



FAMILY SPIRIT CHILDREN CENTRE

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CONCEPT NOTE FOR FAMILY SPIRIT APPRENTICESHIP CENTRE

Background

Family spirit is a registered Community Based Organisation with Masindi District Local Government, under Local Government - Registration No: CBS/00134/13 and is located 2km off Masindi Township, Kijunjubwa Road, Nyangahya Centre. The organization is recognized as an institution with a bias in Children Rights, HIV Care and Support, Advocacy, Environmental Protection and Sustainable livelihood development. The organisation was founded in 2002, by a group of people living with HIV, who realized the plight of children suffering after their parents had died. Much as the effects of the death covered all members of the family, the children were the most affected and most of them had become heads of families while still teenagers.

Organization History and Past Performance

Family spirit is a Community Based Organisation that was established in 2002 by a group of volunteers, living with HIV and AIDS. These appreciated the suffering of orphans and other vulnerable women and children that were growing as a result of HIV/AIDS but started with a holistic approach to the children including care, support and education. It was anticipated that the initiatives would help in reaching HIV and AIDS care and support to the most vulnerable communities of Masindi especially children and women. It has worked with the OVCs for now over 10 years in partnership with the communities and local institutions in the fight against HIV and AIDS in Masindi district. Family spirit has an orphanage and a primary school which it runs with partners, both local and international. Currently, the organisation is supporting 243 vulnerable children who are infected and affected by HIV directly and indirectly of which 190 OVCs are residents at the centre. Family spirit runs a livelihood support programme together with the community. We have started an irrigation scheme on our farm which shall be used as a

tool to demonstrate to the community and how families can improve on their income so that they can be able to support their families economically. We also carry out trainings in income generation and entrepreneurship skills development for our target groups.

The **vision** of Family spirit is *"Enhancing the communities to respond to the dangers of war/violence, HIV and Aids"* while the **mission** is *"To increase community participation and involvement in prevention, care and support activities so as to mitigate the health, environment, social-political and economic impact of HIV and AIDS, climate change and violence at all levels"*.

Project Rationale

There is increasing vulnerability of children in Uganda. Children constitute about 57.4 % of Uganda's total population¹. These amounts to an estimated 17.1 million children below the age of 18 years, of whom 14 percent (2.43 million) have been orphaned, 45.6 percent (1,108,080) of the orphans are due to HIV and AIDS and 105,000 children between the ages of 0-14 are HIV positive. Approximately 51 percent (8.1 million children) are either critically or moderately vulnerable, while 63 percent live with caregivers other than their biological parents. Currently, at least one in every four households has an orphan and 3 million children live below the poverty line¹.

In Masindi there is a large population who are most vulnerable. Among this population are OVC that are increasingly becoming victims of child labour and exploitation. Key examples of this are mainly in form of labour for tobacco growing especially in Pakanyiri and domestic house workers for the growing urban population in Masindi Town². The expanse of oil and gas activities in the Albertine region has led to a lot of demand for both skilled and un-skilled labour with more OVC being the target. In addition to the above, Masindi has more than 56 tribes with different cultures and beliefs. The co-existence of these tribes contributed to the existence of more OVC. When given the life skills, the OVC shall not be exploited in the long run and their future shall be bright.

Project Goals

The goal of the project is, "to enhance promotion of comprehensive care and support for 1,000 OVC and their families in Masindi district.

Objectives

- 1) To promote economic empowerment among the orphans and vulnerable children through life skills development
- 2) To partner with local government authorities to plan for children's interventions and ensure that OVC issues are mainstreamed in all the sectors at the district local council
- 3) To establish and run Vocational Skills Training programmes to impart market - oriented skills to OVC

Project Activities

- 1) Train 100 OVC in motor vehicle mechanics and driving.
- 2) Train 200 OVC in tailoring, crafts making and knitting.
- 3) Train 150 OVC in welding and metal fabrication.
- 4) Train 100 OVC in carpentry and joinery.
- 5) Train 100 OVC in Poultry, Piggery, Fish Farming, Kitchen gardening and Goat Rearing.

Innovation

The project will promote greater equality among boys and girls. It will ensure greater participation of OVC in all aspects of the intervention such as disaster management, production, marketing and cooperative development. It will enable OVC care givers to collaborate and work together on strategies improving the overall household livelihood situation.

The project believes in strengthening the skills of the community in managing resources in a sustainable manner and this will be achieved by intensive capacity-building programs organized during the term of the project."

Budget Estimates:

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR APPRENTICESHIP CENTRE.

