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SAVE SUNSHINE SHELTER KIDS 2020 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT.

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Shelter Kids**

A Home away from the streets

1.

VISION: communities graced with equality, care and love in order to see Former Street kids testify and involve themselves in building the world.

MISSION: initiating a purposeful meaning into the lives of the street kids and orphans in form of equipping them with a realistic approach wherever they are to show them love, care and encourage them to realize their dreams.

MAJOR OBJECTIVE: To Administer Gods, Love and Mercy to the Street Children.

Introduction

Save sunshine shelter kids is a Christian charitable organization committed to the rescue, rehabilitation and reconnection of street and other vulnerable children in Uganda back to their families. We address the social problems faced by them and then come up with possible solutions.

Street children have vested talents and skill among them, so we help them discover their abilities and equip them with vocational skills (i.e. farming mechanics, tailoring among others) that will enable them to start up something for sustainability when they are resettled back to their families / communities.



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2. Street outreaches.



Save sunshine shelter kids social workers went to the streets three times a week to find the Children. 476 children were found on the streets in three slums and city center for example 200 were found in Kisenyi slum, 110 in Kivulu , 74 in City Center and 92 in Nateete slum.

They counseled the children and invited them to enjoy services offered at the Save sunshine shelter kids centers. Those who came to the centers had opportunity to undergo rehabilitation program.

They received medical care, ate food, participated in games and sports, attended counseling sessions, and Attendance reports during the day and night outreaches were carried out on quarterly Basis to establish the numbers and causes of street children.

Psychosocial Care and Support.

Each child found on the streets had reasons why they had left home to find refuge on the streets. Some of the children had been traumatized and they had sworn never to return home. But social workers offered a listening ear to the children. Through the scheduled counseling sessions of at least two times a week children were offered Support, and they were able to unfold their stories and off load their burdens. Slowly they were supported to make important decisions to improve their lives. As time went by some children opted to be returned back to their homes, and were supported while at home with their parents. The children attending formal school or vocational training were also counseled regularly. This helped them to be retained in school and improved their performance. The social workers also counseled the parents and guardians of the children about good parenting habits and about being role models for the children. As a result some of these parents improved their behavior toward children and started supporting them in school. Some of them reduced on their drinking habits and became more responsible for the children. The children attending formal school or vocational training were also counseled regularly. This helped them to be retained in school and improved their performance.



3. Rehabilitation Programs.

During the year, Save sunshine shelter kids rehabilitated 10 (boys) street children at its center. During sessions children were encouraged to attend the Save sunshine shelter kids rehabilitation classes that were conducted every Wednesday. In here they were introduced to life skills, they were taught some basic mathematics, English, how to read and Write, science, agriculture, personal hygiene HIV/AIDS awareness and were cautioned about dangers of drug abuse. The children also had an opportunity to express themselves through games music dance and drama.

These classes prepared the children to join formal school or vocational training. Among the twelve children that were enrolled within the year, four children (boys) qualified to join formal school.



Family Tracing and Integration.

After identifying children on the streets, save sunshine shelter kids aims at reconciling them with their families, so that they can be supported while staying in a home stead. Between years 2013 to 2014 a total of eight children were reintegrated within their families. One in Makindye, one in Makerere and one in Semuto and five in Northern Uganda Some children that came from in distant areas such as Karamoja, Teso, Kamuli and Rakai were not resettled because the project did not have enough funds to support them. Those that were resettled were given with scholastic materials, beddings, and for others with craft making materials for income startup.

Parents/guardians were counseled before receiving the child. The social workers made follow up visits to encourage the child to remain at home. Out of the five children resettled, only two returned to the streets because they could not handle the situation at home because had not improved at all.



Formal Education.

Save sunshine shelter kids goal is to protect and to preserve the rights of the street and other vulnerable children, to equipping them with skills that will help them to be creative and innovative and live a positive life. So we ensure that every street child has opportunity to attend school. Between year 2013 to 2014 three children (boys) enrolled primary school education, while three children were enlisted for vocational training attaining skills in cosmetology, mechanics and tailoring. Three joined vocational skills and five boys were neither ready for formal school nor vocational training



Home visits.

This is a very important activity which we use to check on the progress of the resettled children and their families. Social workers visit different homes of the children at least three times a month. They check on the child's progress at home and encourage sick parents/ guardians to seek medication, reconcile fighting couples and counsel the families into becoming productive persons in the community.

It is also a time to check on how well the business started if any is progressing, and to provide technical support whenever required. Through home visits, save sunshine shelter kids is able to build stronger relationships with the family hence having the children retained at their homes.

4 .Vocational training.

The children who did not join formal school were enlisted for vocational training at Tender touch skills center (3 boys). They trained in various skills such as cosmetology and tailoring. Save sunshine shelter kids provided trainees with training materials, tuition fees and start up tool kits upon completion of their course work. Vocational skills have enabled street children to qualify become self-sustaining.

Feeding.

