



## NOAH'S ARK CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY UGANDA

### PROGRESS REPORT 2024

**Celebrating 25 years of serving God and Uganda.**



Her Excellency Maama Janet Kataha Museveni the first lady of Uganda commissions the next 25 years Of Noah's Ark Children and Youth Ministry. **Story on Pages 2,3,4,5**

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Noah's Ark Children and Youth Ministry (NACYM) is an indigenous not for profit organization registered with the NGO Bureau under the NGO Registration act 113, File number. MIA/NB/2003/07/4833. We focus on a holistic approach to child development and care, women, hard to reach people with a keen interest on the youth. NACYM runs a Childcare program, Education, Health, Agriculture and a Youth engagement program.



**MISSION**

To promote a Biblical and holistic approach to child development and care in the family.



**VALUES**

- Biblical
- Child centered
- Family focused
- Integrity
- Responsibility
- Accountability
- Dedication
- Practical/ action oriented
- Adaptability
- Exemplary.



**VISION**

Every Child a family.

### Word from the founder.



I was expectant that year 2024 was going to be a positive year.

I saw the hand of God through the milestone of making 25 years as an organization. When I look back, I thank God for the many people he has brought to us to further his work. The most amazing thing is, when you have a dream/vision even if you find ups and downs in your journey, the end is usually a beautiful picture, which may not be realized by many people.

2024 is also a year I had resolved to shift some corner stones i.e.

up grading of our programs by shifting some gears in the schools, carrying out serious renovations in different programs as we geared up for the next 25 years of serving God and Uganda. I was practically engaged in stirring up my team.

The biggest opportunity is the many partners both local and international that joined us to make this happen. We saw local donors bringing their produce, salaries, in kind donations like paint, cement, other construction materials, dedicating their time in the shortest period of time.

Together with a good friend of the Organization, we spear headed the whole process.

This has helped our staff to look different at their workstations as well embracing the task that God has given us which is to take care of his children.

In that perspective, am looking forward to another 25 years.

Together in His service,

Sir. Piet Buitendijk  
Founder,  
Noah's Ark Children and Youth Ministry.



## HEADLINES FROM THE YEAR 2024

Noah's Ark Children and Youth Ministry having been founded in 1999 this year, we made 25 years of serving vulnerable children and the youth of Uganda. NACYM wanted to celebrate giving a home to over 700 abandoned, abused or left behind children we have always received through the probation offices, Family protection units of the police and courts.

Celebrating More than 1200 children from the poorest families in the surrounding communities that have enjoy sponsored Education in our 4 NACYM founded schools (Nursery, Primary and Secondary Vocation.)

Celebrating Our Health program the Noah's Ark Family clinics (Health Centre III) that offer free and subsidized medical care to the children and the community which for so many years have offered services like; free immunization, Antenatal, Family planning, counseling, community outreaches, emergency, general practice, ambulance services and a malnutrition unit in partnership with Mulago National referral hospital.

NACYM wanted to celebrate a Youth empowerment program whose goal is to expose youth to marketable skills that creates opportunities for self-reliance.

Through all our programs, NACYM has touched over **250,000 beneficiaries** in our 25 years of service a milestone worthy celebrating because not many Organizations make it to this level.

All of us had to warm up towards preparation for our new face. We involved all our stakeholders young and old, partners and local donors because the work was big.

We were over whelmed with the response we received! This included building materials, paint, free labor, food, scholastic materials and dedication of time towards this cause. With a lot of

**NACMU AT 25 - Every one joined in to prepare for the big celebration.**



Above, the founder encouraging a group of students during the preparation works.



Above left, the construction crew Jefta one of the youth and a beneficiary parent of our school sponsorship program working in front of the children's home. Right, painting fence at the children's home.



Above, Secondary vocation students doing paints works at the fountain.

We worked day and night to make our special day a success.

