



THE DREAM OF A SCHOOL

For years, our children faced overcrowded public schools, where each classroom often held 90 students or more. Many of our children, being orphans or differently-abled, suffered discrimination and isolation.

When public schools closed during the pandemic, our staff took the initiative, teaching the children directly. Their progress was incredible. This success lit a fire: St. Clare needed its own school.

In 2023, the first milestone was achieved: our very own Nursery School, now serving 90 children in three classrooms. Equipped with books, teaching aids, and dedicated teachers, the joy of learning is alive in every classroom.

With the support of SLW-Ugandahilfe and the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation, construction of our primary school begun in July 2025, with the goal of reaching 350 students in classes of no more than 50 children.



"ST. CLARE'S MISSION IS TO PROVIDE CARE AND EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN IN NEED AND INSPIRE THEM TO TRANSFORM INTO PRODUCTIVE AND EXEMPLARY MEMBERS OF SOCIETY."



ST. CLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Vision Becoming a Reality

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Care & Education for Today, Hope for Tomorrow



OUR SCHOOL – NURSERY AND PRIMARY EDUCATION

Education is the bridge to independence. With the launch of our nursery school in 2023, our children are now learning in bright, well-equipped classrooms. Teachers receive ongoing training and work with inclusive methods to support every learner.

St. Clare Primary School is quickly establishing herself as an educational institution of excellence. Our performance for the last two years has been good. All the candidates who sat passed in grades one and two, giving us 100% pass.

A FOUNDATION BUILT ON PROGRESS

At St. Clare, growth has always been rooted in purpose. From vocational training to sustainable farming and inclusive education, each department plays a vital role in building brighter futures.

Agricultural Development

Food security and sustainability are cornerstones of our model. We've expanded our land, introduced maize and bean farming, livestock farming, and constructed a borehole to provide clean water for both the home and the community. A modern irrigation system, drying hall, and solar-powered grain mill ensure year-round productivity and self-sufficiency.

St. Clare Fashion & Design Training

Our two-year apprenticeship offers youth from the home and surrounding communities the skills to become professional tailors. Boys and girls are trained not just in sewing, but in how to manage and grow a business.



OUR JOURNEY OF HOPE

The story of St. Clare began in 1992 with a man named Manfred Holzbauer, a student of Fr. Heinrich. Manfred had come to Soroti for his development activity and was touched by the plight of the poor and orphaned children. Manfred then decided to ask for assistance from Fr. Heinrich. Sadly a few months later Manfred died, and Fr. Heinrich took on the charge of bringing the vision to reality.

At the invitation of Bishop Oyanga, Fr. Heinrich mobilized resources and reconstructed the residential buildings in Alito. And in November 1992, Bishop Oyanga consecrated the Children Home by then known as Alito Children Village.

In 1993, Fr. Heinrich met Bishop Oyanga and they agreed to charge the management of the Home to the Missionary Sisters of Mary Mother of the Church (MSMMC).

A few years later, civil conflict scattered the children, increasing their vulnerability. In response, Fr. Odongo, then Parish Priest of Aber, provided temporary shelter. It was here the project received the name St. Clare.

Recognizing the poor conditions at the parish shelter, Fr. Heinrich once again mobilized support. A new, permanent St. Clare Children's Home was built and consecrated in 2011 by Bishop Franzelli.

In 2018, at a momentous occasion that brought together all the stakeholders of St. Clare, a new vision was born to have own school by 2028.

In July 2021 St. Clare Primary School was founded. It started as home teaching during the Corona quarantine period where part of the home became the school. The first pupils of the school were the children of St. Clare Children Home, a total of one hundred and fifty children.