



Vision: To ensure that Children living under difficult Circumstances in the rural areas of Kasese district live a sustainable life.

Mission: To improve the social economic, health, education and physical well-being of children living under difficult circumstances in rural areas of Kasese district

HISTORY

Rwenzori Organization for Children Living under Difficult Circumstances is Non-Governmental Organization which was initiated by Imelda Nyamutiba in 2005 with a vision of ensuring that children living under difficult circumstances in the rural areas of Kasese district live an improved and sustainable life. The organization supports children with disabilities, Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Kyondo Sub- County to access health care, scholastic materials, life skills, counseling, guidance, information on HIV/AIDS and nutrition. These activities also involve care givers. Its offices are located in Kinyabisiki trading center, Buyagha parish, Kyondo sub-county, Kasese district.

PROGRAMS

Care and support: Under this program, the care givers of orphans and vulnerable children supported by the organization are provided with shelter, beddings, safe water, clothing, food and information on good nutrition.

Education: Under this program, the organization sensitizes the parents and care givers of OVCs on the importance and value of education, training OVCs in Life skills, provides scholastic materials to the OVCs (Books, pens, school fees, uniforms) and trains primary teachers, secondary teachers and prefects on how to identify, handle and counsel children living under difficult circumstances.

Health Care: The organization operates a clinic under this program focusing at improving the health conditions of OVCs and other community members. They offer health services at a subsidized fee and in future they plan to upgrade it to a medical Centre.

Child Protection: Under this program, the organization sensitizes the community on Children's Rights.

Prevention of HIV/AIDS: Under this program, the organization sensitizes the community on HIV/AIDS, offers HIV/AIDS counseling and testing services and provides condoms to youth to prevent HIV infections.



CHALLENGES

Low man power. There is high demand for the services offered by the organization in the community. The organization is sometimes not able to respond to the demand due to low numbers in staff to implement the day to day activities.

Limited funding sources. This affects the implementation of some activities as planned. The organization need to be supported to research and access information about potential donors.

Limited skill in planning and implementation the organization staff and volunteers lack skills in planning and implementation of projects.

Limited skills in resource mobilization. The Board and staff lack adequate skills in resource mobilization, fundraising techniques and grant writing. If acquired, the organization can be in position to acquire more external funding and be able to implement activities effectively.

Lack of enough office space, equipment to use in the office and in the field during data collection, mobilization, training and sensitization programs.

ACHIEVEMENTS

The Organization has helped in setting up a health centre to help OVCs and the community to access health services.

Supplied solar drying fruit tables to 10 households

The organization has trained 10 primary school teachers and prefects on how to handle children with difficulties in Kyondo Sub-county.

The organization has registered 560 OVCs who are being supported with scholastic materials, health services, nutritional food and clothes.

The organization has sensitized the community in Kyondo sub-county on children rights, food and nutrition, HIV/AIDS, and has offered HIV/AIDS counseling and testing services to the community. It has also provided condoms to youth to prevent HIV infections.

