

PROJECT PROPOSAL

Project name: Raising the voice of the Orphans

Project name: Bethany rehabilitation center

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Orphanage project

In Kisoro district, there are a growing number of Orphaned and homeless children caused by HIV/AIDS and other illnesses. In addition to this, because of constant political instabilities in neighboring Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) many children always suffer in the transit camp of Nyakabande because most of their parents are killed by rebels. These children are often abandoned with no way of tracing family members. Bethany Rehabilitation Center (BRC) is able to provide a small orphanage project that will provide children with a safe and stable home, education and support throughout their childhood. This project currently registered over 120 children and the need is growing.

Child survival program

In Kisoro (Uganda), almost 7 percent of children below five years die each year from easily curable diseases for instance like diarrhea, pneumonia, and malaria. Its not because of parental ignorance but they don't access the affordable and effective lifesaving interventions like oral rehydration solution (ORS) for diarrhea, antibiotics to treat respiratory infections, and ant malarial tablets. Therefore the project aims to put in place safe motherhood and child survival initiatives as its top priorities in healthcare of children.

Family outreach

Many rural people in Uganda face many challenges like unemployment and absolute poverty. Bethany rehabilitation center has come up with the idea of working with disadvantaged families to increase their physical, emotional and social

wellbeing if funds are availed. This will usually be in form of immediate aid such as food, clothing, and medical fees amongst other things. In addition to this, another bigger problem is access to medical treatment and testing for HIV/AIDS; this problem is through out Uganda but for these families they possess a biggest problem because of lack of education on sexual health, counseling and personal care.

Project location

The project is found in Kisoro main village, Kisoro district, South Western region of Uganda. It's neighbored by Kanungu district in the North, Kabale in the East, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in the West and Rwanda in the South. The major tribes in this area include Bafumbira, Bakiga and the Batwa who are the minority group. The Bakiga are mainly settled in the North and East, the Bafumbira in the South and West, whereas the Batwa are scattered all over the district. The language spoken by these groups is Rufumbira and Rukiga and the surrounding community is comprised of farmers and casual laborers who do petty work so as to get something to cater for their family needs. The farmers on the other hand grow crops like sorghum, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, beans, maize, cassava and bananas. Other sources of livelihood are crafts, trade, professional jobs and cross border trade and tourism.

Objectives of the Project

The project objectives are majorly but not limited to:

- i. The establishment of a home for the homeless, distressed and HIV/AIDS orphans.
- ii. To provide basic needs and other timely needs like food, clothing, shelter and elementary education for the orphans, training them in the self reliance skills that will be available at the centre.
- iii. Identifying family needs and possible solutions through community outreach programs
- iv. Nurture sick and malnourished Orphan children for better health and keep them well and strong.

Mission

To discover the possible ways and means to promote programmes on Education, Health Care, Food & Shelter, Recreation, Social Security and Moral Support for the Orphans children to lead a healthy, happy and successful life.

Problem statement

As we recognize that the children occupies a very unique and privileged position in the African society and that for the full harmonious development of their personality, the child should grow up in a family environment in an atmosphere of happiness, love, guidance and understanding. From a child's physical and mental development, they require care in regard to physical, mental, moral and social development. But despite of the efforts to improve the lives of the children, social indicators continue to show a decline in social

and economic welfare of children. In addition to this, low level of education among the whole population of the community has also been attributed to the increasing number of Orphan children as a result of HIV and AIDS scourge, poverty and poor health conditions. Worst of all, some of the children below 11 years are heading families taking the responsibility of caring for the young ones as well as finding a way for their education and in most cases they depend on one meal per day; other families fail to raise even the little money to take children for medical treatment and to school. In addition, many children after primary seven drop out hence increasing on the number of early marriages, prostitution and street children in Kisoro Town. This has increased on the rate of infections among the young population in the area because they want to earn a living through exchanging sex for money. Thus the project will provide relief services and training through self – sustaining income generating projects that will effectively enforce a self –help principle.

