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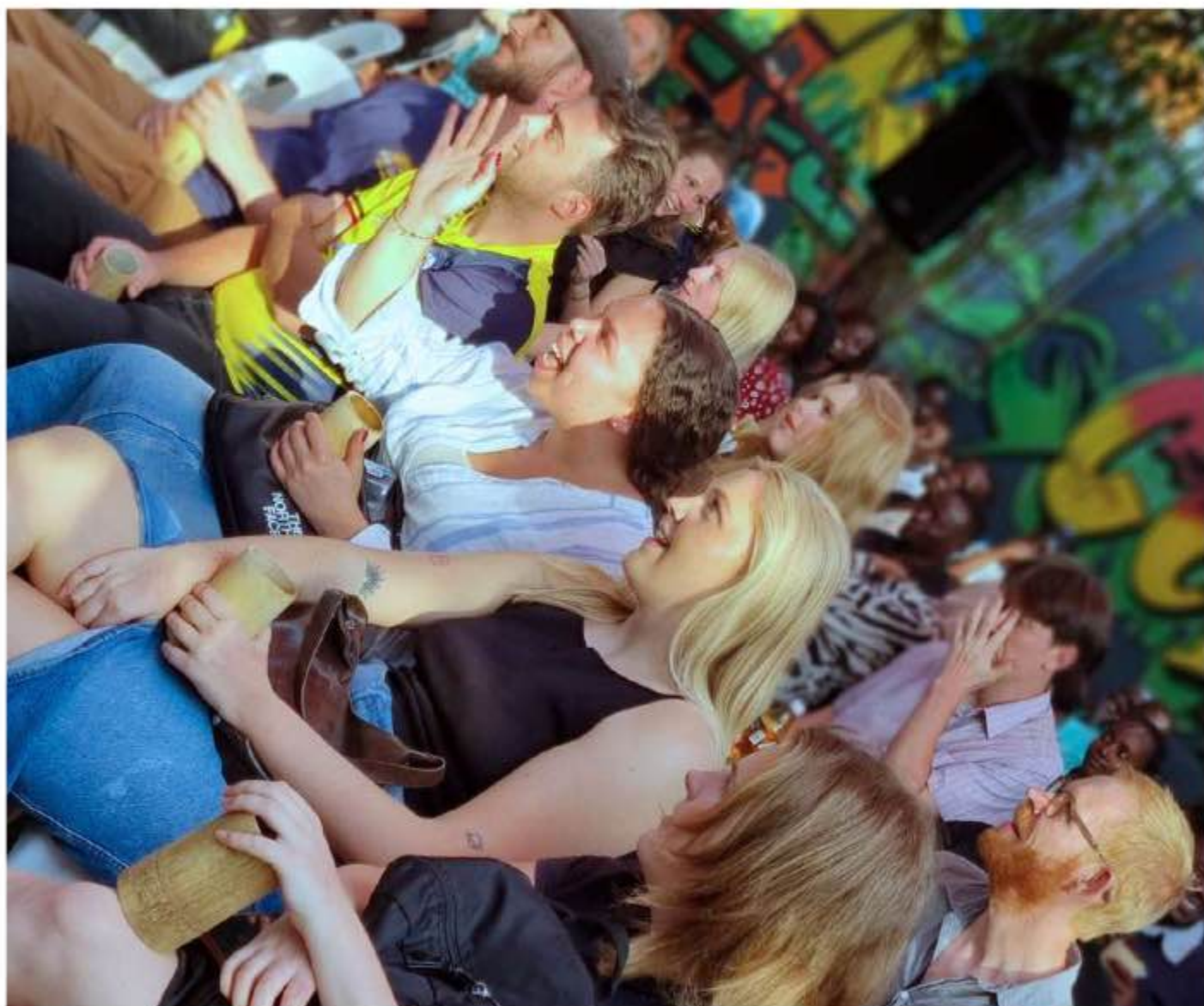
KVUC student's visit to Uganda

Experiences, moments, ideologies, culture and context; all captured.

OVERVIEW

Events and community Activities

Participatory Implementing of practical climate change adaptation solutions.



