

# HEART OF MERCIES UGANDA



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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Heart Of Mercies Uganda is a Non Governmental Organization ,Non Profit making, Non Partisan Charitable organization founded in October 2007 by 12 members from six sub counties of West budama county namely:

Petta, Paya, Nagongera, Kisoko, Kirewa and Mulanda. However, we have extended the services to the rest of the District. The members had in mind that the Aging population in the World is growing very rapidly and that there is very weak infrastructure put in place to address their concerns and needs of that group and also the loss of productive age group as a result of HIV /AIDS.

## **LEGAL STATUS**

It is registered with Tororo District Local Government Community Based Department under Certificate Number **Y/T 40206** .It is also registered as Non Governmental Organization under Certificate Number **S. 5914 / 7792** with the NGO Board.

It has an emblem [map of Uganda] with a picture of a Heart in the middle.

Its Motto is Where Three Is No Vision People Perish (**Proverbs 29:18**)

It has its Head office at Nagongera Town Council a long Katandi Road Tororo District

## **VISION**

A transformed society where older persons are Recognized, Economically productive, Healthy , Empowered to manage and Sustain their own livelihood.

## **MISSION**

Heart of Mercies Uganda works to contribute to the empowerment of older persons age 60 years + and other vulnerable groups to efficiently and effectively participate in development of this Country.

## **OBJECTIVES**

To support Household to provide holistic care through mobilization of resources from local and International funding agencies.

## **PROGRAMME AREAS**

- Older persons care and Support Development
- HIV / AIDS and Spiritual Support Development
- Health and Environment
- Education

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## **PROJECT AREAS**

- Social Economic Security
- Food and Nutritional Security
- Care and Support
- Health and Environment
- Protection and Legal support
- Psychosocial and Spiritual Support
- Educational (Adult Education)

## **MAIN PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

- Creation of awareness about the situation of the older persons to the public
- Sensitization of older persons on issues of positive Aging.
- Development of Memory books
- Promotion of food and income security
- Strengthening Capacity of caregivers.
- Establishment of Functional Adult Educational centres
- Provision of Psychosocial and emotional support.
- Lobbying and Advocacy.
- Publications and Counseling
- Reaching the Aged with Gods word
- Helping old persons to form CBOs to lobby for support.
- Protection of Environment.
- Shelter support to the most vulnerable older Persons
- Provision of educational support for the most needy grand Children / Orphans
- Training of community Health promoters and Education of both older persons and their caregivers on Primary Health care promotion and HIV/ AIDS Prevention
- Networking with other NGOs with similar Vision
- Monitoring and Evaluation

## **MAIN CHALLENGES FACING OLDER PEOPLE**

- Lack of information on the rights and available opportunities and services for the Aged
- Neglect, Abuse and Violence.
- Poverty
- Poor Health and lack of Psychosocial Support
- HIV/ AIDS
- Poor Shelter
- Lack of clean water
- Lack of Food and Nutritional support
- Poor Family structure and Relationship
- Access to Pension for government workers.
- Corruption

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## **OUR VALUES**

- Accountability
- Political support
- Love
- Innovation and Creativity
- Proper Planning by the target group.
- Transparency
- Timeliness

## **TARGET GROUP**

- Older Persons Aged 60 years + and their families
- Orphans and needy Children including Persons with Disability

## **AREAS OF OPERATION**

Tororo District Eastern Uganda

## **COLLABORATIONS**

- Government Of Uganda Through the Ministry of Elderly and Disability
- Friends from Australia, Canada, USA, Sweden and Kenya
- Tororo District local Government Through the Department of Elderly and Disability
- Local NGOs such Uganda Red Cross Society, Plan Uganda, The AIDS Support Organization among others.

## **MEMBERSHIP CATERGORY**

Membership in the organization shall be voluntary and the following type of Membership shall exist.

- Founder Members: Under this categories it shall be limited to Men and Women who started the organization and to become a member one has to pay a fee Uganda shillings 50,000= as membership and 10,000= as a subscription fee.
- Older Persons membership: This is a type of membership is specifically limited to Men and Women of Age 60 years + and their membership is 1,000= and subscription is also 1,000=
- Open membership: This shall constitute Persons who are not our main target group and shall be Men and Women of whatever age and shall be required to pay Uganda shillings 20,000= as membership and subscription of 10,000=.
- Networking membership; this shall consist of Registered CBOs, NGOs, Private Companies, Institutions of Higher learning, Research organizations FBOs, Government Depts. and shall be required to write a letter of request expressing interest to work with Heart of Mercies Uganda. Such bodies shall pay nothing since they are contributing to our Vision.

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## **MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE OF HEART OF MERCIES UGANDA**

The organization has five major organs:

- The General Assembly: This is the supreme organ responsible for policy formulation, Approval and Determines programmes of the organization and mainly consist of people aged 60 and above.
- The Board of Directors: This body ensures that the policy formed and approved by the General Assembly is properly implemented by the staffs appointed. It mainly consists of People aged 60 years +
- The Secretariat : This is the body appointed by the Board of Directors to implement the Programmes and Projects of the organization and is headed by the Executive Director ( ED)
- The Volunteers: This consist of individuals less than 60 years + and full of Mercies ready to sacrifice their time, Effort, and sometimes financial to visit, teach, guide older persons on how to copy up with positive Aging.
- The older persons functional committees: This consists of majorly older persons Aged 60 years + but still able to support, plan and guide their fellow peer groups.

## **HOW TO GET TO US TO SUPPORT AN OLDER PERSON**

You can donate financial, clothes, Food items, Seeds for planting, Medical terms, Iron sheets, Nails, Household Utensils, Beddings Scholastic materialist to support Grandchildren, Pay membership ship for older person, buying us a Vehicle, A motorcycle, a bicycle, Wheel Chairs, Mattresses or even support our Radio sensitization programme once a month.

You can visit our offices for more information on older persons on the address below.

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