

VOLSFAN-UGANDA

**MWEZI A (BUNYADE) VILLAGE,
BUKOMERO SUB-COUNTRY,
KIBOGA DISTRICT**

**PROPOSAL: SUPPORT FOR THE
CHILDREN'S FARM
PROJECT.**

SUB-MITTED TO: ISP Uganda

PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR:

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| Implementing Organization: | The Voluntary Liberty Space for all Needs (VOLSFAN) |
| Target Group: | Children (2 to 18years) |
| Project Objective: | - To provide an efficient and functioning non-profit home for all the needy regardless of culture and religious affiliation. |
| Anticipated Results: | -A healthy and hygienic home. -Well-Educated and social children. -Well trained and motivated staff members. - A conducive home for the children. - A nutritious diet for the children. |
| Amount: | UGX 53,784,000 |
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

With a population of 32.7 million, 49.9% of the population comprises of children with age of 0-14 years, 48% for the ages between 15-64 and 2.1% for 65 and above. Diseases like HIV/AIDs, Malaria, Ebola and civil wars; etc. have caused much suffering in the whole country, leaving the population between 0-14 years to be the most great to a total of 49.9% of the general population. A good number of these children have been orphaned by such circumstances and have either been left alone with fellow young ones or with relatives, which in most cases are grandparents.

About 20kms from the main city Kampala and 10kms from Mukono town is a family of 7 children, 4 girls and 3 boys with the oldest being 15 years. Their Dad and Mum died a couple of years ago due to AIDs/HIV and the relatives, are either not interested taking the burden of other people or do not exist. The 15yr old is currently the mother and father of the family at the same time, doing brick-laying while the rest try to cultivate the small piece of land for food and from dusk till dawn; he is always searching for at least food to feed his fellow young ones. When they eat today, they are not sure if they will eat the following day. Many of the challenges awaiting them is whether they will ever earn a chance to be educated, medicated, clothed, sheltered, given the fact that the only small two roomed hat is soon falling down.

Regardless of what caused the orphaned situation in which ever home it is displayed, the orphaned children deserve a right or chance to have a better life and be given prosperity for a better tomorrow. The vibration caused to an orphaned child at whatever age can only be washed away by a steady home where they can be provided for and learns to grow up as resourceful individuals who are important to one another and their country at large. Such children need a home within which they are able to socialize with others as a complete community, be provided for the basic necessities of life like lunch, breakfast and supper, proper clothing, shelter, just like in any hope giving family home anybody would love to be brought up from.

Nothing you do for children is ever wasted. They seem not to notice us, hovering, averting our sight, and they seldom offer thanks to anyone, but what we do for them is never wasted because we are healing the world to make it a better place for you, for me and the entire human race because we care enough for the living. We have all in life had moments of extreme loneliness and hopeless but most definitely someone to lean on in those times and so do orphaned children and it is the one thing in their lives they can ever wish for as human beings.

