

### CALM AFRICA END OF YEAR STATEMENT/ 2015 UPDATES

### 1.0 Introduction

Dear Friends, partners, colleagues and well-wishers, this is the sixth year sharing with you CALM Africa (CA) Annual updates. Thank you for your continued support which has kept CA afloat and relevant. The year 2015 presented unique opportunities and challenges on which achievements have been registered. Leo Rosten, one of the last century thinkers, once said,'...The purpose of life is not to be happy, but to matter, to be productive, to be useful, to have it, and make a difference that you have lived at all'. This report is another testimony that CA is still active and continues to be relevant as well as impactful.

CALM Africa key achievements in 2015 include; the construction of teachers' houses at Jolly-Mercy Learning Centre (this very house is now remaining with plastering of outside and completion of 6 rooms). Conducted 10 trainings in Rakai District on Alternative Care for Children and Child Protection; supported 13 women groups to enhance their income generating activities; promoted foster care and over 4 children were placed in foster families; Education support; worked with the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development to assess the Youth Livelihood Program and gaps in the promotion of children's rights; and organized children's Christmas Party. We owe a debt of gratitude to all those who have supported us in the year 2015.

## 2.0 Achievements and Developments in 2015:

## 2.1 Education and Training

- CALM Africa continued the construction of teachers' house to ensure the teachers stay near the school and become more effective in service delivery. The house is now remaining with the outside plastering and completion of 6 rooms out of 16 rooms.
- A computer Training Centre worked well throughout the year.
- Jolly-Mercy Learning Centre (JMLC) increased its enrollment from 160 to 198

**2.1.1 Sponsorship:** With the support of friends and partners, CALM Africa has been able to sponsor a number of vulnerable children:

- Andrew Muwangi, an orphan from Rakai district will be completing his degree course at Makerere University in June next year. The sponsorship has been steady. Andrew is likely to have a First Class Degree.
- Five (5) children between 5 and 12 years at Nambogo Memorial Primary School
- 59 children have been sponsored in JMLC in 2015.

## 2.1.3 Career Guidance and Internship:

• In 2015 CALM Africa staff visited Eden Secondary School, Kiganda Education Centre and Kabojja Primary school for career guidance and counseling; talking to

them about child protection, and education success factors. Teachers in these schools were given opportunities to discuss the pro and cons of the philosopher of More Learning for Less Teaching techniques.

• CALM Africa received 18 students on internship from the following Universities Kyambogo University...3; Makerere University...5; the University of Bugema SDA...4; York University...2 and Lufbra University...4; to do field work practicum/internship/projects. During their placement with CALM Africa, they were attached to the Outreach program, Kasangati Health centre and JMLC for a period not exceeding 4 months.

## 2.1.4 Trainings:

- A total of 13 women groups received training in project design, entrepreneurship skills, managing small businesses, writing business plans, parenting skills and Child Protection.
- CALM Africa trained 130 youth leaders from Rakai District in life skills, HIV/AIDS dynamics; development issues, child protection and success factors and CA staff participated in the Government training workshops on fostering and alternative care strategies.

# 2.2 Community Outreach and Child Protection Issues

- Volunteers worked with CALM Africa (CA) staff to support vulnerable families with house cores including fetching water, improving on the sanitation and training family members on the value of good nutrition and living in a clean environment.
- Community outreach program: 27 families were assessed and 16 of them assisted with relief materials and food.
- Support to 4 CHH families in Wakiso District.
- CALM Africa participated in the assessment exercise conducted by the Uganda Child Rights NGO network that works in partnership with ministry of Gender to gather information in regards to Child rights. This was geared towards helping to identify gaps in the efforts of child rights so that measures are designed to bridge the gaps.