The first lady of Uganda Her Excellency Maama Janet Katah Museven who is also the Minister of Education and sports was our main celebrant and also commissioned the next 25 years.

What an Honor!!

Many dignitaries and stakeholders joined in to celebrate with us. These included the Indian High Commissioner, The government chief whip, Former Minister of Foreign affairs, and several members of parliament, the Commissioner Uganda Revenue Authority, District officials, the clergy and the beneficiaries of the Ministry.

In her speech, The First lady commended the founders Piet and Pita (Mama and Papa) for the dedication towards caring for children and youth. She praised the Organization for integrating vocational skills into the school curriculum, which enables young people to gain both standard Education and practical skills.

*What I see here at Noah's Ark is truly humbling experience for me and am sure for others that come here from time to time.*

*It is amazing that a man and his wife came to Uganda and decided to help Children who needed all the help they could get. These were children who were picked from rubbish pits and latrines, brought them home fed and took care of them.*

*Noah's Ark draws parallels to the Biblical story where Noah's ark provided refuge and shelter.*



We need to plant our grass, the children got involved.



Final touching the NHSVS main hall building to be ready for commissioning.



Right, the youth drawing art inside the children's home to add life.



Above, the first lady in the middle arrives.



The first lady is welcomed by papa Piet in the middle plus friends of the Organization.





Above, the first lady cuts a ribbon as a sign of commissioning the next 25 years. Right, in one of the classrooms.



Above, the first lady in a meeting with some of the members of the Management team, right, former Minister of foreign affairs, the URA Commissioner, the government chief whip, second row the director National roads Authority and the Bishop of Mukono.



Above, the Bishop opening the celebration with a prayer. Right, the founder of Noah's Ark children's Ministry giving a speech on that day.



Above, the first lady plants a tree.

## THE NUMBERS IN THE 25 YEARS

- Supported over **10** Children's homes with food.
- Over **6000** children have been given a home
- Educated over **10,000** school children
- Been able to set up **4** schools
- Has set up **2** Health Facilities at Health center III level.
- Provided atleast **9,125,000** meals to vulnerable children and youth for over 25 years.
- Delivered over **3000** babies in our Health Center.
- Supported over **1000** youth.
- Planted over **230,000** trees as away of restoring the environment.



## OUR ROAD MAP TO THE 25 YEARS

Mama and Papa came to Uganda 25 years ago. In a rented house, they started with 1 abandoned child (Owen). Probation offices, court and the family protection unit of the Uganda police kept on calling them to pick abandoned /abused children which led to increase in numbers. The growing numbers of children led to the establishment of the children's home as the pioneer program.

They started living as one family. Medical care needs started arising justifying the need for a Health facility that would extend services to the communities' especially pregnant women that needed antenatal and maternity services in order to reduce maternal and infant mortality.

As children were getting near to the school going age the need to educate them arose.

The first nursery school started on a veranda of the house the founders were staying in. As numbers grew we had to start a nursery and primary school that was not only open to the children under our care but also to the surrounding vulnerable communities that enjoyed sponsored education.

We started a farm to reduce on our feeding budget that had escalated. In the farm we reared animals like pigs and cows, poultry and also started growing our food.

We thought of Education that would best suit the category of the children under our care and indeed opening a secondary vocation school where 2 curriculums are blended in one school was the answer to producing a self-sustainable student.

Given Uganda youth demographics, plus the fact that the children under our care were becoming youth, as an Organization, we started a youth engagement program 3 years ago.



Above, Mr. Manish Varsani giving his speech

## What Others Said About Noah's ark Children and Youth Ministry

Hannah and Owen the first girl and boy in the children's home in their speech appreciated being loved and cared for. They both referred to the home as a sanctuary and family they hold dearly. They thanked Noah's Ark Children's ministry for the Education and skills acquired which have helped them to be what they are.

Hannah is a qualified counselor.

Owen is a photographer; he works with the Noah's Ark Public relation's office.