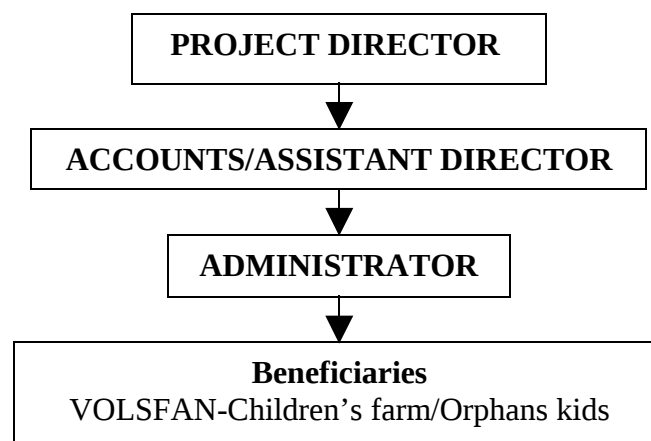
VOLSFAN DESCRIPTION

Voluntary Liberty Space for All Needs (VOLSFAN-Uganda) is a fully registered non-governmental organization by the Ministry of Internal Affairs in Uganda. VOLSFAN-Uganda was established in 2005, as a community based organization (CBO) as a school that provided education to low income earning single mothers and on June 1st, 2009, it registered as an NGO and has been working since then. VOLSFAN-Uganda works with orphaned children from all over Uganda and without differences or variations. VOLSFAN-Uganda has no official affiliation with any local or foreign organization upon which it can depend for steady financial support in all the relevant spheres of setup. Thus our children's home relies solely upon the generosity of individual sponsors for its income to upkeep the house and support the children's development and wellbeing.

In supporting low income and single mothers, together with disadvantaged children in Uganda, developing communities, VOLSFAN uses a togetherness approach to help these un-able supported groups to participate in the development of communities and to create income generating activities using the groups gained skills to support themselves. VOLSFAN's efforts in ensuring that these people have a new world so far is due to community support, well-wishers, individual donors, visional Board of Directors, as well membership subscriptions, which makes it easy to asses, needs of the communities hence developing and positive changes in the areas of operation.

This Children's farm is dedicated to providing the orphaned, poor and marginalized children of Uganda with nutritious food, clean water, quality education and most importantly a loving and secure family home. It is not only our aim to afford these children the bare essentials, but also to teach them about morality and instill in them a sense of community and respect for their fellow human beings. We also provide them with a safe play environment where they can have fun and improve, learn and develop their skill of social interaction. We also provide to these orphaned children a chance to attain formal education, clothing, shelter, food, among others.

VOLSFAN ORGANOGRAM



RATIONALE OF THE PROJECT

According to the Uganda National Household Survey, a vulnerable child is one who lives in a child-headed household or is a child labourer, an orphan, an idle child (that is, one without work or school), a married child, a child living in a household headed by an elderly person. By this definition, 65 per cent of children in Uganda fall under the category of 'orphans and other vulnerable children'. In real numbers, there are at least 2.2 million orphans in Uganda today. And nearly half of the country's orphans have lost one or both parents to the AIDS pandemic, wars, malaria, among others.

VOLSFAN-Uganda Children's Farm project is located in Bunyande Village, Bukomero Sub-county, Kiboga District - about three kilometers from the main road and it is purely a non-profit making organization, designed to help total orphans all over Uganda. Bunyande village has a total population of about 3,502 individuals. The transport route is so accessible. The area is largely occupied by the Baganda tribesmen as an ethnic composition and the population is economically engaged in subsistence agriculture.

The Children's Farm started with different objectives and areas of work, such as HIV/AIDS awareness and counseling, women counseling, life skill and classes for the youth, orphans, and after evaluating all these ideas, choice was made to total orphans, children who doesn't had nobody to take care of them, homeless, with no education, and without hope for a better future. Helping these children started to be our big dream, and after VOLSFAN-Uganda made fundraising in Italy for some months, this dream became a reality in December 2009 with construction of the orphanage building, accomplished on 14 February 2010 where the 1st group of children start to have a new choice of live in our new "home".

The Farm stands on about 30 decimals on which, is the children's residential home, the small farm and playground. The whole area totally has no electricity, poor water sources for the whole village and the government funded health facility is located about 5kms away from the project but characterized with operational inconsistencies and lack of drugs for the whole health facility. On the health side too, a private health facility lies about 15kms (15mins drive - motorcycle) away from the school and this is majorly the one used by the children's home and most of the village members in case of any emergency. The primary school where the children attend classes from is 2kms away from the home and it is the only appropriate school for better education of children in the whole area, although the classes are held under trees or grass thatched houses.

