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**MYDEL TEAM CREATING A SMILING FACE TO THE COMMUNITY
DURING COVID 19 PHASE 2**

Preamble

Inevitably the COVID 19 is on its way to Uganda considering the way events are unfolding in the great lakes region. To date, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan have all reported confirmed cases. It is just a matter of hours or days before the country will be plunged into panic of self quarantine, closing schools, Borders, social events and social isolation.

Lessons learnt from HIV/AIDS Pandemic that ruined the country should be borrowed notably the Multi sectoral approach which defined Uganda as a 'star' in mitigating the impacts of the HIV/AIDS Pandemic. In this case every sector should identify an area where they have comparative advantage over others and start the preparedness and response

An authority as far as reaching out to the slum dwellers, street kids and destitute are concerned in Kampala and wakiso districts.

Coincidentally this is the most vulnerable group that is bound to suffer most once the social isolation and self quarantine bell is sounded.

As the schools close, offices close, social events suspended, churches and mosques close, sports events suspended, the street kids, the destitute and the slum dwellers are going to remain at the mercy of the Virus. Hospitals, Intensive care units, private health units are going to be overwhelmed by the significant members of the population and medical personnel will be making decision on who to save and who to die. The fate of the destitute, street kids and slum dwellers is certain and is MYDEL's biggest worry now.

In light of the Above, MYDEL is crying out to the government, Development partners, private companies, parastatals , Local government leaders, Religious institutions, cultural institutions, the police, the army and good Samaritans to join them in the sanitizing and Hand wash with soap campaign, Masks availability and use, social isolation steps, and food relief should there be a lock down to this vulnerable group in the streets and slums of Mengo kisenyi 1, 11 and 111 kawokya 1 and 11, katwe Nkere zone, Bukesa , Kagugube , Bwaise (Kimombasa), Kasubi, Nakulabye, Katanga, Nateete (Kigagga zone).

Introduction of MYDEL

Mengo Youth Development Link (MYDEL) is a Non-Governmental Organization, located in Mengo Parish, Central Division- Kampala District-Uganda and legally registered by the Ministry of Internal Affairs through the NGO Board with registration number S.5914/5142. It is community led targeting vulnerable Children, Women and Youth in rural and urban areas.

To date MYDEL has reached out to over 15000 beneficiaries with various services ranging from Skills development to out of school youths, Educational support to in-schools, Talent development through MYDEL sports Academy and Music, dance and Drama, Sexual and reproductive Health education , HIV/Aids mitigation, sanitation and Hygiene program through routine slum clean up exercise.

Goal

Zero death due to COVID 19 pandemic in Uganda

Mission

Limit the COVID- 19 spread to the holder

Objective

- To sensitize the slum dwellers, commercial sex workers, street kids and the destitute on the best practices in the event of COVID 19 outbreaks.
- To avail the slum dwellers with hand washing facilities and hand sanitizers
- To provide isolation centers
- To avail food relief and essential supplies to this vulnerable during the panic close down and social isolation time
- Provision of food and other basic necessities to the needy communities
- Reduction of Gender based violence in the slums

Community support and community awareness during covid 19

In the process of controlling the outbreak of the Covid 19 the President issued the measures for controlling the spread of Covid 19 and the lock down was in place and after then the easing of the lock down started to be implemented by the community with strict guidelines from the Ministry of Health.

During this period MYDEL focus was mainly through the community outreach and mainly reaching out to the needy communities in Kampala and Wakiso Districts and these include the Elderly, Teenage Mothers, street children, commercial sex worker, single mother, Widows and drug addicts.

Covid 19 activities implemented by MYDEL from April to June

Special Donation to the parents and care takers at McQuilton Academy

MYDEL have a community school called MYDEL McQuilton Academy which support the children who come from the needy households and other children are critically vulnerable, it's true that the care takers were much more affected by Covid 19 in response MYDEL team managed to support 112 care takers, parents and 12 teachers of MYDEL McQuilton Academy Primary school have received their package with Maize flour, Rice, soap and beans, to help them during this COVID period. This comes as a fulfillment of the school Motto "Making a Difference Face to Face "



Supporting the Muslim community during Ramadan

Mengo Youth Development Link (MYDEL) RAMADAN activity: Covid 19 period strongly affected the Muslim community during the period of Ramadan MYDEL team partnered with SOS Charity and Islam Care foundation in order to support Muslims in the slums more especially in fasting period more than 500 Muslim members benefited from this program on daily basis throughout the month of Ramadan, among the Parishes that benefited from this program include Kisenyi 1, 11, 111 and Mengo Parish.



The children under quarantine at Nakivubo Blue Primary School

During the first report of Covid 19 situation MYDEL worked with KCCA and CRANE Network to quarantine more than 200 street children at Nakivubo Blue Primary school in the process many of the children were under Rehabilitation thanks to the Street Uncles and the Social workers for the work. Currently many of the children were placed under the Rehabilitation centre, others where resettled back to homes and 68 children were placed under Vocational skills training program at Uganda Children Centre special thanks goes to KCCA and CRANE Network for championing this program may God Bless you.



