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CHILD AND YOUTH [NEMACY-UGANDA]**

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*CHILDREN DISCUSSING HOW TO CONTROL HIV/AIDS
AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE ON 87.7 BABA FM RADIO STATION*

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Acronyms and abbreviations

ADSN	Adolescent Development Support Network
ANPPCAN	African Network for Prevention and Protection of child Abuse and Neglect
CBO	Community Based Organization
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CFPD	Child and Family Protection Department of Police
COG	Children of Grace
CRO	Child Restoration Outreach
CRAs	Child Rights Advocates
CRRP	Child Rights Radio Program
E.G	For example
Fr	Father
IEC	Information Education and Communication
JINNET	Jinja Network for the marginalized child and youth
LC	Local Council
Mr.	Mister
Mrs.	Mistress
Ms	Miss
MTN	Mobile Telephone Network
NGO	Non Governmental Organizations
NEMACY Uganda	Uganda Network for Empowerment of the Marginalized Child and Youth
NURC	NEMACY-Uganda Rehabilitation Centre
POC	Program of Cooperation
PTA	Parents Teachers' Association
P/S	Primary School
SMC	School Management Committee
Rev	Reverend
UPE	Universal Primary Education
UTL	Uganda Telecom Limited

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Executive Summary / Message from the CEO

In 2012 NEMACY –Uganda yet again registered tremendous achievements as shall be fully highlighted on in the proceeding sections but the most outstanding one is that it successfully fundraised for the fencing of her rehabilitation centre in Mpumudde which culminated into shifting the Secretariat to the same place. The report is segmented into sections carrying these major themes; Executive Summary / Message from the CEO, NEMACY-Uganda at background level, NEMACY-Uganda at Governance and Management level, NEMACY-Uganda at Program and Activity level, Finances, General Challenges, Future plans and Recommendations and Conclusion.

The year 2012 has not been far different from other previous years in the perspective of challenges but because of the strong commitment from the staff members / volunteers, Executive Committee and Board of Trustees, Local stakeholders / partners, Strong membership and most importantly the financial support from Terre Des Hommes Netherlands, the Network managed to move extra miles towards realizing her vision and mission.

In 2012 NEMACY-Uganda run majorly two programs and one project, which included POC Project and CRRP Project, whereby the former ends in 2013 and the latter ended in the very year 2012. And one project which is under POC that offers rehabilitation services to children formerly living on streets, lost and found, neglected and other forms of children whose rights are at stake.

Through the committed staff, member organizations and government departments, NEMACY-Uganda was able to implement a number of activities which fall in the programs and project mentioned above.

Though the interventions for children's welfare from the Government of the Republic of Uganda and more so Jinja District the Resident place of NEMACY-Uganda continue to be existent, much of the them have been challenged with logistical support and other factors thus not sinking down to the biggest percentage of the population, which is constituted by the young people (children) hence the continued need for the civil society interventions to narrow this gap.

1.0 NEMACY –UGANDA AT BACKGROUND LEVEL [WHO IS NEMACY-UGANDA]

NEMACY-Uganda formerly known as JINNET is a unique Network consisting of NGOs, CBOs, CRAs and Local government Departments founded in 2001 by a Roman Catholic Priest Rev.Fr.Kees Groenwoud an urban youth chaplain by then, Tim Malcomson a Researcher into street children issues, Mr. Ben Kulaba, Mr. Jimmy Obbo Ivans, Mr. Everest Maraka and others. The Network was primarily founded to harmonize child / youth focused interventions from Government and the NGOs / CBOs. The mandate of the Network has been evolving and now is much more concentrated on coordinating interventions of members to deliver services to marginalized children and youths through Research, Advocacy and Capacity enhancement.

NEMACY-Uganda, in 2012 run two programs; POC and CRRP, and one project; NEMACY Uganda Rehabilitation Centre located in Mpumudde- Division Jinja District. NEMACY-Uganda **envisions** a society that respects the rights of young people and supports them to achieve their full potential and **exists** to coordinate interventions of members to deliver services to the marginalized children and youths through Research, Advocacy and Capacity enhancement.

1.1 Objectives of NEMACY -Uganda

- To strengthen capacity of member organizations to effectively provide services to vulnerable children and youth groups.
- To empower youth groups with economic resources to reduce household poverty.
- To conduct research initiatives, collect and disseminate information pertinent to children and youths rights issues.
- To influence policy making processes to be responsive to the needs of children and youths.
- To strengthen NEMACY-UGANDA's organizational capacity to effectively and efficiently achieve her mandate.

