



SEVAC FOUNDATION UGANDA

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QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

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BACK GROUND

SEVAC Foundation Uganda was established in 2012 and Fully registered as a local NGO in 2016 with UGANDA NATIONAL NGO BUREAU to address Poverty in the post war affected Northern Uganda through Human Right based approach on Food Insecurity, Health Services and youth Empowerment on skills development to enable them have the capacity to improve their livelihoods and the opportunities to become responsible Peace building leaders and create a generation of lasting and positive change to their communities

Our Vision:

A community where no child, youth and vulnerable children is excluded, forgotten, ignored or forced to live on the street.

Our Mission:

To work to transform highly vulnerable children's lives; preserve families; empower communities and give each of them a voice.

We put children at the very heart of everything we do and will be brave and resolute in defending and promoting their rights.

Our Approach:

Our approach is based on our model in which we enable **Contact**, facilitate **Attachment**, and ensure **Success** continues.

Internetworking meetings, Partnerships and Collaboration to influence District and Sub-County policy

As a strategy for collaboration, SEVAC Foundation Uganda participated in several partner meetings with other like-minded CSOs, Government Ministries Departments and Agencies (MDAs), academia, media. SEVAC Foundation Uganda also shared her position on various policy matters which strengthened CSO joint advocacy efforts marshaled in influencing Local Government policy regimes. SEVAC Foundation also participated in trainings organized by other Partners to strengthen advocacy skills. These include one Advocacy Training by World Vision in August 2019; another was on Producing Evaluation Briefs for Policy Makers -



Netherland coordinator with student



signing MoU with lira district 2018



Advocacy training



Handing over MOU with government to chairperson Amolatar district

OUR TEAM OF MANAGEMENT



EXPERIENCED STAFF



OKULLO JIMMY FELEX EX. DIRECTOR



LUDO JACOBS CONSULTANT



BETI KAMYA BCOM, BOARD MEMBER
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KWAGA EVA PROGRAM MANAGER



*Hon JUDITH ALYEK, PATRON
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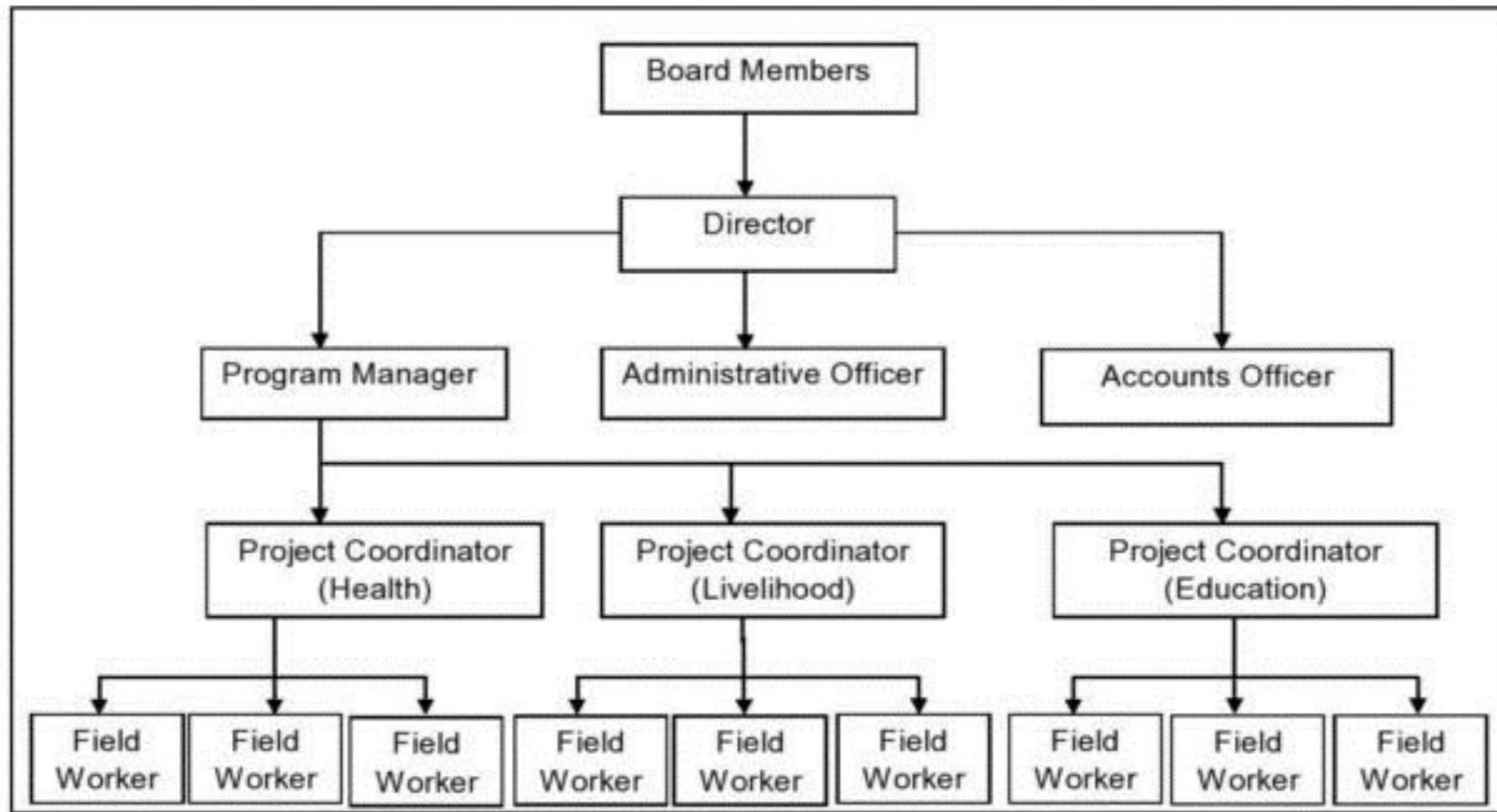


