programs rather than merely expanding our reach. We prioritize strong community partnerships and well-trained facilitators to amplify our impact naturally. Our commitment to refining our curriculum and deepening community engagement remains steadfast.

Thank you to our partners, donors, and volunteers for making 2025 remarkable. Your support will help us make 2026 even stronger. Together, we demonstrate that meaningful impact comes from dedication and excellence, not just growth.

With gratitude and determination,

**Denish Acellam**  
Executive Director  
**The Recreation Project**





*Lapyem Francis*

## Francis, Climbing Club Graduate

"I completed the life skills training successfully but I slid back to the person I was before the training. An incident happened from where I was studying because we stole the school's mowing machine and we got caught. Mob justice was done to us. The beating was very serious that after it I opened my eyes only to realize I am in the hospital. I had spent 3 days in the hospital. That's what opened my mind, I realized that I was not putting in practice the life skills that I got from TRP. My sponsors stopped paying my school fees upon getting the news, my mother was not able to help me with supporting my studies after I sat my O' level exams. The school did not give my results because I had fees balance

I stayed home for a full year as I could not proceed to do the course that I wanted. At that point, everything was stuck. I started thinking about what I learnt from TRP and realised that I can put in practice self awareness so that the situation can change. Another module is building positive relationship that allowed me to interact with my peers from home and the community.

I appreciate TRP because when everything was not moving well on my side, the life skills that I learnt stayed with me and helped me to overcome the difficult times that I was going through. I still apply these modules in my day to day life. Everything has changed and as I speak, I have completed my training and acquired a certificate in Hotel Management and I am a proud Chef"



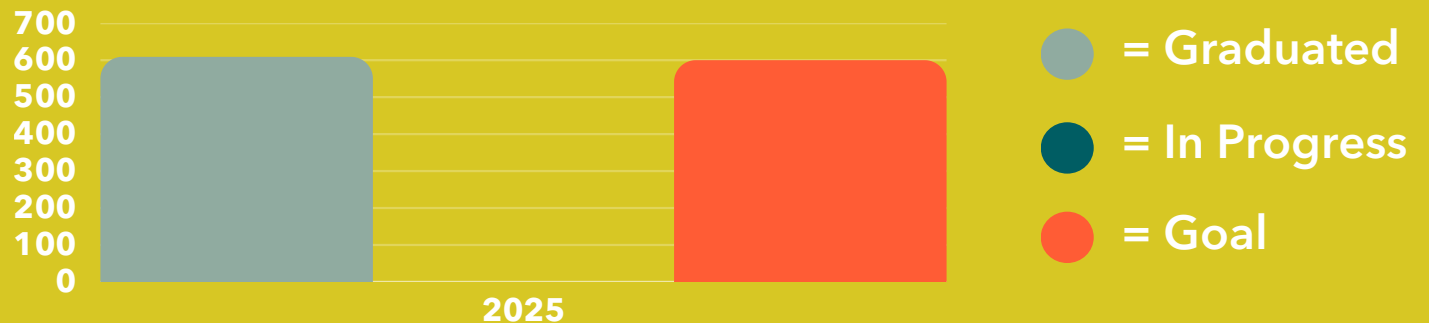
# Play Based Resilience Education

Youth are mobilized in groups of 15-20 and two local youth mentors deliver 10 'Resilience Education' modules designed with Ugandan youth using Human Centered Design.



## Youth Participants

**609**  
youth graduated



## our program updates

### Primary School Program

399 Students Graduated

**Highlight:** A total of 399 students and their parents graduated from the program. With 101 boys and 298 girls from Christ The King Primary School, Restore primary School in the first and second quarter respectively and an Evaluation Camp that happened in the third quarter.



### Climbing Club Program

210 Youth Graduated

**Highlight:** A total of 210 youth and their parents graduated from the Life Skills Training. From this, we had 110 male participants and 100 female participants including child mothers. An Evaluation Camp happened in 1st quarter, followed by out of school youth from Layibi Techo Parish and Kati-Kati Parish attended the program in the second and third quarter.



## How You Can Help

### Monthly Donor Campaign

Monthly donations are the lifeblood of small organization like us. Monthly donations allow us to set ambitious goals and plan to meet them. You can help us by signing up to be a monthly donor or increasing your monthly donation! To become a monthly donor go to

[www.therecreationproject.org/donate](http://www.therecreationproject.org/donate)

Here is what happens when you invest as a monthly donor:

- **\$25: The family of a child awaiting trial to attend "TRP Family Day" for an afternoon of healing play**
- **\$50: A class of primary school students can visit The Recreation Project for a field trip**
- **\$100: One child and their caregiver graduate from the TRP Program**
- **\$150: A youth facilitator is hired to be a catalyst of change in the lives of young people**
- **\$200: 30 TRP program graduates attend a 3-day youth camp at the end of the year to celebrate their sustained progress**

# gallery





**thank you!**

**Together, we can  
create a world in which  
all children fulfill their  
limitless potential.**