



ETIHAD AIRWAYS SUPPORTS CHILDREN'S HOME IN UGANDA

Etihad Airways launched its community outreach programme in Uganda recently with the donation of air tickets, blankets and school supplies to the Whisper Children's Home in Mutai, within the Jinja district of Uganda.

Aimed at improving the lives of young children in need, the Whisper Children's Home was established in May 2011 to provide much-needed hope and rehabilitation support to local children suffering from malnutrition and living in life-threatening conditions.

Whisper's outreach team has provided first aid and support to more than 2,000 children affected with jiggers (a parasitic flea found in most tropical and sub-tropical climates), and improved the sleeping conditions for hundreds of other local children in Mutai and other villages across the Busoga region by providing much needed beds, mattresses, mosquito nets, blankets and sheets.

Whisper also gives families training on food preparation, personal hygiene and family

planning, teaching the elderly how to repair their houses, or maintain a vegetable garden, providing school transport for children, and food or firewood to families in need during the difficult rainy season.

Commenting on Etihad's support, Ms Veronika Cejpkova, Founder and Director of Whisper Children's Home, said: "We are so thrilled to receive this generous support from Etihad Airways. The tickets will be useful in flying the volunteers and staff from Europe to donate their valuable time

to assist us with our day-to-day activities at the home.

"We currently look after nearly 30 children who are in desperate need of care, and the school supplies, which include pens, notepads and colouring books, will help the children with their education, and in keeping them entertained."

The donation to the Children's Home falls under the airline's Giving Together initiative which encompasses charitable giving programs to selected charities across its global network. ▲