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Cover photo 100 Household from the slums benefiting from MYDEL revolving fund program for post covid 19 economic recoveries

“Stay Safe”

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 a community led targeting vulnerable Children, Women and Youth in rural and urban areas.

To date MYDEL has reached out to over 50000 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

Reduce the rate of COVID 19 pandemic infection in Uganda

Mission

Limit the COVID- 19 spread to the holder

Objectives

- To avail the slum dwellers with hand washing facilities and hand sanitizers
- To provide the revolving funds to the needy households
- To lift the capacity of other stakeholders in the fight against Covid 19
- To avail food relief and essential supplies to these vulnerable communities during the panic close down and social isolation time
- Provision of food and other basic necessities to the needy communities
- To promote Education support towards the post school lockdown

MYDEL team setting a smile face for the street children

Her name is Aidah! She walked in MYDEL offices with a request to celebrate her birthday with atleast a vulnerable family in the ghetto. MYDEL had a better idea; instead 159 street children joined her to celebrate her birthday. Overwhelmed by what she saw Aidah had to fight back her tears as the kids enjoyed the food and cake she served plus donation of clothes. MYDEL team appreciates Aidah for putting smiles in the faces of this vulnerable group of people.



MYDEL Household family support in Makindye Division

It was joy and smiles as MYDEL team in partnership with Islam Cares reached out to 224 households' family support with food relief. The food basket contained 3kgs of rice, 3kgs of beans, 5kgs of maize flour, 3 litres of cooking oil, 2 packets of salt, and 3kgs of sugar. MYDEL family appreciates Islam Care for supporting this outreach program and lastly the local leaders in Wabigalo and Kibuli parish in Makindye Division headed by Hon. Amina Lukanga for mobilizing the vulnerable communities.



MYDEL interneer students Party

Seven intern students from Makerere University successfully accomplished their two months field work practice at MYDEL receiving their certificates of recognition at a colorful function at Divine Hotel, Rubaga road. In return, the students surprised MYDEL with a certificate of appreciation for the job well done.



MYDEL clean up, food and cloth donation outreach program

Kagugube parish, Kampala Central Division was the centre of action for the food distribution and the clean up exercise. MYDEL team distributed food stuffs and clothing to 473 community members. Special gratitude go to Help Africa, Teens Uganda, Hiskare Worldwide, KCCA, Good Samaritan, Local leadership in Kagugube parish led by comrade Oscar the parish youth chairperson for actively participating in the cleaning up exercise, Makerere University internees at MYDEL, Hajat Asia Nabisere, Sophie GombiaFredlee, Rotarian Fred, MYDEL board members plus all those who donated clothes and food for distribution.



MYDEL success story with the partners working in Kampala on the plight of the street kids in Uganda

Rescued and rehabilitated street kids finally graduating with different skills at Children Centre. At the onset of the lockdown MYDEL teamed up with CRANEC Network, KCCA, MLG & SD, and other Agencies to respond to the stay home, stay safe campaign for street kids. Nakivubo blue became the temporary home and street kids were camped there. On 14th Nov 2020, 52 street kids from that camp graduated with different skills majoring in Welding and metal fabrication, motor vehicle mechanics and repair, tailoring and garment making and basic Agricultural skills courtesy of Uganda Children Centre. MYDEL played a significant role during the rescue of these children.



MYDEL Pre festival season food pack donation

Ahead of the festive season, MYDEL in partnership with Mercy Hands of Help Foundation reached out to 200 families with food packages to the needy households between 7th- 11th December 2020 .Mengo parish and Namirembe Bakuli parish benefited. The climax of these activities was the grand end of year children party targeting 400 children on 12th December. Food, drinks, Christmas gifts were already secured for the great event



MYDEL Annual end of the year children's party

MYDEL wrapped the year with a grand end of year annual children's party that attracted over 500 children in Ochieng parish, Nansana municipality, Wakiso district, . Miss Uganda Bagaya presided over the function accompanied by Miss Northern Uganda and Miss Western Uganda. The colorful function took place at Windsor primary school. Miss Uganda distributed sanitary towels to adolescent girls and took time to educate them on the proper use. Also 250 children received Christmas gifts from Mercy Hands of Help Foundation. Other distinguished guests included the area councilors headed by Council. Ntale NTC, Windsor school management, MYDEL board members, MYDEL Soccer Academy, MYDEL Mcquilton Academy, MYDELS Active Citizen member. MYDEL drama group entertained the children. We therefore commend the following people for their support towards the success of this function; Daniel and Claudia from Germany under Mukwano E V, Rotarian Sendikwanawa Wilson, Moses Sebunya from USA , Miss Uganda Foundation, Hicare Worldwide and International Gospel Youth Ministries.



