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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 campaign immediately.

Mengo Youths Development Link (MYDEL) is 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

Activities carried out by MYDEL during the Covid 19 Epidemic

Community Outreach targeting the street children.

After the outbreak of the Covid 19 the President issued the measures for controlling the spread of Covid 19 the street children where left vulnerable because they don't have a home for safety during this period Mengo Youth Development Link started the campaign of sensitizing the street children, the street Uncles and the slum dwellers in Kampala on Hand washing and Social Distancing in order to avoid the spread of Covid 19 during this period Mengo Youth Development Link managed to reach out to all the slums of Kampala Central more especially among the children living and working of the streets.



Community Outreach targeting the street children.

Mengo Youth Development Link together with the street Uncles headed by Uncle Paul strongly managed to control the movement of the street child in one area all the children were given Masks and all the centers and entries were equipped with Hand Washing Tanks and the issue of hand washing become a priority SHURE Uganda served the children with food and this initiative helped in controlling the spread of Covid 19 among the children.



The first Movement of the street children for safety Quarantine at Nakivubo blue primary school

The struggle still continues with Covid 19 Mengo Youth Development Link report from the entire current situation with the plight of the street children. With the blessings from KCCA interventions all the children were settled at Nakivubo Blue primary school and screening was carried out among all the street children KCCA and the children under 17 years of age were selected under the quarantine program .Special thanks goes CRANE Network, the street children working group, the street uncles and the local leaders may God bless you for supporting the Vulnerable street children.



Final Planning Meeting with the Street uncles before the second movement of the street children to Nakivubo Blue Primary School

Since the planning for the safety of the children under Quarantine at Nakivubo Blue Primary school involved a lot of panning at different levels from the Ministry, Police KCCA, CRANE Network and the street Uncles, Mengo Youth Development Link conducted the meeting which was chaired by His worship the Mayor Kampala Central Division together the team finally agreed to shelter all the street children to Nakivubo Blue Primary School for the 14 days Quarantine.



Street children under Safe Quarantine at Nakivubo Blue Primary School

Mengo Youth Development Link MYDEL family is proud to be part of CRANE Network and KCCA in protecting the Health of the Vulnerable street children against Covid 19 we finally settled the children living and working on the streets Under Quarantine for 14 days at Nakivubo Blue Primary special appreciation goes to the leadership of madam Harriet Mudondo director Gender KCCA the probation officer KCCA Madam Zaina , Josephine Deputy director Gender KCCA, the probation officer Central Division, Ministry of Health, Pastor Kayanja from Miracle Centre, all the street uncles and finally the Mayor Kampala Central Division for championship this program may God bless you.



Donations from Partner Organizations

"CREATING A SAFE PLACE FOR CHILDREN" the street children under the quarantine program at Nakivubo Blue Primary School we have received 100 Mattresses from Abaana Ministries plus a special donation of clothes from Children of Suubi currently the children look smart thanks for yr support. MYDEL team further appreciates CRANE Network and KCCA their efforts in protecting the children against Covid 19 may God bless you.



Support for the children with Disabilities during the Covid 19 Situation.

Mengo Youth Development Link team in partnership with Islam Cares have managed to support 287 Children with Disabilities at Missionaries of the Poor targeting both the boys Transition Home in Busega and the Girls Transition Home in Kisenyi 11 parish, MYDEL t.



Community support during the Covid 19 period

Mengo Youth Development Link appreciate Rubaga Division Covid 19 Task force headed by the RCC and the Division Health team, special thanks goes to Abaana Ministries for supporting the Vulnerable communities plus partnering with MYDEL in the struggle against Covid 19.



Behavior change among the children under Quarantine

MYDEL Appreciate all the partners for keeping the children Safe in assuring that all social workers and psychologists on the ground are working tirelessly to instill change in these children a lot of great success achieved in terms of behavioral, psychological and physical change among the kids. However, there is a problem of withdrawal symptoms especially among the kids that were using drugs.

Our appreciation goes to Abaana ministries, Crane Network and KCCA for having teamed up to support these vulnerable children during this COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

God is good MYDEL family is proud to work with CRANE Network and KCCA in protecting the Health of the children living and working on the streets of Kampala against Covid 19 currently the children are safe at Nakivubo Blue Primary School special thanks goes to the street uncles and the social worker for all the good work done on the ground may God bless you.



MYDEL appearance in German News papers

In the middle one of the former Volunteers Claudia appears in Germany news paper while fundraising for the water project for MYDEL.



Monika Seer (r.), Annelore Winkler-Kick (l.) und weitere Mitglieder des Frauenbunds nähen Behelfsmasken. Foto: Schmid

Nähen für einen guten Zweck

KDFB sucht Näherinnen für Behelfsmasken – Einnahmen an Hilfsprojekte

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Landau. (seb) Bistlang zählt Dingolfing-Landau zu den am wenigsten von der Corona-Pandemie betroffenen Landkreise in Niederbayern. Der Katholische Frauenbund will dazu beitragen, dass dies auch so bleibt. Acht Frauen um die Vorsitzende Annelore Winkler-Kick haben sich daran gemacht, Behelfsmasken zu nähen, die eine Verbreitung des Virus verhindern sollen. Die Masken sind im Eine-Welt-Laden erhältlich.

