



# SAVE SUNSHINE SHELTER KIDS



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## **A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Navigating 2023 is akin to walking through a complex maze, with moving walls, in the dark ... all while being uncertain of the destination!

Gratefully, our Save Sunshine Shelter kids is also the Light of the World. Following that light, even when we do not understand where it is leading or the darkness around us, is what enables Save sunshine shelter to report anything of significance that we have done the past months. This is actually true all the time, not just in 2023!

The Apostle Paul said, *“For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh,” and “...but by the grace of God, I am what I am....”* Save sunshine shelter is what it is by the grace of God. Core values of compassion, love and humility drive us every day - part of that light that guides us in a dark world.

As you read the accomplishments in these pages, I hope you are awed by the work, astounded by the numbers, encouraged by the faces – and ultimately amazed by God’s grace!

**Blessings,**

**Hajara Namuyanja, Executive Director**



## AKNOWLEDGMENTS

The success registered has been due to the numerous complimentary strategic funding and implementing partnerships by the granting agencies whom are interested in kids' engagement.

Save Sunshine Shelter Kids recognizes the support both financial and technical from the following friends, partners.

Save Sunshine Shelter Kids is particularly thankful to friends and partners for the Strategic partnership arrangement and allowing us implement various programs to ensure that the strategic components within the strategy are critically contributing and being measured to make valuable impact among the kids population in Wakiso District. It is mainly through the core support from ..... and ..... many of these achievements have been realized

### Corporate Summary

Save sunshine shelter kids is an Indigenous NGO- registered in the Republic of Uganda SSSK's is committed to discover and promote ways of working and supplement government's programs through education and vocational skills, empowering women and girls, promotion of Music Dance and Drama, outreach promotion among the vulnerable children among others. it was birthed in 2009 by ex-street children and non-street children, a small unit of heartfelt people and other wishers. The main focus of the organization is built and restore confidence among street and other vulnerable children by spreading out our wings of love, equip them with skills and talents and then re unite them with their families. It came as a result of ever-increasing number of street children in Kampala. As a result, it was found out that even after these children are reintegrated with their families, they only manage to stay for a short time then return to the streets for lack of means of survival.

Save sunshine shelter kids addresses this issue by equipping these children with lifelong skills and develop existing talents to perfect their lives when they return home. At Save sunshine shelter kids, its believed that everyone is good at something and these street children are no exception as they posses' different natural abilities. We try to discover these special talents by engaging them in different activities like shoe and craft making, farming, sports, music, among others. We do believe that talking to them one on one basis to is to discover their potentials and develop their skills accordingly.

Save sunshine shelter kids enlists mentors who serve as role models. These are normally former successful street persons who help them develop the various talents so they too, can



become responsible and committed members of society. They are equipped with practical knowledge and skills, help these children start small scale sustaining businesses thus reducing the level of unemployment that is a major issue in Uganda today.

## OUR VISION, MISSION AND CORE VALUES

**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

### OBJECTIVES

- i. To educate and train street children in different courses
- ii. To promote withdrawal, rehabilitation and reintegration of street children
- iii. To train, empower and sensitize women on better measures of sustainability
- iv. To promote the welfare of street, ex-street, other vulnerable children and youth
- v. To administer God's love to all street children, women and the entire community
- vi. To work with community in finding ways to improve and keep the children in their homes
- vii. To facilitate the capacity building of community stakeholders working with street children
- viii. To empower, sensitize and promote sanitation and other medical assistance in the communities
- ix. To encourage and advocate for HIV/AIDS in order to curb the stigma tenancies in the communities
- x. To increase awareness and responsiveness to child protection issues and all other levels
- xi. To carry on any other business or activities which may directly or indirectly enhance the value or render profitable any of the organization's property or rights and to do all such other things incidental thereto.



## THEMATIC AREAS

### 1. Street Kid Outreaches.

Street outreaches are a key channel for connecting with vulnerable children. Through engagement with them we are able to show them care and concern.