Road map for MYDELS Soccer Academy and MYDELS Drama Group for 2021

MYDEL Soccer Academy and MYDEL drama group in pictures. MYDEL staff made a courtesy call at the training facility of the Academy and the drama crew to give words of wisdom to the lads. A new chapter was opened to revamp the academy and the drama group. The teams were excited to work with this wonderful team and applauded MYDEL staff for the words of wisdom during the visit. In the 2021 road map, MYDEL has put emphasis on the Soccer Academy and Drama group as entrenched in the work plan.



MYDEL team signing and MOU with Creek for Christ Foundation

MYDEL team signed a MOU with Creek for Christ Foundation in Busega to strengthen their action in 2021 to implement the programs which empower the vulnerable communities in the slums of Kampala and Wakiso districts. The two teams will mainly focus on skilling the youth, orphans and other vulnerable children.



MYDEL street children end of the year party

Mengo Youth Development Link in partnership with Creek Christ Foundation concluded the year with a grand end of year party with 223 street children from the slums of Kisenyi and surrounding ghettos. Putting smile on the faces of the vulnerable children has always been our prime pride. Thank you Creek Christ Foundation! Thank you street uncles!



MYDELS food Relief back in Action with the Norway team among the PWDs

MYDEL team in collaboration with Pastor Emma of the International Youth Gospel Ministries and Good Samaritans from Norway distributed food items including rice, sugar, bread, maize flour and washing soap to 73 persons with disabilities at Nakivubo blue primary school. Councilor Afwa who represents PWDA in Kampala Central Division and Dr. Salim who represented MYDEL board were also present.



MYDEL team commissioning the Active Citizen training for Phase 11 at Bukandula Hotel

The convener Pascal Lutaya applauded British Council for the continuous support and pledged to deploy the team for social action programs. The youth leadership in Kagugube ,Kisenyi 1, Kisenyi 2, Kisenyi 3, Mengo and Bukesa parishes were advised to utilize this team since they have been prepared to be multi tasked.



MYDEL 16 days of Activism with Miss Uganda Foundation

In line with the 16 days of Activism campaign, MYDEL teamed up with Miss Uganda to voice out the voiceless who are victims of Gender Based Violence in the slums of MengoKisenyi in Kampala. For the next 16 days that commenced on 16th November 2020, their voices were aired on different media houses to raise awareness and mitigate GBV. Thank you Miss Uganda Foundation, teenage mothers, youth, women, CSW, Bodaboda raiders and above all MYDEL Active Citizen team for your response towards domestic violence in the community. God bless you



MYDEL food relief back in Action for the needy communities

MYDEL in partnership with International Youth Gospel Ministries and partners from Norway donated food packages to 30 needy families in slums of Bukesa, 30 families in Kisenyi 2 parish and 40 widows in Mengo parish all totaling to 100 beneficiaries. This will be a routine exercise to support the needy slum dwellers. In attendance was Bukesa and Kisenyi 2 local leaders including Olivia Kituyi representing MYDEL Board.



MYDEL Active Citizens Refreshers course Training

MYDEL Refresher course training for Active Citizen Team ended on Friday 12th March 2021 with a call to put emphasis on the post lockdown go back to school campaign by all the 60 Active Citizens now in place. Integration strategy of newly trained members into the field life was designed as well as social action strategies. MYDEL appreciates British Council for the continued support.



MYDEL official launching of the Revolving funds program

On 13th March 2021, Mayor Elect Salim Uhuru presided over the distribution of funds to the beneficiaries of the MYDEL revolving fund scheme supported by the British Council delivery grant. Over 100 families received funds to boost their businesses. Mayor Salim Uhuru pledged to support MYDEL programs once he resumes the office.



MYDEL s Capacity Building session among the community members in Kisenyi 11 1 Parish

MYDEL team was in action while building the capacity and sharing the experience session with Action Changes Things Development Group in Kisenyi 3 parish. Executive director MYDEL shared the basic knowledge on “How to start, manage and sustain an Organization” this is part of MYDEL’S plan to build the capacity of the civil social Organizations as indicated in the MYDELS five year strategic plan 2019 to 2024



MYDEL Household family support in Action

It was joy and smiles when MYDEL reached out to 15 household’s family support with food relief. The food basket contained Matooke, beans, maize flour, rice, cooking oil, onions, tomatoes and washing soap. MYDEL family appreciates the one and only young sister Suzan from USA for supporting the activity.



MYDEL team conducting a one day small scale business Management

Mengo Youth Development Link organized one day training on small scale business management at Mengo parish hall. The training was conducted by Enterprise Uganda (The training arm of Uganda). The training that was presided over by Hon Nsereko Muhammad MP Kampala Central attracted 79 participants from the MYDEL fraternity. MYDEL extends their gratitude to Councilor Beatrice Kabagenyi, Hajat Asia Nabisere, Mr. Senkubuge and the local leadership of Mengo Kisenyi for the endless support. Thank you, may God bless you.



