

ROTARY CLUB OF KOLOLO 25462 DISTRICT 9200

SUPPORT TO THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, VISUALLY IMPAIRED, ORPHANS AND ABANDONED CHILDREN IN UGANDA

THE NNABAGEREKA DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (NDF)

INTRODUCTION

The Nnabagereka development Foundation (NDF) is a non-Governmental Organization whose mandate is to support sustainable livelihoods and human rights for the most vulnerable members of the community, through community and human resource empowerment for social and economic development. The Foundation helps people through its poverty reduction initiatives by complementing poverty eradication efforts of both the Central Government, Local Governments and the communities themselves. NDF's activities are in the areas of community sensitisation and empowerment, education, helping people access and demand for health and education services. The Foundation's targets/beneficiaries are women, children and the youth. The foundation works with different institutions, among which are:-

A. KAMPALA SCHOOL FOR PHYICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN MENGO

This is a primary school which strives to lay a firm foundation for the handicapped children in Uganda, so that they can realise the fullness of their abilities, grow and develop into self-reliant individuals, by addressing their mobility hindrances, learning problems and enhance their confidence. The school is catering for the educational needs of the disabled children in Uganda like, muscular dystrophy, spina bifida, polio, brittle bones, and mentally handicapped children among others.

B. SAALAMA CHILDREN'S CENTER FOR THE BLIND - MUKONO

This is a boarding primary school for visually impaired children, located in Mukono District. The school, currently, has 65 students. The foundation is currently supporting 4 girls in the school, under the NDF Bursary Scheme

for disadvantaged girls, with scholastic materials to keep them in school. However, the other needs of the school cannot be under looked.

C. ST.PONSIANO NGONWE PRIMARY SCHOOL - MUKONO

This is a typical rural day school 25kms from the Capital, Kampala. It has a big catchments area of 9 villages with a population of about 20,000. The school solved a big problem of children moving long distances of up to 10kms to go to school.

The school has a population of 550 pupils: 284 Boys, 266 Girls, 10 Teachers 8 of whom are paid by the Government and two paid by the parents. The student population is on the increase. The average income is about US \$100 per annum and literacy is very low.

The community has strived to construct two permanent classrooms and an office.

The nearest source of water is 1km away: That water is very unhygienic and fetching water also delays school programme; Classes start at 10.00a.m.

The school also lacks scholastic materials: Text books, reading desks and benches.

The Rotary Club of Kololo has identified the needs above and is working with the NDF to alleviate the constraints experienced by the institutions within the foundation

The table below outlines identified needs from those institutions that need urgent attention, with their estimated costs.

NO	ITEM/ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COST UG.SHS.	COST IN US\$	PROJECT REFERENCE	EXPECTED BENEFIT
A. KAMPALA SCHOOL FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN - MENGO						
1.	Repairing the water system and sanitary facilities in the kitchen and in the old dormitory block and installing a water tank to supply the new dormitory block with water.	Replacing broken toilet seats and sinks, repairing water system which is not functioning well, buying and installing a new water tank to serve the new dormitory	10,100,000	5.474	Humanity	Improve standard of living
2.	Equipping the dining hall with special tables and benches for the hand capped	12 tables and 16 benches	4,600,000	2493	Humanity	- do -
3.	Pottery equipment and furniture for handicapped children	Required for new vocational pottery training centre at the school	11,000,000	5.962	Literacy to provide vocational skills	Acquisition of skills for the future
4.	Purchase of hand sewing machine	Essential under vocational training	2,000,000	1084	- do -	- do -
		TOTAL	27,700,000	15,013		

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B. SALAAMA CHILDREN'S CENTER FOR THE BLIND - MUKONO						
1.	Provide 10 Braille machines @ US\$600	For learning, typing	11,070,000	6000	Literacy	Facilitate improved learning
2.	Provide 50 White canes @ 40,000/=	Facilitate improved and confident mobility	2,000,000	1084	Humanity	Improve way of life
3.	65 x 4 Braille books @	Avail Braille book for				

	50,000/=	each child in four key subjects	13,000,000	7046	Literacy	Improve scope of learning
4.	10 double Decker beds @ 350,000	Replace beds which are broken and provide for those without beds	3,500,000	1897	Humanity	Improve standard of living providing basic needs
		TOTAL	29,570,000	16,127		

C. ST.PONSIONO NGONDWE PRIMARY SCHOOL

1.	Provide clean water at the school	Drill and install a borehole	16,700,000	9052	Supply clean water	Healthy children, save time for learning
2.	Purchase/provide various relevant textbook	Avail required text books	3,973,500	2154	Literacy	Improve the standard of learning
3.	Provide 90 reading desks		5,320,000	2884	Literacy	Create a Para table reading environment
		TOTAL	25,993,500	14,090		
		GRAND TOTAL	83,263,500	45,130		
1	Rotary club of Kololo	Contribution	Us\$	2,000		Total matching

