

THE POTTER'S HEART CHILD FOUNDATION

PHCF ORGANIZATION PROFILE



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PHCF Background

The Potter's 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 youth in the community. The organization initially started as a volunteer's group of five Social Workers in 2012 and grew into an indigenous NGO **Reg No. INDR11075826NB of File No. MIA/NB/2014/02/1826** - with the National NGO Bureau at the Ministry of Internal Affairs. The formation of PHCF is in line with the ideology of Strengthening African Families. 'SAFE' in a call for change focused at ensuring that our children and most at risk young people 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 young people by influencing the use of expected parental style applicable to the child's growth and development as a fully empowered person. PHCF works with families to prevent child abuse and neglect that builds upon their strengths, rather than focusing on their deficits.

We strive to build and restore confidence in society with a thrust to address the socio – economic status of families with orphans and other vulnerable children and youth through Parents support, and support the process of child fostering into local families in a drive to scale down numbers of children living in institutional care and those abused and abandoned.

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. Child protection and Psychosocial support
3. Sexual Reproductive Health and HIV program
4. Institutional strengthening and movement building

PHCF Vision

A society in which every OVC and most at risk youth attain the right for education, survival and development

PHCF Mission

To support education for OVC and most at risk youth, promote families to participate in the valuing, protecting and advancing the worth and rights of children

PHCF Core Values

Love, Care, Compassion, Teamwork, Integrity and Accountability

Objectives

- To promote observance of the rights of OVC 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 centers to enable OVC 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 so as to increase on their income and improve on child care 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”.

PHCF Programs

1. Family strengthening through livelihood, community mobilization and empowerment
2. Child protection and Psychosocial support
3. PHCF implements school-based interventions
4. Institutional strengthening and movement building

PHCF greatest Achievements since inception

- PHCF has supported the establishment of 14 Community Based Organizations across the country which are women and youth led eg Nanda Child Development Link in Kiryandongo district, Kanjuki Community Development Initiative in Luwero district, Your Child My Pride Uganda in Bukomansimbi district, Secure Link Africa in Luuka district, Mirembe Women Development Association in Kiira Town Council, Lubowa Women Development Association in Makindye Ssabagabo municipality, Lubowa Youth Development Association in Makindye Ssabagabo municipality, Naziba Lubowa Youth Candle Making among others.
- PHCF has supported the development of CSO networks such as Sabagabo Makindye CSO Network, Katabi CSO Network and Wakiso district NGO Forum that brings all CSOs that operate in Wakiso together.

- PHCF has equipped **(528)** youths out of school and young mothers with skills in liquid detergent and laundry soap, hair and Dog shampoo making, cakes and bread making, school chalk, candle and paper beads making, charcoal briquettes, mushroom growing and small enterprises, computer training and adult literacy education. Out of the **(528)** youths out of school and young mothers, who were trained by PHCF, **(109)** are self employed in small businesses. Also **(81)** among those trained are employed in super markets and other foundations. The program has benefited majorly Wakiso, Kiryandongo, Luweero, Masaka and Luuka districts. Soon PHCF is extending her services to Buhweju, Bunyangabu and Ntoroko districts.
- PHCF has rescued over **(309)** children at risk of violence. These include **(89)** abandoned babies in Wakiso, **(107)** children from stone quarrying in Mutungo – Kigo in Makindye Ssabagabo municipality, Wakiso district, **(113)** children rescued from sex worker in Mutunda Sub county in Kiryandongo
- In collaboration with Kids of Africa, PHCF established Kanjuki primary school in Kamila sub county, Luweero District with funding from Rotary club of Malta government.
- PHCF in collaboration with overseas volunteers established Nanda Community Primary school in Kiryandongo District.
- PHCF in collaboration with Namasuba College of commerce is given **20** scholarships every year for our beneficiaries to enroll for vocation hands on skills (none formal) in hair dressing, tailoring and catering. In the four years of benefit on scholarships, PHCF has **(60)** youths and young mothers who have successfully attained DIT certificates in the three programs and are now self employed and others are employed in salons, restaurants, schools etc.
- PHCF in collaboration with CoRSU Children's Rehabilitation Hospital through the CBR program has been able to identified and refer **(39)** children born with physical disabilities from poor families and referred them for free surgery and rehabilitation services from CoRSU Hospital. **(23)** babies born with Cleft lip/Cleft palate were referred and received services, **(5)** children with limb deformities have received free surgery services and **(11)** Children born with Clubfoot have also benefitted from this program
- PHCF in collaboration with the overseas volunteers was able to establish education sponsorship program to support orphans and other vulnerable children (OVC) in Kanjuki primary school **(135)** and Nanda community primary school **(167)** in Luweero and Kiryandongo districts respectively.
- PHCF in collaboration with Mildmay –Uganda /OVC Department, was able to lobby for food nutrition support for children living with HIV/AIDS in poor families to address malnutrition issues and drug adherence concerns. This program was run for two years and benefitted **(132)** families which were identified and assessed by PHCF social workers. PHCF adapted indirect intervention while Mildmay used direct intervention. Mildmay bought food stuff for children on ART and individualized diet needs for each child or

