Uganda Studies Program – Social Work Emphasis

**USP Highlights:**
- 10 day trip to Rwanda
- Urban and rural home stays
- Orientation and debrief retreats
- “Faith and Action” Core Course
- Integration into Uganda Christian University
- Program Assistants live in residence halls and provide extra support

**Social Work Emphasis Highlights:**
- International BSW field experience in a supportive environment
- Wide variety of practicum site opportunities that develop cross-cultural skills
- Dual supervision by Ugandan & American Social Worker (MSW, Washington University)
- Junior and Senior level social work practicum & seminar
- Seminar that integrates Ugandan experience and North American social work ethics and principles
- Social Work Advisory Committee, made up of North American BSW faculty, help give oversight and guidance, driven by CSWE guidelines and standards

**Practicum Levels:**
- Social Work Practicum for **Junior** Level (6 credit hours/150 practicum hours)
- Social Work Practicum for **Senior** Level (10 credit hours/400 practicum hours)
- Social Work Seminar for the Ugandan Context (2 credit hours/2 classroom hours per week)

*These credits can be adjusted to fulfill the requirements of individual BSW programs.*

**Practicum opportunities include:**
- Children’s homes
- Outreach to children formerly/currently living on street
- Community development/awareness
- Compassion International Child Development Centers
- HIV/AIDS prevention and patient care
- Schools
- Orphans and vulnerable children programs
- Maternal-child health programs
- Crisis pregnancy support

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Chain Foundation

Chain is a Ugandan founded and run organization that supports orphans and vulnerable children through various programs, including a children’s home as well as an integrated school for children who are sighted and visually impaired. **Children’s home**: Students can lead after school/weekend activities, trainings: life skills, health/hygiene & child rights, sustainable agriculture, housemother assistance, report writing, children’s profiles. **School**: Students can help Braille teachers within integrated school. **Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) project** – Students can participate in schools visits, vocational training for caregivers, distribution of school supplies, home visits, parent training and peer education.

Empower And Care Organization (EACO)

EACO is a community-based organization in Mukono that reaches out to vulnerable families through various programs. Students can help with income generating activities, water/sanitation solutions, HIV/AIDS patient care, development of proposals & grants, fundraising, organizing workshops, and public health awareness trainings.

Hospice Africa Uganda (HAU)

HAU provides palliative care for patients in Kampala with terminal illnesses. Students can work alongside medical and social work professionals in conducting patient care during home visits. Students can also help with patient and community education efforts and income generating skill development during days when patients gather at HAU.

Mirembe House

Mirembe House is a Youth for Christ ministry that provides a home and services for abandoned teenage girls from 11-19 years who are experiencing a crisis pregnancy. Students can help with vocational training, life skills education, parenting classes, Bible studies and individual and group counseling.

Compassion International Child Development Centers

**Mukono, Seeta, Misindye** and **St. Peter’s CDCs** are ministries of Compassion International, providing a Child Sponsorship Program and other support services to orphans and vulnerable children. Social work students can help with case management of most vulnerable sponsored children, which includes home and school visits where they encourage and problem solve with parents, teachers and children. Students can also participate in Saturday gatherings of sponsored children, which includes education, Bible studies, sports and games. At St. Peter’s CDC, social work students can be part of the Child Sponsorship Program team, whose mission is to provide maternal and child health support to expectant mothers and their children through age 3.

Off-Tu Mission and Academy

Off-Tu is a Christian ministry for abandoned and street children. Students can interact with children living at the children’s home, conduct life-skills trainings, teach at the school (Off-Tu Academy), lead trainings and activities with street children at a drop-in center in Kampala, work with vulnerable and at-risk children through home visits and community outreach events in Mukono and Katanga, a slum of Kampala.