Above, Hannah giving her speech.



Above, Owen giving his speech with his camera.

Mr. Manish Varsani a businessman who is also a philanthropist appreciated Piet and Pita the founders for their love for Children and the disadvantaged.

He called upon the Asian fraternity to give to such good causes because that is where blessings are found.

Also applauded the staff and the Management team for the commitment and exceptional work. Mr. Manish and his family have been instrumental in helping us to organize this milestone.

## ARE YOU PART OF THE PUZZLE?

The puzzle piece approach was rolled out this year by the founder (Papa) Piet Buitendijk with a goal of reinforcing our connections because we are all part of each other's puzzle.

How puzzle pieces are connected is indeed a mirror of life. We all need our pieces to be a whole person.

Each puzzle piece is part of the Noah's Ark vision. This approach helps us to focus on the bigger picture which is *every child a family* irrespective of how imperfect it may be.

The children keep puzzling where they belong so are the adults because where you fit in the puzzle is where you belong.

The end pieces in our Organization puzzle may not be known that is why our puzzles are all of the same shape but made of different beautiful colors. Together they become a beautiful shape.

We hope to utilize the puzzle pieces to inspire, empower and help people understand who they are in the puzzle of Noah's Ark in order to work together for a common goal in the next 25 years.

A donor, sponsor, worker, child, staff, etc. are all part of the Noah's Ark Children and Youth's Ministry puzzle.

The same campaign was rolled out in the Netherlands during our 25 years celebration there. We hope to add more puzzle pieces in the next 25 years.



Above, the first puzzle piece and around them are the many puzzle pieces that make Noah's Ark.



Above, the Secondary Vocational students making the puzzle pieces for demonstration

## NOAH'S Ark Children's Ministry unveils New Logo.

The keen observer may have noticed that one of the children in our logo has grown up and is now a youth. As our children grow up and our educational programs expand, we no longer minister to only children but to a growing number of youth as well. We felt this should be reflected in our name and logo and therefore we have changed our name to "Noah's Ark Children and Youth Ministry".



Above, Young people preparing to come To Uganda to see what we do.





## YOUTH SKILLING - Responding to the ever-growing need.

Through our Education program (New Horizon Secondary Vocation School) as well as the Youth empowerment program, we have continued to encourage our young people to address their situations. We have continued to provide resources with a goal of transforming their lives. We do this through exposing them to different skills/trades, build their self-belief as well as exposure to various opportunities through entrepreneurship.

This year, we managed to sit 98 students who were successfully assessed by the Directorate of Industrial training a quality assurance body that is responsible for assessing and awarding of certificates of competence to students.

As away of exposure, we have continued to show case what our students do each time we have an opportunity not only to market but as well to put word out their that it is possible to make a living out of talent.

On Organization functions, our vistors on several occasions have tested our own grown coffee and appreciated the quality. The proceeds from the different entrepreneurship interventions we have taken on are ploughed back in the organization to further the goals of our youth empowerment program.

This year, we were able to buy a second coffee machine. This will help us expose more youth.



Above, the plumbing students getting ready for their final examinations.



Above, the Electricity students in their final examinations.



Above, Vistors and staff seeing what the students have showcased



Above, baristas making coffee for vistors.



## THE COFFEE PROGRAM - Exposure in coffee tourism by our Youth!

The coffee program as one of our skilling arm is a potential bridge towards transforming our youth. This year, we were able to operationalize the coffee house whose purpose is to work as a training place where our youth expose fellow youth, coffee farmers and visitors on coffee growing and production process.

Here, our youth take you through the production process right from plantation, harvesting and processing.

The training given goes beyond observation. Our youth expose trainees through a hands on experience of the many stages of coffee production (coffee tourism).

This exposure has increased youth participation and many coffee farmers in the surrounding communities have started appreciating their own coffee.

