

# **Support for Home of Hope**

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**Lead Organizer:** Akite Agnes

**Location:** Kampala

**Beneficiary:** Home of Hope (Jinja)

**Date:** March 2019, International Women's Day

### **Project Overview**

In celebration of International Women's Day 2019, comedian and storyteller **Akite Agnes** organized the **Arise Woman! Comedy Jam**, an all-woman comedy showcase dedicated to amplifying women's voices through humor, community, and creative expression.

The show featured an all-woman lineup of performers, making it one of the first comedy events in Uganda to centre women entirely on stage. Beyond entertainment, the event provided a platform to inspire confidence, solidarity, and visibility for female comedians and women in the creative industry.

The 2019 edition of Arise Woman! Comedy Jam took place on International Women's Day itself, further grounding it in a spirit of empowerment and community support.

### **Project Context**

Women in the performing arts in Uganda continue to face challenges related to visibility, opportunity, and recognition. Comedy stages especially remain male dominated, limiting the space available for women to express their stories and experiences.

Arise Woman! Comedy Jam was created to respond to this gap by offering women a dedicated stage and an audience ready to celebrate their stories. It also grounded the celebration of International Women's Day in a practical, creative, and community-driven activity.

In the same spirit of support, Akite Agnes committed the proceeds of the 2019 show to **Home of Hope**, an organization that supports children with special needs in Uganda.

## Implementation

The event brought together a diverse lineup of female comedians, each performing original acts that reflected real-life experiences, social realities, and the resilience of women.



During the show, Akite Agnes invited the audience to join her in supporting Home of Hope. Contributions included both cash donations and clothes, which were later delivered to the organization.



This combination of creative performance and social action strengthened the message of International Women's Day by highlighting both artistic expression and practical care for vulnerable communities.

## Impact

- Provided a visible platform that showcased the talent and strength of Ugandan female comedians.
- Encouraged public recognition of women's contributions in the performing arts.
- Mobilized resources for Home of Hope, including cash and clothes, supporting the well-being of children with special needs.
- Strengthened community spirit by merging celebration, creativity, and charity.

## Partners

Arise Woman! Comedy Jam 2019 was organized by **Akite Agnes**, with performances by an all-woman cast that included **Leila Kachapizo, Dorah Nakagga, Richmouth, Sheila Katamba, Maggie De Bwaiserian, Titin Gladys, Gloria Kebirungi, Ninah Katamba, Evelyne Kemizinga, Kathie Kipusie Bagaaya, and Veronica Namanda**, together with support from **Tusket Malt Lager, CocaCola Beverages Uganda Ltd, NTV Uganda, Radio 4** and audience members who contributed to Home of Hope.

**Donations:** Cash and clothes, delivered to Home of Hope Uganda.