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RESPONSE TO THE QUERRIES RAISED ON MG# 63380

PROJECT NUMBER 715-D

Question 1: Response has been made by the International partner

Question 2: The Nabagereka Development Foundation (NDF):

The Nabagereka Development Foundation was founded in May 2000 by Her Royal Highness Sylvia Nagginda the Nabagereka of Buganda and Goodwill ambassador for the United Fund for Population Activities. It was registered as a corporate body under the Trustees Incorporation Act and as a Non Governmental Organization with the National Board for Non- Governmental Organization in Uganda.

The purpose of the NDF is to facilitate the provision of services aimed at poverty reduction and improvement of the quality of life in Buganda Kingdom and Uganda generally. Its major areas of emphasis are to promote the general welfare of the children and youths in the areas of education, health, and skills development. The foundation also supports women empowerment through sustainable livelihood schemes. Healthcare, water and sanitation and nutrition are part of the holistic, integrated approach to development that the foundation supports.

The overall mandate of the NDF is to restore the vitality of Uganda by marshalling community and household human resources, for social and economic development.

Her Royal Highness the Nabagereka of Buganda, is a trained journalist and public relations expert. She is the chairperson of a Board of 10 members ranging from Public administrators, Gender development experts, educationist, financial analysts, a high court judge, a civil engineer, a doctor, a former German ambassador and social workers. This is the Board of expert that the Rotary community in Uganda has found very useful in associating with. It is through many of the projects undertaken that the Rotary club of Kololo was able to identify the 3 schools under the matching Grant above. Because the NDF has experts fulltime on the ground, we found it necessary to use them to monitor the projects with us during and after the implementation process.

The Rotary fraternity in Uganda has recognized HRH work in Uganda towards promoting the education of the girl child, immunization, and her community work.

- In November 2003, she was awarded the vocational award for the year by the Rotary club of Kampala West
- In June 2006, she was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow recognition by the Rotary club of Kololo and was recognized as an honorary member of the club
- In May 2007, she was the District 9200 Chief guest that opened 82nd District Conference and Assembly in Kampala at Munyonyo and gave a key note address on the subject **“Our environment our future”**

Projects at the 3 Schools

1. Ngondwe Primary School in Mukono: The NDF has already secured bursaries for a number of students. This is where HRH had identified the need for school furniture and water as the main pressing items.

2. Salaama School for the blind: The NDF is very much set on undertaking projects for children with special needs. The need for reading materials for the blind had been identified
3. Mengo School for the children with physical disabilities: Already HRH has raised money for a new 50 bed dormitory at the school. This was after realizing the increasing number of children. This dormitory was completed and commissioned this year.
4. Other projects of the NDF:
 - a. Expanding the facilities at Sanyu Babies Home(Home for abandoned babies)
 - b. Establishing a vocational education and training school in Wakiso District (20 Kms from Kampala)
 - c. Establishing an Early childhood care and Development (ECCD), in one of the slums of Kampala (Kisenyi),
 - d. Among her patronage, she has worked with Christian Children's Fund (CCF), Special Olympics International, She is also a Goodwill ambassador for Celtel Uganda (One of the main telephone provider company in Uganda) with a major focus on corporate charity and community development work, she has also worked with the Uganda Ministry of Health, WHO, and UNICEF on issues of health, and Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE) to accelerate participation in Education

The NDF can be reached on e-mail: nnabagereka_office@netmail.co.ug for more information

Question 3: Water system improvement

This is improvement that is going to be undertaken at Mengo School for the Physically Handicapped Children

This is a facility that was built in the 1950s to cater for a limited number of children. Over the years, the number of children has grown well beyond the limited capacity. This growth has impacted tremendously on the existing structure more so the water system since this unit accommodates children with disabilities many of them mental. With the increasing cost of water and the volume of use, it was found necessary to repair the old water system to reduce waste and thus reduce costs instead of laying a new system. The system improvement includes:

- a) Removing existing damaged seating WC pans and fixing new ones for the special needs children
- b) Replace squatting WC pans and replacing them with all the connecting accessories
- c) Replace existing damaged wash basins with all accessories (Bottle traps, taps etc)
- d) Repair existing water pipes and replace others damaged.
- e) Put up a steel structure stand support for the 3000 liter plastic tank

After the above works on the water system, there shall improvement in the entire school water system, leading to savings in the water bill and good storage of the same where there is disruption of water at times.

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