A farmer is quoted on one of the trainings,

*“No body has ever taught us this in the many years of coffee growing”*

As a country through coffee tourism we hope to expose our Ugandan coffee to the outside world because we believe Uganda produces one of the best coffees.

Our desire is for our youth to get out of the nest when they are able to earn a living through such activities.

Avistor is quoted,

*“Iam amazed at the professionalism the youth exhibit. This has a future”.*



Above, one of our youth showing the visitors what dried coffee beans look like.



Above, Veronica demonstrating how to roast coffee.



The youth in a training session

### FAMOUS COFFEE QUOTES

“Coffee is a language its self”.

“Coffee is a liquid hug for your brain”.

## STORIES OF HOPE

Hope is being able to see that there is light in the darkness or never a night problem that could defeat sunrise. This is what all our programs give to our beneficiaries. This falls right in the story of Erica who was brought to our health facility with wounds all over her mouth, couldn't eat and very sick. The parents were desperate having tried several clinics.

She was diagnosed with malaria and Tuberculosis on top of the other cases she had.

Despite our efforts, Erica kept on losing weight. When she started the Tuberculosis medication, she started eating and gaining weight. The funny thing is she didn't come as a malnutrition case but because of the severity of the wounds, she had to feed from the NG tube (gastrostomy tube). Being that less amounts are administered through a tube, Erica started losing weight that resulted into being enrolled in our malnutrition program.

She has markedly improved but still on the tuberculosis treatment which is usually for six months. Besides that, she is a happy toddler that can now play.



Before and after pictures of Erica.



Our team together with milly and the probation officer getting out of police and right, breast-feeding her baby at our health facility.

### Milly and baby Daniel

Milly a student, got involved with a married man, upon giving birth, the father denied the child. Frustrated Milly dropped her child in a pit latrine to die. Out of guilty she informed her brother of the act who called the community and Uganda police for rescue. The child was taken to Kayunga referral hospital being the nearest hospital from the scene.

Because of the trust that hospital has in us when it comes to managing newborn babies in fragile conditions, we were contacted.

We contested taking the mother to prison because we believe through counseling she would come to love her child given our experience. Our social work department embarked on a journey of counseling at the same time ensuring Milly and the baby were well looked after. Milly has accepted her baby and still under going rehabilitation.

### Baby Shakur

Upon knowing that the father had run away because of the fear of responsibility, Baby Shakur out of fear was dumped in the pit latrine by the mother. A man who had gone to the pit latrine had the baby cry and called for help. The community called the police to rescue baby Shakur and referred him to the nearest Health Facility. Being a criminal case police wanted to imprison the mother. The Health facility refused to remain with the baby because it was going to be a huge responsibility. Police called us to provide a home for baby Shakur.

However, we requested for the mother to come along because the baby needed her. Our journey of counseling started and eventually the mother accepted to care for the baby.

When we were resettling them, we gave the mother money to start a business and as well a food package.





## The Children's home

We are continuing to provide a home to abandoned children, meet not only their short but also long term needs that give a lasting impact in the lives of the children under our care.

Some of the children in this program come with serious medical conditions, have been abused /neglected and suffer from emotional trauma.

In this program we pay attention to the development of children, Educate them in the NACMU owned schools, train them in basic life skills, encourage them to participate in sports, support their spiritual and psychosocial needs.

In the school holidays, we organize creative educational activities and games that are fun as away of occupying them.

Because children are fed on Nutritious meals, the levels at which they fall sick has reduced which has saved us on the medical bills.

We thank God that together we are changing the lives of these children.

## New entrants in the Children's Home

The rising cost of living has had a big impact on house hold income. Because of this many children are becoming homeless and vulnerable to abuse and neglect.

Because we believe that every child deserves a family, Noah's ark children's Home continues to reunite the children that have traceable family members. The remnants are cared for holistically in our programs.