KVUC STUDENT'S VISIT



A STAY IN THE PEARL OF AFRICA

Hosted by NAC, the KVUC students touched down in Uganda on the 13th of February on an action-driven and yet an exploratory journey of a totally new world. With not sure of what to expect and totally strange people; zeal, amazement, confusion and excitement all turned into mixed feelings with the need to deal with this new setting of life.

Introduced to this team of people that would guide them throughout their stay in Uganda, phobia turned into a bond with everyone gaining reassurance and confidence in one another to brace themselves for an eventful journey ahead.

The debut visit was kicked started by a welcoming event at the NAC offices with a blissful cozy party where the KVUC team got to blend with the Ugandan team.



THE POSH EVENING

Smiles and laughter were the character for the evening of the 14th of February as the KVUC team were welcomed by their Ugandan counterpart team.

Fancied by the cozy set up, a long dinner table awaited the guests with luxuries; from candle lights to foods and drinks varieties and soothing jazz music, the moment suited the purpose of introductions and getting to know one another. This too, best brought out the feeling of love as earlier that day was the valentines day and hence being ideal for the madly in love Romeo and Juliet couples.

Team introductions followed, with each person required to briefly introduce themselves and the rest of the time was just vibing, enjoyment and sharing this blissful evening.



KITINTALE



The impactful visit

Day one of the community visit kick started with a walk through the community for a better understanding at large and mapping out the most affected flooding areas in the community. Areas like the Kitintale market and skate park were visited to study the livelihoods of the people, their social and economic way of life in regards to their day to day activities as they live in their community.

Interactions between the people and the entire KVUC student's team followed in order to better understand the context of Kitintale community.

The Agenda for the day's work was to benchmark on Gabion set-up for flood control and how it would sustainably help solve the latter.

Idea sharing commenced, where the community people participated too which brought out the issue of community inclusion in designing community solutions to the problems they face. A lot was learnt on the side of students as they got to experience life of the ghetto never seen back in Denmark.

A Ghetto Unseen

Covering the focus group working on solutions to combat flooding in Kitintale, the rest of the days were practical-hands on; where the actual gabion building was to be done.

Being a flood prone ghetto community, this would help solve surface water run-off from breaking into people's homes and causing damage and destruction to lives and property.

This idea was suggested and seconded by both the Ugandan team together with the KVUC students prior to their arrival.



Kitintale community dwellers teaming up with the KVUC students to create sustainable impact towards climate change specifically dealing with flooding as the major challenge in the area.