GERALD OPIO FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR



URMI CASTILLION BOARD MEMBER

OUR ORGANIZATION STRUCTURES / ORGAN OGRAM



OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Addressing Loopholes in Local Government Service Delivery



Providing education and health to the most underprivileged children in Northern Uganda. We believe that children are future assets and taking care of them is taking care of our future. Right Photo: Children less than five (5) years receive de-wormers and Vitamin A supplements in Nursery schools, Lira District- Support of Vitamin Angels USA



Imparting skill work



vitamin administration in various school



feedings school children



Helping vulnerable children



sponsored student



Giving vitamin to health centre, LIRA



HELPING CHILDRENS IN NORTHERN UGANDA
VITAMINS



GIVING CLOTHES TO CHILDREN IN LIRA CITY



MONITORING ADMINISTRATION OF



DHO AMOLATAR DISTRICT RECEIVING MMS TRAINING FARMERS IN OYAM ON TREE PLANTING TRAINING HEALTH WORKERS IN AMOLATAR DISTRICT



MEDICAL CAMP, TREATING THE COMMUNITY

DONATION TO LIRA REFERRAL HOSPITAL

TREATING THE COMMUNITIES IN LIRA CITY



HAIR DRESSING TRAINING TO YOUNG GIRLS
DONATION TO KOLE DISTRICT



COMMUNITY SUPPORT



PATRON HON. JUDITH DELIVERING



NURSES ATTENDING VITAMIN TRAINING
HEALTH CENTER



HON. SAM ENGOLA RECEIVING DONATION FOR BARR



checking for th HIV Health status

Since January 2021, SEVAC Foundation Uganda has together with other CSOs under their framework engaged in the discussions of the Local government service delivery. Five lobbied meetings were organized with the District to discuss CSOs input and the District accountability to poor service delivery to the local people. Through the support of Vitamin Angels, SEVAC Foundation Uganda has been able to administer De-Worming and Vitamin A to over 500000 children of ages 6-59 months in Lira, Otuke, and Amolatar district, signed mou with government through ministries of gender, labour and social development, a member of lango nutrition technical working group, a member of Uganda nutritional technical working group.

Objectives of the organization.

