

MOLOKAI Children's Organization

PORTFOLIO

Background

Molokai Children's Organisation(MCO) is a Non-Government Organisation (NGO) that is committed to finding sustainable solutions to eradicate poverty, promote good health, better education, sustainable agriculture and peaceful co-existence. Founded in January 2020 and registered in January 2023 under Non-Governmental Organisation Registration ACT (**Reg. No. 80034694026043**), MCO is more active in Iganga district with some of its activities in Buwaiswa village, Mayuge district with core thematic areas of; Health, Education, Advocacy, Civic empowerment and Human rights, Research and communication, Innovative action oriented Sustainable Agriculture.

Molokai Children's Organisation (MCO) has become a strong national level organisation united by purpose, mission, vision, values and principles. MCO has its Board of Directors who initiate, consider and adopt policies and programs. The Board is the policy making organ of the organisation responsible for policy design. The secretariate is the planning, implementation and monitoring organ of the organisation.

Vision

To bring Inspiration, innovation and hope to every child in the community

Mission

Inspire children to make them more productive and successful to be effective to the world.

General Information

Name and Address of the Organization

Name of Organization: Molokai Children's Organisation (MCO)

Implementing Department of Organization: Community Empowerment Unit.

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A. PROGRAMMES AND SERVICES

Molokai Children's Organisation (MCO) is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) that is committed to finding sustainable solutions to eradicate poverty, promote good Health, better Education, sustainable Agriculture and peaceful co-existence

1. Child Education

On 9th July 2023, we joined our partners Raising Teenagers Uganda on a "Hike for a Girl child" campaign on Kalungu rock in Buyende district to break the stigma around menstruation. The activity also aimed at reducing the dropout rate by providing sanitary products, teaching girls their value and igniting their passion for education. Both individuals and countries benefit from girls' education. Better educated women tend to be more informed about nutrition and healthcare, have fewer children, marry at a later age, and their children are usually healthier, should they choose to become mothers. They are more likely to participate in the formal labor market and earn higher incomes. A recent World Bank study estimates that the "limited educational opportunities for girls, and barriers to completing 12 years of education, cost countries between US\$15 trillion and \$30 trillion in lost lifetime productivity and earnings." All these factors combined can help lift households, communities, and countries out of poverty.

2. Medical Treatment

As the number of COVID-19 cases grew in Uganda, access to timely and accurate supply chain data was critical to the country's response. With funding from USAID, we supported these efforts by providing real-time data on the availability of medicines and medical supplies at both the national and district levels. The electronic emergency logistics management information system enables the rapid collection, sharing, management, analysis, and reporting of data to inform coordination and timely decision making during any public health emergency. These efforts helped increase access to lifesaving medical supplies such as test kits, treatments for COVID-19, and personal protective equipment to limit the spread of the virus. Since the late 2020, we have partnered with Uganda's Ministry of Health and local leaders to enable access to health care. Our work has focused on reducing maternal mortality, fighting TB and HIV and AIDS, and improving the management of related medicines and commodities to help Ugandans access quality medicines when and where they need them.

3. Water and Sanitation

Water and sanitation are essential for life and health, but they are also essential for dignity, empowerment and prosperity. Water and sanitation are human rights, fundamental to every child and adult. But in Uganda, poor sanitation and hygiene, as well as unequal access to safe drinking water, make thousands of children very sick and at risk of death. Diarrhoea alone, one of three major childhood killers in Uganda, kills 33 children every day. In most cases, children get the disease by drinking unsafe water or coming into contact with contaminated hands. Early childhood diarrhoea is not only deadly; it also contributes to Uganda's high levels of stunting, which in turn affects children's cognitive

development and performance at school. In school, lack of proper sanitation facilities also leads to high absenteeism and dropouts, especially for girls. Access to improved water and sanitation facilities does not, on its own, necessarily lead to improved health. It needs another step: there is now very clear evidence showing the importance of hygienic behaviour — especially hand washing with soap after defecating and before eating or preparing food — to health improvement. Another key to reducing childhood illness and death is to stop using open fields or the bush as toilets. In Uganda, nearly a tenth of the population practices open defecation, and two thirds of households do not wash with soap. It is poor people who carry the greatest burden of poor sanitation. The poorest 20 percent of the population is 13.5 times more likely to defecate in the open than the wealthiest 20 percent, according to the World Bank. Molokai has worked in hand with partners like Water Aid Uganda in improving the water and sanitation of in the Areas of Wairasa, Lugbara Quarters, in Mayuge District and this has helped improve on the Hygiene and general sanitation of the people in that Vicinity.

4. Skills Development

Love Uganda Foundation and Molokai Children's Organization has taken a leading hand in the empowerment of the Youth in Uganda. We regularly get to several communities, churches and schools, talk to groups of young people and encourage them to join community projects that force change into their societies. Through this, the youth become aware of the needs of the people in the communities around them.