Reaching out to the community Households

Mengo Youth Development Link MYDEL COVID -19 community outreach in the in the slums of Mengo Kisenyi on 17th May 2020 MYDEL reached out to 15 needy households in the Ghetto slums of kisenyi. This is intended to support the less privileged especially in the ghetto areas that are greatly affected with the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak.



Special Meals for the Ghetto Youth in the slums

MYDEL team reaching out to the slum ghetto youth in kisenyi, during the lock down MYDEL mobilized more than 100 ghetto youth on a daily basis from the slums in order to feed them. This call came after the local leaders from Muzana, Central and Buwanika realized that the ghetto youth in the area were becoming a threat due to hunger and lack of what to do so it's against that back ground that MYDEL team had to come on board in feeding this young generation.



Reaching out to the Households targeting the PWDs and Elderly

Mengo Youth Development Link MYDEL COVID -19 community outreach in the in the slums of Kisenyi 1 and Mengo Parish on this outreach targeted 50 families on door to door delivery of basic needs targeting the people with disabilities, Elderly and People Living with HIV/AIDS.



Monitoring the progress of the food program during Ramadan

Mengo Youth Development Link MYDEL in partnership with Islam Cares, Charity SOS, KCCA Central Division and the Local leaders in Kisenyi 1 parish reached out to the Muslim community during Ramadan. More than 500 people among the Muslims communities from Kisenyi 1, 11 and Mengo Parish together with the children and Youth living and working on the streets benefited from this activity may God bless this Holly month of Ramadan.



Reaching out to 100 Households in Rubaga Division

Mengo youth Development link COVID Ramadan Activities MYDEL team in partnership with our new partner Stephanus Church Fellowship managed to reach out to 100 families in the Slums of Ndeba, Natete and Kosovo during the Covid19 situation. Among the items received per family included 5 kgs of Maize flour, 5 kgs of Rice, 5 kgs of Sugar, 5kgs of beans, charcoal and 1 bar of Soap. It is estimated that more than 600 people have benefited from this support. MYDEL team mainly targeted the People with Disabilities, People Living with HIV/ AIDs, Elderly and Children who are critically Vulnerable, special thanks to the Covid 19 Task force for Rubaga Division headed by the DRCC for giving us the direction.



Direct involvement to serve the Muslim communities during Ramadan

Mengo Youth Development Link MYDEL in partnership with Islam Cares, Charity SOS, KCCA Central Division and the Local leaders in Kisenyi 1 parish reaching out to the Muslim community during Ramadan more than 500 people among the Muslims communities. MYDEL team continued to monitor the distribution of the food throughout the Ramadan period we thank the partners for supporting this activity.



Reaching out to the Teenage Mother in Kampala

Mengo Youth Development Link during reached out to the teenage mothers on positive parenting, personal hygiene and coping with the current Covid 19 situation among others in the Slums of Kampala. It is true that domestic violence in homes has emerged one of the problems affecting the local communities in Uganda and above all the slums of Kampala. MYDEL team has come up with the intervention of reaching out to the local communities more especially to the youth and teenage mothers in Kampala and Wakiso District.



MYDEL Team being hosted on Star FM

In reaching out to the vulnerable communities MYDEL team was hosted on Star FM to share with the other stake holders on how MYDEL's intervention during Covid 19. The Director took a lead in sharing what MYDEL is doing during the Covid 19 situation in Kampala and Wakiso District.



Monitoring the Ramadan program for the Muslim Community

Mengo Youth Development Link MYDEL family is proud to work with Islam Cares, Charity SOS, KCCA Central Division and the Local leaders under the command of the LC 11 chairman Kisenyi 1 Parish in feeding 500 Muslims during this Ramadan. May Allah make this Holly month a blessing to our communities, the program which was carried throughout the Ramadan period and we appreciate all the partners in your support.



IDD Donations to the Muslim Communities

In preparation of the Idd day MYDEL team in partnership with Islam Care Foundation reached out to the Muslim community in Kampala Central Division targeting 100 Muslims where each sack containing Sugar, Rice, cooking Oil, Whit flour and a crate of Soda was given to each family. Special thanks go to the Hajati Hawa DRCC Kampala Central Division and Ismail the Treasure Youth Council Central Division for all your efforts.



Miss Uganda Foundation supporting the Teenage Mothers

MYDEL team in partnership with Miss Uganda and the Asian community in Uganda have reached out to 70 Teenage Mothers with a package containing Sugar, Rice, cooking Oil, Tea and Beans in Covid 19 phase 2 MYDEL intends mainly to support the Youth, street children, teenage mothers and Elderly in Mengo Kisenyi.