### 2. Rehabilitation

The second step is a placement at our shelter where children stay for years/months. The Rehabilitation shelter provides a loving, safe place for the children to stay temporarily as they settle into life away from the streets before returning home to their

### 3. Education

This is the most expensive of all programs as children are in different settings and form as classes. Each grade or class costs different and it is with this that schools tend to cost a bit more usually.

### 4. Library.

The libraries, too many children all over the World, are safe gates for children to earn, create and become the wonderful writers that they dream of becoming.

### 5. Music at the Shelters.

Why do we equip them with skills? we believe every child is talented and naturally gifted. Our responsibility and task is to ensure that the burning spirit of their talent and gifts are expressed through their work in the different Arts".

### 6. Advocacy Program

Through our outreaches, the community has been actively involved in the activities and in the sensitization about the plight of street children in Uganda.

### 5. Vocational Skills

So far, we have volunteer trainers in place who come and help train and teach street children in disciplines such as leather crafting which enable them generate income for themselves especially for those who have since graduated into independent living while other proceeds are channeled to sustaining their independent living.

### 7. Resettlement and Reintegration

We believe that every child has the right to a family. Therefore, a big part of our work is to get to know the child's story and work towards resettlement back to the family.

### 10. HIV/AIDS Counseling and Sensitization

HIV/AIDS is one of the major reasons children end up on the streets. We have adopted programs that are geared to educating and sensitizing them on the risks of the virus.

### 11. Building And Restoring Homes

This only happens when there is funding for it . We have undertaken the responsibility to build or restore, lend a hand on several homes mainly for widows with children, who are in desperate need.

### 12. Women Programs

Many homes are single headed by women and they are the breadwinners of the families that are usually consisting of 10-15 plus people including children, relatives and friends and often living in improper and worse conditions.

### 13. Clothing and Sanitary Ware

This project is basically for giving clothes and pads for girls and women and it happens twice a year

### 14. Distant /Far Projects.

This project came about during the COVID Crisis when resettling women together with children especially those women who were highly hurt and devastated by the tough situations. their children.

## Street outreaches



Save sunshine shelter kids has organized 12 outreaches by gathering up 95 street children of which 52 are girls and 43 boys in one place and tried as much as possible to address each person's needs. This has helped them interact with one another, participate in leisure activities exemplified by games, share testimonies, get mentorship, received advice from former successful

street children who are invited to come and share their success stories.

We have been able to provide 5,347 warm meals to children on the streets, every day of the week for the last 12 months. In the same period, our rescue efforts reached 27 boys, 14 of whom were resettled with their families. We continue to look out for girls at risk of sexual exploitation and trafficking. A 12-year-old girl was identified and successfully rescued. She is currently under our care at the Haven girl's transitional shelter. We are thankful for the lives we are able to rescue every day.

Counselling, first aid, treatment and medical checkups are all done concurrently. Those with complications are referred to nearby Health facilities for further management and treatment. Generally, such outreach programs have been interactive and interesting time for the children and it gives them hope to live another day



**Some of the Kids receiving medical care/ treatment from health facilities**

### **Rehabilitation**

The organization has provided Rehabilitation services to over 95 kids and women including shelter where the children where they stay temporarily before mixing with others or settling in life from the streets before returning home to their family. children have been given and provided with regular counseling services, all time checkups; it has come to our notice that every child a different need, requires emotional support, proper feeding, beddings and then join the learning center (educating them) as we continue to learn of his/her story and be able to trace for their families. They have been given spiritual counselling, have been also trained in hygiene, health care has been given to them, they have been given food, have been trained in Music Dance and Drama among others

We have admitted six (6) new girls, three (3) of whom are formerly resettled kids whose parents abandoned again. This year, the shelter has gone through a number of renovations as required by the state so as to better the health and ensure the security of all our girls



**Children on their lunch and cutting the cake at the end of year 2023 with their Executive Director, M/s Namuyanja Hajara**