The youth in Uganda need a diversity of training – from quality primary and secondary schools and technical training to research-intensive universities. Talking of the youth in Uganda, most people only think of boys. However, empowering women and girls is equally essential. This girl empowerment builds her esteem, making her confident to face whatever comes her way regardless of the sex. In Uganda, girls are taken a weaker sex and building their esteem, is the best gift for life that we can ever give the young girls. The Uganda government should also increase employment opportunities to enable the young people earn a living. Many educated young people are unemployed due to the fact that there are a few employment opportunities and scarce resources.

5. Environment Conservation

Alongside the issues of Uganda's struggles in the areas of poverty, technology, education, and violence... Land degradation, water pollution, and deforestation are also massive issues in the nation. With a third of Uganda being unable to gain access to water, it is a country on the edge of a water crisis. This makes water pollution much more alarming, as the geographical setting of Uganda makes it difficult to access water; we must do everything we can to resolve these environmental issues as fast as we can. Over 80% of Uganda's population relies directly on environmental resources for their livelihoods.

Around 96% of the needy population in Uganda live in the country regions. As indicated by people facing poverty, the nature of regular assets is declining; soil richness and efficiency of land, exhaustion of fish stocks, wetland infringement, as well as recovery and contamination of water assets. Normal property assets for development or touching are declining. Restricted

admittance to land is the second most referred reason for neediness, and the poor population perceive that the rich are overseeing ecological assets. Molokai has always participated in a collective waste management through picking rubbish and dumping in the right places in Iganga District. We have also established Nursery beds to raise seedlings for tree planting in order to conserve the environment.

B. Community Engagement:

Molokai has visited schools to identify vulnerable and viable beneficiaries for scholarship, we have also done counselling of the adolescent youths in schools, distributed sanitary pads to the young girls and spread the gospel to them and encouraged them that God always is the Father of all.

Molokai also went to church to extend the Gospel to the children in church to help them to understand the gospel and to help them have a moral upbringing and understanding of the goodness of God.

Molokai has helped in the conservation and good sanitation by participating in collecting rubbish from the streets of Iganga and burning them at the Right place. We have also established nursery beds to raise seedlings for planting trees to conserve environment.

Molokai has done voluntary HIV/TB testing in communities of Iganga, Nakavule and Busei.

Molokai has also improved on the wells and springs in Mayuge districts at Wairasa subcounty in Teso and Lugbara Quarters.

C. Impact and Achievements:

Molokai has impacted the lives of a number of people including children, young adolescent boys and girls through skilling and even widows and widowers and not leaving out the elderly people and people with disability.

Molokai have done voluntary counselling in schools and tested for HIV and TB in schools and communities with the help of the district health department.

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D. Financial Information:

Molokai Children's Organization

Annual Budget 2023/2024

Total Budget: 300,000,000 UGX

Income: Donations and Grants

1. Hebron Foundation 100,000,000 UGX
2. Gudie Agro-Farm: 80,000,000 UGX
3. Government Grant: 50,000,000 UGX
4. Corporate Sponsorship: 20,000,000 UGX
5. Individual Donors: 30,000,000 UGX
6. Fundraising Events: 20,000,000 UGX
7. Miscellaneous Income: 10,000,000 UGX
8. Total Income: 310,000,000 UGX

Expenses: Program Expenses

1. Education Programs: 80,000,000 UGX
2. Healthcare Initiatives: 60,000,000 UGX
3. Nutritional Support: 40,000,000 UGX
4. Child Welfare Programs: 50,000,000 UGX
5. Recreational Activities: 20,000,000 UGX
6. Total Program Expenses: 250,000,000 UGX

Administrative Expenses

1. Salaries and Wages: 30,000,000 UGX
2. Rent and Utilities: 15,000,000 UGX
3. Office Supplies: 5,000,000 UGX
4. Communication (Phone, Internet, etc.): 7,000,000 UGX
5. Insurance: 3,000,000 UGX
6. Professional Services (Accounting, Legal, etc.): 10,000,000 UGX
7. Total Administrative Expenses: 70,000,000 UGX

Fundraising and Marketing

1. Marketing and Publicity: 15,000,000 UGX
2. Fundraising Events Costs: 10,000,000 UGX
3. Total Fundraising and Marketing Expenses: 25,000,000 UGX

Contingency and Reserves

1. Contingency Fund: 10,000,000 UGX
(for unexpected expenses)
2. Reserve Fund: 5,000,000 UGX
(for future sustainability)
3. Total Contingency and Reserves: 15,000,000 UGX

Total Expenses: 360,000,000 UGX

Net Surplus/Deficit: -50,000,000 UG

E. Volunteer and Staff Profiles:

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Grants and Innovation Manager

Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration/Accounting

Post Graduate in Project Planning and Management

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F. Future Goals and Opportunities:

Molokai intends to build an orphanage by 2025 to support vulnerable children and orphans.

Molokai intends to improve on the Agricultural value chains by 2030 through trainings and education of farmers and providing improved seeds.

Molokai intends to reduce on the poverty levels through skills development training of the youths.

Molokai intends to improve on the health of its children through engagement of stake holders and partners.

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