

# THE POTTER'S HEART CHILD FOUNDATION

## ACTIVITY REPORT 2018



### OUR KEY PROGRAM AREAS

1. Family Strengthening through livelihood, community mobilisation and empowerment.
2. Sexual Reproductive Health and HIV Programs.
3. Child Protection and Psycho-Social Support.



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## PHCF CHAIRMAN/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



The year 2018 is yet another year of success for PHCF. Success was achieved and with the number of new project activities implemented and new project locations reached. The new partners on board, and signing the MOU with the German volunteer organization VUGA e.V and MARPs Network LTD enabled us to increase the source of funding base which helped PHCF reach new and upcountry locations in the needy communities of Kiryandongo and Luwero Districts. Accessing the Government Youth fund (YLP) also contributed to expansion in our scope in terms of geographical areas of operation as well as the thematic areas in our core programs.

With the coming of MARPs Network LTD on board to work with PHCF, they gave us courage to extend the HIV services to the most at risk youth and young women who are directly involved in sex work including sexual reproductive health services on the target group. The Networking increased as we have added on more partners and our visibility is evident here and abroad. We succeeded registering more new project activities in production and training. The youth livelihood loan made us proud as the money bought a new chalk machine. The machine helped to improve on quality and quantity production. We also introduced bar washing soap and liquid bleach, which all have certified the market demand in terms of being good consumable product. Without the financial support from our new partners, we would have not achieved this great success, we are grateful to our German friend organization VUGA e.V, MARPs Network LTD, Ndejje Urban division council for approving the youth livelihood loan, Kids of Africa Swiss Children's village, ALEF and Change African Child International. We also thank Child Fund through the district probation's office Wakiso, for training our team in para social work the skills, that we tap on to mobilize and manage child related cases in the community and we have been able to improve on the referral pathways and linkages in Makindye Ssabagabo municipality.

PHCF has been very instrumental in building and empowering the CSO Network in Makindye Ssabagabo Municipality and Katabi town council respectively. Through networking with Mildmay Uganda, PHCF has trained community peer leaders and VHTs that we have now incorporated into para social workers in Makindye Ssabagabo municipality.

In this report, we want to draw your attention to few particular moments through the year 2018 where we feel particularly proud of what we have achieved. We thank every individual that gave support to make this dream a reality.

***'If you are walking down the right path and you are willing to keep walking, eventually you will progress...'. Barrack Obama***



MWESIGE AHMED SULYMAN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## PHCF PROGRAM MANAGER'S MESSAGE



The 2018 was an amazing and exciting year for PHCF, we engaged in vibrant activities including grant-writing process and as a result, we were able to receive additional funding to develop new programs and sustain the current ones. PHCF launched three initiatives, which included, VUGA e.V, a Germany organization that, aim at connecting volunteers to Uganda. MARPs Network LTD, which provides a grant, aiming at improving access and uptake to HIV testing and treatment of people living with HIV and the Government Youth Livelihood fund (YLP) aimed at empowering youth to lead the development of their communities and breaking the cycle of poverty among the vulnerable youth

Through the support from MARPS Network, PHCF mobilized, sensitized and enrolled 670 youth at high risk both female and male for HIV counseling, testing and enrolment on ART. In addition to that, PHCF received 2 Volunteers who helped to strengthen our communities, solve problems, improve the lives of others and improve their careers. Through the youth empowerment fund, PHCF purchased a chalk-making machine for production and expansion of the volumes of chalk. Over 987 boxes of chalk were produced and sold to increase the funds for PHCF and wellbeing of youth at high risk, 276 jerrycans of liquid soap (20ltrs) were produced and sold, 105 jerrycans (20ltrs) of shampoo were produced and sold, 25 youth at high risk 16 Female and 9 males were trained and acquired computer skills. Our expansion of services and staff has allowed us to open the doors to more Ugandan communities at high risk.