MYDEL Director sharing MYDELs interventions during the budget conference in Nansana Municipality

Presentation from director MYDEL during the Budget conference meeting for Nansana municipality, director shared the post lockdown interventions in Wakiso and Nansana in particular and also requested the municipal authority to embrace MYDEL's upcoming projects which include, Covid 19 & HIV/AIDS Prevention information, highlighting rights protection against Gender Based Violence, Condom distribution, teenage mother's data update, practical skills projects training Urban farming, Community clean up, Clothes and food donations in Nansana



MYDEL food donation for the slum

MYDEL 2020 final food relief delivered. This part of the 200 families embarked to receive food items in Kagugube, Namirembe Bakuli, Mengo parish, Kisenyi 11 parish and Kasubi. MYDEL appreciates Mercy Hands of Help foundation and International Gospel Youth Ministries and all youth leaders who participated in identifying the needy households.



Mengo Youth Development Link GBV meeting

The director MYDEL making a presentation during the meeting to harmonize the key interventions towards prevention of Gender Based Violence the meeting organized by WEGCDA in partnership with MEMPROW at Ivory Hotel in Nansana Municipality.



MYDEL meeting for Revamping the Glory of MYDEL Soccer Academy

MYDEL team unpacking the new strategy to strengthen the MYDEL Soccer Academy, Director Pascal Lutaaya and MYDEL staff meeting with soccer stars who went through the Academy to strategize the revamping process. Most of the stars are currently playing in the National premier league. The strategy involves periodic visits by stars to the training ground to mentor the young lads, rebranding the club house, financial contributions, and talent scouting.



MYDEL progress towards the Revamping of the Soccer Academy

MYDEL Soccer Academy organized a mini soccer tournament with Eleos Soccer Academy at Old Kampala primary playground (the new MYDEL Academy training ground). Eleos Soccer Academy is under stewardship of the renown coach Mr. Golola Edward who was present at the tournament. In 8 categories MYDEL won 8-2, under 12 Eleos and MYDEL drew 1-1 and under 14 categories, it was 0-0. We thank Eleos Soccer Academy for the worthwhile challenge and MYDEL training crew for the organization.



MYDEL Soccer Academy fully came back in Action

New talents continue to flock the training ground under the different age categories. The focus is to participate in all National Soccer Academies football tournaments and make a strong come back in second Division football under FUFA competition program. MYDEL Soccer Academy is open to enroll new talents who want to be part of this big project.



MYDEL household empowerment program

MYDEL team bringing smiles to the most vulnerable, MYDEL partnered with International Gospel Youth Ministries transformed the life of Ms Jane (not real name) from KyabakaddeMengo parish in one day. From a dilapidated makeshift shack to a descent home plus the business start up capital for self sustainability. Join us to celebrate this fortune. In 2021, MYDEL together with joint Youth Gospel Ministries plan to empower 120 households with start up capital from the slums of Kampala.



MYDEL Director Hosted on Voice of Africa

Director MYDEL Mr. Pascal Lutaaya was hosted on Voice of Africa studio. The show focused on the interventions MYDEL and other CSOs made in response to Covid 19 outbreak. The director also shared the post lockdown interventions as well as precautionary measures towards schools re- opening.



MYDEL Directors Presentation

Director MYDEL sharing MYDELs interventions and best practices during the coordination meeting for partners implementing youth initiatives in Kampala District organized by Kampala City Council Authority at Fairway Hotel



MYDEL team secure freedom for 42 street children and street uncles

MYDEL successfully secured the freedom of 30 street children and 12 street uncles

MYDEL team delighted to secure the freedom of 30 street children and 12 street uncles who were arraigned in court following the city swoop that took place after presidential elections. For 4 days they were held up in Old Kampala cell. Efforts to have them granted police bond from Old Kampala police was futile as the operation was sanctioned by the authority. On the 19th January, MYDEL successfully secured their release. In pictures, director Pascal is seen addressing victims from the court compound after their release. MYDEL will always go an extra mile when it comes to the right of the vulnerable communities. No one knows where these lads would have ended if MYDEL didn't stand in.



MYDEL planning meeting

MYDEL team held a meeting with Julia and Nico at Kenron Hotel. The 3 hours meeting was held purposely to plan for the vulnerable communities in Uganda and Rakia in particular.



MYDEL back to school planning meeting

MYDEL team in a combined meeting of MYDEL Mcquilton Academy management and university internees discussing the post Covid 19 lockdown challenges on the education sector ahead of the Government announcement on school reopening



MYDEL team Introducing a New head teacher for MYDEL Mcquilton Academy Primary School

MYDEL team introduced Doreen a new head teacher for MYDEL Mcquilton Academy Primary School after the meeting which was held on the school premises. Doreen the school new head teacher will mainly focus on improving the standards of the school thus taking the school to another level in 2021.



