



RAINBOW HOUSE OF HOPE ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT 2021



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S FOREWORD

Greetings from Rainbow House of Hope Uganda!

It is my great pleasure to share with you a Quick glimpse of our 2021 Annual narrative report highlighting our programmes and activities. Ultimately, our work is directed towards changing lives, and helping disadvantaged children restore their self-esteem and social functionality. As an organization we aim at contributing to safe and free society that upholds the dignity of every person. Since inception up to date, we have made remarkable efforts in the areas of education, Vocational skills training, Health, Talent development through sports, Youth empowerment through brass band music etc.

For us, 2020-2021 were years of positive and significant change. We started the year with planning of the shifting to Maya center our new home. This process was gradual. It involved starting our traditional programmes/projects in our new home and communities. Also engaging and preparing Nsambya members for smooth transition. For coordination we have maintained our office at old Rainbow that continues to involve Nsambya members in RHU activities at Maya. Though the process was interfered by COVID-19 pandemic and strict lockdown of all the sectors by the government, we managed to initiate mobile learning library initiative and with support from Germany e.V Association over 300 children have directly accessed and benefited from the initiative. Also, with emotional support (food and other home use essentials) given to us we are able to support over 200 families with food and home use essentials up to date.

As an organization undergoing a steep learning and growing curve which to us is a great opportunity to learn, unlearn and re-learn. We successfully implemented all the planned activities in 2021 as emphasized in this report. I am proud to note that there has been great progress made in relationship building with donors and other stakeholders. We are proud of all our partnerships we are engaged in currently. We also express our sincere gratitude to the support, guidance and continued encouragement from our donors.

I wish to thank our wonderful donors for enabling us to change lives of so many disadvantaged children. Our staff, who continue to display respect, integrity and commitment in their work, to the Board of Directors for their supervisory support and various project stakeholders we are working with towards empowering disadvantaged children and society.

Lastly, I wish you all a merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Executive Director- Rainbow House Of Hope Uganda.



PROGRAMS / ACTIVITIES PRIORITIES IMPLEMENTED 2021



1. Master Plan Consultation Meetings For Infrastructure Development at Maya.

There has been series of master plan consultative engagement aimed at having structured planned infrastructure development at maya. These meetings have been between the consultant IBS company and staff. Consultation meetings were aimed at having more clear information from staff, program heads, children, some RHU older members and community members for proper planning. We are happy to inform you that these engagements ended successful and final report is being worked on by the consultant IBS company to be shared with all our partners. We also acknowledge the financial support given to us for this process.



2. Sustainable Agriculture Project.

a) Running Intensive piggery breeding center.

In our communities, where a majority of families derive their livelihood from agriculture, sustainable agriculture cannot be achieved in isolation of sustainable family livelihoods. Sustainable family livelihood is a multifaceted concept and refers to maintenance or enhancement of access of families to food and income-generating activities on a long-term basis. It encompasses secured ownership of, or access to, resources, assets and income -earning activities.

Through our sustainable agriculture project (SAP) that was funded by SeZ Germany, we have continued implementing piggery section at Maya center. The main activity that has been done this year is running of Intensive piggery breeding Centre at RHU center.

The main purpose of running of intensive piggery breeding center is threefold;

1. To breed quality breed and fast-growing pigs to be supplied to the interested community members especially women at subsidized price.
2. To generate income for the organization to sustain the intensive piggery breeding center.
3. The center is to act as training demonstration for both community members and schools.

This year we have managed to increase on our breeding capacity to meet the above purposes, so far, we have 38 pigs at piggery breeding center. That is 18 piglets, 8 weaning piglets, 7 fattening pigs and 5 male pigs. This year alone we have managed to give ten women quality breeds from the center. With this capacity we shall be able to sell some to earn income for the organization, 30 trained interested community members will receive piglets but not at once next year at subsidized price.

3. Formal Education/School Fee Fund

a) Establishment Mobile Learning Library Initiative

Since the outbreak of COVID-19 in late December 2019, COVID-19 has wreaked havoc across the world and like any critical sector, education has been hit hard. Students, schools, colleges and universities have been deeply impacted.