## **Education**

Although this has been expensive, the organization has indevoured to achieve it. It has mobilized fees for over 100 children regardless their background, they are in different forms/ classes of study. They are in primary, secondary and others they are expected to be in institutions next year on performing excellently, they are both in government and private schools. In both kindergatten and primary school, 74 children have been paid fees for, 18 in secondary school, 2 vocational and 6 have completed senior six level. All these have been in position to study, eat and sleep. The organization has worked tirelessly to achieve this



**Some of the Save sunshine shelter kids “children” in kindergatten and primary levels 2023**





**Some of the Save sunshine shelter kids “children” in secondary level 2023**

Save sunshine shelter kids has provided them with school uniform, food, scholastic materials among others. It has in addition to that supported them psychologically and now in position to make informed decisions over their lives

### **Deborah Library**

The organization has established a library and it has been baptized the name Deborah. We have managed to maintain two libraries, one which is a single room and another in a corner of our team member 's house as each library attends to different groups of children based on the age difference. We refer them to libraries because we perform various teaching and reading tasks together with the children. Our major aim with our libraries has been to see various children having a chance to learn and attain the basics as a larger number of them have not gotten a chance to attend school. Kids from different religious backgrounds are always in attendance. Many of the children at the library are affected by the same ideological challenge poverty associated with its effects such as absent parents, hunger and inadequacy to send them to school.

Save sunshine shelter kids has established a library as a centre to always bring these children together as they read different life stories in some stocked books. Library has named “Debora Library” we have made it to be our leadership center to our children and youth: they have been left to acquire skills, learn and acquire different skills which they apply in their daily lives. They have been able to develop social interaction practices, have been counselled leading to making informed choices among others and how to live with each other







Some of the Save sunshine shelter kids “children” in Debora Library



Some of the kids taken utilizing the library at the organization

However, the organization lacks resources to stock it with life success story and academia books

## Vocational Skills

Our children have been trained in vocational skills including salons, computer, leather crafting which enable them generate income for themselves especially for those who have since graduated into independent living. So far, we have volunteer trainers in place who come and help in training and teaching street children in disciplines and life skills. We have embarked on other professional courses like computer training, mechanics, tailoring courses, which we believe will help these children become job creators rather than job seekers. It's expected that these skills will enable them live on their own

We have continuously empowered women and allow them to acquire skills so that they would become independent. This program has had the role to re-organize, re-structure women right from their homes to our centers, this necessitated us to find a desiring solution to the challenges that they came with from their respective homes to the centers such as violence, stress, depression, hungry, health challenges and many other related mental health issues



**Some of the Save Sunshine Shelter Kids saloon department and hands on training**



**Some of the Save Sunshine Shelter Kids tailoring department and hands on training**



**Metal fabrication hands on training**



**Mechanical department trainee with the Executive Director Namuyanja Hajara**



**Some of the art and craft items produces by the Save Sunshine Shelter Kids**

### **Resettlement and Reintegration**

As the main objective of Save Sunshine Shelter Kids is to reintegrate these children with their families, we have so far reunited over 10 children to their families and started up small scale businesses for them so they are self-sustaining. To make sure the project is carried through; our officials do follow ups every 3 months to check on these families, encourage them and find out the challenges faced.



**Kids under the life skills training on survival skills and resettling kids who have been recently joined the shelter**



**Kids washing clothes and peer education training going on by kids' leaders**



**Resettlement program**

Save Sunshine Shelter Kids believes that every child has the right to a family. Therefore, a big part of our work is to get to know the child's story and work towards resettlement back to the family. We have in position to settle children who have been leaving their home due to harsh circumstances such as abuse, rejection or because of poverty and the vision of Kampala being the city of opportunities. When they finally get there, they realize street life isn't as easy as they thought and they have no money to return. We have made follow-ups, resettled them in their biological family / relatives and those above 18 years have been in position to live independently economically, socially among others