MYDEL team receiving packages of cloths donations ahead of MYDEL clean up and cloth donations

MYDEL team in their Mengo office receiving donations of clothes from Rotation Resty and Rotation Fred in preparation for MYDEL clean up, food and clothes donations in Ganda community. The outreach in Ganda Nansana will target more than 500 community members. This outreach will take place on 25th April 2021; we welcome all partners to join MYDEL in the struggle to serve humanity.



MYDEL food relief back in Action while targeting the Elderly persons

MYDEL team reached out to 20 elderly people in Kisenyi 1, Bukesa, Kagugube and Kamwokya parishes each elderly person received 10kgs of maize flour, 2 packets of salt , 3kgs of sugar, 5kgs of rice and 1 litre of cooking oil.



MYDEL Soccer Academy mentoring the future Stars

MYDEL soccer Academy products facing each other at the FUFA big league encounter. Peter Lusimbula in blue is the captain Kataka FC and Kiwanuka Henry in white is the captain Masavu FC . The entire MYDEL fraternity wishes them all the best.



MYDEL team signing an MOU with Hikare World Wide

MYDEL team signing a MOU with Hiskare Worldwide at Kenlon Hotel to implement the programs which empower vulnerable communities in the slums of Kampala and Wakiso districts, the two teams will mainly focus on skilling the youth, orphans and other vulnerable children support.



Challenges faced by MYDEL team while implementing the Covid 19 phase 4 activities

During the Covid 19 Phase 4 MYDEL faced the following challenges during the implementation Phase:

1. Numerous arrests by the police to our community members because of not following the SOPs
2. Being a political season, our Covid19 awareness posters were being covered by the politicians' posters in some places. Our posters were totally invisible.
3. Increased number of beneficiaries under the savings and credit scheme.
4. We have a challenging of school fees for the candidate classes since many of the sponsors are under lock down in their countries.
5. Political interventions by other politicians who wanted to use this program for their political Platform.
6. Domestic Violence was witnessed in many areas of our operation.
7. Poverty is the order of the day since many people have lost their businesses due to COVID19 pandemic.
8. A lot of intervention was strongly needed among the street children who were left on the streets.
9. Increased number of Teenage mothers.
10. Lack of Positive parenting in the communities.
11. Child abuse in the slums is the order of the day.
12. More starvation in the slums during the MYDEL Covid 19 phase 4 period
13. Increased use of drugs and substance abuse among the youth and the young people

Solutions to the challenges while implementing MYDEL Covid 19 Phase 3 activities

1. Looking for more partners and well-wishers to support MYDEL's programs.
2. Provision of small capital to boost the incomes of the needy communities.
3. Training of Active Citizen Members so as to reach out all the areas in the slums of Kampala.
4. Train the community members on entrepreneurship skills savings and credit scheme.
5. MYDEL team tried to reach out the politicians and Educated them about the plight of The need of the community currently is food and not politics.
6. Sensitization of the community members plus counseling and guidance of families.
7. MYDEL team together with the KCCA and CRANE Network emphasizes on Rescue, Resettlement and family Integration of the street children.
8. Training of the Communities about Positive Parenting by MYDEL Active Citizen Team.
9. Sensitization of the community members plus counseling and guidance of families.
10. MYDEL team tried to give Hope to the needy communities especially during the Covid 19 Situation.
11. MYDEL team tried to provide counseling and guidance to the drug users and also impart them with the basic necessities for life.
12. 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 4 periods.

Future Plans

- Would like to have more skills training among our community as it's very easy to have job creators than job seekers. With this many of our people will improve their livelihood in the process.
- MYDEL Soccer Academy to be among the best Soccer Academies in Uganda.
- To Increase the number who benefited from MYDEL revolving funds from 100 to 300 people.
- To get all the data of the children who got pregnant and dropped out of school during this period of Covid 19.
- Empower our people with knowledge about modern urban farming to solve the issue of food insecurity in our community since with this kind of farming it can be done on the smallest space available.
- Enrolling all the 60 trained Active Citizen members to MYDELS Community SACCO

Appreciation

Appreciation to the partners, MYDEL team appreciates all partners for their support and these includes British Council, Islam Care Foundation, Stay Alliance German, Creek for Christ Foundation, Kitchen Station, Uganda Youth Development Link, Good Samaritan Ministries, Mercy of Help Uganda, Mukwano E V, Miss Uganda Foundation, KCCA, Voice of Africa FM and TV, Bukede T V, B B S TV, Monitor News Paper, BaBa TV, Local Leaders, Youth Leaders , Women Leaders, British Council, Pastor Wilson Bugembe, Nansana Civil Society Organization
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May God Bless you.