### 2.3 Construction

 CA embarked on the construction of teachers' house just a stone's throw distance from the school. This work started March and by December 2014 it looked as below;





By the end of 2015 the building is as seen below:



## 2.4 Volunteering:

Volunteering still remains an important aspect of CALM Africa. We encourage people to offer their skills, experience and passion into what we are doing out of one's free will often without being paid. In 2015, we received a total of 10 volunteers Portugal, England, Tanzania, Japan and Uganda. These volunteers participated in the following areas: teaching at JMLC; Sponsorship; career guidance in schools; Supported the school games; career guidance; family assessment and group economic empowerment trainings.

Volunteers from Japan and Tanzania supported CALM Africa in Training farming groups, designing business plans for the groups, supporting groups with farming equipment and trained Kiganda students in Computers and debating skills. They did also help in linking up Rakai District with organizations in Japan to improve the water security of the area so that people have access to clean and safe water



Computer Training in Kiganda Centre

### 2.5 Net Working:

- **Makerere University** together with California University invited CALM Africa to join the evaluation team assessing the progress of the Youth Livelihood Program.
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### 3.0 Audit

This year CALM Africa and Jolly Mercy Learning Centre have had their books of accounts audited in December and reports will be out by the month of February, 2016. The certified auditors called KGS carried out the task.

# 4.0 Furniture Making and latrine improvement:

With support from Kenneth Berry, Ilka Rauch and Terry Goddard the following items were done:





Latrine for school renovated



Dining tables



New Desks for the school



Bicycle are given to Community supporters for village outreach program

# 5.0 Children's Party and Child Protection Day

CALM Africa successfully organized this year's Children's Christmas Party at JMLC on 5th December, 2015. JMLC children entertained parents and guests, had a great meal and speeches about Child Protection were given to over 850 people who were in attendance. Support towards the party was given by friends of CALM through Children First Uganda. All children from JMLC received Xmas Gifts which were broght from the UK by Tony and Lynda.

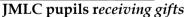






Lower Primary entertains visitors







# 6.0 Financial Contributions to CALM Africa 2015:

Sources of fund	2015
	Shs
Children First Uganda (CFU)	177,057,828
Directors' contribution	3,000,000
LINK international	3,340,000
Volunteers	560,000
INFANCIA	9,391,350
Total funds received	193,349,178

# Cash and Bank balances by the end of December 2015 are as follows;

-Cash at hand -----39,400/--Barclays bank ----- 1,151,805/-

## Attachment

# 1. CASH Budget

Sources of fund	2015
	Shs
Cash balance B/F	17,900
Barclays bank Balance	3,804,444
Equity Bank balance	378, 550
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3. Schedule of Operating Expenditure	
a) Project Expenses	
Staff salaries and allowances	22,800,000
Administration	7,185,500
Stationary	126,000
Electrical bills	680,000
Audit fees	1,750,000
Transport	405,000
Bank Charges	1,746,792
Child Heads of households	22,557,000
Children party	6,080,000
Sponsorship	37,667,125
Volunteers welfare and mgt	7,230,000
Furniture Purchases	3,120,000
Construction works	77,590,000
URA-PAYE	310,000
Trainings	7,030,000
Total Project Expenses	196,277,417
	1,272,655

Surplus/deficit £254

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## 2. Profit and Loss Account

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Surplus/deficit £586

Note: Pound sterling has been Valued at 5,000 Uganda Shillings

## 7.0 Challenges and Opportunities

- 1. **Limited funding** affects CA operations and it is a struggle to maintain staff and effectively ensure Child Protection in CA operational area.
- 2. **Political terrain**: Uganda is preparing for presidential and parliamentary elections in February, 2015. The current political atmosphere is not good as is being characterized with some violence and many other election irregularities. Given what is happening in Burundi, South Sudan and other countries; there is a likelihood of political upheaval in the great Lakes Region and Uganda may not be spared. It is therefore important to study the political trends and prepare accordingly. Are CA and her partners prepared for possible political eventualities???

