

# MASAKA RELIEF FOUNDATION (MRF)

Activity briefer



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## Message from the Executive Director.



**Distinguished Guests,  
Ladies and gentlemen,**

It is with great honor and pride that I stand before you today on behalf of Masaka Relief Foundation (MRF).

As the Executive Director of this incredible organization, I am truly privileged to witness the launch of this vital borehole project we have constructed in partnership with our friends and supporters.

Water is a Basic Human Right, and yet millions of people around the world still lack access to clean, safe, and reliable water sources. In many communities, children and women spend hours every day trekking long distances to fetch water, often from contaminated sources! This does not only affect their health status but also takes away precious time that could have been invested in education and Income-Generating Activities.

Through our Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) program, Masaka Relief Foundation aims to change this narrative. We believe that access to clean water and proper sanitation facilities is key to improving the overall well-being of any community. Our dedication to this cause has led us to construct this borehole, which is a major step forward in ensuring a sustainable and reliable water source for the members of this community.

Today, we gather not only to celebrate the completion of this borehole but also acknowledging the collective efforts of everyone involved. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our friends, partners, and supporters from Germany who have made this project possible through their unwavering commitment and financial assistance. Allow me to also express my gratitude to the Ssalongo Ssekalaala Family of Butaaya who freely granted this site of the borehole project to Masaka Relief Foundation. I am now happy to inform you that Masaka Relief Foundation is freely offering this borehole project to the community of Butaaya village.

Furthermore, I would like to acknowledge the presence of the esteemed representatives from Masaka City and other districts, plus other stakeholders who have joined us today. Your presence signifies your dedication to improving the lives of the community you serve. We look forward to collaborating with you to enhance water, sanitation, and hygiene initiatives in the Greater Masaka Region.

This borehole is more than just a source of clean water; it represents hope, empowerment, and transformation. Its impact will be felt by generations to come as it contributes to the overall development and well-being of this community. With a reliable water source, not only will the burden on women and children be reduced, but opportunities for education, economic growth, and enhanced hygiene practices will flourish. I urge the selected borehole management committee to be functional and ensure proper use of this facility.

In addition to this borehole project, Masaka Relief Foundation is committed to implementing various initiatives that promote Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene. We have been actively engaged in providing water tanks to communities, setting up Menstrual Hygiene Management clubs in schools, and carrying out awareness campaigns to schools and communities to underline the importance of proper sanitation practices.

However, our work does not end here. The launch of this borehole marks a new beginning, a commitment to sustaining the positive change we have initiated. We will continue to advocate for the rights of every individual to access clean water, improved sanitation facilities, and effective hygiene practices.

In conclusion, I would like to thank each and every one of you for gracing this occasion with your presence. Together, we can create lasting change and a future where everyone has access to safe, clean water. Let us embrace this moment and work hand-in-hand to build resilient communities where Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene are no longer unfulfilled dreams.

**Thank you.**

Madrine Namayengo

## Overview

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.

	<b>Our vision:</b> We envision a world where children, youths, and communities are empowered to live sustainable lives.
	<b>Our mission:</b> 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.
	<b>Our values:</b> Social justice, Equity, Equality, Integrity

### Goal

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

### Our approach;

- Protecting and advocating for children's rights in Uganda.
- Extending 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.
- Support social economic strengthening through vocational skills training activities to children, adolescents and youth out of school as mean to self-independence.
- Re-integrating child mothers into formal and informal education systems.
- Extend shelter for abandoned children in the country in order to help them live decent and meaningful lives.
- Formulating partnerships with all the actors to improve life of children, adolescents and youth and their communities.
- Promotion of sanitation and healthy hygiene through Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) activities.



Figure 1: Shamila, one of the disabled children under MRF care.

### MRF in Action.

Protecting and advocating for children's rights in Uganda.



MRF field team extending food relief items to children and elderly headed households in Masaka district.

**Extending 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.**



*MRF supports school health clubs; through extension of mentorship to club members around areas of ASRH and provision of hardware supplies like Menstrual Hygiene management pads as a mean to control early school drop outs among girls*



**Promotion of sanitation and healthy hygiene through Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) initiatives**



*MRF through friends and partners constructed a community borehole in Kisuuna village and launched in November 2022.*





Since 2020; MRF through its WASH programs continues to access community needs and provide water tanks to households to aid agriculture trails. These are some of the beneficiary households

**Our baby ( New borehole launch):**

To enhance access to safe water supply and hygienic sanitation across the vulnerable rural areas of Greater Masaka, MRF with support from partners and friends in Germany, has invested in the construction of another community borehole in Butaaya Village, Bisanje Parish, Kimaanya-Kabonera Division, Masaka city; The borehole is being



Figure 2; The newly constructed borehole being tested by community members.

launched today 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.

To ensure that the constructed boreholes remain functional and reliable, MRF supports community members to come up with a borehole safe guarding committee which nominates a borehole caretaker and avail him or her with the mandate of policing the bore hole and report any malfunction to the community committee for management. The committee sets up regulations aimed at keeping the borehole functional and safe.

MRF on a monthly basis conducts borehole assessment visits to appreciate status and troubleshoot and emerging issues that are beyond the committee management.

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## Butaaya Community Borehole Launch Program

12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

S/N	Item	Time	Responsible Officer
01	Arrival and registration of participants	01:30 pm-20:00 pm	MRF Secretary
02	Anthems	02:00 pm- 02:05pm	MC
03	Opening prayer	02:05pm - 02:10pm	Religious Leader
04	Opening remarks from Cell Chairperson	02:10pm – 02 :15 pm	Cell Chairperson
05	Brief overview of the WASH program.	02 :15 pm - 02 :25 pm	Program Coordinator-MRF
06	Overview on best Borehole usage	02 :25 pm - 02 :35 pm	Director Han Quality H/w
07	Appreciation remarks from Project Beneficiaries	02 :35 pm - 02 :45 pm	Chairperson Borehole Management Committee
08	Remarks Rep. of other beneficiary communities	02 :45 pm – 02:55 pm	Chairperson, Kisuuna Borehole Mgt. Com.
09	Remarks from MRF Executive Director	02:55 pm -03 :10 pm	ED-MRF
10	Remarks from the Executive Director Masaka City NGO Forum	03 :10 pm - 03 :20 pm	ED- Masaka City NGO Forum
11	Remarks from Guest of Honor	03 :20 pm - 03 :40 pm	Guest of Honor
12	Blessing & Launching of Borehole	03 :40 pm - 03 :50 pm	Religious leader Guest of Honor & ED- Masaka City NGO Forum
13	Closing remarks	03 :50 pm – 04:00 pm	Board chairperson-MRF
14	Group photo	04:00 pm – 04:10 pm	All
15	Departure	At leisure	All