Derzeit ist die Nachfrage nach Mund- und Nasenmasken groß. Besonders seitdem Ministerpräsident Markus Söder eine Tragepflicht beim Einkaufen und im öffentlichen Nahverkehr angekündigt hat. Annelore Winkler-Kick und Monika Seer nahmen das zum Anlass, einen Aufruf zu starten: „Jeder, der ein bisschen Erfahrung beim Nähen hat, darf mitmachen und auch Masken anfertigen.“ Sie hofft, dass sich noch weitere geschickte Mitstreiter finden, die sich beteiligen wollen. An Material mangelt es nicht. So sind bereits einige Stoffspenden eingegangen und die Firma Erl Schweißtechnik hat kostenlos sieben Kilogramm Draht bereitge-

stellt, die für die Nasenbügel in den Masken verwendet werden.

Etwas eine halbe Stunde dauert es, eine Maske zu nähen. Mittlerweile haben die Frauen schon Routine entwickelt und sich Tricks angeeignet. So geht es schneller den Stoff zu reißen, als ihn zu schneiden.

Die Behelfsmasken sind für den privaten Gebrauch ausreichend, um andere vor einer Ansteckung zu schützen. Sie sind bei 95 Grad waschbar und somit wiederverwendbar. „Beim Abnehmen sollte man sie nur am Bügel anfassen, dabei das Gesicht nicht berühren und sich anschließend gründlich die Hände desinfizieren“, erklärt die Frauenbundvorsitzende. „Wenn möglich trocknet man sie in der Sonne, weil die UV-Strahlen zusätzlich die Viren abtötet.“ Man kann sie auch in heißem Wasser abkochen und dadurch reinigen.

Spenden an Hilfsprojekte

Für drei Euro werden die Masken im Weltladen angeboten. Höhere Spenden werden auch gerne angenommen. „Der Erlös geht an Hilfsprojekte, die wir unterstützen, in Brasilien und Mali“, erklärt Wink-

ler-Kick. Ein Teil der Einnahmen bleibt beim Eine-Welt-Laden, der damit ein Schulprojekt in Uganda finanziert. Mitarbeiterin Claudia Sandwegger berichtet, wie das Geld verwendet wird: „Wegen der Corona-Pandemie werden dort die Lehrer nicht mehr bezahlt.“ Um die größte Not zu lindern, sollen 35 Euro pro Lehrkraft im Monat zur Verfügung gestellt werden. Das reicht, um sich Lebensmittel für einen Monat zu kaufen. Claudia Sandwegger war selbst ein Jahr lang als Entwicklungshelferin in Uganda und kennt die prekären Zustände vor Ort sehr genau. „Die Situation in den Slums ist verheerend. Corona trifft die Armen dort am härtesten“, sagt sie. „Das Geld hilft, damit sie nach der Krise wieder zur Schule gehen können.“

Info

Wer Interesse hat, für einen guten Zweck Behelfsmasken zu nähen, kann sich an die Frauenbundvorsitzende Annelore Winkler-Kick unter der Telefonnummer 09951/6044422 wenden. Dort erhält man Nähmateriale und genauere Informationen zu den Abläufen.

und Frösche



MYDEL working with Touch Africa Now in supporting the vulnerable communities

Mengo Youth Development Link in partnership with Touch Africa Now managed to reach out to 156 Youth and children in Lubaga Division with the Supervision from the Covid 19 Division Task Force headed by the DRCC and the Mayor Lubaga Division. Special thanks go to Touch Africa Now for supporting the vulnerable communities in Uganda during the Covid 19 situation.



Contribution from MYDEL team to the street children.

Iren MYDELS community worker and Mentor under active citizen program handing over basic necessities to support the street children during the Covid 19 lockdown.



Respecting the Muslim children during the Holy month of Ramadan

Mengo Youth Development Link in partnership with Islam Cares has provided 50 kilograms of Rice, 20 kilograms of meat, 3 litres of cooking oil and 6 boxes of water, Islam Cares has promised to provide the same everyday for 30 days during this month of Ramadan, special thank goes Pascal the Director MYDEL for soliciting for this support from Islam Cares. We continue to thank everyone for your continued support. MYDEL welcomes all the partners in the struggle against Covid 19 situation and above all support the vulnerable communities God bless you.



Appreciation

On behalf of Mengo Youth Development Link (MYDEL) I do take this opportunity to appreciate the Government of Uganda for the preventive Measures to prevent the spread of Covid 19 among the population in Uganda.

MYDEL team members appreciate KCCA team headed by the Director Gender Madam Harriet Mudondo, His worship the Mayor Kampala Central Division, Deputy Director Gender Madam Josephine, the Probation KCCA Madam Zaina, the Probation Officer central Division Mr. Lwanga , the DRCC Lubaga, DRCC Central Mr. Masaba, Vision Group, MYDEL Board members, Islam Care, SHURE Uganda, Pastor Kayanja from Miracle Centre, Touch Africa Now, all the members under the CRANE Network and the street Uncles for all your support.

Finally to our Partners Rich from UK, Gem from UK, Claudia and Daniel from German Wilson Sendikwanawa from Uganda, Marion from the Hunger Free project for supporting MYDEL may God Bless STAY SAFE.