S/N	OBJECTIVES	ACTIVITIES
	<p>NUTRITION Fight against deficiency and malnutrition in children (2020-2026) Targets Groups; children 6-59 months, pregnant mothers.</p>	<p>Provided vitamin A 100,000IU blue caps,(141 Tins) which is enough for 70,500 children below a year AND 200,000IU,Red caps (528 Tins) which enough for 264,000 children and albendazole 346 tins which contains 346,000 tablets Provided also 18,000 tins of prenatal micronutrients supplements which enough for 18,000 pregnant mothers. Trained all midwives and health care provider in all health facilities in Lira and Amolatar district Provided donations to districts not in our areas of operation: ALEBTONG, OTUKE, KOLE AND APAC DISTRICT(vitamins, albendazole and women prenatal</p>
	Economic empowerment of	Training and skills development such as making of crafts, financial management, business

	vulnerable community members with a special focus on single mothers	management, tailoring, hairdressing, agriculture and any other sustainable business. before covid-19 , we had started Running a community centre as a safe and fun space for community interactions with free WIFI (internet access), library, a child care facility for working single mothers and venue for community events. Frequent meetings with management to keep abreast of both success stories and issues which need resolving. Social events at the Community Centre to form strong bonds between management and all the women who've attended the programme, regardless of ages.
	Sponsoring education for vulnerable children such as disabled children and those from single parent homes.	Selling of handcrafted accessories, home ware and any of the products produced by the women on the SEVAC programme internationally through social media and Mahogany Market and any other suitable events. Partnering with organisations or charities who are specialists in meeting the needs of disabled or children with special needs.
	Business set up and support for targeted community members of SEVAC programme	Running a 10 week workshop each year, teaching SEVAC ladies how to make innovative and traditional sustainable handcraft products using natural or recycled materials to sell in the UK. Financial management training. Business capital in the form of equipment, initial stock and initial rent. Book keeping training Continuous Mentorship to establish sustainability and accountability to SEVAC and the next cycle of single women. Conflict and resolution strategies used to establish fair and transparent trading amongst co-partners. One Vision and one mission statement for all businesses.
	Celebrating diversity through social events and functions aimed at promoting understanding, harmony and friendship	Events at the Community Centre to promote traditional Ugandan culture. Events at the Community Centre to promote diverse celebrations, traditions, foods, and entertainment from across the world. Events to be held online over Zoom to celebrate the SEVAC family and supporters diversity. UK wide and through the SEVAC family fundraising events and social gathering will promote understanding, harmony and friendship from UK to Lira and beyond! Fundraising events as well as the collection, posting and fitting of women's bras over the internet have been provided by Anon Lingerie, SEVAC family member, which has led to wider promotion and understanding of the challenges of single mothers in Uganda. Promotion of African history through books and story-telling –provided in nursery and the library.

		Books, toys and resources that are relevant to development but also reflect the people in the community.
	Providing family support to single mothers to ensure that that their most pressing needs are met.	<p>A school starter pack. (mattress, bed sheets, school uniform, underwear, school shoes, hygiene needs, cleaning equipment, toilet roll, sugar, scholastic materials and a trunk to put it all in)</p> <p>3 years relief of school fees which includes boarding , utilities, 3 meals a day.</p> <p>A sustainable sanitary, self care and hygiene pack.</p> <p>Vitamins and relevant health care products for pregnant mothers provided.</p> <p>Well-being, sexual health and hygiene workshops.</p> <p>Provision for short term accommodation due to unforeseen circumstances.</p>
	Providing open access to technology through free internet and computer services (subject to conditions)	<p>Resourcing funding for computers and printers.</p> <p>Online appeal for old computers that may be fixed.</p> <p>Workshops to improve IT literacy or encourage IT illiterate people to use the technology.</p> <p>International funding bids</p> <p>Partnering with manufacturers and distributors of IT equipment and software in Uganda and UK.</p>
	Supporting single mothers and other vulnerable members of the community to access either free or affordable health care.	<p>Facilitating free medical outreach days.</p> <p>Affordable testing and treatment for diseases such as Typhoid, Malaria, Brucella, UTI's ,Hepatitis B , HIV and other STI's, including blood pressure.</p> <p>Ante-natal and post-natal education and advice</p> <p>Training and treating of First Aid and emergency First Aid ;</p> <p>Vitamins administration to various schools more especially in nursery schools of children below five years , Sustainable Sanitary packs</p>
	Health care	<p>For the maximum well-being of orphans and other vulnerable children to be reached they and their guardians need to have access to appropriate health care including clinical and preventive health care services, nutritional support, palliative care and complimentary home-based care, and full and relevant information. In the case of unknown HIV status of children born from HIV infected mothers, nutritional and infant feeding support is essential and, whenever the HIV status of the child is known to be positive, preventive therapy against common opportunistic infections is recommended as the standard of care. SEVAC Foundation implements these activities in partnership with other organizations as well as referrals. Community outreaches are also conducted and where possible the household is facilitated to access further help.</p>

