

## **MISSION FOR ALL (MIFA) ANNUAL REPORT 2019**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Mission For All (MIFA) is a registered Christian Non-Government Organization (NGO) established in 1981 and our Mission is “To witness for Jesus Christ by supporting children and their communities through education for development.” Presently MIFA operates in 6 districts of Uganda - Kampala, Mukono, Kayunga, Mpigi, Wakiso and Luwero.

#### **MIFA has the following programs:**

- a) Child and Family Development
- b) Street Children Rehabilitation
- c) Evangelism and Discipleship
- d) HIV/ AIDS awareness (MBAPA)
- e) Girls 'Education Challenge (GEC)
- f) Vocational Skills Training
- g) Village savings and Loan Scheme

### **1.0 CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

During the year 2019, MIFA supported 494 needy orphans with formal education, health and technical skills. All the children who fell sick were given medical treatment. One serious medical condition was reported –one child was diagnosed with Cancer. A successful operation was carried out and the child was put on chemotherapy.

The Program had two staff, Mr. Noah Musoke and Mrs Maria Nsubuga. The routine activities were School Fees payment, Health Monitoring and Counselling for both children and guardians, selection of new children, Area Fellowships, Report writing, Evaluation of the programs' activities, guardians' area meetings, school and home visits.

#### **1.0 The major activities were:**

##### **1.1 Pastoral visits**

Pastoral visits were made in areas of Kayunga, Buloba, Namuyenje, Namulonge and Namayumba. During the visits spiritual and Health talks were given to both parents and children. These were mainly organized to give a platform for MIFA staff to interact

with the children and guardians to enable them share views and solutions on matters affecting them. The beneficiaries gain hope as they learn from the issues discussed.

### **1.2 Sponsors' Visits**

Children were visited both at home and school by their sponsors in the months of February, July and October, 2019.

### **1.3 Children's career meetings**

The meetings were held to help children think and choose good careers for their future. These were mainly for children in Candidate classes.

### **1.4 Guardian Leaders' Meetings**

The meetings were held in February, July and November with an objective of passing on important information from MIFA as an organization but also to receive and hear reports from area representatives on issues concerning the children.

### **1.5 The Children's Conference**

The conference was held from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 at Mother Care Preparatory School, Bunamwaya and it was well attended. The theme was, "When I fall, I will rise", Micah 7:8. The Conference was officially opened by the Rt. Rev. James Willian Ssebagala of Mukono Diocese and closed by the Rt. Rev. Wilberforce Kityo Luwalira of Namirembe Diocese.

## **2.0 STREET CHILDREN REHABILITATION**

The aim of the project is to offer a safe, peaceful and creative environment to former street involved children through residential care. This helps the children to gain hope for living and a better future.

### **2.1 Rehabilitation and resettlement**

Thirty (30) children recruited went through the rehabilitation process which works through continuous psycho-social support, educational support, health and nutritional support and behavioral treatment. Twenty seven (27) children were finally resettled with their families after the rehabilitation process. Three (3) children whose families could not be traced were resettled with foster families.

### **2.2 Achievements**

- a) Better disciplined and transformed children are seen happily re-uniting with their families and exit communities.
- b) Positive parenting talks with receiving families are successfully done.
- c) Extended Home based support for resettled children

## **2.3 Challenges**

- a) Failure for some children to tell their exit communities and homes
- b) Non responsive families – relatives refusing to accept re-union.

## **3.0 EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP**

MIFA encourages her beneficiaries to realize the love of God for them through working with the religious leaders in our areas of operation. This helps our children and their guardians to have full participation in church activities which helps them grow spiritually.

## **4.0 HIV/AIDS AWARENESS**

Twenty five (25) guardians of the sponsored children declared their HIV Status and formed an association, MIFA Bazadde Positive Mothers' Association (MBAPA). These members meet every month to carry out income generating activities such as making beads, books, handcraft, sewing, baking and growing of mushrooms. They also get health talks and share knowledge on positive living

The members got a donation of an Eco Stove (Oven) from Missionswerk Frohe Botschaft (MFB) Germany which they are using for baking. The Eco stove uses Volcanic Rocks instead of charcoal and this helps to conserve the environment and reduction of cutting down forests. This will lead to reduction in the expenditure on Fuel because the Volcanic Rocks can be used for a period of two years.

### **4.1 Future Plan**

The members are planning to open up a business unit/selling outlet where they will be selling the products from the oven, books, and handcraft among the many by 2020.