### Baby Seph

A few hours from birth baby Seph was abandoned at someone's gate with baby clothes and a bag. At 6:30am in the morning a passerby had a cry and informed the local council head.

Baby Seph was rushed to the nearby Hospital for the first immunization dozes, feeding and cord cleaning.

Baby Seph was later taken to police for investigation and possibly finding a suitable temporary home.

Despite investigations and tracing by our social work team and police, no one has come out to claim Seph.

### Baby Alana

Baby Alana a few hours from delivery, code pulled off was dumped in a matooke plantation tied in a plastic bag in a pool of blood to die. The owner of the plantation had a crying baby and alerted the community that involved the police.

We were called to rescue baby Alana.

Our social workers have tried all means to trace her relatives but in vain.

Alana is now 11 months and thriving.



Above, Alana before and Alana now



Above, Papa Piet the founder holding Seph before and below Seph now.



**15** children were abandoned  
**25** reunited with their families  
**158** children are housed in the Home



## NOAHS Ark's Health Intervention.

Uganda's Health worker to patient ratio still remains 1:87 per 1000 population meaning that there is still a big gap in health care provision. Uganda still faces a shortage of health workers and lack of affordable health care services.

Despite the government's efforts to boost the health sector, the system still experiences a poor referral system, high out of pocket expenditure and inequitable distribution of health facilities across the country. The NGO fraternity has helped to close the gap by 15% through providing not for profit health facilities.

In order to reduce that gap, like in Mukono District, our Kalagala Health facility in kayunga District is under going final touches before we opening to serve our beneficiaries and the surrounding communities.

Our intervention in Mukono has helped to solve health issues of the surrounding communities as well as the direct beneficiaries of our programs.

Through our facility, we have managed to achieve the milestones below.

**83** Babies delivered.  
**1686** Malaria cases treated  
**625** Malnutrition cases  
**36** Out reaches carried out  
**1594** Immunizations carried out  
**663** Antenatal cases handled  
**26** Referrals out  
**199** Urinary tract infections handled  
**582** Upper respiratory infections handled  
**40,000** Immunization for immerging illness eg. Yellow fever



Above, A nurse administering medication through a cannula.



Above, a lab attendant running a test at our facility.



Above, sensitization on one of the out reaches.

## The malnutrition program - Viewing Malnutrition in the lens of a National referral hospital

In Uganda malnutrition threatens to destroy a generation of children especially in the rural areas. Statistics show that 4 out of every 10 children suffer malnutrition. The damage caused by stunting is usually irreversible. To reduce this, government is embracing working collaboratively with other implementers like us to manage malnutrition.

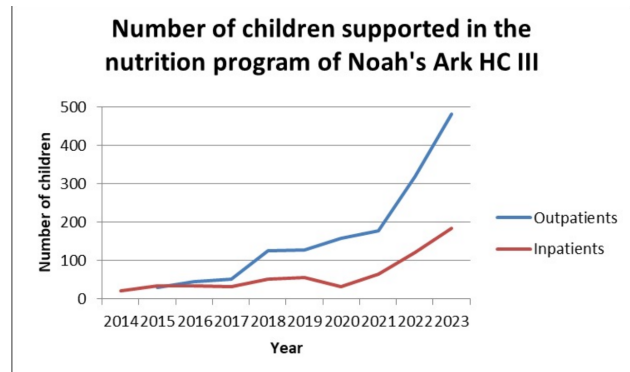
In the planning meeting together with other regional referral hospitals, focus was put on decongesting referral hospitals because the problem is big.

Strategized to expand the guidelines with more focus on premature babies and babies at risk like the ones that don't breast-feed, a strategy we had already embraced at our facility a few years ago.

In that meeting, we were the only Health center III facility that was invited; this is attributed to the consistency and experience in the fight towards malnutrition gained over the years.