Feeding is an important activity at the save sunshine shelter kids. The children who come to the center are provided with breakfast and lunch on a daily. They are served with different food stuffs such as beans, maize, rice, meat, green vegetables, peas, corn soya and potatoes. The food provided enables children to participate fully in our programs take

part in the activities and attend the formal school. It also improves their mental and physical bodies, thus making them healthy. A total of 369 children received food at our open program. Other children get meals at school where save sunshine shelter paid for their feeding costs.

Agriculture.

Save sunshine shelter kids would like to develop the street children in agricultural skills. Model farms that can be developed at sunshine farm and vegetables are grown in buckets, to supplement the children's feeding. Plans to introduce Piggery project in future.

The children learnt theories of agriculture in class and then do practical on the farm. Digging on the farm was sometimes not enjoyed by the children, but all of them were happy visiting the small land we have and plant.

They felt that this was their own food, which they had participated in growing. Also travelling to the farm by truck is great fun for the children. It has also motivated children to have a positive attitude towards garden work.

5. Medical care and treatment.

Plans to establish a medical clinic at save sunshine shelter kids are under way .This will give attention to the street children. The common illnesses that will be treated at the clinic will include; malaria, skin infections, deworming, Immunization and Other minor diseases. A total of One hundred forty five (145) children were treated at save sunshine shelter kids first Aid clinic. (120 males and 25 females). 10 difficult cases were referred to the government hospitals within the town, and save sunshine shelter kids paid for their medical bills.



Diseases related to HIV/AIDS we partner with Medical centers, Forty four children received counseling to test for HIV/AIDS. Those found positive were referred to Medical Research Center (MRC) for further management. Children found with HIV/AIDS. They received regular medication, materials and psychosocial support.

Sports and Games.

Save sunshine shelter kids has always promoted sports and games as one of the most important tools in rehabilitating street children. Most children in Uganda love soccer and its fun and leisure to them. Save sunshine shelter kids has developed different teams of under 12 years and 14years above. Over One hundred seventy (170) street children participated in games and sports activities.



6. Discipleship.



Save sunshine shelter kids aims at helping street children live a life as originally intended by God. A day at Save sunshine shelter kids center begins with Devotions, through which the children are helped to develop spiritually and morally. The children are also supported with prayer and knowledge of the word of God, so that they can cope or overcome their life situations. Through the discipleship sessions, some of Ten (10) children have gained leadership skills and others gained self-esteem confidence as they share their stories as testimonies.

Peer to peer club

Save sunshine shelter kids has established peer to peer club. This comprises of a group of children who live exemplary lives before other children. They spear head the trainings of other children in child rights, life skills and HIV/AIDS. They also conduct street outreaches to reach to other street children with messages on

HIV/ AID. This club has impacted on the lives of other children by creating awareness about HIV/AIDS and causing behavioral change.



Children are Easter and Christmas party. It is a custom for save sunshine shelter kids to hold Easter and Christmas parties for the children. Since these occasions are well celebrated in Uganda, it is also a great opportunity for street children to enjoy themselves during these parties.

The 2022, Christmas was well celebrated at save sunshine shelter kids center. Although the guest of honor did not turn up, this did not stop the children from having fun.

During the occasion, staff sung for the children, instead of the usual way where children entertain guests. Over three hundred and Thirty (320) children and staff attended the occasion. Christmas was equally celebrated with great success and children who excelled in behavior change and skills received special gifts for Christmas.

7. Community outreaches.



Save sunshine shelter kids community outreaches are conducted on a quarterly. Community outreaches are carried out in the slums around the communities where they operate. The outreaches are aimed at sensitizing the community

Members about the plight of street children, community role in supporting street children, children rights, parental responsibilities and HIV/AIDS. As a result of these outreaches, participants gained knowledge on the above topical issues,

others changed from their negative attitudes towards street children, while others improved on.

Networking Activities.

In 2013 collaborated Save sunshine shelter kids collaborated with other organizations and government departments with the purpose of sharing information, resources, expertise and mobilizing for joint action.

In collaboration with the Medical Research Centre and other street working organizations, labor and gender and plus other organizations including Uganda police for support in running our activities.

Participation in National function.

During the year, save sunshine shelter kids were invited by the district to participate in National Celebrations.

- Day of the African child 16th June.
- The world AIDS day 1st December
- World street children's day

On each of the above occasions above, Save sunshine shelter kids children presented songs, drama and poems depicting their plight. It was an opportunity for street children to be seen and heard.

8. Staff Development.

A total of six full time and four part time staff worked in the national office at Save sunshine shelter kids and a total of four community volunteers also have been of great support.

The staff participated in different trainings which enabled their knowledge and improved service delivery. Such training included Database Management, communication for community based education, and psychosocial care and support.

Future plans.

In the future, Save sunshine shelter kids hopes to embark on the following activities.

- Construct a permanent home for the street children.
- Construct a drop in center
- Purchase a building for Sunshine rehabilitation center that can easily be accessed by children from the street
- Completion of the piggery farm

VOTE OF THANKS.

We would like to thank all our special donors, who decided to give towards the street children cause.

With your donation it was possible to rehabilitate and send former street children to school, so that they can have a future.

Without your support these children would be nothing. Thank you so much for standing with us..