S/No-	ITEMS	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
PART A-CARPENTRY AND JOINERY SECTION (WORKSHOP TOOLS).				
1.	Smoothing plane:			
a.	No-5 England made	5 pieces	20.000/-	100.000/-
b.	No-4 England made	5 pieces	18.000/-	90.000/-
2.	Rebate plane	3 pieces	150.000/-	450.000/-
3.	Grooving plane	2 pieces	150.000/-	300.000/-
4.	Spox shave	5 pieces	60.000/-	300.000/-
5.	Tennal Saw	3 pieces	35.000/-	105.000/-
6.	Hand Saw	3 pieces	35.000/-	105.000/-
7.	Bow Saw	5 pieces	45.000/-	225.000/-
8.	Ax-Saw	5 pieces	25.000/-	125.000/-
9.	Braze (Drilling set)	3 pieces	180.000/-	540.000/-
10.	Cheasel Set			150.000/-
11.	Serch clamp:			

a.	7 feet	2 pieces	180.000/-	360.000/-
b.	5 feet	2 pieces	150.000/-	300.000/-
c.	4 feet	2 pieces	95.000/-	190.000/-
12.	G-Clamp	3 pieces	30.000/-	90.000/-
13.	F-Clamp	3 pieces	30.000/-	90.000/-
14.	T-Square	5 pieces	15.000/-	75.000/-
15.	Tape Measure	10 pieces	15.000/-	150.000/-
16.	Rolling Tape	2 pieces	60.000/-	120.000/-
17.	A plier	5 pieces	12.000/-	60.000/-
18.	Hammer	10 pieces	15.000/-	150.000/-
19.	Pintchure	2 pieces	20.000/-	40.000/-
20.	Oil Stone	3 pieces	25.000/-	75.000/-

PART B: ELECTRICAL TOOLS

1)	Moulding machine	1 piece		2.000.000/-
2)	Roaster	2 pieces	600.000/-	1.200.000/-
3)	Jik machine	2 pieces	450.000/-	900.000/-
4)	Sunding machine	2 pieces	600.000/-	1.200.000/-

PART C: MECHANICAL WORK SHOP SECTION-TOOLS

i.	Training models e.g. vehicle	01	5.000.000/-	5.000.000/-
ii.	Tool box (German)	2	1.000.000/-	2.000.000/-
iii.	Compressor	01	1.000.000/-	1.000.000/-
iv.	Fire Extinguisher (safety)	2	500.000/-	1.000.000/-
v.	Grinders	01	600.000/-	600.000/-
vi.	Drilling machines	2	400.000/-	800.000/-
vii.	Ramps (Lifting equipment)	01	3.000.000/-	3.000.000/-
viii.	Hydraulic jerk (Tanganyika)	01	1.505.000/-	1.505.000/-
ix.	Models of system			
	Special tools			
	Dial gauge	01	300.000/-	300.000/-
	Ring compressor	01	100.000/-	100.000/-
	Pressure gauge	01	350.000/-	350.000/-
	Vee brakes	01	400.000/-	400.000/-
	Cables (Heavy duty)	5	20.000/-	100.000/-
	Jump starters	02	60.000/-	120.000/-
	Helmets	10	17000	17.000/-
	Overalls	10	35.000/-	350.000/-
	Safety boots	10	18.000/-	180.000/-
	Hand Gloves	10	5.000/-	5.000/-

	Detergents (Jik)	06	5.000/-	30.000/-
	WDHO spray	01	60.000/-	60.000/-
	Generator	01	5.000.000/-	5.000.000/-
	Electro Arc Welder Turbo 215	1	1.646.100/-	1.646.100/-
	Staver SAB22-23OAL Angle grinder 9"	1		684.400/-
	Welding rods	12	21.000/-	252.000/-
	Gas welding	1	4.000.000/-	4.000.000/-
	Vice	1	400.000/-	400.000/-
	Smaller	1	220.000/-	220.000/-
	Inspection pit	1	420.000/-	420.000/-
	Hose pipe	25 meters		
	Spray Booth	01	30.000.000/-	30.000.000/-
TAILORING SECTION.				
21.	Sewing machines.			
I.	Electrical sewing machine	06	1.200.000/-	7.200.000/-
II.	Ordinary sewing machine	06	300.000/-	1.800.000/-
III.	Sewing machine for knitting	06		
22.	Fabrics(cloth materials)	2 rolls		

23.	Threads for knitting sweaters	16 rolls		
24.	Threads for sewing clothes	10 rolls		
25.	Cloth buttons			
26.	Furniture			
i.	Tables	06	70.000/-	420.000/-
ii.	Stools	06	15.000/-	90.000/-
27.	Pair of scissors (big)	06		
28.	Scholastic materials.			500.000/-
i.	Manila papers	100	500	100.000/-
ii.	Markers	6 dozens	10.000/-	60.000/-
iii.	Pens	6 dozens	19.000/-	114.000/-
iv.	Training Costs (Consultancy)	Lump-Sum	25,000,000	25,000,000

In order for us to create meaningful impact to orphans and other vulnerable children (OVC), we need to come up with strategies that improve their well being.

I will be grateful for any support

I remain yours sincerely,

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Isaac Nyakoojo
Coordinator-Family Spirit Children Centre
