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Cover photo MYDEL programs empowering the girl power in the communities

“GIRLS A CENTRE OF FOCUS DURING THE NEW NORMAL PERIOD”

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 35000 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 , food and relief support, HIV/Aids mitigation, sanitation and Hygiene program through routine slum clean up exercise.

MYDELS activities in the Covid 19 phase 6

MYDEL food relief during the second wave Lock down

MYDEL teamed up with Abaana Ministries to reach out to 200 vulnerable households in Masanafu, Rubaga division with food packages that include 10 kgs of beans, 10 kgs of posho, 10kgs of rice, 4 bars of soap and salt. Conrad Masaba represented the Rubaga division Covid 19 task force.





Second wave Covid 19 quarantine for the street children

Second wave covid 19 lockdown responses amplified, MYDEL in collaboration with KCCA, CRANE Network kicked off the response with rescuing over 145 street children and placed them at Nakivubo blue primary school where support is to be extended to them. Beddings, clothing, Medicare, food and decent accommodation were provided temporarily. This is a timely contravention when the streets are being cleared of non essential workers. Covid 19 testing and treatment will be given priority.



Food Relief support campaign to 50 community members in Nansana

With support from Benjamin House ministries MYDEL distributed food items to 50 beneficiaries from Nansana during the second wave. Director Pascal is seen presiding over the distribution. Together we can reach out to the most vulnerable. MYDEL invites well wishers to contribute to this noble cause



MYDEL team meeting with the beneficiaries the revolving funds

Early this year MYDEL under the economic empowerment program supported 100 families funds for economic strengthen of the businesses which were greatly affected by Covid 19. MYDEL team meeting members who benefited from MYDEL community SACCO to evaluate the performance of the program at Mengo Parish Hall



Updates from MYDEL Soccer Academy

MYDEL Soccer Academy hosted Pearl Soccer Academy in a friendly game held at Old Kampala Primary Schools where MYDEL Soccer Academy emerged Victor's with 3- score. The game was to mark the good friendship between the two Academies



MYDEL support to the street children in the slums

The biting hunger among vulnerable street children has given rise to untold crime towards innocent population. MYDEL had made a tremendous effort towards mitigating this unwanted vice overtime. MYDEL reached out to this group with food relief program items which include rice, maize flour, beans, sugar and washing soap plus a message of peace to ease the tension, Seen in the pictures Mr. Kisule the youth chairman Muzana village Kisenyi 1 parish with Lutaya Pascal the director MYDEL doing the needful. MYDEL team appreciates Pr. Joseph Sekajja from Stephenus Uganda for the donation



Support to the beneficiaries of MYDEL Community SACCO

MYDEL community SACCO gave out funds to 33 household's members who successfully completed the first round disbursement. This is an addition to the previous 27 members who completed in July and got second round disbursement. By implication out of the 100 members who received funds from MYDEL, 60 members successfully complied and received round. A true definition of success story to you British Council, you have made a change in these people's lives



MYDEL Launching the R2G program in Kasubi Lubaga Division

His worship the lord mayor of Rubaga Division together with deputy mayor and 27 local Councilors from Lubaga Urban Council commissioned the Nutrition and Hand wash with soap campaign through the youth corners in Kasubi. This was the launch of THE RIGHT TO GROW R2G project by MYDEL to slum community of Rubaga and Kampala. Special thanks to the Hunger Project Uganda and movement for community led development for bankrolling the project.



Updates from MYDEL Soccer Academy

Soccer stars football academy Uganda paid us a visit at MYDEL Soccer Academy old Kampala primary school where they held several matches in all categories from U8 to 7 and above .U8 draw, U10 soccer stars won U12 soccer stars academy won U15 draw 17 and above MYDEL Soccer academy won. Congratulations to both academies and coach Lucio for the good performance



MYDEL street children outreach program in Kampala

Mengo youth development link receive donations of 100 t-shirts and 37 pairs of shoes to be donated to the street children under quarantine at Nakivubo Blue Primary school. Appreciation goes to Help Africa for supporting the needy children



MYDEL community outreach program in Lubaga Division

In line with the R2G project MYDEL team participated in the clean up exercise at Kasubi Lubaga Division with the aim of educating the population on the Wash and nutrition component. The well attended exercise saw MYDEL distributing stickers, posters and masks on Nutrition and WASH campaign the program implemented in partnership with Movement for Community Led Development.