### **Music Dance and Drama**

Save Sunshine Shelter Kids believes that every child is talented and naturally gifted. Our responsibility and task is to ensure that the burning spirit of their talent and gifts are



expressed through their work in the different Arts". For that matter therefore, we have trained all our children in Music Dance and Drama. We have been able to participate in competitions and through that they have discovered their potential through music and playing the instruments, we have again discovered that some children have homes though not having their parents / guardians and lacking support of any kind



**Some of the kids performing at the stage**



**Some of the kids performing and from the right is the Executive Director M/s Namugira Hajara in performance too**

Music Dance and Drama has been used to mobilize fees for these children, food staffs, scholastic materials among others. Music Dance and Drama costumes have been bought and used at the organization

### **Advocacy Program**



Advocacy has been done at Save Sunshine Shelter Kids *“Don’t wait for the leaders to do it alone-each person’s effort surely does make a difference”*. It has been done on this stated slogan. We have partnered with some local NGOs to provide free legal services to street children, around 10 children have sought legal services and have been helped. Through our outreaches, the community has been actively involved in the activities and in the sensitization about the plight of street children in Uganda. Most times they are encouraged to participate in curbing the vice any way available. We have been able to advocate through radio programs, newspapers and sharing information on different social media platforms plus involving local leaders. We have influenced different stakeholders to support the organizational programs like the women programs and leadership, the plight of girl and street children



**Some of the empowered children advocating for the protection of children’s rights**



**Some of the advocacy meetings attended and mobilized by the Save Sunshine Shelter Kids**



**Radio talk show at Favor FM 102.23 Kampala while the Executive Director advocating for the rights children, women and inclusive leadership**



**Human rights promotion through marching**

### **Life skills and HIV/AIDS Sensitization**

HIV/AIDS is one of the major reasons children end up on the streets. We have adopted programs that are geared to educating and sensitizing them on the risks of the virus. Much of Uganda is devastated by HIV/AIDS and thus creating a large sum of orphans which is leaving many children abandoned and left to fetch on their own.

Through such programs, children have been constantly counselled, tested for HIV/AIDS, respective referrals have been made to relevant facilities for care and further management to those found HIV/AIDS support







**Life planning skills training administration among the children**

### **Building and restoring homes**

Under this program, two pit latrines and a single roomed house for a family in need have been put up in Kampala. We have undertaken the responsibility to build or restore, lend a hand on several homes mainly for widows with children, who are in desperate ne

Most of the women are in dire situations can hardly make it through the day to provide for their families and thus makes it hard for them to either build or renovate their houses, many of their houses are always licking, demolished on certain sides, not strong for cold and rainy seasons, small and unfit for the kids health. This project is an expensive one and only works once in a while when there is funding. There are many families in need of this.



**Some of the pit latrines and simple houses built around Kampala**

### **Women Programs, Clothing and Sanitary Ware**

Save Sunshine Shelter Kids has been able to supply food stuffs to many families in different communities so as to ease on the burden that mothers are usually left with, many homes are single headed by women and they are the breadwinners of the families that are usually consisting of 10-15 plus people including children, relatives and friends and often living in improper and worse conditions. In addition to providing them food stuffs, beddings, medical care, sanitary pads have been provided to the said women. They have been spiritually empowered too. A number of sanitary facilities have been given to both women and girls



Some of the food items supplied to needy families

## PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS

### GIRLS RIGHT TO LEARN INITIATIVE

The Girls-Right **TO LEARN INITIATIVE** has been 2023 year Initiative of Save Sunshine Shelter Kids and its Partners That is primarily aimed at promoting enrollment and retention of girls in schools leading to the elimination of gender disparities in primary education in Kampala city

#### MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS

Mentorship Outreach under "**Girl's Right to Learn Initiative**" primarily aimed at promoting enrollment and retention of girls in schools leading to the elimination of gender disparities in primary and secondary education in Kampala Capital City.

