

ST JOSEPH HEALTH CENTRE. NAKABANGO

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The District Community Development Officer - Jinja
Directorate of Gender, Labour and Community Services,

Dear Madam/Sir,

Re: **ANNUAL REPORT FOR ST. JOSEPH HEALTH CENTRE - NAKABANGO**

BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT

St. Joseph Health Centre (JHC) is a registered Community Based Organization located off Jinja town in Mafubira Sub-county, Nakabango Village, along Kamuli Road. It aimed at promoting the Millennium Development Goal (MDGs) through improved health. The organization was set up registered in February 2010 with a mission of promoting human development through provision of health services using an integrated approach through the objective below:

Objectives

- a) Preventing ailments through provision of primary health care services.
- b) Providing treatment to several ailments through clinical health care services.
- c) Providing reproductive health care services to both men and women.
- d) Promoting research, documentation and dissemination of health care information.
- e) Building capacity of health personnel among clinicians, community health workers, social workers, interns and volunteers.
- f) Advocating and lobbying for an integrated health services.

ACHIVEMENT SINCE INCEPTION OF THE PROJECT

- Amidst challenges, since the inception in 2010 the health center, has only afforded to open up a clinic to treat manageable diseases and provide antenatal care. The Centre treated several sicknesses including malaria (65 cases), marasmus (3 cases), Pneumonia (12 cases), Cough and flu (26 cases), Respiratory track infections (4 cases), abscesses, chicken pox, urinary tract infection, syphilis, candidiosis, worms, anemia, backache, chicken pox, diahorrea and wounds. Several patients have multiple sicknesses however, so far 228 cases have been treated. However due to lack of laboratory services and maternity, few cases are handled at the clinic.
- The Centre managed to register with the relevant authorities in the Jinja Community Development Offices as well as with the Jinja District Health Services
- The Centre was also able to acquire the following resources

1. Conducive Building with three semi-detached apartments
2. Wide compound
3. A desktop computer connected to the internet
4. Office furniture
5. Telephone set
6. 6 beds, mattresses and beddings
7. 2 bedrooms for medical volunteers or international Interns (these are located at the Director's residence in Wanyange village)
8. Stock of medicines to different ailment worth 500,000/=
9. Radio cassette with CD player in case there is a need for disseminating audio information on CD
10. 22 inch television, DVD player
11. Medium size fridge
12. Two medical workers

CHALLENGES OF THE HEALTH CENTRE

In the one year of operation, the Centre has suffered the following challenges:

- Failure to meet the needs of the patients due to lack of laboratory services and maternity facilities
- High costs of annual registration fees in the Directorate of Health Services
- Lack of financial capability to run all the activities of the Centre

FUTURE PLANS OF THE HEALTH CENTRE

- The Administration plans to write some proposals to national and international agencies to solicit funds to run the programmes of the Centre. Although the urgently required facilities are maternity and laboratory facility, in the near future the Centre plans to:
 - Hold an annual health camp for women in reproductive age. This requires inviting medical doctors and social workers to offer medical services i.e. medical check-up for cervical cancer, breast cancer, HIV/AIDs, sexually transmitted diseases, and training family planning services for one week.
 - Hold an annual health camp for children. This will involve treatment of ailments, testing of diseases, immunization, teaching parents about nutrition, child care and home care and sanitation for one week
 - Hold an annual youth camp. This will involve voluntary testing and counseling of HIV/AIDs, Sexually transmitted diseases and training in behavioral change for one week.
- International interns and volunteers will be recruited to help in providing labour and fundraising for the Centre.

Yours in Service

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