Beneficiaries

Underprivileged children that is to say both boys and girls are to benefit from the project in kisoro

Project duration

Bethany Rehabilitation Centre that will start in Kisoro town, once we get the funds and will be a permanent model centre for other parts of Western Uganda although it will be subjected to forensic yearly audits and evaluation to determine its viability.

Strategies

The targeted strategies that will be applied to start and run the centre are:

- i. To get a committed donor(s) with a passion for the betterment of the lives of the African child to donate funds and materials that will enable the project to take off the ground.
- ii. To establish the centre in the stages as planned in the areas highlighted and manage it to the standards required for the upbringing and rehabilitating the target groups.
- iii. To solicit funds from the government, local & international leaders and non government organizations, individuals for the management and advancement of the centre.
- iv. To engage awareness and civil education lobbying and advocacy programs for the advancement of the right and welfare of the child.

- v. Start a business training program as part of the self reliance skills training for women to build up the income to be used in micro finance loans for women to get start up capital.

Project sustainability

The project will be sustained through the use of the following strategies

Accessing funds from global donors

Partnerships are to be set with global donors who will donate towards this noble cause. Donor partners will be requested to donate to the project which will help in raising funds to sponsor the project undertakings.

Existing partners will be requested to increase the number of children sponsored every year in order to expand the benefits to as many orphans as possible.

Initiating micro projects

Projects like piggery keeping, Bee keeping, art and craft, agriculture and tailoring will be established to avail revenue to the implementing team to be used to sponsor other children.

Contribution from project beneficiaries

The beneficiaries on completion of their studies will be called upon to contribute generously towards the project. On understanding that some people of good will contributed to the funds they benefited from

Community Participation

This is one of the main strategies of the centre to enhance project sustainability through material, moral and community voluntary support and participation. Once the impact of the centre will be felt in the lives of the people from the wide areas of the community, the goodwill will propel the organization to become a friend of the society and will receive tremendous support from the local business people too.

Monitoring and evaluation

A comprehensive monitoring and evaluation system will be put in place to monitor and evaluate project activities. Quick books financial tracking system will be put in place to monitor cash flows, expenditures and

purchases. For security and reliability quick books accounting data base is to be used and will be managed by the chief accountant. Income and expenses will be entered into the system and regular reconciliations are to be done.

Reporting

We expect to send quarterly operational report about the progress of the project, every after three months and a comprehensive report will be sent every after six months covering; financial status, project activities so that the participating donors can review how the donations given are used in accordance with the vision of the centre.

Required time for implementation of the program/project

The project is in the position but the fund and other requirements, like materials, buildings and others are needed so urgently. We hope if the good Samaritans and donors out there can consider our appeal. We need this assistance urgently in that construction of the building takes place as soon as possible.

Budget estimate for one year

DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	UNIT COST(Dollars)	TOTAL COST(Dollars)
ESTABLISHING THE REHABILITATION CENTER PREMISES			
Acquisition of land	2 Acres	9800	19600
Construction & purchase of building materials			180500
Latrines	3:15X60fit	780	2340
Electricity	450 units	1 unit:0.18x12	972
SUB TOTAL			203412
FOOD SECURITY/AGRICULTURE			
Seeds e.g. beans, maize and Irish potatoes			690
Goats	55	36	1980
Piggery keeping			1240
Poultry keeping			1450
Diary cows	7	411.43	2880
Sprayers	1½		220
Feeds			240
SUB TOTAL			8700
CHILDRENS' NECESSITIES			
Uniforms	150	11	1650
Shoes	150	9	1350
Blankets	150	8	1200
Mattresses	150	18	2700
Bed sheets	300	10	3000
School bags	150	6	900
Books, pens, mathematical pens			1300
Schools fees	110		9240
Child survival program (Supplementary food for malnourished children)	40		1600
Medical care			1400
Water bills			3800
Feeding, firewood, saucepans, salt, cooking oil e.t.c			6400
SUB TOTAL			34540
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS			
Salaries and allowances for staff, support staff and case workers	9	129x12	3948
Motor bike	1		3200
Computers	6	300	1800
Bicycles	5	104	520
SUB TOTAL			9468
GRAND TOTAL			256120

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