### Where do we credit our success?

- I. Being that it is very expensive to run such a program, on many occasions, we have been boosted with therapeutic feeds from the regional referral hospitals.
- II. Extensive outreach in the communities and as well we use the former beneficiaries as ambassadors for this program.
- III. Testimonies from those that have gone through our program.
- IV. Several referrals from Health facilities that trust that we can even handle the most fragile situations like babies at risk.
- V. The fact that our care is free because in other facilities, patients have to pay for services like an x-ray, several tests on top of feeding. Poverty being the main cause of malnutrition monetizing any form of service makes it hard for patients to access the program.
- VI. Close monitoring of patients helps us to manage every step, which is rare in National referral hospitals and Health center IVs due to the big numbers of patients they always have.
- VII. You our Donors that have consistently supported us through the years.



Above, a graph showing numbers handled in the program over the years.



Above, A Nurse carrying out a Nutrition screening exercise.



Above, A before and after picture of one of the malnutrition beneficiaries.

**46** mothers supported to relactate.  
**15** supported with infant formula  
**218** admissions  
**570** out patient



## Embracing relations and philanthropy.

Noah's Ark Children's Ministry Uganda has always believed in working collaboratively. Here, throughout the year, we have continued to seek partnerships in all our programs because we believe that we cannot survive as a single entity.

These strategies have helped us to strengthen the local capacity. The beneficiaries get to own the programs which creates accountability and as an Organization, it has helped us to build alliances and networks.

Local Donors have helped us to reduce our big budgets especially in the feeding and in the Health program. The skyrocketing prices of food and fuel has led to the collapse of many NGOs. We thank God that because of you, we haven't fallen victim to this.

As an Organization, we have also continued to support other Organizations that have the same vision like we do.

**Noah's Ark donates Safe Water to Afaayo Rehabilitation center (ACHERU).**

For many years, we have been working with ACHERU a non – government organization that offers physical and mental impairments to vulnerable children. ACHERU offers this service in order to reduce the effects of impairments by assessing and correcting to enable children have a better life. The children under our care have been one of the beneficiaries of this service, which is free of charge. Acheru like other Organizations was affected by the effects of covid 19 which led to many of their supporters cut off aid.

For this reason, through you our supporters, together we managed to donate a Motorized Bore hole to this organization.



Above, bore hole drilling at Acheru.



Above, we were able to connect further at the Uganda statehouse with the president and the first lady.



Above, growing together and stronger with the Indian community.



Above, strengthening our relationship with our partner Biyinzika International, At the front is the food we received to aid in our feeding program.



## Celebrating the Life of Uncle Hasu.



Mr. Hasmukh Kanji Patel known as the grandfather of philanthropy. He is believed to have had a heart of gold given the thousands of people he helped through his feeding program, constructed many schools, Health facilities and churches.

He is also remembered for his extensive efforts to address environmental and safety concerns; here he planted thousands of trees, turning garbage-dumping sites into tourist attractions etc.

Commonly known to our children as Uncle Hassu facilitated the construction of an examination hall for our Secondary school students, donated food, cement to aid in the construction of class rooms, Stationery, Bicycles for all the children, facilitated our band to tour Mombasa etc.

He died this at 58 years due to heart failure.

May his soul rest in Eternal peace.



Above, the children under our care after receiving a food donation from Uncle Hasu.



The examination hall he donated.



Above, our band presenting an art piece as a token of thanks for his kindness.



Above, more food from U. Hasu.

## The progress of Kalagala Community primary school.

2024 is the third year of operation for Kalagala community school.

Our motivation is picked from the many stories and complements on how a safe school can transform the lives of children and the community.

Providing lunch to the students has not only increased attendance but also reduced vulnerabilities of the out comes of adverse weather. Family incomes are protected in times of food scarcity. Parents are able to save some income to improve their lives because the burden of providing lunch is not on them.

Because of you our sponsors, all students were given school uniforms for easy identification.