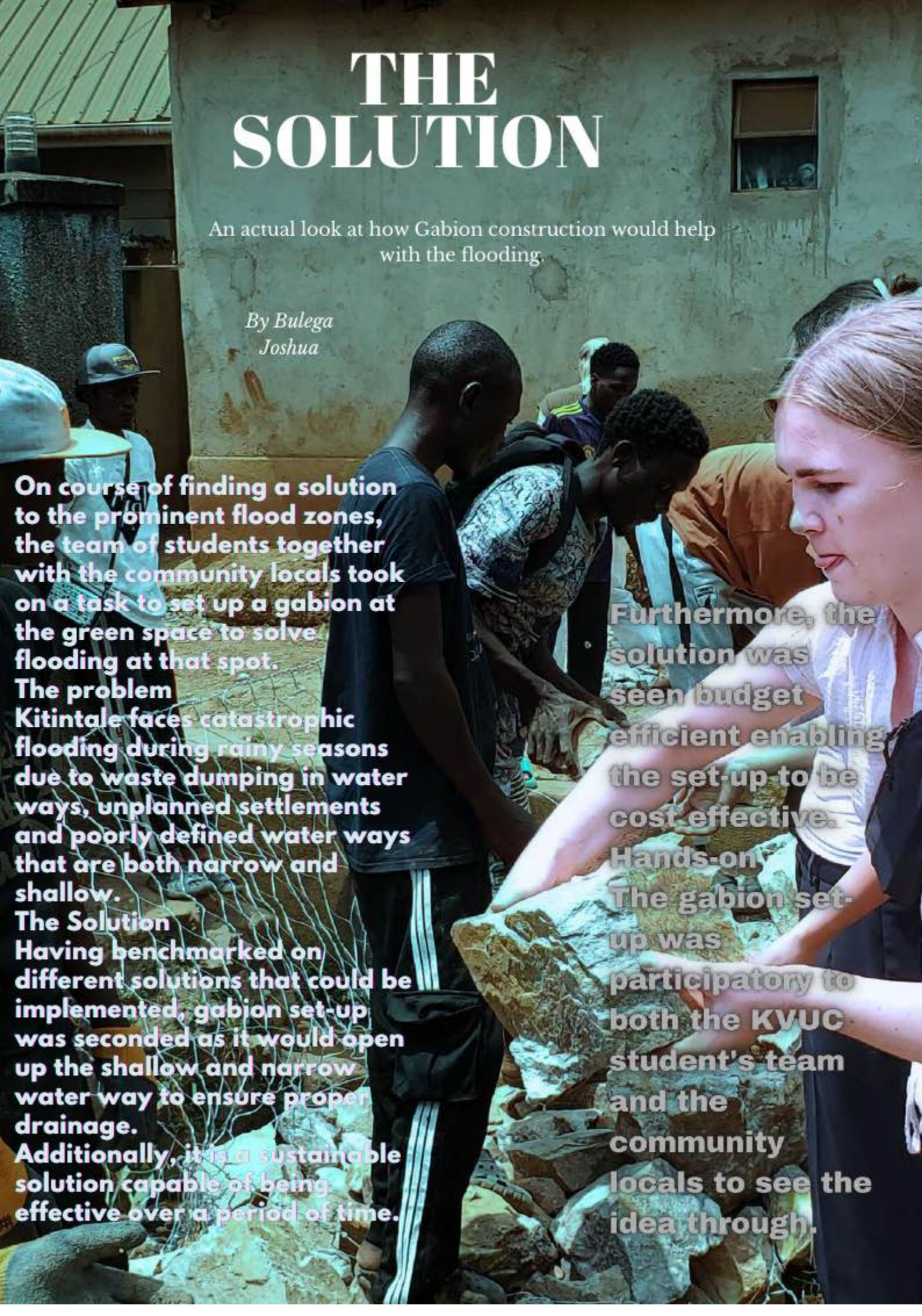
THE SOLUTION

An actual look at how Gabion construction would help with the flooding.

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On course of finding a solution to the prominent flood zones, the team of students together with the community locals took on a task to set up a gabion at the green space to solve flooding at that spot. The problem Kitintale faces catastrophic flooding during rainy seasons due to waste dumping in water ways, unplanned settlements and poorly defined water ways that are both narrow and shallow. The Solution Having benchmarked on different solutions that could be implemented, gabion set-up was seconded as it would open up the shallow and narrow water way to ensure proper drainage. Additionally, it is a sustainable solution capable of being effective over a period of time.

Furthermore, the solution was seen budget efficient enabling the set-up to be cost effective. Hands-on The gabion set-up was participatory to both the KVUC student's team and the community locals to see the idea through.



KITINTALE

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***HANDS, MINDS AT
WORK!***

Work without play

Besides community works, there were lots of fun activities!



KITINTALE

A community for Us all!

United against climate change



THE ULTIMATE FEEL OF
UGANDA

TRAVEL PLOTS

Photographs by Bulega Joshua



Nature walk through Mpanga forest

Putting community work aside, the team visited Mpanga forest that's known for its diverse ecosystem made up of a number of different tree species and animal, giving a mind refreshing scenery.

Located in Mpigi district, Mpanga forest is one of Uganda's natural forests providing exquisite scenes ideal for sight seeing

It's a source of energy to the natives in form of firewood and charcoal, foodstuffs and medicinal herbs as well as a habitat for animals.

This beautiful scenery was a refreshing activity for the team, being able to identify the cultural and social differences between Uganda and Denmark's ecosystems and also finding inspiration.

The team was taken through the forest and shown the different tree species, animals, herbs and plants that uniquely make up its ecosystem.

A detailed survey was introduced on how the natives live concurrently with the forest for example they get wood for economic purposes like crafts, drum making and firewood.

During the walk, there was a visit to the Mpanga CSO hub where students participated in native activities of daily life like sweet potato and cassava harvesting.

The walk was concluded with a visit to the crafts manufacturing centres that rely on the forest trees for drum making.