We are looking forward to continue collaborating with partners as we move forward in the development of programs. The child protection department will launch a 24-hour child protection response, to child abuse and neglect cases. Commitment to HIV testing and treatment targets to end the AIDS epidemic by 2020 where 90% of all people living with HIV will know their HIV status and 90% of all people with diagnosed HIV infection will receive sustained antiretroviral therapy.

We hope you continue to follow us on our social media and participate in all the events PHCF has planned in 2019/2020.

Looking forward to continue working in partnership and network with you.

Yours

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Katende Dan'.

**Katende Dan**

**Program manager**

**The Potter's Heart Child Foundation**

**PHCF Profile:**

The Potters Heart Child Foundation (PHCF) is a non-governmental organization founded by a group of committed social workers in Wakiso district in 2013 to respond to the plight faced by children and the most at risk youths. The organization initially started as a volunteers group of Social Workers in 2012 and grew into a non – governmental organization registered No. S. 5914/11075. The formation of PHCF is in line with the ideology of Strengthening African Families. „SAFe“ in a call for change focused at ensuring that the children and most at risk youths are in safe happy and healthy families which should be a priority for all of us.

PHCF intends to bring on surface the role of family and community in the life of OVC and most at risk youth by influencing the use of expected parental style applicable to the child's growth and development as a fully empowered person. We strive to build and restore confidence in society with a thrust to address the socio – economic status of families with OVC and most at risk youths through parenting support.

We Identify vulnerable families, link them to support and ensure that the required support has been provided.

Our core thematic interventions include the following: -

1. Family strengthening through livelihood, community mobilization and empowerment
2. Sexual Reproductive Health and HIV program
3. Child protection and Psychosocial support

**PHCF Vision:**

A society where every Orphan and other Vulnerable Children and most at risk youth attain the right for education, survival and development

**PHCF Mission:**

To support education for Orphans and other Vulnerable Children, and most at risk youths and promote families to participate in valuing, protecting, and advancing the worth and rights of children

**PHCF Core Values:**

Love, Care, Compassion, Teamwork, Integrity and Accountability

**PHCF Objectives**

The general aim of PHCF shall be: -

- To promote observance of the rights of Orphans and other Vulnerable Children and most at risk youth and ensure that they are assisted through formal and non-formal education to reach their full potential.
- To set up vocational training centres to enable Orphans and other Vulnerable Children and most at risk youth access affordable quality hands on skills for survival for their betterment.



- To provide psychosocial support and basic care, career guidance development to youths at all levels.
- To strengthen families through parenting skills and livelihood programs to increase on their income and improve on childcare and protection.
- To create community health awareness campaigns on HIV/AIDS and SRH care and support among OVC and most at risk youth.
- To act as a gateway to the communities through which many projects will be initiated, and managed by the community itself – “community empowerment”

## Programs

### 1. **Family strengthening through livelihood, community mobilization and empowerment**

PHCF livelihood program aims to develop life skills of families of OVCs and empower them in overcoming social, economic and environmental challenges. Our interventions have been designed to improve efficiency in production systems, lower input costs, increase per capita output and improve food and nutritional security at household level. Our cross cutting areas of intervention are;

- Skills development including soap and shampoo making, cakes and bread making, school chalk, candle and paper beads making, charcoal briquettes and computer training, and small enterprises where many young women and youth have started on small business and improve on their households’ income.
- Urban farming for food and nutritional security among the OVC households; this includes training families on major categories of food and balanced diet. The vegetable demonstration gardens were established and adopted on growing vegetables, which have improved on their health status and income from the surplus.
- Community mobilization and empowerment; including capacity building through training of peer to peer educators, strengthening referral pathways, social capital network and resource mobilization:

#### PHCF TRAINING IN SCHOOL CHALK (IGA)







***PHCF TRAINING IN BAR WASHING SOAP (IGA)***



***PHCF TRAINING IN LIQUID DETERGENT, BLEACH AND HAIR SHAMPOO (IGA)***







***PHCF TRAINING IN PAPER BEADS (IGA)***



***PHCF TRAINING IN MUSHROOM GROWING (IGA)***





***PHCF TRAINING IN VERANDA GARDEN FOR FOOD SECURITY***



***PHCF TRAINING AND SUPPORTING WOMEN V.S.L A AT VILLAGE LEVELS***



***PHCF GIVES HANDOUTS FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF TO SUPPORT CHILDREN STAY IN SCHOOLS***





## ***PHCF TRAININGS AND EMPOWERING NETWORKS FOR REFERRAL PATHWAYS AND STRENGTHENING COORDINATIONS AND LINKAGES***



### **2. Child protection and Psychosocial support**

PHCF conducts advocacy across communities to improve practice and inform policy. PHCF also provides direct services to both children and families in need of protection.

Under our parenting skills approach, PHCF uses an approach “parenting for responsibility”, the approach engages both male and female parents in parenting skills to address domestic quarrels and violence against children and improve on spousal relationships.

PHCF implements school based interventions by providing school basic materials to support OVC education. PHCF in collaboration with community structures including police, family and child protection unit reach out in communities to rescue abused and neglected children and promote child rights talk in schools.

### ***Engaging the district authorities on matters concerning parenting/child rights***





### ***Engaging communities and families on child rights to education and parenting***



### **3. Sexual Reproductive health and HIV program:**

Adolescence contributes new vulnerabilities to human rights abuses, particularly in the arenas of sexuality, marriage and childbearing. PHCF provides support to girls coerced into unwanted sex, unsafe abortions, and sexually transmitted infections. PHCF works with its patterns to advocate for efficient delivery of holistic youth health care package of services including universal access to accurate sexual and reproductive health information, counselling prevention and management of STI. PHCF has a strong referral system from communities to facilities and between facilities, and through the establishment of outreach services

PHCF Conducts field outreaches for information sharing on HIV/AIDS and other risky sexual behaviours such as safe unsafe sexual practices and Condom use education. PHCF also conducts referrals and follow-ups for HIV/AIDs and other harm reduction services for children and young people Sexual reproductive health and HIV&AIDS services.

PHCF works in collaboration with humanitarian organizations and other stakeholders to support the scale up of comprehensive evidence based HIV prevention and SRH through community engagement. This project focuses on the Most at Risk youth with an aim to contribute to the reduction in new HIV infections among disadvantaged women and most at risk youth – out of – school. Majority of Youth people are at risk for unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) including HIV. We do comprehensive sexuality education and create awareness on access to contraception by most at risk youth

### ***Disseminating information on HIV prevention, care and treatment...moving toward the 90 90 90 treatment target by 2020***





***PHCF opened up a DiC serve centre and provides free counselling testing and condoms and lubricants...also stationed condom dispensers to the***



#### **PHCF Areas of Operation:**

PHCF office is located in Makindye Ssabagabo Municipality – Ndejje Division, In Makindye municipality PHCF operates under the umbrella of the CSO Network where coordination and linkages made easy to strengthen the referral pathways and service delivery in the municipality and the district as a whole. In Kiryandongo district, PHCF operates in the Sub county of Mutunda and have activities in Nanda game. In Luwero district, PHCF operates in Kamila Sub County in the village of Kanjuki. If all goes well in 2019, PHCF has plans to extend her operations in Buyikwe district soon.