- **3. Food security:** Over 18% of Ugandan population (according to the recent population census, Uganda population is at 34 million people) does experience food insecurity according to the ministry of agriculture. This is due to the declining or depleted food stocks, effects of the on-going dry spell followed by el-nino rains that has reduced crop yields, and crop diseases especially cassava mosaic and brown streak diseases, banana bacterial wilt and maize stalk borer disease which have reduced crop production. There has also been a reduction in livestock products especially milk due to effects of the dry spell on pastures and water. Food insecurity problem weighs heavily on vulnerable families and resultantly to children. CA has a big role to play to bring about food security among vulnerable and marginalized families.
- 4. **Education:** Despite the government's policy on Universal Education, many children who enroll for primary education, less than 40% are able to continue with secondary education and very few are able to go for the tertiary education. In this regard CA set up three schools to offer quality education, focus on child protection policies and support children reach their full potential. Though little has been done by CA, a legacy is being created and these endeavours need to be supported.
- 5. Child Protection: In CALM Africa's area of operation, child poverty is quite endemic. Children living in poverty undoubtedly become adults living in poverty and this trend does affect child protection. To break this circle, children must be provided with the appropriate food security, shelter, healthcare, education, public services and with a voice in community; things which CALM Africa grapples with. Reducing child poverty recognizes children's rights to survive, develop, participate and be protected." Every child deserves a good start in life". This very legal right is still far from being fulfilled. CALM Africa needs support to continue with its mandate and contribute to child well-being by fighting child poverty and enhancing child protection mechanisms.

### 8.0 Plans for 2016:

Strategic Direction: CALM Africa Vision Statement is seeing that the rights of children, as defined by the UN Convention 1990, are promoted, protected and observed in Africa. These rights form a basis on which children are able to shape their own future, live their full potential and participate in development of their communities. CA Mission Statement is working different stakeholders to pragmatically promote the rights and protection of children and young people in order to meet immediate needs and ensure lasting changes leading to successful and productive lives.

**CALM Africa Overall Goal** on the other hand is improved welfare of and accessibility education by children especially those that are disadvantaged and vulnerable as well as empowering young people to live their full potential.

## **Strategic Priorities**

- 1. Awareness Creation and advocacy on Children's Rights and Child Protection
- 2. Education and Training
- 3. Family Support Relief
- 4. Resource Mobilization and Partnership Building

- 5. Capacity Building and Income Generating Projects
- 6. Environmental Protection and Food Security
- 7. Entrepreneurship Development

## **Specific Plans for 2015:**

## Promotion of the Observance of the Rights of the Child

• To continue with campaigns on the rights of a child and work in partnership with Civic organizations and Universities to promote children's rights.

## Provide support to vulnerable families and children

• Provide counseling, relief items, education and economic support to vulnerable families.

## Provide Quality Education to Vulnerable Children and Young People

- To continue providing quality education and sponsorship support to vulnerable children
- Invest in professional development for teaching staff at the CALM Schools.
- Career guidance in schools

**Enterprise skills Development:** Trainings young people in enterprise skills and support self-help groups of young people to improve household income

**Mobilize resources to meet the objectives of CALM Africa:** Write proposals and actively pursue partnership.

### 9.0 Acknowledgement

We appreciate all those who have contributed to the success of CALM Africa. It is because of our partners that we have been able to continue doing our mandate and ensure that vulnerable children are supported. Partners have helped CALM Africa to stay steadfast and plan for sustainability. We appreciate the tremendous work and input of our partners. Your passion, hard work experiences, stories, ingenuity, commitment and reputation have been crucial in sustaining and making CA relevant and impactful. We are confident that the continued collaboration of Friends of CALM Africa shall build on the recorded success to attain even greater heights in our quest for improving child protection and making children's rights a reality. We are sure CA will always remain a family of extraordinary beauty, amazing progressive people and staggering potential.

"Acknowledging the things learned from past experiences – but avoiding getting stuck with your energy in past disappointments or in fantasies of the "glory days" gone by is the way to go". .

Happy New Year, 2016

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