**ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE**

River of life charity organization is a non- governmental, non- profit making and philanthropy organization. It was founded by Ms Joyce Sjolin Kajjubi in 2012 with the aim of supporting older persons, 60 years and above. It was started to help and to facilitate them to live a healthier, happy and peaceful life.

Having lived her life working with various relief agencies, she felt that older persons in Uganda also deserve to live a similar life and treatment offered to those in Europe and other developed countries.

As we age, we tend to use health and social services more. The are many patients in hospitals and in rural areas who are over 60 years and above, and most of these elderly people have dependants, whose future depends more on these elderly persons. This means that if we do not care and support them their dependants will also suffer equally or even more.

 The dream of the founder is to put a smile on everyone’s face. She was inspired to name the organization after a Bible verse of Revelation 22: 1-2. Since its inception, River of Life Charity Organization has helped more than 100 elderly people, excluding their dependants. We provide health care services, voluntary work, training them in different areas like agriculture, hard craft, hygine to mention but a few.

If you believe that the elderly people deserve to live a better life, then take action and join River of life Charity Organization to support them.

**LOCATION**

River of Life Charity Organization is situated at 9 Miles, Nakabugo-Bbira, 9miles Mityana Road, Wakiso District. This charity also operates another office with similar functions in Sweden, Per Albin, and Hansson Vag 2A. 21432, Malmo.

**SOCIETIAL VISION**

A society where older persons of 60+ live in a secure and dignified environment that fulfills their needs, dreams and aspirations. Make this country a wonderful place to live in when grows old.

**ORGANISATION VISION**

A vibrant self-reliant organization with vast capacity to satisfying its clients and stakeholders.

**MISSION**

To facilitate and empower older persons of 60+ to live healthier, happy and peaceful life.

**VALUES:**  Love, Honesty, Transparence and Accountability

**OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES ARE**:

1. To promote active aging.
2. To promote and maintain good health among older persons.
3. To promote economic empowerment amongst older persons with the aim of poverty alleviation.
4. To create and maintain a source of funds from which the elderly may be facilitated to promote their general welfare, prosperity and livelihood.
5. To provide nutritional needs to the elderly, through making their voices heard and make them enjoy life in their communities.
6. To promote and provide clean water and sanitation among the elderly.
7. To promote and where necessary provide proper shelter for the elderly.
8. To promote self-help initiatives of social economic empowerment of elderly 60+ for sustainable development.
9. To promote equality among the elderly and encourage equal access to social, cultural, economic and house hold resources.
10. To provide information to older persons of 60+ and communities about their rights, needs and responsibilities; health, HIV/AIDS, sexuality, poverty, alleviation and gender issues.
11. To promote participation of elderly and communities in the planning and management of community development programs.
12. To strengthen the capacity of families and communities to care and protect the elderly.

**3. ACTIVITIES/ PROGRAMMES**

Rivers of Life Charity Organization offers the following services to elderly and their care takers.

1. Life skills training so as to add value on what they have been doing before.
2. Counseling and Guidance.
3. Initiating income generating projects
4. Providing essential needs.

**4. MEMBERSHIP**

River of life charity organization is a membership organization and its membership is open to

1. All persons of sound mind and good will who aspires and are willing to subscribe to the objectives of the organization regardless of their country of origin.
2. An adult individual either in Uganda or aboard is able to pay a subscription fee as determined by the board of Director.
3. **CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP**

River of life charity organization has five [5] categories of membership.

1. Ordinary membership, who are Ugandan adults, and of 18 years of age and above, and interested in supporting the elderly. This type of membership is only valid after payment of annual subscription fees which will be determined by the board.
2. Honorary membership; which is only awarded to persons who renders explicit services or whose personality is of great importance to the charity. This type of membership is granted by the Board of Directors upon approval of the General Assembly.
3. Associate membership; Associate membership is given to organizations or network of organizations holding interest in the work that River charity organization does.
4. Corporate membership; which is accorded to corporate bodies and institutions that wish to support the charity through the payment of certain fees.

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1. **BENEFICIARIES**

The beneficiaries of River of life charity organization are older persons aged 60+ who needy as recommended, after proper identification and introduction by local stakeholders of the area of residence and on the expression of interest and written consent of the older person. River of life charity organization keeps a register of its beneficiaries.

1. **STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE.**

The organization operates under three arms; the General Assembly, the Board of Directors and the Secretariat.

1. **THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

This is the supreme decision making body on all matters of general interest to the organization comprising of all registered members and they;

1. Meet once a year to discuss ROLCO’s programs.
2. Receive the audited accounts.
3. Approve policies and programs
4. Amend and adopt the constitution if need be.
5. Constitute themselves into a delegate’s conference every 2 years to elect the Board of Directors.
6. Approve bankers, lawyers and auditors to the Organization.
7. **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

This is the management committee comprising of seven members; The chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Executive Director, Treasurer, Mobilizer and two members elected by the General Assembly who;

1. Develop policies.
2. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the programs.
3. Provide high-level public relations.
4. Ensure the sustainability of the organization.
5. Recruit and appraise the administrative staff.
6. Shall work hand-in-hand with the Board of Trustee to raise an endowment fund
7. Oversee the care and maintenance of ROLCO property.
8. Ensure harmonious cooperation with Government and other Stakeholders.
9. Co-ordinate and control the activities of the various committees.
10. Take disciplinary action on any member for any commission or omission.
11. **BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**

The Board of Trustees comprises of 5 members proposed by the BOD and approved by the General Assembly and they;

1. Invest on behalf of the organization.
2. Raise and manage an endowment fund.
3. Provide high level public relations for ROLCO.
4. Ensure sustainability of ROLCO
5. Perform an advisory role and conduct any other business as assigned by the Board of Directors.
6. **THE SECRETARIAT.**

This is administrative and implementing body which;

1. Implement the work plan
2. Account for the work plan and finances
3. Have working staff in various departments created for the need of particular projects.
4. Is headed by the Executive Director.

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