## WOMEN AND GIRLS EMPOWERMENT

### SKILLING THE TEENAGE MOTHERS IN Kampala capital City

Save Sunshine Shelter Kids with partners support is Implementing **SKILLING THE TEENAGE**

**MOTHER'S IN** Kampala city.

Skilling the Teenage Mothers in kampala city intends to empower teenage mothers with skills in various fields which will enable them to be self-reliant and eventually improve their standard of living at the household. The project is a hands on training, intended to pass on vocational training and skills to 25 most disadvantaged teenage mothers and young female entrepreneurs to improve their socioeconomic livelihood. 10 teenage mothers will be trained in Tailoring. 3 in Hair dressing and 10 in various craft skills which will include: Jewellery like earrings, necklaces, bracelets and fingerings, Bags and wallets, doormats, belts, sponges washing and scrubbing sponges, toys and sandals. Like bathing, 13 young female entrepreneurs trained business management skills.

## ADVANCING GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS

As Save Sunshine Shelter Kids, We commit to advancing gender equality, the empowerment of women and girls, and the promotion and protection of their human rights.

**Gender equality contributes to:**

**1. long-term sustainable economic growth**



2. Social progress
3. Sustainable development
4. National, political, social, cultural and economic Development

## WOMEN AND GIRLS RIGHTS

West Nile Youth Empowerment Centre is supporting public forums by raise awareness about sexual and reproductive health, gender equality, girls’ rights and the importance of education. Community outreach campaigns and peer education programmes are also helping to spread these messages.

### NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY

Neighborhood Assembly (N.A) is a citizen platform formed where members of the individuals from different households within a defined geographical location voluntarily come together for a Common purpose of addressing issues within the same location.

## GIRLS' EMPOWERMENT THROUGH SPORTS

### A Brief Story About The Products

Save Sunshine Shelter Kids uses sport as a vehicle to strengthen young people's resilience to crime, violence and drug use. Encouraging teamwork, mutual understanding and respect between boys and girls, sports impart a sense of equality, belonging and social cohesion, contributing to build tolerant and inclusive societies.

### IMPROVING ATTITUDES ON GENDER EQUALITY

Though Skilling Tannage Mother's in West Nile, Save Sunshine Shelter Kids and its partners raises awareness for gender equality and promotes life skills training for youth. In particular the Line Up, Live Up training programme helps young people to understand that gender roles, norms and attitudes which do not promote equality may lead to disrespect and violence, especially against girls and women.

The programme sensitizes young men and women on how to identify these roles, norms and attitudes and realize that every person has the power to question gender expectations and change their attitudes and behaviours to promote gender equality. Girls are encouraged to take control over their lives and health and ask for support if they are confronted with violence. Together, boys and girls understand the importance of collaboration to exercise and promote gender equality and become youth ambassadors in their own community.



## Community & Women Empowerment Programs

Regardless the challenges and devastation in the communities fought these injustices (Violence, Abuse, Poverty, illiteracy, HIV/AIDS among others) we have empowered communities more especially women who are marginalized to protect to minimize the risky behaviors to avoid all forms of misbehaviors. We have worked closely with the community and family through various programs to prevent the kids from going to the streets again. We directly involve the community leaders in the matters that are affecting their people and children. Together we come up with solutions for the problems through the different activities we involve them in. food items have been given to most needy families through this program



**Women empowerment session and food item distribution to organizational target community**

### **Family Empowerment/Sustainability.**

We started income generating projects for a child's family in order to improve their well-being and keep the children happily settled at home. We have done this through setting up



small scale farming projects for the families, poultry, and setting up small enterprises for the families. We have done this in order for the resettled children to be able to acquire all the needed materials while at home and ensure there is sustainability among others.



