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Children found out of school during school time in a community operation led by NEMACY-Uganda and Education Officers, Jinja district



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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ADSN	Adolescent Development Support Network
ANPPCAN	African Network for Prevention and Protection Against child Abuse and Neglect
CBO	Community Based Organization
CFPU	Child and Family Protection Department of Police
COG	Children of Grace
CRO	Child Restoration Outreach
CRA	Child Rights Advocates
SRRP	Child Rights Radio Program And Strengthening Child Protection Systems (SRRP)
EG	For example
Fr.	Father
IEC	Information Education and Communication
JINNET	Jinja Network for the marginalized child and youth
LC	Local Council
Mr.	Mister
Ms.	Mistress
NGO	Non Governmental Organizations
NEMACY-UGANDA	Uganda Network for Empowerment of the Marginalized Child and Youth
NURC	NEMACY-UGANDA Rehabilitation Centre
PTA	Parents Teachers' Association
P/s	Primary School
SMC	School Management Committee
Rv	Reverend
UPE	Universal Primary Education
UTL	Uganda Telecom Limited
IBAPE	Improving Access to Basic Primary Education

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Last but not least, members of staff, volunteers and Student Interns for the timely implementation of activities and the positive change thereon created. Above all, the Almighty God without whose hand of providence the Network would have found it increasingly hard to register the successes it did in 2016.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY / MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

In 2016 the organization made scores on her strategic objectives as highlighted on in the proceeding sections but the most outstanding one is that it made changes on the face of Primary Education through making friendly school compounds for pupils. The report is presented into sections of; 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 versus strategic objectives, Finances, General Challenges, Future plans, Recommendations and Conclusion.

The year 2016 was not void of some challenges like in the previous years. 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 and other members' Development partners, the Network managed to mitigate and made a close in to her Strategic Choices, Mission and Vision.

In 2016, NEMACY-UGANDA run Programs /Projects on; child protection, rehabilitation and education as further summarized ahead in the report.

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

NEMACY-UGANDA formerly Jinja Network for the marginalized Child and Youth (JINNET) is a membership organization consisting of Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Community Based Organizations (CBOs), Child Rights Advocates (CRAs) and with close formal Partnerships with Government Departments e.g. Child and Family Protection Unit of Jinja Central Police, Probation and Social Welfare office and Community Development offices. It was founded in 2001 by Rev Fr Kees Groenwoud, Tim Malcomson, Mr. Ben Kulaba, Mr. Jimmy Obbo Ivans and Mr. Everest Maraka among others as a response to harmonize the different interventions for promoting Children/Youths welfare fronted by Civil Society Organizations in Jinja District and Jinja Municipal Authorities. NEMACY-UGANDA currently has 31 members whose core mandate is promoting the welfare of children / youths.

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 Strategic objectives of NEMACY -UGANDA

- ✚ To strengthen capacity of members 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 2015/2016 – 2020/2021, a Strong staff consisting of persons that have undertaken trainings in project planning and management, monitoring and evaluation, human resource management, child protection, 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 children 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 wide scope 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 of vulnerable children.

- The high levels of Organization Visibility earned through running of the Radio program, monthly online newsletters and the annual newsletter called “The Voice”; these are strong tools that enhance information sharing and dissemination for purposes of advocacy. Specifically the radio program yielded overwhelming demand for NEMACY-UGANDA services far beyond Jinja District and as well increased her visibility as established through her Child Helpline (0776-131414 / 0754-131414) and field visits.
- A strong and physical presence / representation in Busoga Sub-region through her members who are presently 31 which include; NGOs, CBOs, CRAs, Individual Member and Government Departments. It is through the members and other partners that the network was able to produce the advocacy and networking interventions for exploited children. The members of the Network include; Busoga Youth Development Support Association (BUYODESA), Support and Love Via Education-International (SALVE International), Phoebe Education Fund for AIDS Orphans and Vulnerable Children (PEFO), African Network for Prevention and Protection of Children against Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN) Jinja branch, Child Restoration Outreach (CRO) Jinja, Adolescent Development Support Network (ADSN), Jinja Area Communities Federation (JIACOFE) an affiliate of Child Fund International, Foundation for Child Empowerment and Advocacy (FOCEA), Women Rights Initiative (WORI), Emmanuella Centre for Children with Disabilities, Kimasa Community Initiative (KCI), TOFTA Education Trust, Uganda Parents of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (UPIDI) Jinja branch, Children of Grace (COG), Health Child, Chain of Love Support Organization, Office of the Community Development Officer-JMC, Office of the Resident District Commissioner, Office of the Child and Family Protection Unit-CPS Jinja, Office of the Probation and Social Welfare, Office of the Deputy Mayor-JMC, Jinja Municipal Councilors, Child Rights Advocates-Mpumudde-Kimaka, Walukuba-Masese Jinja Central Divisions, Office of the Vice Chairperson LC V, Human Rights and Environment Concerns Activists Organization – HURECA, Child Friendly Organization (CFO)- Busedde and Anti Domestic Coalition (ADOVIC).