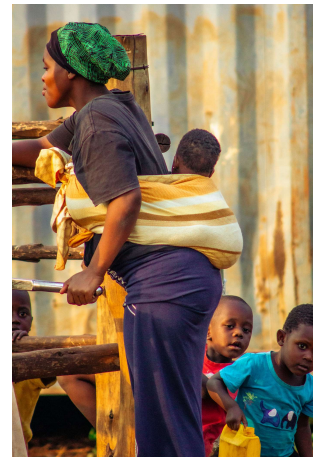
The school has a population of 184 students and a total population of 7 teaching and 4 none teaching staff.

On the 3rd block, 1 classroom is already operational and next year we will have primary six on the same block. The Health facility that will serve both the students plus the surrounding community is undergoing finishing touches.

The students happily use the borehole to fetch drinking water that accompanys their meal. The community as well is still benefiting from the same borehole.



Lunchtime at Kalagala community primary school



Left, a student fetching drinking water to accompany his food. A family fetching water.



Left, Students in a presentation during Christmas carols.



Fun time at Kalagala community school.



## CHRISTMAS BASKETS 2024

December always remains a special month for all our programs beneficiaries. Necessities like a bar of soap, cooking oil, beans, rice, maize flour, tealeaves, matooke (green bananas) etc. all packaged in a basin and are handed to the beneficiaries of our programs.

For the second time, our School sponsored children from Kalagala community school (new Education program) were going to receive a Christmas basket. Some came as a family as early as 7:00am ready to receive their bundle of joy.

Some of our beneficiaries come as far as 10 kilometers on foot to receive their baskets.

Because of you our well - wishers, the high prices of food didn't stop us from sharing the joy that Christmas brings.

Like year 2023 for nutrition beneficiaries, we have maintained soya porridge, which is a valuable source of protein very essential to the malnourished children.

This program takes 2 weeks of preparation and 1 week of distribution to different beneficiaries.

We invited other stakeholders outside the organization like the probation office, the family protection unit of police, clergy and political leaders in order to create ambassadors for our programs but also as assign of accountability during close of year.

We were able to remind our Education program beneficiaries of their responsibility i.e., parents ensuring children come to school as well as calling them up for more participation as away of creating ownership.

As a culture, our children organized a Christmas musical to share the message of Christmas, there after; the baskets were handed over to the joyful parents.

The coffee farmers, jajjas (the elderly) plus our staff were part of the recipients of the Christmas baskets.

Because of your support, we were able to give out 1,044 Christmas baskets.

May God bless you.

*A quote from the mayor of Mukono*

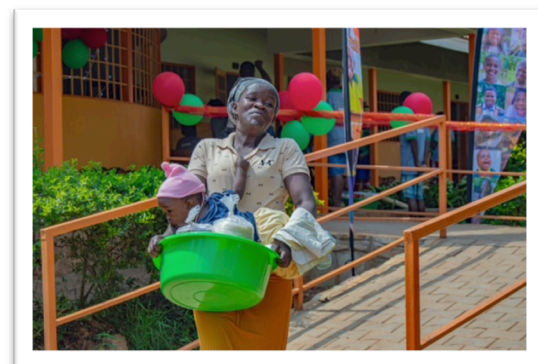
*"I pledge to continue being your ambassador because of the many lives you touch as a ministry".*



Above, some of the sch. Sponsorship children with their baskets.



Above, beneficiaries with their baskets.



Above, a mother with her baby happily heading home with their basket.

## Malnutrition program Christmas baskets

A week before Christmas as a tradition, we call back all our Nutrition beneficiaries to our facilities both Mukono and Kalagala to share a message of hope. This is done in form of a Christmas musical presented by the Children under the care of Noah's Ark Children's home.

The other purpose of calling the Nutrition beneficiaries back is;

- i. A source of encouragement that they are not alone.
- ii. Restoration of hope from the former beneficiaries that have fully recovered.
- iii. Winning more ambassadors / mobilisers to ensure continuity of the program.
- iv. Calling them back also helps us to do early detection. Here, Screening is done to see how they are doing, in case of those that relapse, they are put back in the program.
- v. Treating those that are still on the program.

