



MASAKA RELIEF FOUNDATION (MRF)

Annual Report 2020/2021 and Annual Performance Plan 2022



Report Overview

2021 has been a unique year for Masaka Relief Foundation (MRF), formally known as CARE (Considering Assistance and Relief Everywhere), as it was for most people in the world as result of the continuing grappling with COVID 19 pandemic, it has also been a year in which Masaka Relief Foundation re-branded its name from the then CARE (Considering Assistance and relief everywhere).

At the beginning of the year we continued our activities built on strong foundations started in 2020.

This Annual Performance Report (APR) and (FY) 2022 Annual Performance Plan, presents a description of various activities conducted in 2020 and 2021, projects MRF program plans for FY 2022 and financial mobilization and management strategies.

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Message from the Executive Director/Founder

Dear friends, Dear donors, Dear beneficiaries!

The year 2021 has been eventful, to say the least. We could define it as the year of evolution towards a stronger organization and corporate identity. The winds of change have pervaded every aspect of Considering Assistance and Relief Everywhere (CARE) into Masaka Relief Foundation (MRF)



I'm proud to acknowledge the growth and success of MRF as a result of the close collaboration between the organization's leadership, communities and friends who extend financial support. It is a pleasure and an honor to inform you that Considering Assistance and relief everywhere (CARE) is now Masaka Relief Foundation (MRF). This re-branding is intended to better our support to the communities we serve. However, even with a change in name we still aim towards attaining the mission, vision, goal and objectives as before.

MRF cherishes the proper growth and development of children and empowers youth with knowledge and skills to become responsible adults and to realize their life goals and passionate about mothers of child bearing age.

MRF has made and continues to make tremendous contributions towards the Uganda's children, youth and economically supporting families to achieve the desired status, legally supporting children and youth realize social and legal justice as well as emphasizing the right to health, education, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene. This is attested by a cross-section of stakeholders across the board including Central and Local governments, other CSOs, the community, and development partners.

MRF's biggest legacy in 2020 and 2021 is probably the impact it has had on children, their mothers, youths and communities empowered to achieving social justice and peace within households and among the immediate neighbors through the WASH (Water Sanitation and Hygiene) program through the donated water tanks. *Donated by well-wishers in Germany who are friends to our German coordinator, Frau Maria Elisabeth Bueter.*

As MRF does her services, she is continuously guided by her Vision, Mission and core value all of which are an inspiration to not only focus on her cause but also providing leading example of stewardship and accountability to her own stakeholders.

MRF will continue to fulfill her mandate as we progress into the New year, looking forward to achieving all planned activities. We look forward to working with you even come 2022.

Wish you well as we extend assistance and relief everywhere.

Madrine Namayengo
Executive Director.

Introduction

Masaka Relief Foundation (MRF), believes that children's rights, social and economic empowerment for adolescents and youth, community inclusion in development and empowerment programs should be key as a mean to overall national development, and that such programs must be matched by quality and equity.



Our Vision

We envision a world where children, youths, and communities are empowered to live sustainable lives.



Our Mission

Working together to connect people in the fight against poverty, investing in the lives of children, adolescents and youth, build the healthy environments they need to thrive, and empower them to create lasting change in their own lives and communities.



Our Values

Social justice, Equity, Equality, Integrity and Professionalism

Goal

To assist government and private actors in bridging the social and economic empowerment gap prevailing among vulnerable children, adolescents and youth.

Specific objectives

- ❖ To protect and advocate for children's rights in Uganda.
- ❖ To provide adolescent sexual and reproductive health (ASRH) information and services to in- and out-of-school youth in prevention of teenage pregnancies, HIV and other STDs.
- ❖ To provide vocational skills training activities to children, adolescents and youth out of school as mean to self-independence.
- ❖ To re-integrate child mothers into formal and informal education systems.
- ❖ To empower households for vulnerable children as a mean to sustainable development of communities.
- ❖ To provide seminars and workshops guiding all people in the community to fight for the children rights.
- ❖ To construct safe homes for abandoned children in the country in order to help them live decent and meaningful lives.
- ❖ To discover and develop the talents of children, adolescents and youth to become productive citizens of the nation.
- ❖ To do such all other lawful things as may be incidental or conducive to the promotion or carrying out of the activities of the organization.
- ❖ To formulate partnerships with all the actors to improve life of children, adolescents and youth and their communities.