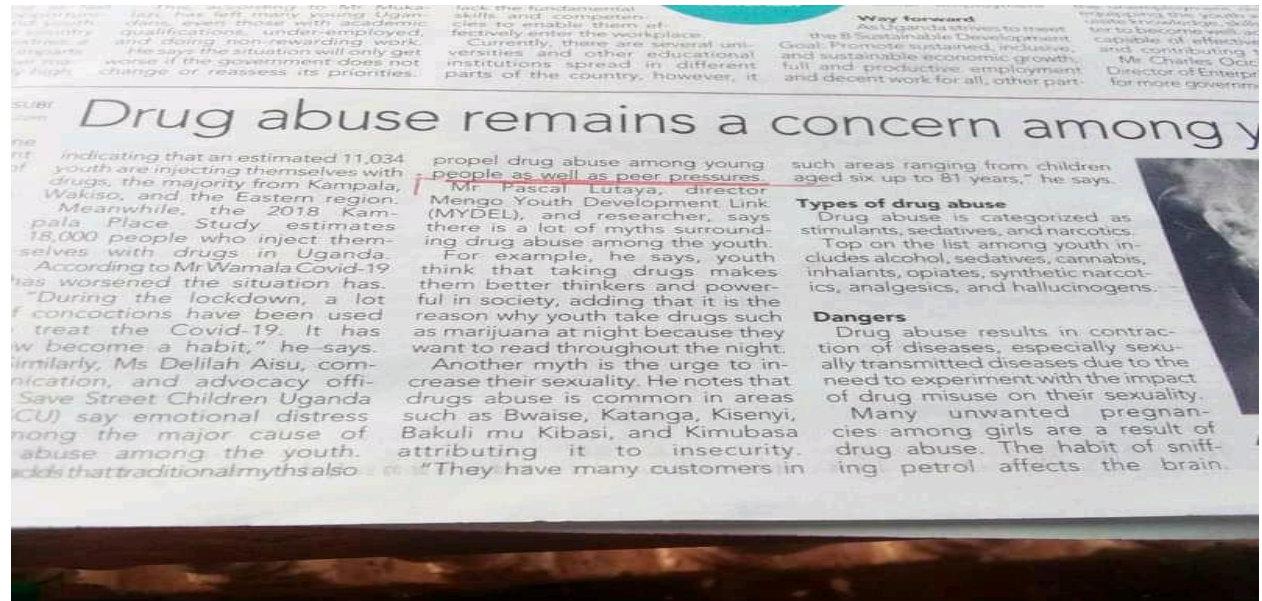
MYDEL rescue mission for the street children part 2

Mayor Salim Uhuru joined the team in collaboration with KCCA CRANE Network established a quarantine centre at Nakivubo blue primary school for streets in the wake of the second wave Covid 19 lockdown. Over 175 kids have been rescued and screened for the virus. MYDEL mobilized CSOs and provided food stuffs, clothes, shoes, eating utensils, beddings for the kids. MYDEL extends gratitude to sister organizations like one Nation, Islam cares, help Africa, MUSCAD and others for the donations and thank street uncles for cooperating with MYDEL always when contacted



MYDEL featured in the Monitor news paper

The daily monitor, one of the balanced newspapers in Uganda re echoing the voice of MYDEL director Pascal Lutaya on drugs/ substance abuse on the 12th/August/2021 release, this was at the international Youth day activities where MYDEL dedicated the day to demystifying the myths surrounding drugs and substance abuse among the youths.



MYDEL street children rescue program

Rehabilitated street kids at the pass out ceremony at Kaazi, this is the group of the 127 street children who were rescued from the street during the second Covid 19 lock down and taken to kaazi for 2 months rehabilitation program. As usual MYDEL played a pivotal role during the rescue process and kept an eye with the rehabilitation team of KCCA CRANE Network and Uganda scouts. 27 children were Enroll in vocational training scheme while 100 children were placed in gazetted children homes for further management. Director Pascal Lutaya is receiving a certificate of appreciation from KCCA and Uganda Scouts





MYDEL Soccer Academy

MYDEL team welcome Deo in black a former defender and founder of MYDEL Soccer Academy, he is currently the head of soccer academy in Namasuba and he is visiting MYDEL soccer academy to add value in our programs and sharing experience with MYDEL team, this is one of the system which MYDEL use to sustain many of our programs.



