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CEO'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Board of Directors, management and staff of Grace Works Initiative, I have great pleasure to present the 2016 Report. The year 2016 basically involved construction of Bukomolo clinic, the project of GWI.

This is a "dream come true" and we sincerely thank our donors for standing with us since 2014 when we launched our programme of safe motherhood and child survival and advocated to build a village clinic in Bukomolo, Kibuku district in Eastern Uganda.

As you will see in the report, we have vast lessons we have learned we are committing to drive this project even higher.

I thank you

...GWI.....

Grace Nakajje

Chief Executive Officer

International Humanitarian Ambassador (IWAA)

Bukomolo Clinic Project



PROJECT BRIEF

Bukomolo is a village of more than 5,000 residents, located in the eastern region of Uganda, 250km from Kampala Capital City.

In 2014, Grace Works Initiative launched a programme of Safe motherhood and child survival to save lives of mothers, children and their families in less privileged communities. In Bukomolo, we identified a critical need for a local source of primary and preventive healthcare. There are currently no health facilities in this village. Residents have to walk for about 10 miles to the nearest health facility to seek health services, and in some cases, die helplessly.

In Partnership with a local church in Bukomolo (Bukomolo Christian Fellowship), Grace Works Initiative came up with a proposal to establish a local clinic staffed by medical professionals able to provide affordable, basic care and to treat and triage the sick and injured.

The Church donated 1(one) acre of land to Grace Works Initiative and we (GWI) Committed to mobilize funding for the construction.



WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED

April 25, 2015, we broke ground for the construction. To-date, with the help of friends and partners, we have successfully completed construction of the following;

1. Out-patient Department (OPD)

Includes:

- a. *Waiting/reception area,*
- b. *Pharmacy*
- c. *Staff Room*
- d. *Antenatal Wing*
(with 2 large rooms)
- e. *Storage Room*
- f. *Laboratory*
- g. *Treatment Room*
- h. *Examination Room*
- j. *Office Room*

2. Staff House

With two units each with a bedroom, living room and a washroom.

3. Chain-link Perimeter Fence

4. Patient Latrines

These latrines have provision for females and males all designed with washrooms, urinals and two stances per wing.

5. Staff Latrines

6. Incinerator

7. Placenta Pit

8. Compound

Funding

The funds for this project were mobilized from the Central United Methodist Church (UGX 122,653,000)

Lessons learnt

On the side of GWI management, a lot of lessons have been learnt. We have gained vast experience in terms of competence and building networks. We were able to source for quality construction materials and this limited delays associated with substandard work.

Looking Ahead

Operation

We are working with the Kibuku District Health Office on the requirements to have this facility start operation by start of April 2017. Our long term strategy for sustainability is through Patient Pay for service. However, we're aware that this cannot be achieved in the short term. We have therefore designed a limited but effective operational plan with only key staff to start with as we gain ground. Therefore, we are seeking for partners who can stand with us to make this happen



President urges on commercial agriculture

By Wilson Rwigyema

President Yoweri Museveni has urged the Ugandan Health Cooperatives (UHC) to focus on the health of the nation's farmers, led by Gen. Cabal Akandwagye (Naim Salali) to sensitize entrepreneur farmers, who have 1-4 acres of land, to engage in commercial agriculture for improved incomes.

UHC is an intervention that the President launched in July 2013, to create a system that facilitates effective national socio-economic transformation with a focus on raising household incomes for poverty eradication and sustainable wealth creation. Since its inception, Uganda's aggregate economic growth and gross domestic product expansion have translated into significantly lower household poverty levels, measured as head count ratio (the number of individuals below the international poverty line of \$1.25 per day).

The recent poverty estimates show that the share of Ugandans in absolute poverty has reduced from 56.4% in 1992/93 to less than 39.7% in 2012/13, therefore surpassing the Millennium Development Goal target of halving the proportion of the population living in extreme poverty by 2015 on track to achieve the Vision 2040 growth target of 5%.

"Through UHC, commercial production and family engagement in terms of business is important. That is what we want to promote in Uganda," he said. He added that family engagement would help stop the practice of land fragmentation, and instead boost commercial agriculture production.

Moving the Uganda

People's Defence Force officers implementing the programme in different parts of Uganda, at State House Entebbe last Friday, Museveni said farmers who undertake commercial farming should be able to engage in enterprises such as growing coffee, fruits, tomatoes, onions, mushrooms, poultry, pigery and fish farming for both food security and income-generation.

"Grow perennial crops that are easy to look after when they mature," he said.

BETWEEN THE LINES:

Museveni said farmers who undertake commercial farming should be able to engage in enterprises such as growing coffee, fruits, tomatoes, onions, mushrooms, poultry, pigery and fish farming for both food security and income-generation.

The President urged the officers to first deal with the farmers who have little land acreage, saying the government will fund a way to solve these without land later.

"People at the grassroots should first be empowered to come out of poverty by engaging in cost-effective income-generating projects starting at parish level," Museveni said.