**Empowering programs to resettling street children solves the problems of the same children running back to the streets and enables them access to the basic needs.**

### **Life restoration**

Save Sunshine Shelter Kids believes life change happens through relationships. We have believed that through relationships God answers everything. “Bear one another’s burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ”. Galatians 6:2. Through this, kids have been prayed for and have been also trained to pray for themselves and others



## Community House Visits and sanitation promotion

Around 23 homes have been visited in Kampala and needs assessments have been collected and known by the organization for future planning. Through this process some food items have been given to those selected homes. Sensitization on Violence, drug abuse, Poverty, illiteracy, HIV/AIDS among others have been done and given ways of staying away from such behaviors. The organization has also managed to take sanitation services to affected homes, pit latrines in congested areas have been emptied and drainage channels opened



**Home visits, food items distribution and emptying of pit latrines and cleaning of trenches**

## Medical Care/ Assistance.

Some families have been in position of getting medical care services. Some families are unable to afford medical care especially the women who are often left to be the bread



winner and heads of the families, such identified families have been helped to access medical care. Some children have lost their parents to HIV/AIDS which is literally devastating much of Uganda and creating millions of orphans not only in Uganda but the whole World. There are many other diseases/illnesses affecting families such as Malaria, Typhoid, Kwashiorkor, sickle cells, Diarrhea, Red eyes among others, however the organization has contributed in the reduction of such

spread and treatment

## Bed A Family.





The grandmothers, single mothers, and widows who have taken it upon themselves to care for the vulnerable children of their communities are comforted and empowered to live a life full of purpose. We have included the community in our works we have been able to prevent more children from joining the streets of Kampala. It is always shocking to see how bad many families sleep, witness young children having to share with mature people at times people of opposite which is always hard and devastating due to the outcomes that we have seen prevail and to help curb down on the challenges of families, we always help “**Bed a Family**” meaning we help provide mattresses, blankets, Decker beds, Bed sheets and towels for children. Over 2023, we’ve distributed over 85 plus Mattresses together with blankets and bed sheets, Decker to those most in need of physical rest.



**Item distribution to Kids**

### **Fill the Bottle**

Through this program, we have provided milk to 22 single and young teenage mothers in need of it to feed their babies. Many of the infected mothers are unable to breastfeed and some women struggle with what to eat and hence providing milk to them enables them to look after their babies. This is one of the most vital projects and we hope to add more women to the list.

We extend food supplies to various families especially those with the chronic illnesses, 10 The bed family beneficiaries have benefited from the program. We have provided mattresses to a few families this year after witnessing the impoverished life they were in.



### **Annual General and Meeting**

Save Sunshine Shelter Kids has held an Annual General Meeting that has brought different stakeholders on board to decide on the operations of the organization. Important decisions were made to aid the operations in the next financial year 2024



### **Success stories**

Save Sunshine Shelter Kids is proud of its life transforming achievement over a period of time. A number of media houses have visited the offices visive to knowing how the organization under the leadership of Namuyanja Hajara, the Executive Director has successfully managed taking care of vulnerable kids. For that matter, she has not only appeared in several newspapers but also, she has been given radio talk shows to talk about the plight of children





Some of the news papers covering Namuyenja Hajara, the Executive Director of Save Sunshine Shelter Kids and children escapement from homes and passion for the children

### Sta Wing for Women

Reaching the communities has been both difficult and significant during programs. We have implemented safety precautions as many of the women are recovering addicts and on tuberculosis treatment, thus the continued need to provide medical care, feeding programs, therapy, training, and support to the community always.

We have worked more on violent cases as compared to the different challenges that we normally have. These past months many women have been physically attacked in their homes by their male partners. The violence occurs because many of them are recovering alcoholics and the partners are still heavily invested in drinking, thus shifting our focus a bit so that we can address these matters that would cost us so much each month in treating the affected women physically.

Furthermore, all women with HIV/AIDS are able to keep their medications safely with us at the women's wing and continue to improve their adherence to the medication. They take their medications at different time intervals hence requiring us to keep our wings open all day every day. Also due to emergencies, our wing has to stay open. This requires us to find a way out of reaching out to these women at all times.

We have witnessed tremendous transformation in the communities. We have seen neighbors come together in the midst of hardship, local partnerships develop and mature, single mothers walk miles to ensure their children have the food they need to survive the month.