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 who included the following; Mr. Everest Maraka- Chairperson, Ms Rose Kigere- Vice chairperson, Mr. Kenneth Massa -Treasurer, Mr. Patrick Balikweya- Publicity Secretary, Mr. Mike Asiya& Ms. Sarah Nsaja as committee members plus the Head of the secretariat [Chief Executive Officer] as the General Secretary

The operations of the secretariat were made possible in 2016 by a team of ten (18) people; Mr. Willy Felix Ngobi- The Team Leader (CEO), Ms. Patricia Mukoda, Program Officer Research, Monitoring and Evaluation, Mr. Peter Muwanga –Accountant, Ms. Racheal Nangobi – Program Officer Psychosocial support, Pastor. Paul Batambuze, Program Officer IBAPE, Ms Betty Omesse Alwido- Cashier / Administrative Assistant, Ms Joan Nekesa House mother NEMACY-UGANDA Rehabilitation Centre and Ms Susan Keddie Winnie Assistant House Mother

3.0 NEMACY-UGANDA AT PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY LEVEL [WHAT WAS DONE IN 2016] VERSUS STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1. To strengthen capacity of members to effectively provide services to vulnerable children and youth groups.
2. To empower youth groups with economic resources to reduce household poverty.
3. To conduct research initiatives, collect and disseminate information pertinent to children and youths rights issues.
4. To influence policy making processes to be responsive to the needs of children and youths.
5. To empower communities with the knowledge on primary health care and community health.
6. To strengthen NEMACY-UGANDA's organizational capacity to effectively and efficiently achieve her mandate.

The aforementioned strategic objectives of the Network were scored upon as summarized ahead under the Child Protection, Improving Access to Basic Primary Education and Rehabilitation Project as detailed ahead. And the Projects of the members of the Network e.g. Grannies, Direct Education support, Street Children Rehabilitation, Micro-Credit and Early Childhood Development Centres (ECDs).

Strategic objective / Result One: Capacities of members to effectively provide services to vulnerable children and youth groups strengthened.

1.1 The Resource Centre: It was equipped with National News papers i.e. New vision and Daily Monitor, latest literature and Researches on children. This was aimed at enabling members of the Network and other stakeholders to have up to date information on issues of children around the Country and beyond. On a monthly basis twenty two (53) clients, (30 female: 23 male), used the resource centre for the period January- December 2016. However the number of resource centre users declined compared to past years as a result of change of office location from Jinja Town to Mpumudde where few people had noticed the availability of the Resource centre facility. Nonetheless marketing of the facility was done and gradually numbers of its users' are picking up. And interestingly some are asking for internet services because in Mpumudde they are not readily available, hence management is fundraising for possibilities of installing Internet services in the Resource Centre.

1.2 Radio meetings: Twelve (12) monthly and four (4) Quarterly radio planning meetings were held. Members of the network used the meetings to enrich their knowledge on radio programming and select topical issues for discussion on air of the Radio partner Basoga Bano BABA 87.7 Fm. The radio meetings caused hosting of re-known child rights advocates and guaranteed quality of whatever was discussed on air. It is estimated basing on the callers in, sms and feedback in community that the Network reached through radio campaigns (talk shows) over 1.5m people with child rights messages in 2016.

1.3 Inspection of Schools: In collaboration with the Inspection Departments at Jinja Municipal Council and Jinja District, over 78% of the UPE Schools in the two administrative units were inspected. The head teachers of the schools reported that the Inspections were more of supportive instead of supervisory hence resulting in improving on the gaps identified by the Inspectors.

Refresher trainings for teachers; NEMACY UGANDA collaborating with Jinja District Local Government and Jinja Municipal Council to train 154 teachers in arithmetic curriculum syllabus and

20 teachers in inclusive learning of pupils with disabilities. As a result, there was improvement in the school grades and academic performance. Relatedly, pupil retention and teacher attendance increased and Jinja District Local Government was challenged to continue regular monitoring and supervision of schools.

Strategic objective / Result two: Youth groups empowered with economic resources to reduce household poverty

Over 150 Young people were supported with financial capital to set up small businesses. This was made possible through two of the Network members i.e. Salve International and WORL. Young people were supported through the “Village Savings Groups’ and linked to Micro-Finance Support Centre of Uganda to access small credit.

