

# 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: **2014 ANNUAL REPORT FOR ST. JOSEPH HEALTH CENTRE – NAKABANGO**

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

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 is 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.

## **CHANGES SINCE THE LAST ANNUAL REPORT OF 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2013**

Since last year, the Centre has gradually developed with an increase in the patients seen and services offered. We now offer clinical, laboratory and maternity services. Considering this, the number of patients visiting the Centre has increased. Some of the cases seen this year are listed below. However, several patients were treated of multiple sicknesses, among those recorded were:

- 33 babies have delivered at the centre
- Peptic ulcers (576 cases)
- Complicated malaria (750 cases)
- Typhoid (400 cases)
- Lower respiratory infections (595 case)
- Upper respiratory infections (695 cases)
- Urinary tract infections (100 cases)
- Sexually transmitted diseases (580 cases)
- Worms (100 cases)
- Hypertension (150 cases)
- Measles (250 cases)
- chicken pox (31 cases)

- 1680 cases received immunization this year at the project.
- 840 cases were tested for HIV/AIDs and a few were referred to hospital to start medication.

### **CHALLENGES OF THE HEALTH CENTRE**

In the three years of operation, the Centre has suffered the following challenges:

- The patients are poor to meet their medical charges. Often times they fail to pay fully, and this makes the costs of operation too high.
- The costs of registration are high (payment of Supervising Doctor and for the Health centre). This has stalled the growth of the centre because it misses out on several benefits that would accrue from a registered health Centre.
- Lack of finances to pay medical workers. By the virtue of its increase in the patients seen, the centre needs more and higher qualified workers but cannot afford to pay them.

### **FUTURE PLANS OF THE HEALTH CENTRE**

- We plan to write some proposals to national and international agencies to solicit funds to run the programmes of the Centre.
- We hope to call upon some qualified medical volunteers to come and boost the medical staff and give not only clinical services to the patients but also medical exposure and expertise to our medical staff
- We hope to register the Health Centre with the Ministry of Health since this will give some benefits to the Centre.

Yours in Service,



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