The Children's Farm helps raise solutions to problems related or faced by children in the whole of the Country, region and the whole world at large, among which is Children sacrifices, child trafficking, child labour, prostitution, street children, gambling, rebel soldiers, stealing and idleness, illiteracy. With a secure and well-established foster home for these orphans, they will earn hope for a better future and become resourceful just like any other living human being on earth.

Many of the challenges faced by the project are provision of clothing to the children, food, schools fees, unclean water sources, transport for children to school and health center, increasing running costs due to increasing standards of living for the whole country and unavailability of electricity in the home.

VOLSFAN-Uganda is happy to report that a group of friends promised to return to Uganda and carry out voluntary work at the home for about a year and yet, others have confirmed their contribution of a van for the home, which will ease the mode of transport for the children to school, health center and for general use in the whole home.

PROPOSAL FRAMEWORK

Goal of the project:

To provide an efficient and functioning non-profit home for all needy children regardless of culture and religious affiliation.

Objectives, activities, expected results, Indicators

Objectives

- To provide a safe, loving, fostering and secure home environment for orphan children.
- To provide nutritious food. We ensure the children receive a balanced diet at rainbow
- To provide basic health care, hygiene advice and all the essentials they need to stay healthy.
- To provide a safe play area, where the children can have fun and learn and develop the skills of social interaction.
- To teach the children the attitude of decency and instill in them a sense of community and respect for their fellow human beings.
- To provide quality education to allow each child to reach their academic potential and open up opportunities for their futures.
- To provide the essentials required to receive an education i.e. stationery, uniforms etc.

Activities

- To find more sponsors and funding to enable us reach our goals. This is currently our first priority objective because with dedicated sponsors, everything can be put into reality.
- To launch resource generating activities to help to cover a few expenses of the children's farm. Because we hope to have some activities run independently without involving donors.

- To construct a water source for the orphanage and the general community to help curb the prevailing problem of inaccessible sources of water for both the children's project and the general surrounding community.
- To construct a power source for the home (purchase a solar panel). This will provide energy to the smooth running of the office works of the project like typing reports and lighting the whole children's farm.
- To purchase a small van for the school going children. This is because most of the school going children are below the age of 5 years currently and yet the school to which they go is around 3kms and it is hard for the children to trek the distance.
- To build tent houses (bandas) for tourist and volunteers. VOLSFAN-Uganda is currently working with an Italian-Ugandan Tourist Company to promote solidarity tourism. In this sense, tourists who wish to discover more about the area and pay visits to it will take lodge in these houses.
- To organize and extend the garden to make it able to accommodate provision of food to the whole home. With the increasing number of children in the home, there will be need in the future to increase the sources of food for the home. We will need to re-organize the whole garden and also purchase some more animals.
- To construct a fence around the orphanage to improve the security of the orphanage. Since the ages of the children in the home are below 18 years, this age group needs better security and the property of the home as well. With all these, we need to construct a perimeter wall around the whole home for safety purposes.
- To provide relevant training to the staff for each to effectively perform their work. Among the available resources, are staff members whom with this changing environment require effective training to help them perform their jobs effectively because they require relevant training for their jobs.
- To source for funds to cater for the school fees of all children in the home. Subsequently with hopes of providing education to all the children in the home, we have to establish concrete measures to stabilize children's school fees like education adoption projects.

Expected Results

- More sponsors to help run the project.
- Provide a nutritious diet to the children.
- A Secure perimeter wall around the home.
- A conducive and secure home for the children.
- A healthy and hygienic home for all the children.
- A stable and well-furnished clean water source for both the home and community.
- Well educated and social children to both their fellow home mates and the outside environment.
- Well trained and motivated staff members who are committed to their job and execute their obligations with love.

Indicators

Inexistence of widespread diseases like malaria, cholera, etc. will indicate achievement of the objective of providing basic health care, hygiene advice and all the essentials children need to stay healthy. This indicator will be analyzed through all periodic medical records of the home.