460 young people in three Sub-counties of Mafubira, Buwenge Rural and Butagaya were trained through community field trips in child protection, book keeping, and financial management and Entrepreneurship skills. About 60% of the trained young people have set small businesses.

Strategic Objective / Result Three: Research initiatives conducted and information pertinent to children and youths rights issues disseminated

Feeding of Pupils in UPE Schools while at School

The Network made preparations for the survey on school feeding programme in government aided schools planned in the subsequent year. The survey will focus on challenges communities and schools face in implementing school feeding models as this has implications on access to quality education.

Strategic Objective / Result Four: Policy making processes influenced to be responsive to the needs of children and youths.

- **Advocacy meetings**

The staff organized advocacy meetings on a quarterly basis with policy targets including the Education Officials at the district level, child and family protection and community liaisons officers at the district Police stations. Monitoring reports show that incidences of child trafficking and use of unsafe means of transport for children to schools have significantly reduced.

- **Commemoration of International Days**

In collaborations with members, the Network commemorated International Children Days e.g. Day of African Child, World Aids Day, World Day against Child Labour among others. These events were used to facilitate children to present pressing issues to policy makers. As a result the Local Government of Jinja increased her Budget allocations to issues of children. And during every Budgeting process the Network is always invited to take.

Creating school compound friendly environment: The network engaged 20 primary Schools to review school policies and behavior of school management and pupils by designing school compounds with a number of messages. As a result, some teachers have started to desist from use of corporal punishment. Furthermore, for a, Debates and Dialogues were organized to influence government to release UPE funds in time



School Compound Talking Post before being installed on the School compounds

- **Awareness on child friendly policies at the community level**

NEMACY-Uganda in collaboration with stakeholders conducted field trips to sensitize masses to push for child friendly policies at village, sub county and district level. These awareness sessions were attended by a total of 400 community members; 240 female and 160 male.

As a result, some villages made resolutions to ensure child school going children be sent to school during learning hours.

Press conferences were also organized every quarter to bring to the attention of different policy makers the plight of child abuse as received on her child helpline(+256 776 131414 / +256 754 131414). Attendees included: local radio stations in Jinja Town, New vision and Daily monitor, Bukedde and red paper news paper journalists, leaders in the District. And a result policy makers present appealed to offenders of child rights to stop and desist from denying a child a right to education and not to marry off girls under 18 years because of poverty claims.

Strategic objective / Result Five: NEMACY-UGANDA’s organizational capacity strengthened to effectively and efficiently achieve her mandate.

The network held a number of meetings to ensure her capacities are in line with realizing the set strategic plan. The meetings included; staff weekly planning and assessment meetings, staff Bi-Quarterly meetings, Executive Committee Meetings and Annual General Meetings. The meetings resulted into Development of Projects and action plans of implementation, Vetting and approving of new members in the Network

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 NEMACY’s partners in rehabilitation do home tracing and eventually reintegrate children with their parents – communities.

4.1 Activities implemented and Achievements

80 children; 59 Boys and 21 Girls were sheltered at the Centre from January to December 2016. 72 children; 56 Boys and 16 Girls were reintegrated with their families and majority resumed school. While 10 children all boys dropped out. By 31st December 2016, 8 Children; 3 boys and 5 Girls were still under rehabilitation. The successes made were all possible out of the memorandum of understanding the network has with her members like CRO-Jinja, SALVE International, ANPPCAN – Jinja, Child & Family Protection Unit of Jinja Central Police and, Probation and Social Welfare Office of Jinja District, to identify, refer, rehabilitate, resettle / reintegrate children found on streets, abused and other categories of vulnerable children.

5.0 FINANCES

Here below is a summary of the financial inflow to the Network both at Secretariat level and within the members.

Income (UGX)		Source(Development Partner)	Program / Project
Secretariat	103,069,021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Trustees • Member organizations • Terres Des Hommes Netherlands • Well wishes 	Child Rights programmes & strengthening child protection systems(SRRP) Improving Access to Basic primary Education(IBAPE)
Grand Total	103,069,021		

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 continued to be a challenge to the Network.
- ❖ 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 to implement the 2015/16- 2020/2021 strategic plan.
- ✚ NEMACY-UGANDA scaling up her activity implementation to cover all the Districts in Eastern Uganda and beyond.
- ✚ 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. Special thanks go to Board of Trustees, Member organizations, Development partners, Executive Boards, staff, other Stakeholders and Beneficiaries, and above all the almighty God.