School closures have led to reduced physical activity and poorer diets, increased levels of anxiety and self-harm, and exposure to domestic violence.

For many children the alternatives to school are child labour, child marriage and teenage pregnancy. Once this happens, it can be impossible for girls or boys to return to school. However, we happy to report that we took a step to address the above issues of child labor by establishing a mobile learning Library initiative. Under this arrangement, over 200 school children have been reached and have continued to learn ever since we started in 2020. The mobile learning Initiative has three packages; Refreshing and progressive learning of students, Interactive Counselling and Coaching.

b) Vocational Training.

RHU has over four years been skilling young women and youths to provide them with employable skills that meets the job market demands. The skills enable the young women and youths after completion to create their own jobs or find employment opportunities so as to be self-reliant. This year, RHU trained and graduated 25 young women and youths in sweater knitting course with support from Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU) under skills development facility. Wife toshi, welding and graduation

Vocational Trainees in a group photo after graduation



Vocational Trainees training in sweater knitting .



4. HEALTH (MATERNAL, REPRODUCTIVE AND ORAL HEALTH).

The health of women, mothers and children is fundamental to development, as reflected in Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 4 (reducing child mortality) and 5 (improving maternal health and achieving universal access to reproductive health).

Over the years RHU has organized health camps, counselling sessions, provided sanitary pads and tooth brushes in schools. Over 200 women and youths have been reached.

This year RHU was able to provide sanitary pads to 200 young girls.

5. TALENT DEVELOPMENT AND NURTURING

a) Sports and games

Over the years RHU has continued to use sports and games as an empowerment tool. The activities aim at empowering the youths and help them become leaders who can bring a change to their communities by breaking traditional barriers and stereotypes.

This year over 200 children have been engaged in various sports at Maya center. The RHU sports department has been boosted with various sports equipment courtesy of Stitching MIA Netherlands. Through these activities the youths have been offered with several types of support including emotional, informational, tangible support and companionship.

b) Brass Band Training/ Empowering Youth through Music

RHU has continued to empower youth through brass band music. Our focus is to teach youth how to collaborate in a band, express themselves creatively, and find passion through the art of music. This year RHU has concentrated on establishing a brass band group in Maya. The band has been established and is fully functional. Our approach has been on encouraging creativity. Here the instructors allow the youth to make musical contributions during the discussion. This type of environment fosters creative and passionate learning. Students are motivated to learn because they have found excitement and passion with the songs they choose, and musical independence that they can achieve. Secondly, we also allow the youth to push for passion. The instructors do not simply just teach notes. Instructors may be inclined to discuss dynamics, movement, and stage presence.

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Brass Band Training at Maya Centre





MY STORY

My name is Kisakye Edith. I am in senior secondary school and 15 years old. It will be hard to forget the feeling I had when I first walked through the doors at Rainbow Maya center. I was welcomed with warming smiles, and kind voices. There were children playing instruments in an open space. A student could be heard playing in the background trumpet, learning song. One thing I was curious about was whether I was going to be as good as other students learning and how long it will take me. But to my surprise the instructors were so helpful and professional that it has not taken me a long time to play the side drum that I am very much interested in.

Considerable progress was made towards RHU's mission. Key achievements in 2021 include:

PROJECT LEVEL:

- As an organization we managed to start Mobile Learning Library Initiative to ensure that children continue learning.
- Managed also to establish our tradition projects in Maya with fully fledged office.
- Increased involvement of the community in our projects at Maya.
- Environmentally and climate change response we have managed to plant many trees.
- Through the financial support we managed to provide food and basic needs through out the lockdown to both Rainbow members and staff

ORGANIZATION LEVEL:

- There has deliberate efforts to streamline and also build the capacity of our staff through internal reviews of our work and Team work.

CHALLENGES.

- Over whelming numbers of youths that are interested in the band. The Maya band is gaining momentum and this has attracted many youths in the communities which is little bit of challenge since our equipment are not enough to match the interested members.
- The lockdown and curfews are also a challenge in terms of operations of certain activities. Sometimes we are forced to limit our hours of operations in maya because of the curfews.