Health education is provided in form of a reminder to feed the children on time especially with foods rich in proteins.

Fortunately, majority of the children recover well.

Both communities are appreciative of the change in health of their children and kalagala being predominantly a Moslem community, that doesn't stop the community from embracing the service.

This activity was carried out in both Mukono and Kayunga districts.

Because of your support, we were able to give out 350 Christmas baskets to this program.

May God bless you.



Above, a shot from the musical



The Doctor giving a health talk.



Above, malnutrition program beneficiaries after receiving their baskets.



## Our Challenges

- The high taxes on importation have limited us on the donations we used to receive from our donors out of Uganda. This made us resort to buying home commodities that are of poor quality, limited options and expensive.
- The high food prices that have increased our feeding budget.
- Poor harvest as a result of heavy rainfall almost through out the year.
- The increase in the number of malaria cases drains our medical budget.
- Increased theft cases both inside the compound and out side .All caused by the poor economic situation.
- The high fuel prices have increased our transport budget coupling it up with poor roads especially in the communities we serve in make repair costs for the Organization Vehicles high.
- Some times our stakeholders are not as cooperative as expected.
- Despite being in operation for over 25 years, the work is still big especially with the increasing malnutrition cases, youth demographics, health care challenges, this justifies our relevancy to continue serving.



Some times things don't go as planned.

## Our prospects

We are still committed to helping to improve the lives of the most needy vulnerable children of Uganda, further through impacting more lives and reaching out to more communities in Mukono and Kayunga districts especially.

- Fully utilising our carpentry class, where students can register for Directorate of Industrial training examinations and be able produce more carpenters. Also increasing the quality and volume produced.
- Further expanding our entrepreneurship strategy through our youth engagement program to explore practical implementation.
- The Completion of the Kalagala Health facility and opening. In the same facility, we shall as well extend the malnutrition program.



Above, the health facility-undergoing final touches.

- We hope to start on the 4<sup>th</sup> block of extra classes i.e. primary 6 and 7 at kalagala primary school.
- Acquisition of land for a modernized coffee factory where exposure and training will be carried out through our youth engagement program.
- We hope to construct extra classrooms in New Horizon Primary School in mukono in order to capture the growing need of extra space.
- Expand coffee tourism to attract more youth and the NACYM vistors.

## A message from the CEO's office

As I reflect on how far we have come as an Organization, am grateful for the accomplishments and milestones.

This year, we celebrated 25 years of impacting many lives of children and youth.

The resources given for our activities have been able to reach different beneficiaries and services in all our programs and interventions.

Throughout this journey, NACMU has shown encouraging progress and clear impact in the lives of our beneficiaries.

As away of increasing resource mobilization, we have managed to develop new partnerships and alliances for example in the Health sector, Education and local philanthropists. Such relations have helped us to serve more vulnerable communities.

I therefore wish to thank all individuals, funding partners local and international for supporting our efforts in the fight for the plead of the vulnerable children and communities of Uganda.

Our thread of connectivity runs long and deep.

Gladys Nalunkuma Senkumba  
Office of the CEO  
NACMU.

A quote from Papa,

"Childcare is not a job, it's part of life"  
Sir. Piet C.Buitendijk



## About us

Established 25 years ago, NACYM as a Christian none denomination Organization focuses on holistic childcare and developmental programs, which put children first in all its interventions.

NACYM has worked to provide Education in the four NACYM owned Schools, social welfare, food, accommodation and health needs for thousands of vulnerable children and communities.

NACYM runs a children's home which meets all the alternative care requirements, Health center iii and a Youth engagement program which simultaneously serves a wide community.

A quote from Papa,

"My encouragement is seeing what mom and me have done because we simply showed that we care."

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