MirembeCare

Home for Single Mothers Uganda

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Vision

Lending a helping hand to struggling single mothers and their children across Uganda.

Mission

To promote independence and financial stability for underprivileged single mothers through;

* Financing /funding small businesses that generate stable income streams
* Providing material for talent development
* Access to education for both mother and child
* Access to mental and physical health assistance
* Building Resilience

**The problem**

Poverty has had a major impact across Uganda, especially in the rural areas where the daily lives of single struggling mothers and their children are greatly affected.

**Our Solution**

To provide a platform for mothers to learn different skills to tackle poverty and access means to provide for their children. Through education and material support, the welfare of single mothers and their children in rural areas will be refined as an initial step towards financial freedom.

**The Homes**

Mirembe directly translates into 'peace' and "sanctuary" in Luganda (the language predominantly spoken in Uganda). Mirembe homes, named after the late Christine Mirembe – a single mother who devoted her life despite to serving others and providing a home to the homeless. Mirembe homes are located in different rural areas across Uganda like Nsangi, Soroti, Bombo and Kyenjojo.

Mirembe homes are places where single mothers and their children will be supported in learning, identifying, and strengthening their skills, free of charge. They will be provided with training in different skill sets, provided with moral support, food and various basic amenities to last them through each calendar week. Mirembe homes will also be a place where each single mother's child can grow up socialising with equally privileged children and improving their overall welfare.

These sanctuaries will be visited twice a week by single mothers and their children and while there, engage in different classes throughout the day and connect with our facilitators and each other, to tackle individual needs and problems. The safe spaces will provide havens for sharing, empowerment and provision for both mother and child.

Goals

**Financing /funding small businesses**

The biggest obstacle being access to banking services, program participants will receive funding for credible business ideas or financing for existing businesses at low interest rates. The repayments will ensure simultaneous maintenance of a credit history to facilitate future access to Banking services e.g., savings accounts and sizeable loans from commercial banks.

**Providing material for talent development**

Classes in various commercial technical skills like;

* Handcrafts e.g., sewing baskets, mats
* Sewing and knitting e.g sweaters and uniforms to sell to schools
* Cooking and baking
* Candle and soap making (including any other small income generating ideas)

**Access to education**

Program participants will partake in classes for subjects like English literacy and simple arithmetic and for their children, support in accessing public school.

**Access to mental and physical health assistance**

Program participants will have access to;

* affordable health insurance for the mothers and their children (ClinicPesa) to cater for medical needs
* Counselling and psychological therapy to cater to mental health stability
* Contraception and reproductive health guidance

**Build Resilience**

Knowledge and material to tackle different and individual needs and problems accordingly.

**The Approach/Future Plan**

* Registration
* How classes and other services intend to be provided
* Objective for the next few years
* Impact Measurement

The Approach/Future Plan

**Registration**

We intend to register a few mothers and their children in the beginning to further introduce them to the charity and make them feel at home. They will be signed up for the classes we offer according their individual needs in the start like;

1. Reading and writing (English & Luganda)

2. Sewing (hand and machine); sweaters, door mats, bedsheets, tablecloths etc

3. Packaging; simsim, groundnuts, tea leaves etc

4. Greenhouse farming; mushrooms, flowers etc

5. Livestock farming; Hens, turkeys, goats etc

All these classes will vary according to the location of the home. The provided classes will be communicated after registration and preparation by facilitators.

**How classes intend to be provided**

All classes shall take place twice a week at the different homes. They will be given by trained individuals like volunteers and philanthropists, who are willing to share their time and skills to help the parents and children in need. Other classes and services we intend to provide;

* Visiting counsellors in the homes to talk to the parents.
* Parental guidance and family planning
* Providing sanitary pads to the young mothers and teenagers.

**Objective for the next few years**

Our objective is to register and help as many underprivileged single mothers and their children as possible in our rural homes.

- Women are independent with acquired skills.

- Educated women and children.

- Growth of the homes

**Impact Measurement**

We want to keep track of all the people we have helped and supported throughout the years. Checking in on them to see their progress and how they are coping after joining Mirembe Care. This will help us know where we need to improve and what skills and needs to focus on more.