



Mid Year Report

2025

letter from our **Executive Director**

Dear Friends of The Recreation Project,

It's Denish here, and I'm excited to share the inspiring impact of our work this year at The Recreation Project (TRP). Our journey in 2025 has been marked by resilience, creativity, and deeper community connections, empowering young people through transformative play and experiential learning.

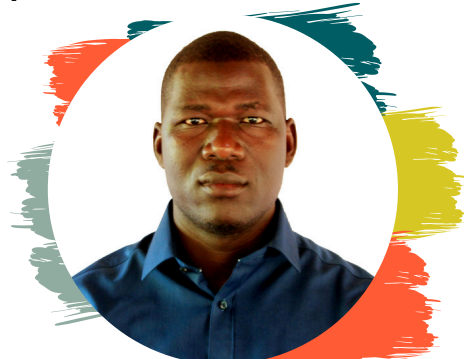
We've expanded our reach, welcomed new partner schools, and strengthened ties within communities, gaining trust from local leaders, parents, and youth. By mid-2025, leaders are encouraging young people to join our programs, especially NEET youth (those not engaged in education, employment, or training), showcasing the positive social and behavioral transformations we've fostered.

This year has emphasized that healing and growth thrive in community support, reminding us that no one heals alone. TRP is committed to nurturing connections, expanding partnerships, and empowering the next generation of compassionate leaders.

Thank you for believing in our vision and being part of this transformative journey towards a stronger, more connected future.

With gratitude,

Denish Acellam
Executive Director - TRP





Okello Francis

Francis, Climbing Club Graduate

"After being diagnosed with heart disease, I became frustrated since it affected my studies and I was unable to sit for the promotional examinations because I spent a long time in the hospital while getting treatment, but I had hope that it would be well.

I am now happy that when I joined TRP's life skills program, I got a special feeling that blooms in me like a flower, and it has been the best thing that happened to me and changed my life.

With each session, I gained confidence and clarity about my future. The mentors and peers I met through the program became a supportive community, encouraging me to pursue my goals despite the challenges I faced. The positive environment and the encouragement to set and achieve small, manageable goals helped me regain my focus and motivation. I learned to transform my setbacks into stepping stones, understanding that each experience, no matter how difficult, contributes to my growth.

I am excited about the future and the potential it holds, ready to face any obstacles with courage. My aspiration to become a successful entrepreneur is no longer just a dream, but a tangible goal that I am steadily working towards.

"I am thankful for the life skills training because now I see life from a better perspective."

our model



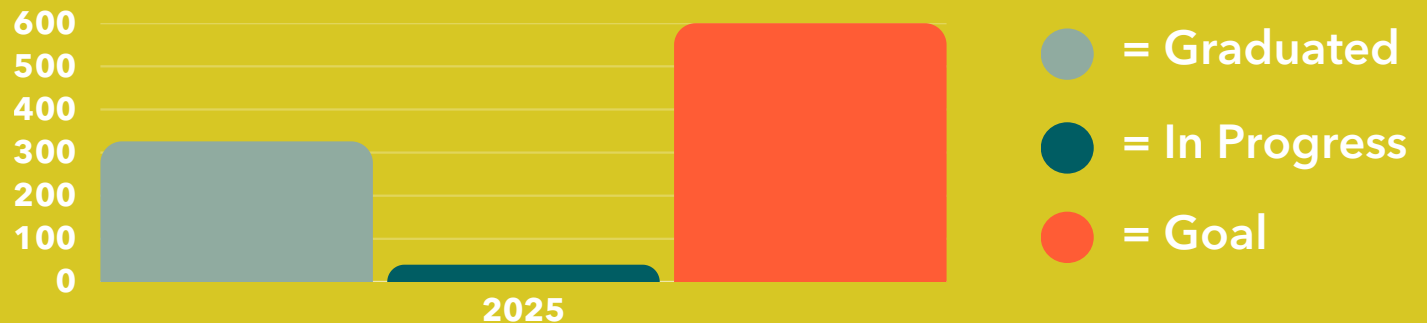
Play Based Resilience Education

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.



326
youth graduated

Youth Participants Quarter 1 and Quarter 2



our program updates

Primary School Program

225 Students Graduated

Highlight: In the first quarter of 2025, 135 students and their families graduated from the program. 92 students and their families graduated in the second quarter.



Climbing Club Program

101 Youth Graduated

Highlight: In the first quarter of 2025, a boot camp for the youth who graduated from the program over the years was organized. 61 youth and their families were part of this meeting. 40 participants and their families graduated in the second quarter. 40 youth will graduate in the 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

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

- **\$25:** The family of a child awaiting trial to attends "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



thank you!

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