family. PHCF designed social program like IEC training program where nutrition education sessions were held for the caregivers/parents and continued home visits to monitor and assess the wellbeing of the children and their parents on ART clinic.

- PHCF in collaboration with the infectious disease institute IDI –Makerere University, is running a project on HIV/AIDS targeting the key populations. PHCF offers psychosocial support to the KPs on ART, encourage drug retention and living a positive life. We give food support to children of those infected and affected and organize parents/caregiver group sessions training in small business skills and income generating activities.
- PHCF in collaboration with ALEF a Swedish organization introduced adult literacy education and (157) illiterate young adults mostly women were enrolled trained and graduated in writing, reading, mathematics and English. 50 young adults and old learnt to write their names for very first time in their lives.
- PHCF has invested in training the beneficiaries in small business skills and income generating activities, have supported (10) groups of women and youths to access the government financial support under the Youth Livelihood Program (YLP) and Uganda Women Entrepreneurship Program (UWEP), these groups are now running small scale business and others are in poultry and production of liquid detergents, hair shampoo and school chalk.

PHCF PICTORIAL VIEW OF THE ACHIEVED PROJECT ACTIVITIES

PHCF SCHOOLS BASED INTERVENTIONS SUPPORTED: LUWERO DISTRICT - KANJUKI SCHOOL

BEFORE



Through her partner Kids of Africa; PHCF linked Kanjuki School to the Rotary Club of Malta Government for financial support: KANJUKI SCHOOL UNDER CONSTRUCTION



NANDA COMMUNITY SCHOOL IN KIRYANDO DISTRICT:

PHCF supported the community school through the overseas volunteers and individual well wishers to construct classrooms one block at a time:



PHCF supports orphans and other needy children under sponsorship program. Beneficiaries celebrating their graduation to primary one



PHCF in partnership with ALEF from Sweden introduced Adult literacy education program – people's lives are changing



PHCF LIVELIHOOD SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM
Making Charcoal Briquettes from home garbage – Protecting our forests



Making school chalk turning every homestead a cottage small scale industry



Economic strengthening at every household, training in detergents, bleach, and hair shampoo



PHCF trains in Income generating activities at household levels: Mushroom growing



Bakery class using locally designed tools



PHCF empowering women in income generating activities - Candles making protect



PHCF in collaboration with Kwetu Afrika : Training in paper recycling, roll beads out of them and later use them to make mats, jewelries, bags, jackets, and many other designs.



PHCF Computer program giving skills to youth out of school and young mothers.



PHCF Community mobile outreach on skills training in Tailoring



IDEARS TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES _ THAT is PHCF's THEORY OF CHANGE SLOGAN!