MYDELS food outreach program targeting the street uncles

MYDEL reached out to street uncles with food items .The street uncles were very resourceful in controlling the unruly street children. MYDEL appreciates their contribution and support of the street uncles towards bringing about peace in the city plus their good working relationship with the partner Organizations and KCCA in the struggle to reduce the number of street children in Kampala and Uganda at large.



MYDEL Soccer Academy empower the girl child

MYDEL Soccer academy empowers the girl child through talent development .Often times, society thinks football is for only boys little do they know that they are burying the talent of many young girls who are passionate about football. It is that perception therefore that MYDEL wants to reduce or even do away with. We welcome young girls to join MYDEL soccer academy at Old Kampala primary school our home ground every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday



MYDEL arrival of the new International Volunteers

It's always business at MYDEL. The two volunteers Schneider and Chiara will be working with MYDEL for a period of one year. They were received by staff, management and a board member. Straight away they hit the ground for a slum walk. In the pictures they are seen mixing with vulnerable households in kisenyi slums Kampala central division, Kampala district.



Updates from MYDEL Soccer Academy

In line with talents development talent and creating friendly clinics MYDEL invites different soccer academies to visit MYDEL at our Home ground. MYDEL Soccer academy invited Nakulabye FC in the friendly game MYDEL were held to a goalless draw by Nakulabye FC the game was played at Old Kampala primary school, MYDEL soccer academy play ground



MYDEL food relief program targeting the elderly

Councilor Olive Kituyi representing the elderly at Kampala central division and also board member of MYDEL leading food distribution to the elderly people in Mengo parish, kisenyi 1 2 and 3 parishes with MYDEL team. Posho, Beans, sugar and rice were distributed to 177 elderly households, a big thank you to the Mayor Salim Uhuru, Conc. Molin and Conc. Kituyi Olivia from KCCA central division who contributed to purchase the food items



MYDEL partnership with LATEK Stay Alliance Uganda

Meeting with LC5 chairman of Arua district Hon. Ayikobua Costmas at the district headquarters during the recruitment of new member organizations in Northern Uganda under the umbrella of Latek Stay Alliance Uganda.



MYDEL New jersey

MYDEL rebranded New Jersey's for both girls and boys. This is to ensure that our soccer teams are smart for smart brains yield positive results always. MYDEL therefore calls upon vibrant people who are in the age categories of 8, 12, and 14 and above to join the team and develop their talents, get connections and also be physically fit.



Agha Khan Foundation program @ school 2030 MYDEL a significant player.

MYDEL team Brainstorming the schools 2030 program by Agha khan foundation at Bukandula hotel. MYDEL was selected in designing a project on the above theme. In pictures Ms Rhoda and Gloria MYDEL focal persons giving a program guide to MYDEL technical team on the project design. MYDEL is deeply honored to be part of this partnership



MYDEL Soccer Academy during the management briefing at Old Kampala playground

Not only soccer but also MYDEL team carries out life skills sessions at soccer pitch plus the soccer clinic in order to help the young stars in terms of Mindset change.



MYDEL Board members

MYDEL board members at glance, from top right His lordship deputy mayor Kampala central division Sam Gombya, Mrs. Joanita Kawalya renown Afrigo band singer and professional teacher, Dr Mina Nakawuka, head ART services MoH, Mrs. Olivia Kituyi councilor for the elderly Kampala central division, Ms Harriet Karungi social Entrepreneur, Hajat Hadijja Kabuye senior citizen, Counsel Edgar chairman, Dr. Salim Abdul senior consultant and Pascal Lutaya, director MYDEL is the secretary to the board.

These are the invisible hands behind MYDEL success by providing oversight supervision



MYDELS institutional Capacity building for the youth

Mengo Youth Development Link team after the training and experience sharing session with Torchers Development Initiative which is a new youth group from kasubi lubaga division committed to serve humanity



MYDEL Covid 19 programs

MYDEL team witnessing the handover of 2 hand washing tanks, 2 boxes of sanitizers, 2 boxes of gloves, 4 jerricans of jik, 5 jerricans of liquid soap and 2 boxes of masks to Rubaga division Covid task force by Abaana Ministries. Abaana ministries is one of the partners identified by MYDEL to support the Covid 19 response



MYDEL team members meeting

MYDEL Soccer Academy staff had a meeting and resolved on the reopening of the football training at Old Kampala primary school .There will be strict observation of SOPs



In the ghetto with the street boy am sure I will change his life in Jesus name

Street life is always hard as children experience a lot of stressful eventualities and become more prone to social evils in society for example drug and substance abuse, no beddings so they are always in the cold which endangers their lives, bitten by dogs, hit with diseases of different kinds. As MYDEL, we aim at ensuring that these kids also get some care and emotional support so as to better their livelihoods. MYDEL has in the past rescued over 550 street children and our dream is to have a street children free Uganda.