Ability to distinguish good from bad, improved children attitudes towards education and improved school performance for particular children will indicate achievement of an objective of providing quality education to allow each child reach their academic potentials and this will be analyzed from termly & yearly school reports provided by the relative schools.

Number of children in the home per period will indicated achievement of the overall objective of the Children's Farm of providing a safe, fostering and secure home environment for the children and this will be analyzed through home registers.

Inexistence of malnutrition diseases within the children in the home will help us realize achievement of the objective of providing nutritious food to the children in the home with the source of information being medical records.

Social involvement of children in all activities will indicate achievement of the objective of providing a safe play area, where children can have fun, learn and develop the skills of social interaction and the source of information will be from social workers' reports on each children.

Number of donors to the Children's Farm will indicate achievement of the objective of soliciting for more sponsors and funding to enable VOLSFAN-Uganda and the Children's home reach its goals and objectives and this will be analyzed through different agreements signed between VOLSFAN-Uganda and the relative funding agencies.

TARGET GROUP

VOLSFAN-Uganda's Children Farm is to directly benefit Orphans of all tribes from there whole of Uganda, Boys & Girls – 2yrs to 18yrs but with special attention to financially challenged backgrounds. All resources fundraised for will be directed to the home first before anything else and all children in the home will be given first priority for anything that arises.

Although the farm directly benefits the children in the home, in future activities we hope to involve indirect beneficiaries like staff members, general community and founders. The staff members will benefit through jobs and salaries, the general community will benefit through activities like community development and provision of jobs.

The home currently houses 14 orphaned children among whom are 8 boys and 6 girls, all between the ages of 2 and 11 years. Supporting staff in the home include two women who take care of the home and the children, offering help to the children in washing their clothes, home utensils and guiding them in any other home related activities or day to day life.

MONITORING & EVALUATION

Since VOLSFAN-Uganda's Children's Farm project has objectives to achieve backed by activities implemented, resources invested, a monitoring and evaluation plan has been put in place to follow the progress of the project. Project progress reports will be written from social workers, after which a final report by the Director to the donor agencies will be compiled, both quarterly and annually. These reports will be in a narrative format, backed by a pictorial report of the relevant period. The following sources of information will be documented and reported on regularly:

- All agreements and budgets
- Memos and minutes of meetings
- Outcome of the unity of production
- Orphanage buildings and workshops
- Files of the personnel (performance evaluation)
- Running costs for the home (salaries of employees, fuel, etc.)
- Files of orphans per quarter (education, social and health status)
- File management of available resources (tangible and intangible assets)

ACTIVITY PLAN

| ACTIVITIES | Year 2011 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D |
| Launch resource generating activities | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Construct a water source | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Construct a power source | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Purchase a small van | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Build tent houses (Bandas) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Organize and extend the garden | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Construct a fence round the home | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Source for funds for school fees | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Provide relevant training to the staff | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Finding more sponsors & funding | | | | | | | | | | | | |

As per the drawn activity plan, currently the only activity taking place for the project is finding more sponsors and funding for the home for the home to start operating smoothly. We however are still hopeful for a few European friends who promised to purchase a van for the home, which is planned for November or December. The rest of the activities will take course immediately the funds to implement them are available.

ACTIVITY COSTS

| ACTIVITIES | QUANTITY | UNIT COST | TOTAL |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Staff Training (6months) | 4 | | 3,600,000 |
| Purchasing a solar panel | 1 | | 16,920,000 |
| Purchasing a fridge | 1 | | 720,000 |
| Building animal houses | | | 3,600,000 |
| Salaries for staff | 12 months | | 19,800,000 |
| Purchasing animals | | | 3,600,000 |
| Project Monitoring & Evaluation | | | 5,544,000 |
| | | (Ex. Rate 3,600/1Euro) | UGX |
| | | 53,784,000 | |

Logical Framework

| Intervention Logic | Indicators of Achievement | Sources & Means of Verification | Assumptions |
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