1.2 Strong Points of NEMACY -Uganda

- The Network has; a well informed Strategic Plan running for 2011/12 – 2015 /2016, a Strong staff consisting of personals that have undertaken trainings in project planning and management, monitoring and evaluation, human resource management, among others and with vast experience in child related matters. Besides, it has a functional Executive Committee and a Board of Trustees with wealth of knowledge and counsel in Project design, implementation and management, and child issues as well. All those management levels offer checks and balances for smooth and healthy implementation of projects.

- Availability of a physical address hosting both the Secretariat offices and the Rehabilitation Centre (Kaluba Road Plots 7, 9, 11 & 13 –Mpumudde), Internal control systems e.g. Policies on Finance, Child protection, Monitoring & Evaluations systems among many others.
- Availability of a Resource Centre equipped with a forest of information on issues of children and other areas. This as well enhances research activities into child related matters.
- The Network has a Rehabilitation centre for Children who are found on Street unaccompanied, exploited and other categories.
- The high levels of Organization Visibility earned through running of the weekly Radio program, monthly on line newsletters and Bi annual – the voice; these are strong tools that enhance information sharing and dissemination for purposes of advocacy. Specifically the radio program has yielded overwhelming demand for NEMACY-UGANDA services far beyond Jinja District.
- A strong alliance / Network of 28 members which include; NGOs, CBOs, CRAs and Government Departments. It is through the members and other partners that the network pronounces her advocacy and networking interventions for exploited children. Some of the member organizations include; CRO, ADSN, JIACOFE, ANPPCAN, BUYODESA, PEFO, SALVE International, UPACLED-Jinja, Health Child, COG, CFPD of Jinja Central Police, among others.

2.0 NEMACY-UGANDA AT GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT LEVEL

NEMACY-Uganda is governed by an annual general assembly composed of members of the Network, has a Board of Trustees that plays a mediatory role and holding in trust the network's property and it's composed of; Mr. Jimmy Obbo Ivans, Mr. Ben Kulaba, Rev Fr Kees Groenwoud, Mr. Everest Maraka and Mr. Tim Malcolm, has an Executive committee / Board that provides the Network with the strategic direction, it consists of eight (8) members; Mr. Everest Maraka- Chairperson, Ms Rose Kigere- Vice chairperson, Mrs. Josephine Okello - Treasurer, Mr. Kenneth Massa – Publicity Secretary, Mr. Patrick Balikweya, Mr. Godfrey Muzusa and Mr. Kent Kitimbo as committee members and the Head of the secretariat [Chief Executive Officer] as a co-opted member in the capacity of General Secretary.

The operations of the secretariat were manned in 2012 by a team of ten (10) people; Mr. Willy Felix Ngobi- The Team Leader (CEO), Ms Susan Naigaga-Research and Documentation Officer, Mr. Peter Muwanga –Accountant, Ms. Monic Kwagala Phoebe – Coordinator CRRP, Ms Betty Omesse Alwido- Cashier / Administrative Assistant, Ms Joan Nekesa House mother NEMACY Uganda Rehabilitation Centre, Ms Susan Keddie Winnie Assistant House Mother, Pastor. Paul Batambuze – Volunteer, Mr. Ezekiel Mutete - Volunteer and Ms. Harriet Kefeza - Volunteer.

3.0 NEMACY-UGANDA AT PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY LEVEL [WHAT WAS DONE IN 2012]

3.1 Program of Cooperation

NEMACY-Uganda implemented the program in partnership with CRO with Financial support from Terre des hommes Netherlands. It started in 2008, run for three years up to 2010 and in 2011, it was given an extension for three years, therefore the extension period will end in 2013. Its purpose is to improve community based support mechanisms and livelihoods for marginalized children and youth in Jinja District through greater general awareness, policy advocacy and direct support to children on street.

Activities implemented

- Policy reviews were made and the Research and Editorial Committee resolved that the Network carries out a Research onto the Implementation of UPE in Jinja District. This was done and was - followed by a campaign to mobilize parents to provide midday meals to pupils while at school.(*see photo below*).