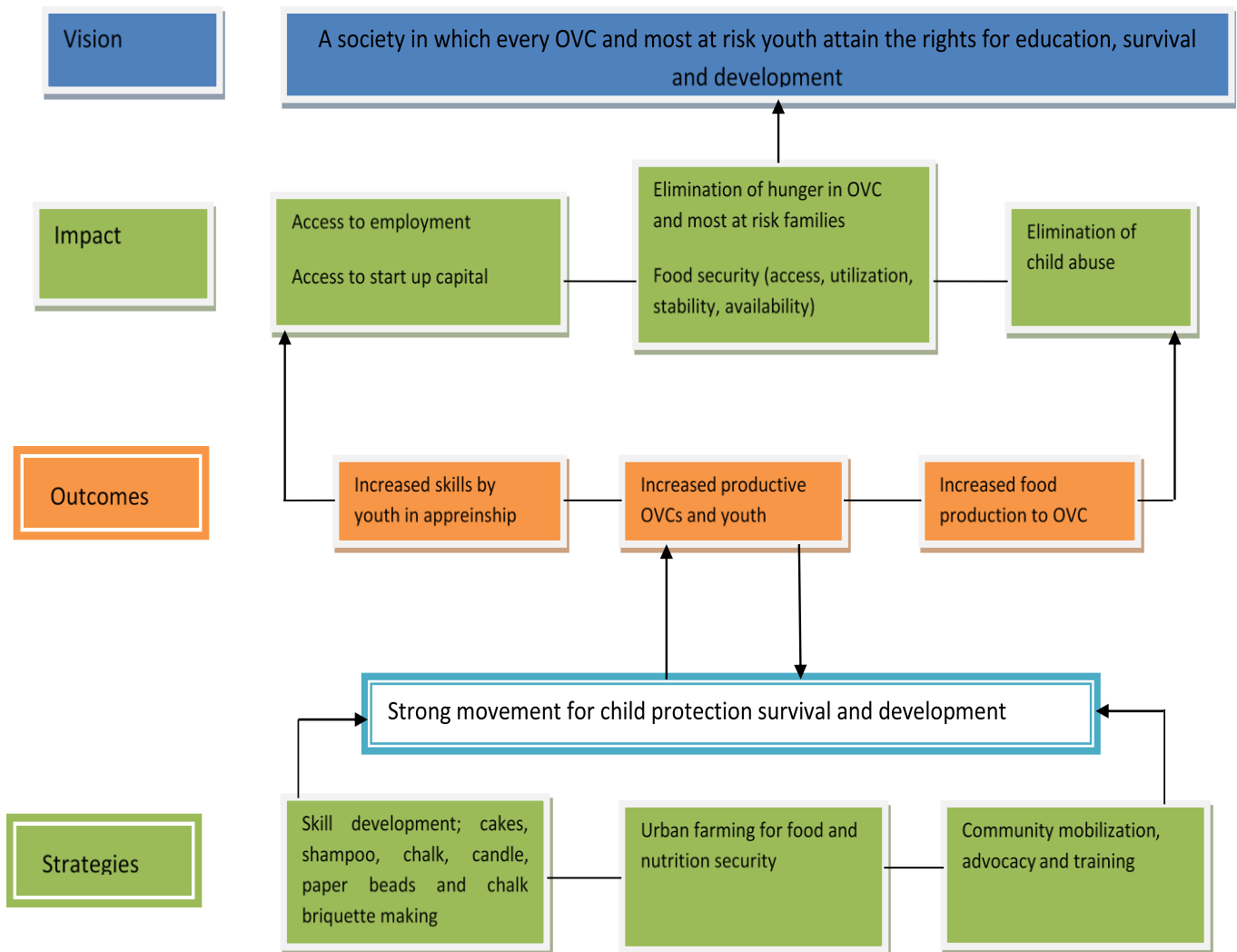
#### **DISTRICT OF OPERATION**

1. Wakiso District – Makindye Ssabagabo Municipality
2. Kiryandongo District – Mutunda Sub county – Nanda game
3. Luwero District – Kamila Sub county – Kanjuki village



## PHCF Organization theory of change

PHCF is building a society where social and economic wellbeing of families of OVCs and most at risk youth are a priority and make them enjoy a harmonious and productive life.





## PHCF ORGANIZATION CHART 2018