PUBLIC BENEFITS

SFU's aims were carried out for the public benefit. This was achieved through giving financial support to 9 CBO working to improve the lives of vulnerable and marginalised groups. The Charity continued to demonstrate its commitment to funding unpopular causes.

SEVAC Foundation Uganda in the Past 6 Months:

Over one year building powerful partnerships for Children and girls on the Streets in Lira District

4 Children reintegrated with their families in Ngai Sub-County in Oyam District

7 children sponsored by supporters for secondary education in Lira District

2 children in the process of being reintegrated with a foster family in Lira City

Active in Lira City

6 families trained in starch factory B on Self-help Group approach

200 girls on the streets reached by our work in the hot spots at Pipe, Starch Factory A & B, Corner Kamdini, and Kitgum Stage in Lira City East and West Divisions respectively.

112 boys on the streets reached by our work at Corner Bar, Uhuru Bar, Coronation Park and Lagoon in Lira City.



George Konyen, program coordinator SFU Uganda in a dialogue session with street children at the Mayor's Garden recently

SEVAC Foundation Uganda has established working relationship with Child Protection Practitioners / Working Groups in Lira District including: Children of Hope Uganda, Facilitation for Peace and Development (FAPAD), Centre for Children in Vulnerable Situations (CCVS), HEPS Uganda, Lango Child and Community Development Federation (LACODEF), Trailblazers Mentoring Foundation; The Organization participated in various activities and meetings in Lira District including: The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence (GBV), Preparation of the Lira District Culture Action Plan, Capacity Building training organized by Trailblazers Mentoring Foundation under Girls' Advocacy Alliance Project (Funded by Plan International Uganda) to end Child Marriages and Early pregnancies in Uganda, Lango Leaders' Conference organized by Lira NGO Forum.

Challenges

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED

Since 2018, one of the challenges SEVAC Foundation Uganda grappled with has been the shrinking community operating environment due to constant threats from the State agencies against activities relating to good governance issues, especially corruption and service delivery advocacy.

The main lesson learnt from such threats is that organizations need to take precaution and ensure compliance with applicable legislations to avoid falling victim of arbitrary use of laws and institutions. Involvement of government institutions and senior officials also minimizes possibilities of institutions like the Police interrupting planned activities.

Delay by Local government to implement concerns raised by CSOs even when they pledge action, for example delayed monitoring of schools, hospitals and performances of public servants frustrated SEVAC Foundation Uganda's mandates and momentum.

The major lesson from these experiences is that CSOs need to sustain the advocacy efforts without relenting, until there is action. SEVAC Foundation Uganda has also learnt to involve multiple stakeholders who cumulatively become a formidable and influential voice. Much as some of the commitments have taken long to be acted upon, at least ultimately, some actions have been taken, and hence the efforts have not been in vain entirely.

-Engagement with the media as a strategy for advocacy and creation of public awareness remains costly, and worse still, sometimes it is a challenge to interest media houses in advocacy work when other social issues are taking Centre stage, since their focus is to outcompete rivals. SEVAC Foundation Uganda is working on strategies to improve her approaches in advocacy to make her work more appealing and news-worthy, as well as identifying influential professional reporters to work with for specific focus areas if issues of concern are to get media publicity

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees actively review any major risks which the Charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees also examined other operational and business risks faced by the Charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the most significant risks.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

At strategy review in September SEVAC Trustees confirmed their commitment to SEVAC's niche work funding unpopular causes that often have access to justice as an underlying theme. As we encounter an increasingly negative narrative about streets children and indeed the concept of human rights, SEVAC's capacity to be flexible and responsive becomes even more essential. We will work to ensure our grant making complements other initiatives, and look out for opportunities to work with others in furtherance of common aims.

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