District LC-V Chairperson Mr Fredick Ngobi Gume addressing Head teachers, PTA Members and SMCs on Feeding Pupils in Nanfugaki P/S Busedde-Jinja District

- Four NGO / Security meetings were conducted; during these meetings NGOs / CBOs working on issues of children and youth presented reports and the local government officials in attendance proposed interventions from the government side.
- Resource Centre was utilized by an average of six (6) people (Staff of NEMACY-Uganda and visitors from the general public) on a daily basis. It was equipped with news papers on a daily basis and the website was updated and was operational. Additionally some Books, Journals, Magazines were procured for the resource centre.
- The Voice, a news magazine used for advocacy purposes was compiled, produced and circulated among partners and other stakeholders. This is one of the advocacy tools that the

Network uses to make the plight of children / youths in Jinja – Busoga and beyond publicly known to various stakeholders and as such action is devised.

- Members of the Executive Committee (Board) were trained in July 2012 in resource mobilization, communication skills and roles of members of the board so as enhance their abilities in implementing NEMACY Uganda’s strategic plan.

3.2 Child Rights Radio Program

This was implemented in partnership with a radio station known as BABA Fm from 2:00pm – 3:00pm every Sunday with support from Terre Des Hommes Netherlands. And it’s running for two years 2011 and 2012 as its final year. Its purpose was to use radio to inform, educate and advocate for children’s rights and child protection in Busoga Region, Eastern Uganda.

Activities implemented

- Over 1,800,000 listeners were reached in 2012 through; the 52 radio programs aired every Sunday from 2:00pm to 3:00pm in partnership with BABA FM 87.7, the sport messages aired on Voice of Busoga and Victoria Fm.
- Children from three (3) primary schools were enabled to take part during International Children days i.e. 62 during the International Children’s Day of Broadcasting and 60 during the Day of the African Child. 30 children were supported to participate in World Day against child labour.
- Thirteen (13) radios sets were procured and given to 12 listeners clubs from 12 primary schools across Busoga Region and another radio set given to Nakanyonyi Primary school for it exhibited high level of participation during the twegele ghalala N’abato radio program.
- A children’s forum was held where children had an opportunity of expressing their issues in a number of ways e.g. through poems, songs, dance and drama. It was attended by thirty (30) children from primary schools in and around Jinja Municipal Council.
- A radio content research was carried out under the topic “Child Participation in the Radio Activities”. It was guided by these objectives; to establish how the radio program could be made more child friendly, to find out how children can be involved in the radio program and to examine the relevancy of radio activities in the reduction of child abuse and neglect.
- Field trips were conducted in six (6) communities which were reported to be having high incidences of child rights abuse. And visits to referral hospitals were conducted in various areas targeting the people that come to hospitals for various reasons including the patients. The Field trips were carried out in Butagaya Subcounty in Jinja District, Mbaale Village in Imanyiro Subcounty–Mayuge, Kisima Island in Jinja District, Mirembe Bukeka-Kangulumira Subcounty in Kayunga District, Buwungo Village-Makuutu Subcounty in Iganga District and in Musubi Village - Kigandalo Subcounty in Mayuge District (*See photo*

below). Over 200 people were reached and sensitized on child rights issues. The field trips addressed concerns like child labour, Defilement, and children involvement in watching films during school going hours. This empowered the public towards getting proactive on child rights issues which was witnessed / evidenced through the child helpline [0776-131414] as many cases were reported.



Mutete Ezekiel, NEMACY-Uganda Staff (in a green shirt) in Partnership with Jinja Central Police (CFPD) addressing Musubi Community members & Pupils on Child labour & Child Neglect

- Policy makers were engaged on the state of affairs in Kisima Island – Jinja Municipal Council especially primary education i.e. wanting school classrooms, absenteeism by some teachers and shortage of and dilapidated housing facilities for teachers among other issues. The policy makers at the Jinja Municipal Council level e.g. Town Clerks promised to have more consideration for Kisima Islands in terms of extra allowance for Teachers among other things.
- Two (2) press conferences were held, they were aimed at sharing with various stakeholders e.g. media, policy makers and the entire public, the state of child exploitation in and around Jinja District and Busoga Region so as devise solutions.
- A total of 2638 calls were received on the Child Helpline (0776-131414), the callers had various issues; some wanted to know how to access school fees support, these were referred to agencies offering school fees support, some wanted to know how to handle a defilement case, these were informed of the necessary steps to take, others were reporting cases of child neglect with this group those who were near the office were asked to come to office and those who were far away were referred to Probation and Community Development Officers in the respective areas. 169 clients were offered legal and Psycho – social support.
- Community structures e.g. Local Council One leaders who were trained in 2011 in management of child rights issues were followed up in 2012 to establish how they were performing their roles in relation to the skills they got during the training. It was established that some were handling cases of child abuse which are within their jurisdiction to handle, some were mobilizing communities to desist from child labour among others.