He also urged them to allow the selection of beneficiaries of the inputs to be done by the people themselves to avoid conflicts. Agriculture minister Tusi Kaduha said he expressed the need for the Government to recruit and facilitate extension service providers to give technical support to the farmers.

Ugandan woman scoops international award

By Cecilia Okoth

Grace Nakajje, a Ugandan woman behind Grace Works Initiative (GWI), a non-profit organisation promoting healthcare for underprivileged women and children, has received an International Women Achievers Award (IWA).

The awards ceremony was held during the International Women's Day week at the Jamaican Canadian Association in Toronto, Canada.

Nakajje, 35, was recognised under the category of "Humanitarian Ambassador" for her innovation and role in promoting healthcare not only for underprivileged women and girls in Uganda, but their families too.

The event was presided over by Ahmed Hussein, the Member of Parliament for York South-Weston in Toronto Canada.

According to Joseph Mukisa, GWI's spokesperson, the final stages of constructing a modern health facility in Bukonkole village, Kibuku district in eastern Uganda.

The facility will improve women's access to quality healthcare and reduce maternal mortality rates. Kibuku district, which was carved out of Pallisa district, lacks adequate health facilities.

"In Bukonkole, residents walk at least 10 miles in search for healthcare, and in some cases, die because they do not have access to routine, preventative healthcare or emergency medical attention," Mukisa said.

In her acceptance speech, Nakajje hailed President Yoweri Museveni for addressing women's issues, which she termed as the "most delicate challenges of our time".



Nakajje (left) with Hussein, a Canadian MP, after the award ceremony in Canada

Nakajje wrote stories about global health with focus on the fight against malaria in Africa

"This achievement has come because of the gender equality and women's empowerment that our government continues to uphold," she added.

Established in 2009 to empower young women to reach their goals, IWA brings together women from across the globe and recognises their accomplishments.

This year's theme was: "Global awareness to positive body image."

The ceremony underscored the paramount role played by women in society while

appreciating their attitude, initiatives, will-power and perseverance. In 2011, Nakajje emerged the best Africa communicator and won a seat at the United Methodist Association of Communicators that annually meets in New Mexico, US.

She wrote stories about global health with a focus on the fight against malaria in sub-Saharan Africa.

Nakajje also authored a book, *Voice in the Jungle*, that brings to light the depth of Africa's cultural crisis of female genital

mutilation, child marriages and girls' education.

She holds a bachelor's degree in journalism and mass communication from Makerere University and a diploma in journalism from UMCAT. She has worked with various media outlets in Uganda, including the New Vision and Uganda Broadcasting Corporation TV.

Currently, Nakajje is completing studies for her Master of Science degree in Public Health, at the International Health Science University, Kampala Uganda.

The Humanitarian Ambassador Award category is the first of its kind. Nakajje was among the 17 women across the world to receive awards. Only two were from Africa, with Stella Ebers from Nigeria, getting the Woman of Distinction Award.

Susan Kigula escapes death sentence, out of prison

By Wilson Rwigyema

Susan Kigula, the woman who led a mob of 400 other inmates in the attack which killed constitutional president Yoweri Museveni, has been sentenced to death. She was found guilty of murder and sentenced to death in 2011.

While in the prison, Kigula and other inmates in her cell started a hunger strike, which she is currently leading a strike against. Kigula had been sentenced to death, together with her cellmate, Florence Nansamba, after being found guilty of the premeditated murder of her

been an accomplice in the gruesome murder.

According to sources, Nansamba was released much earlier than Kigula. When contacted by New Vision in his office, the Prison public relations officer Frank Baine, also confirmed Kigula's release, but refused to divulge further information as to when exactly Kigula was allowed to walk out of that prison facility.

The High Court in Kampala convicted Kigula and Nansamba of the murder of Museveni, who they were accused of killing by strangling, while he slept on the night of July 9, 2010, after Kigula supported him of having affairs with other women.



Kigula while at Luzira Prison

constitutional petition, successfully convinced the Constitutional Court

criminal books, ruling that the death penalty would now be at the discretion of the trial judge.

However, the death sentence remained a lawful penalty that could be imposed on any offender of serious crimes.

Following the final decision of the Constitutional Court in which the mandatory death penalty under which both convicts and the other 415 inmates were sentenced had been abolished, Kigula and Nansamba went back to the High Court to mitigate on their penalty only, as the Constitutional Court directed in its ruling in the

as mitigation that the two deserved a chance to live.

Considering the convicts' being first offenders and of a youthful age and their being remorseful and apologetic to the court and the families of their victims, Museveni, the judge resented Kigula to 20 years and Nansamba to 15 years imprisonment in 2011, inclusive of the years they had spent in prison.

Kigula and Nansamba had earlier separately promised and vowed never to commit any such offence if given a chance to live. The judge also said he had considered their mitigation that

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUE

Donations	156,034,013
TOTAL REVENUE	156,034,013

EXPENSES

Administration Expenses	56,202,420
Operating expenses	99,824,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	156,026,420



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