

FOIA MARKER

This is not a textual record. This is used as an administrative marker by the William J. Clinton Presidential Library Staff.

Collection/Record Group: Clinton Presidential Records

Subgroup/Office of Origin: National AIDS Policy Office

Series/Staff Member:

Subseries:

OA/ID Number: 21067

FolderID:

Folder Title:

Focus on Child Welfare

Stack:

S

Row:

66

Section:

7

Shelf:

11

Position:

3

FOCUS ON CHILD WELFARE

P.O BOX 14262 MENDO - KAMPALA-UGANDA

31ST AUG 1999

TO

INTRODUCTION

Uganda being one of the most infected with A.I.D.S in the world, it has also turned out to be with a big number of orphans and vulnerable children.

Focus on Child Welfare (FOCW) came up to help the needy orphans, the helpless children as they face challenges in growing up without hope and assistance. Hence FOCW created a right enrollment for development and education for a better future and hope of the orphans.

FOCUS ON CHILD WELFARE DESCRIPTION

FOCW was established in 1997 with intentions of gathering, caring and making arrangements for developing and educating these orphans.

FOCW is a registered Non Governmental Organisation. It started with 50 orphans on Primary level. Right now FOCW caters for 242 orphans with different classes both girls and boys aged between 3 years to 20.

FOCW is comprised of the following staff:-

DIRECTOR/FOUNDER	-	NAKIMERA LYDIA	VOLUNTEERS
MANAGER	-	IVAN MASEMBE	
WELFARE STAFF	-	WILSON KAKULE	
COUNSELLOR	-	SOLOME NANTAIRO	

FOCW is located in Mutundwe Mpigi district.

FOCW also caters for the Girl-Child when these girls get early pregnancies they are ignored and not attended to so the FOCW helps the girl child to go back to school or take courses like Home Economics or Tailoring to help her in future. Presently, they are 40 girl children.

Through them is free Primary Education in Uganda it only caters for only the first four children in a family the rest are not catered for and still in these schools where there is free Education Education, the classes are over crowded with children the ratio is 1 teacher to 150 children in a class and some sit in trees for their lessons.

Unfortunately FOCW has limited funds from local wellwishers to cater for orphans school fees and the girl child courses. Yet these children need to be kept in school to avoid the up coming problem of becoming street children turning to drugs and compete favourably in the current hardship job market.

In line with Africa, Uganda in particular to develop orphaned children need to be educated, loved and cared for since they are the future leaders and people in society(Uganda)

ORPHANS ASSESMENT:

Orphans are normally assessed right from their homes through village councils and the AIDS victims.

Normally, the orphans are got from the poorest and most vulnerable families.

- The orphans too are advised to work hard and reach the average level in class work
- Their school reports and paying slips are kept in our records in order to avoid double funding and also for our accountability.
- They are also monitored in school everyday.
- They are counselled

Some orphans who are very vulnerable are availed with scholarstic materials. They are also provided with second hand clothes and blankets since some of them sleep on floors even without mattresses.

OUTLINE OF ASSISTANCE NEEDED BY FOCW ORPHANS AND GIRL CHILDREN

The main problem is school fees funds whereby the total number of orphans is 242 and each child costs \$100 annually for 7 years.

1child	7years	& 100 per year
242 children	7 years	\$169,400

GIRL CHILD

- These ones need to learn tailoring by using sowing machines and materials (cheap fabrics)
- Apparently, we have only one manual sewing machine yet they are 40 girl children who use it.
- There is also cookery department where they study Home Economics and Hand work like crocheting. These items when summed up will cost & 10,000.

Other underlying problems like furniture, scholarstic materials and teaching aides can be catered for gradually through your assistance on them however minimal is highly appreciated.

PLANS IN THE PIPELINE:

FOCW has a plan of buying land 10 acres and put up a live stock farm which will help the orphans with school fees and these children will also help them learn agricultural activities. In this land still, technical school will be put in place to help orphans have courses like capentry, plumbing & electronics.

WHAT PROMPTED FOCW TO BE FORMED:

The founder is Nakimera Lydia. The founder became an orphan at the age of 16 in 1988. I looked after my mother who was an AIDS patient at Mulago Hospital Kampala. I had to clean her through out her sickness since she was suffering from bloody diarrhoea at times I used to run out of toilet rolls and use rugs since the hospital never provided anything apart from medicine and the relatives were financially incapacitated. Worst of all, she died in my hands(presence) and I had to take care of the body and then burst into tears. I will never forget that experience it is a life time agony and all I suffered from that experience. So many orphans undergo such tubulent times which are even worse than my situation.

That is why I feel that I am part of the AIDS problem in Uganda I feel I need to continue helping in this field of AIDS most especially the children who remain vulnerable in pain and suffering.

I look forward for any assistance. Together we will help the orphans of AIDS have a bright future. Your assistance will be highly appreciated however little in both monitory or material.

DIRECTOR/FOUNDER
NAKIMERA.L

Nakimera L