- IEC materials were designed, produced and circulated; stickers, Posters and T-shirts customized with Advocacy messages.
- 12 online news letters were edited and circulated in East Africa; Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania.
- Radio Planning meetings were conducted; these validate the content [topics] to be aired on radio. And topics aired were on HIV/AIDS, Child Exploitation, Disability and Maternal child Health among others.

4.0 PROJECT: NEMACY UGANDA REHABILITATION CENTRE

NEMACY-Uganda has a Rehabilitation centre known as Nemacy-Uganda Rehabilitation Centre located on plots 7, 9, 11 and 13 Kaluba Road Mpumudde Division, Jinja Municipal Council - Jinja District. It offers rehabilitation services to former children on street, abandoned children and children abused in various ways e.g. defiled. The centre rehabilitates children for a period of at least three months thereafter arrangements for resettlement are made.

Activities implemented and Achievements

- The centre housed children in these categories; 64 children: 47Boys and 17Girls.
- 25 children; 13boys: 12girls were reintegrated with their families. And by close of 2012, 15 children; 9boys:6gils were still undergoing rehabilitation.
- The rehabilitation centre received donations from Friends to the Network; George and Christa (Mr & Mrs) from Switzerland. The donation was used to procure these items; 10 dining chairs and 2 tables (*see photo below*), 7 beds, 10 mattresses, indoor games like ludo, omweso, chess among others, LG Television set and a DVD player.



Children under rehabilitation having lunch on the newly procured dining table & chairs

- The centre was fenced off with a perimeter wall fence, stocked with more play materials / equipment e.g. the swing, chess board, among others.
- Procured a set of uniform for the children.

5.0 FINANCES

In the year 2012 the organization received financial support from Terre des hommes Netherlands, George and Christa (Mr & Mrs) Friends to the Network and residents of Switzerland as detailed in the table below;

Income	Source	Expenditure	Program / Activity spent on
0000000000000000	Terre des hommes-Netherlands	0000000	Program of Cooperation and NEMACY-Uganda Rehabilitation Centre.
		00000000	Child Rights Radio Program
0000000000000000	James and	00000000	Rehabilitation Centre Uplifting
0000000000000000	Other Income; Photocopier, , Membership fees & others.	00000000	Stationary, Board meetings, Annual General Meeting, Registration of Organization as a company limited by guaranteed & School Fees for some disabled children in Jinja District.
Total Income UGX:0000000 Pounds: 000000		UGX: 0000 Pounds:0000	

NB: Exchange rate 1Pound = 3850UGX.

6.0 GENERAL CHALLENGES

- The narrowing space for accessing resources especially financial to fully operationalize the Annual plans and Budgets and the Strategic Plans, amidst overwhelming demand for NEMACY-Uganda interventions far beyond Jinja District - Busoga Region.
- The ever increasing child abuse incidences within homes, communities e.g. markets.
- Court delays in concluding child abuse related cases which reach the courts of law coupled with incomplete operationalization of Children's Courts in all the major towns / Districts of Uganda.

7.0 GENERAL FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Aggressive fundraising both locally and internationally so as implement the 2011/12-2015/16 strategic plan.
- NEMACY-Uganda scaling up her activity implementation to cover all the districts in Busoga and beyond.
- To lobby service providers e.g. MTN, UTL, and others and development partners so as have a toll free helpline which can be exhaustive handling of child related issues more so those ones which are distant from NEMACY-Uganda premises.

- Implementing the structural development plan which shall host both the Secretariat offices and Rehabilitation activities.
- Continuous lobbying of Government to fully operationalize Children Courts up to Sub-County Level, and for the Development partners to support this cause.

8.0 CONCLUDING REMARKS

NEMACY -Uganda through her committed and competent Staff, Boards, Member organizations and Government departments, Development Partners and other stakeholders managed to put her objectives to another level. In a special way lots of thanks go to the Development partners, staff, Boards, Stakeholders and Beneficiaries, and above all God /Allah.