Read the testimony below to see one glimpse of God’s faithfulness! *“My son was unable to walk because of malnutrition, but God has provided for us through feed the family program. My son is walking now, and he has never been the same! My faith has grown in many ways; I have learned that God is my everything. The love I have been shown has given me tremendous hope. All I can say is there is hope; let us not give up.”* Teddy, Infant Feed the family Program Beneficiary

## Success stories

This section summaries voices captured from different stakeholders, kids themselves, community members among others about the achievements of the organization



**We love because God loved us first**



Kenneth is one of the boys we started with at the shelter back in 2014 and he has been with us ever since. We are more than proud of the man he is becoming and cannot wait to see what the future holds for him.

We visited Kenneth a week ago and he is doing great in his studies and doing wonderful in his major religious studies and History. He will be finishing his Ordinary Secondary level this year (2023). We believe this is all God’s works and we honor Him for using us in the lives of the boys.



All the children are doing well at the shelter and we are thankful to God that this month has not been so hard in terms of illnesses/kids' health. The Kids are learning every morning and do the chores together which is enhancing the bond between them everyday.

There is a huge change in the lives of so many kids ,despite a few who are still struggling with minor habits such as fighting. We have surely witnessed so much change and difference in the lives of the children.



About the Vocational training/learning. Francis (*pictured below*), is one of our boys who started his vocational studies a month ago. He is basically doing practical learning in three different courses such as videography and photography, computer studies and English learning.

Francis's dream is to own a big studio and have his own materials to do numerous documentaries and photography all over the world. He is near to his dreams which make us so proud of him. When he was visited by the organizational team, he had to say this "*Our What is impossible for people is possible with God*". *NLT. Luke 18:27. We give all the glory to God for everything that continues to change in the lives of the children at the shelter.*





**Cissy:** We welcomed Cissy at the shelter five months ago and she had her baby on December 29<sup>th</sup> last year.

She is one of the many girls who found herself under the hands of the sex predators (the uncles) who take advantage of the girls on the streets. Many of the street girls become desperate and believe whoever presents himself as Uncle since they are the ones most of the kids run to for help when they first come to the streets.

*We are happy to have been able to provide her and her child a safe place to stay and we have been racing her family and better girls' shelter that could help her and her son.*

### Community outreach program



This is Mama Teddy's family, her son ran to the streets a few months ago (June 2023) and through our programs, we were able to meet him during the night outreaches and learned of his story. We were able to trace the family since he was not from a far village (location). We learned from his son that he ran away from home because they didn't have what to eat and he heard of children who were being fed on streets hence deciding to go there as well with a motive of getting what to eat. Many kids come to the streets with the hope of an easy life and mornings often give them a different picture of the dreams they often held about the city center 'Kampala' since here they get to see the reality of hardships after a few days.

We immediately had to trace his mother and resettle him. Resettlements are vital to do much as they are challenging if the pushing factors for the kid to come to the streets are not solved. With this, we had to see to it that we support Mama Teddy with 45 dollars to enable her have food for her family. We basically paid for people to help clear her small land, sprayed it, prepared the area and she was able to plant sweet potatoes and we were able to check on them and learned that they are doing well and have enough food to sustain them until the next farming season. Her son is well settled at home as well.



## CHALLENGES

Save Sunshine Shelter Kids has been without any meaningful resources to facilitate the secretariat staff in terms of Salaries and allowances and office rent

- Delays in registration
  - Limited funding for children's education
  - Relocating the shelters
  - Severe medical conditions
  - Hardships in finding families after resettlements
  - Former street children bringing younger siblings to the streets
  - Resistance from community due to misconceptions and miscommunications
  - Price fluctuations making things more costly. We cannot meet the children's feeding needs with the current cost of food
  - Parents being uncooperative during the resettlement process hindering the entire process
- Withdrawal of donors due to outbreak of COVID 19 pandemic that put the organization programs on halt even up to now. All organization activities had been put on halt and up to now the organization is still facing post Covid 19 effects.

Despite all these, we as the secretariat, we are committed to serve the community for betterment of Save Sunshine Shelter Kids



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