MRF implements its activities basing on the following thematic areas:

- a. Child protection.
- b. Livelihoods Support.
- c. Advocacy.
- d. Environmental Protection and conservation.
- e. Emergency and relief.
- f. Reproductive Health.
- g. Education.
- h. WASH (Water Sanitation and Hygiene)

Key Activities and Projects Carried Out 2021

Food relief. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause uncertainty to Uganda's food security among underprivileged communities, MRF in 2021 with support from German friends has extended food aid to various underprivileged households in our community to enable them survive.





Most people in Uganda are no longer working because of the restrictions imposed by the government to contain the spread of the Corona virus. In fact, the most affected people are children and their parents from very poor backgrounds. **“As MRF we found need to aid people suffering due to hunger.” In our community, emphasis was put on children with disabilities since we could not collect enough to support all those that need our help. The supported families showed above all have children with disabilities namely; Shamira, Namanda, Jovan and Lynnet. We thank all our GERMAN FRIENDS who extended financial support to ensure that food aid reach the underprivileged families.**

**Kisuuna Water Tanks Project:
MRF provided tanks to different households in Kisuuna to support farming and animal husbandry income**



MRF has been implementing SAFE WATER FOR DRINKING, LIVESTOCK AND HOUSEHOLD project, aiming at enabling the people of Kisuuna Community gets access to safe and clean water for drinking, livestock and household needs to combat water borne diseases that are attached to unsafe water sources, realize a practical solution to water shortage in Kisuuna village, create more time for child care and farming which was otherwise be used for fetching water from traditional wells which are distant from the peoples' homesteads as well as sensitize the community on environmental management and maintaining the harvesting system clean. The project has been implemented in South Western Buganda/Masaka Municipality – Katwe Butego division, Kisuuna Village.

It is MRF's dream to extend the project beyond Kisuuna village to other areas of Greater Masaka region.

More water tanks received by Kisuuna Households (pictorial)



- **Currently 16** water tanks have been installed in Kisuuna serving over 100 families which now have access to safe and clean water for drinking, livestock and household needs. This has enabled them combat water borne diseases that are attached to unsafe water sources.
- Over **16** water tanks for 10,000 liters and 5,000 liters capacity respectively have been set up in the village greatly reducing on water shortage challenges.
- **60%** of young children in Kisuuna can now access good parenting, since most parents do not need to abandon them for long hours or days in search for water and this in the long run will enable these young children grow into responsible and well empowered members of the community.
- Farming has been improved among the people of Kisuuna, over **35** households have now joined farming, **35** households testifying having improved their farming outputs for the last farming season due to sufficient water to water the gardens even when its dry season.



More water tanks for Kisuuna house holds





More water tanks for Kisuuna households



MRF- Kisuuna water tank project sustainability plan: The project has been built on community existing structures and leadership; this has been built through strengthening their capacities in managing and handling water tanks, all beneficiaries of this project are permanent residences of the Kisuuna and therefore follow up by MRF will be ease and routinely done.
MRF among the 3-project staff hired a water technician who is well knowledgeable with water systems and this will be instrumental and ensuring follow up to the beneficiaries

Community engagement:

With the rise in deepening and expanding community engagement, the importance of community engagement has become pivotal for well-functioning and implementation of community programs. MRF believes that constructive relationships between communities and community leaders leads to more equitable, sustainable public decisions and improve the live ability of local communities. This is why MRF engages community in designing strategies for overall empowerment and always ensure communities are the forefront of their own development.



MRF Community engagement meetings



Community stakeholders pose for a group photo after a community engagement meeting.



FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

MRF ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

Schedule 1: Revenue Summary

Source	AMOUNT (shs)	Year
Food and basic needs relief project	802,100/=	2021
Water tanks project	94,762,000/=	2020 and 2021
TOTAL	95,564,100/=	

Schedule 3: Other projections for 2022

Thematic area	Budget (shs)
Construction of organization offices head offices that shall include vocational skills training center for vulnerable children.	65,556,000
Construction of a community borehole	47,765,500
Walking shoes for Lynnet the disabled lame girl	254,600
Standing frame for Jovan the disabled boy	392,000
School fees for some children	To be determined
Food and basic necessities for some needy families	To be determined
Listed projects as need may arise	
TOTAL	

Detailed budget for construction of a community borehole

Particulars	AMOUNT (shs)	Year
Land on which a borehole shall be installed measuring dimensions 50ft by 100ft	25,000,000	2022
Borehole construction estimating water table at a depth of 150ft underground.	19,265,500	2022
Hydro Geological survey*	3,500,000	2022
TOTAL	47,765,500	

***NOTE:** We may do away with the Hydro Geological survey to reduce the budget, but in the same way we shall not be sure of the water levels at the borehole site.

Annual performance plan 2022:

MRF in FY 2022 shall focus at implementation of activities under the following thematic areas:

- Child protection:** Formation and training of child protection committees, community dialogue meetings, and support to community led initiatives on child protection, translation of key legal and policy documents into local languages, data collection on violation of children's rights and supporting formal education for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in greater Masaka
- Livelihoods Support:** Provision of sustainable and profitable means of livelihoods,

training of Income Generating Activities and financial management, support to Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs'), adolescent girls and young women to attain vocational skills and provision of basic start up tool kits to beneficiaries.

- c. **Advocacy:** Is a strategy through which MRF addresses cross cutting issues that arise from the above core programs messages are generated through Parents Support Groups and Youth Support Groups meetings
- d. **Environmental Protection and conservation:** Training of Youth Support Groups, formation of Environmental Protection and Conservation Clubs in schools, establishing tree nursery which acts as a demonstration site and supplies tree seedlings to the community. MRF will open a tree demonstration garden in 2022 which will be used as a learning center for tree growers, students and environmentalists.
- e. **Emergency and relief:** Provision of food aid, training in food security and agricultural rehabilitation to disadvantaged community groups.
- f. **Reproductive Health:** This is done through: Behavioral Change Communication (BCC), awareness and sensitization, guidance and counseling, distribution of Information Education and Communication materials, HIV/AIDS Counseling and Testing and community outreach and formation of school peer health clubs.
- g. **Education:** This is a cross-cutting activity in all the programmes of MRF. It is an integrated activity. MRF is supporting 10 orphans and vulnerable children by provision of scholastic materials, school fees and basic materials. We are getting a very big challenge in terms of funding considering the level of poverty in communities. There are many OVCs that need support but the financial capacity of MRF cannot support beyond the 10 beneficiaries for now.
- h. **WASH (Water Sanitation and Hygiene):** MRF Promote community based handwashing through a variety of media and provision of water tanks on top of educating communities on proper water management, work directly with schools and health care facilities to improve access to basic water, sanitation and handwashing facilities and to establish protocols for preventing and controlling infections, we shall support menstrual health and hygiene in schools by advocating and constructing (dependent on available resources) private, secure sanitation and washing facilities as well as menstrual pad disposal facilities.

Administration plans for FY 2022:

- a. MRF in FY shall intensify its resource mobilization strategy as a mean to implement the planned activities under various thematic areas.
- b. MRF shall initiate a construction drive for its head offices that shall include vocational skills training center for vulnerable girls, young women and youth.
- c. MRF shall design its five-year strategic plan.
- d. Finalize its employee hand book and other related organization policies.
- e. Design and launch its website and other social media platforms.
- f. Constitute and launch a governing board.
- g. Sign memorandum of understanding with other districts within greater Masaka region.
- h. Continue to write project proposals to various donors/funders.

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