## **5.0 GIRLS' EDUCATION CHALLENGE (GEC)**

Mission For All (MIFA) partnered with the Children at Risk Network (CRANE) through the Girl Education Challenge (GEC) to support school drop outs and teenage mothers by teaching them Arithmetic, English and numeracy to prepare them to be able to go back to the main stream education.

## **5.1 Main activities**

- The center recruited 18 girls of ages 9-17 who dropped out of school in February 2019 and trained them in literacy and numeracy. Twelve (12) girls joined main stream schools and 6 girls joined the Vocational Training school.
- Thirty (30) parents and guardians were mobilized, sensitized and showed the importance of fighting illiteracy amongst girls.

## **5.3 Achievements**

- Through counselling the girls, their attitude towards life and education changed.
- Eighteen (18) girls went back to school.
- Six (6) girls were equipped with self-reliance and income generating skills hence enabling them acquire ways of earning income.

## **5.4 Challenges**

- Some parents and guardians fail to provide school fees and scholastic materials to the children after reintegrating them into the main stream schools.
- Maintaining girls in mainstream after the creative learning center, especially those from child headed famines is not easy due to the financial constraints

## **6.0 VOCATIONAL SKILLS**

MIFA realized the increasing demand for vocational skills by the vulnerable young people especially those who dropped out of school due to gender based violence and lack of school fees. MIFA Ebenezer Vocational Center (MEVOC) was started to cater for the growing need.

The vocational centre aims at equipping vulnerable girls especially teenage mothers and school drop outs with skills and knowledge that can enable them earn a living hence become self-reliant.

The Center supported 83 students in 2019 and it is headed by Mrs. Ruth Mpiima.

## **6.1 Emergency Day Care Center**

Majority of our students were teenage mothers who came with their babies to attend classes. MIFA in partnership with Children at Risk Network (CRANE) established a

well-furnished Emergency Babies' Centre where these young mothers left their children as they attended classes. The babies were looked after by a trained baby caretaker.

## **6.2 Achievements**

- a) The girls through counselling, one on one talks, home visits and follow-up calls have gained confidence in MIFA as parents who wanted to change their lives.
- b) Some students through trainings in life skills had a change in attitudes towards themselves. They gained confidence and could happily express themselves.
- c) 53 students sat for the Directorate of Industrial Training(DIT exams on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 and they all passed with a distinction.

## **6.3 Challenge**

Some of the students that were partially sponsored could not afford to pay their school fees balance and to buy requirements for their class work. This made it hard for them to fully participate in class.

## **7.0 VILLAGE SAVINGS AND LOAN SCHEME**

Sixty five (65) guardians of the teenage mothers were mobilized by MIFA to form a Village Saving and Loan Scheme (VSLA). This group saved and bought items like Tents, Chairs and saucepans which they hired out to the community members who held functions. They had Trainings in Child Protection and Business skills. They also won a cash prize of 700,000/- shillings from the Children at Risk Network, (CRANE) that boosted their capital.

## **7.1 Achievements**

- a) Members shared profits and registered increased household incomes
- b) Members learnt different income generating activities during their group meetings.
- c) The saving culture was instilled in members
- d) The Cash prize won by the group was used to expand the business

## **7.2 Challenge**

The group would like to expand but they are limited by the low capital.

## **8.0 GENERAL INFORMATION**

- The MIFA Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2018 was held on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at MIFA Head Office: The Theme was: “Bearing Good Fruit” Luke, 6: 43 – 45.
- A thanks giving Celebration was held on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 at Ebenezer Home in Mukono District.
- The members of staff were treated to a day out to relax their minds away from the routine office activities on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. They were able to freely interact in a relaxed atmosphere.
- MIFA’s Patron, the Rt. Rev. Samuel Stephen Kazimba is the Arch Bishop of Uganda Elect. He will be enthroned as the Archbishop of Uganda in April 2020.

## 9.0 CONCLUSION

MIFA programs impacted the lives of young people, parents and guardians giving them hope. Special thanks go to Missionswerk Frohe Botschaft (MFB) Germany our major donor for the continued financial support towards MIFA programs. We also thank CRANE/VIVA for the support towards the vulnerable Girl Children through the Girl Child Education Challenge (GEC) Project. We cannot forget Child I Foundation, Keeping Children in Health and Protective Families (KCHPF) for the role they played as we worked together.

Finally, we thank the Patron, Trustees and Board Members, the staff other stakeholders for the moral support and guidance.

May God bless you all.

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