MYDEL food donation outreach program in Nansana

Mydel was happy to receive food items from Ms Sharon one of the coordinator from the Diaspora. The items were to feed children at Nansana children centre and the Mydel soccer academy members currently staying at the club/ academy house. Mydel intends to support 1000 households in the slums of Kampala and Wakiso districts with food items and essential commodities during the second wave Covid 19 lock down.



How to join MYDEL Soccer Academy

At MYDEL Soccer Academy the door is open to all the members willing to join the Soccer Academy every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday the requirement for joining MYDEL Soccer Academy are 3 passport photographs, filling in the forms and a monthly subscription fee of 10,000/= each member. The membership to the soccer academy is open to all the youth and children aged 8 to 28. In the photo below is MYDEL Soccer academy registering the new members joining the club at Old Kampala Primary School our home ground



Challenges faced by MYDEL team while implementing the Covid 19 phase 3 activities

During the Covid 19 Phase 6 MYDEL faced the following challenges during the implementation Phase:

1. Child abuse in the slums is the order of the day.
2. Restrictions in reaching out to our targeted population due to Covid 19
3. The community needs more awareness on Covid 19 vaccination
4. Increased use of drugs and substance abuse among the youth and the young people
5. Increased teenage mothers in the slums of Kampala and Wakiso Districts
6. The community members have totally lose hope due to the past lockdown
7. Increased numbers of beneficiaries.
8. Lack of Positive parenting in the communities.
9. Less funding yet the beneficiaries are many.
10. Domestic violence in families

Solutions to the challenges while implementing MYDEL Covid 19 Phase 6 activities

MYDEL team tried to counseling and guidance the drug users and also to provide them with the basic necessities for life

1. 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.
 2. 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 3 periods
 3. MYDEL team believes that impacting the Teenage Mothers, Street children, Drug Addicts and
 4. Slum Dwellers with the Hands on Vocational Skills is the way to go among the targeted population at Risk.
1. Sensitization of the community members plus counseling and guidance of families
 2. MYDEL team together with the KCCA started planning on implementation of the street safety model initiatives
 3. Training of the Communities about Positive Parenting by MYDEL Active Citizen team
 4. MYDEL team tried to give Hope to the needy communities especially during the Covid 19 Situation

Future Plans

- MYDEL will be working with the new Parish Development Model Program
- Reduction of Domestic Violence in the community
- Supporting over 500 community member with MYDEL saving scheme (MYDEL Community SACCO)
- Look for more partners to support MYDELS increased programs
- Increasing networking with other partners
- households who were strongly affected by Covid 19
- 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.
- More outreach about Covid19 information to create more awareness to so as to achieve our goal of reducing the rate of COVID 19 pandemic infection in Uganda.
- We Carrying out more awareness programs on prevailing of peace among the community members

- 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 can be done the smallest space available.

Appreciation

Appreciation to the partners MYDEL team appreciates all partners for their support and these includes KCCA, Local Leaders, Youth Leaders , Women Leaders, British Council, Africa Youth Development Link (MYDEL), Nansana Civil Society Organization, Islam Care, Miss Uganda Foundation , African Empowerment Hub, Mukwano E. V, Liv from Norway, MYDEL Board members, Good Samaritan Ministries, Ganda Division, Stephenus Uganda, Latek Stay Alliance, Liv, DRCC Rubaga, Joint Youth Gospel International Ministries, Teens Uganda DRCC Kampala Central Division, Abaana Ministries, Human Rights centre Uganda, Moses Sebunya from USA, Nansana Civil Society Organization, Sue Gaston UK, Freedlee from USA Rotarian Wilson Sendikwanawas, Street Uncles, Claudia, Daniel plus other partners for supporting Mengo Youth Development Link (MY DEL) May God Bless you