Special Donations from well-wishers MYDEL team welcome all the donations from partners



Reaching out to the Street children after the Lock down

MYDEL team together with the street uncles have reached out to unaccompanied Street Children in Kisenyi our main emphasis is mainly on Hand washing, no movements, counseling and guidance. Remember in Covid 19 phase 2 MYDEL will mainly target the street children, Youth, teenage mothers and Elderly in Mengo Kisenyi.



The plight of the street children at Old Kampala Parish

After receiving complaints from the Local communities on the plight of the street children in Old Kampala Parish MYDEL team carried out a street outreach program on this today with the aim of protecting the children from Covid 19 epidemic and also encouraging the children to stay safe plus prepare them to join the Quarantine program at Nakivubo Blue Primary School. According to the local leaders in Old Kampala Parish they have more than 100 street children in area.



Reaching out to the Elderly in Mengo Parish

Today MYDEL team has reached out to 37 families targeting the elderly and care takers of the Orphans and other vulnerable children in Mengo Parish. In Covid 19 phase 2 MYDEL will mainly target the Youth, teenage mothers and Elderly in Mengo Kisenyi.



MYDELS Street children outreach

MYDEL Team together with Joint Youth Gospel International Ministries and the street Uncles had a successful meeting planning on the plight of street children. His Worship the Mayor Central Division not only did he shared a meal with the children but also guided them on the strategic direction on how to work together in helping these children to change their image in the society more so on how they can build their future and change what they call their fate of being nothing but street children without a bright future by empowering themselves through different activities. He went ahead to encourage them on never to give up in life but instead work together for greater cause to change their lives for better.



MYDEL Households empowerment program

Through MYDEL Economic Empowerment program of the Ghetto slum outreach program in partnership with Joint Youth Gospel International Ministries we have supported a single mother with her five children in a house without any food to eat and other basic needs, We helped her get a better house where rent was cleared for three months and will continue to be paid, food stuffs and other house hold items were provided. The children will be taken back to school and the mother will be given capital to start a small business to continue supporting herself and the children.



MYDEL Team reaching out to the children living and working on the street



MYDEL team donated food items including cooking oil, Beans and maize flour to the children working and living on the streets. As agreed upon in Covid 19 phase 2 MYDEL will mainly target the street children, youth, teenage mothers and the Elderly in Mengo Kisenyi.

MYDEL food security program during Covid 19 periods targeting the vulnerable communities



Challenges faced by MYDEL team while implementing the Covid 19 Phase 2 activities

During the Covid 19 Phase 2 MYDEL faced the following challenges during the implementation Phase:

- 1- Increased numbers of beneficiaries
- 2- Political interventions by other politicians who wanted to use this program for their political platform
- 3- Domestic Violence was witnessed in many areas of our operation
- 4- A lot of intervention was strongly needed among the street children who were left on the streets
- 5- Lack of Positive parenting in the communities
- 6- Child abuse in the slums is the order of the day
- 7- More starvation in the slums during the MYDEL Covid 19 phase 2 period
- 8- Little attention is put on the Elderly and the People with Disabilities
- 9- Increased use of drugs and substance abuse among the youth and the young people
- 10- Increased teenage mothers in the slums of Kampala and Wakiso Districts

Solutions to the challenges while implementing MYDEL Covid 19 Phase 2 activities

- 1- Looking for more partners and well-wishers to support MYDEL's programs
- 2- MYDEL team tried to reach out the politicians and Educated them about the plight of the need communities currently is food not politics.
- 3- Sensitization of the community members plus counseling and guidance of families
- 4- MYDEL team together with the KCCA and CRANE Network emphasizes on Rescue, Resettlement and Family Integration of the street children.
- 5- Training of the Communities about Positive Parenting by MYDEL Active Citizen team
- 6- Sensitization of the community members plus counseling and guidance of families
- 7- MYDEL team tried to give Hope to the needy communities especially during the Covid 19 Situation
- 8- MYDEL team tried to counseling and guidance the drug users and also to provide them with the basic necessities for life

9- MYDEL Active Citizen team have started reaching out to the teenage mothers in order to provide them with counseling and guidance plus other necessities of Life like food and Sanitary pads.

10- MYDEL team is also trying to reach out to the elderly and People with Disabilities in the slums.

MYDEL's way forward to change the lives of community during this Covid 19 Phase 2 period

MYDEL team believes that impacting the Teenage Mothers, Street children, Drug Addicts and Slum Dwellers with the Hands on Vocational Skills is the way to go among the targeted population at Risk.

Appreciation to the partners

MYDEL team appreciates all partners for their support and these includes KCCA, Star FM and TV, CRANE Network members, Latek Stay Alliance, Stephanus church fellowship, Miss. Uganda Foundation, Islam Care Foundation, SOS Charity, Suzan, Liv, DRCC Rubaga, Joint Youth Gospel International Ministries, DRCC Kampala Central Division, Abaana Ministries, Nansana Civil Society Organization, Fredlee, Rich, Sharon, Wilson, Claudia, Daniel plus other partners for supporting Mengo Youth Development Link (MYDEL) May God Bless you.