WALK OF
LIFE

Through
Mpanga and
SDG village



SCHOOL VISIT



Kyambogo college school

Welcomed by the head teacher and the teaching staff, the students were inducted into the school's daily program just like other students.

The classroom experience

With an aim of having a feel of Uganda's education system, the KVUC students attended classroom sessions with other ugandan students to study the differences and similarities between the two settings.



Day's Overview

On behalf of the visiting team, Ms. Benedict appreciated the school's staff for the warm stay and pledged support when need rises towards the school's campaigns like urban farming.



Danish



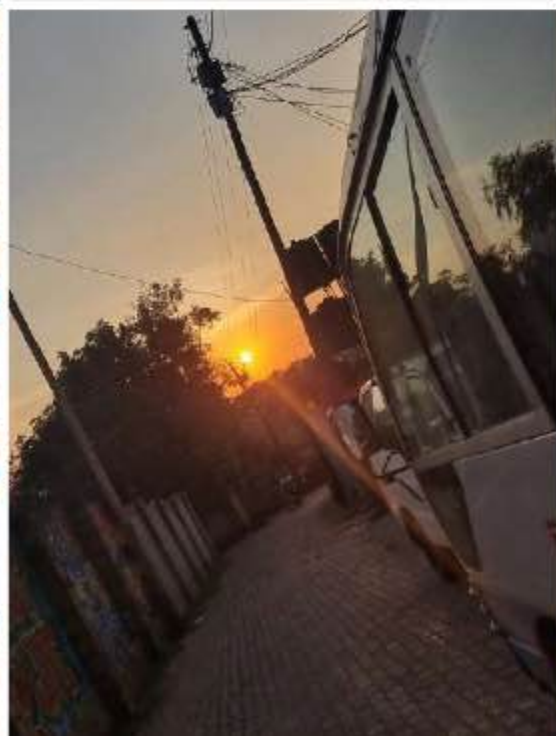
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UGANDA

EMBASSY *visit*





VISIT TO THE AFRICAN VILLAGE CRAFTS MARKET



Serene visit to Jinja

A broader view of Uganda's tourism



Dance, laughter and enjoyment on the boat

The moment's most captivating time was the karaoke and open mic session where people got to dance and sing to their favorite songs. One of the inspired Danish student got to indulge in the moment by dancing to her new fav dubbed "kinawolovu".



Life on the water

For many, it was their first time cruising on the Nile; this was a dream come true and an unforgettable experience.



Source of the Nile

It's on this day that many got to reach the spot where the Nile originates and surely it must be an experience they will forever live to tell.



The breathe of Mabira

Many Danish students couldn't help to stare in amazement as the bus cruised through Mabira forest as it was a new experience not seen back at home.



**Denmark and Uganda as
one!**

YOUTHCSOPARTY

THE LAST OF IT ALL, DUSK OF THE STAY

Having embarked on a blissful journey, a farewell party was held at Nac headquarters for a flashback of all that had happened in the previous days. A display of the CSO market colored the eventful evening where NAC's partners showcased different ideologies and works that they major in. From crafts to recyclables to climate smart inventions, name it all. Students were able to make purchases in support of the exhibitors and ask of different things and opinions as guided.

The day was also graced by a live band session; something that uniquely stood out for the Danish students.

A mouth watering dinner was served, accompanied by variety of drinks to add to the joyful day.

Conclusively, closure remarks were given from both the Ugandan team and Danish team, expressing their gratitude for the warm stay and for the lot they had learnt from Uganda's hospitable and loving people.

A dance session later sealed it for the day and bidding farewell.





DEPARTURE

By Bulega Joshua

BIDDING FAREWELL

The long day was wrapped up with a hotel check out and journey to the airport. It was a day of emotions as a team formed never wanted to disintegrate. Hugs, handshakes and "see you again" promises were the expression of gratitude, joy and love for the unforgettable moments created.

Appreciation

In remembrance of this strong relationship between the people of Denmark and Uganda, all thanks and gratitude to NAC and it's partners for making it happen.

DEDICATION

Dedicated to the Danish team together with the Ugandan team For the memories we made and will forever treasure.

CLOSURE

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