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## Acronyms

<b>AHCM</b>	:	Another Hope Children's Ministries
<b>NGO</b>	:	Non Governmental Organizations
<b>IGAS</b>	:	Income Generating Activities
<b>ATH</b>	:	Aid That Helps
<b>GMI</b>	:	Good Measure International
<b>CFPO</b>	:	Child Protection & Probation Officer
<b>LTC</b>	:	Lift The Children
<b>PSWO</b>	:	Probation and Social Welfare Office
<b>CSO</b>	:	Civil Society Organization
<b>KIFAD</b>	:	Kiyita Family Alliance for Development

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON BOARD OF DIRECTORS



On behalf of the board and management, I am pleased to present to you the progress of Another Hope Children's ministries (AHCM) for 2014, one in which we saw continued growth in the organization.

Our beneficiaries remain our highest priority, throughout the year, and right across the company, we worked to build advocacy, by improving how we interact with the beneficiaries and the donors, district leadership, other partner Civil Society Organizations and local communities. Like any other organization, AHCM during the year made several achievements and as well experienced some challenges as indicated in the report.

Reflecting therefore on the past achievements, let me express my thanks and appreciation to our donors for the continued support, the board for the oversight role, management and all the staff for the strong commitment in running the institution.

Looking ahead, I am confident that we have a forward-looking approach, as well as the commitment to fulfill AHCM's mission. We are looking forward to working with you again in the year 2015.

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS



Dear friends once again the directors & staff at Aother Hope Children's Ministries (AHCM) are pleased to release this annual report detailing the activities of 2014.

We are delighted to let you know that God shined in the year 2014; we managed to have the guest house completed, started on the home's fence construction, more water tanks constructed, more children supported and it was through your generous support that this happened. We are so grateful.

We also won't forget to thank you for the tremendous support you showed to the directors amidst so many trials they experienced; the loss of their baby & Ruth's declining health. Thanks so much for the financial, physical & spiritual support you offered them.

This coming year 2015, we are looking forward to complete the fence, grow more food, have more children supported & increase on the number of volunteers.

We are still counting on your generosity. Kindly sign up for our monthly newsletter, like us on our facebook page at Another Hope Children's Ministry, come volunteer with us here in Uganda, tell somebody about AHCM and lastly make a donation before the 2015 year ends to be a part of this great movement.

# CHAPTER ONE

## BACKGROUND OF AHCM.

### 1.1 Introduction

We are presenting to you the activities that took place in the year 2014, highlights of the major successes, challenges and recommendations. All this is being reported to you by Another Hope Children's Ministries. (AHCM)

AHCM is an officially registered NGO that also runs an approved transitional babies/children's home whose vision is an improved quality of life of the vulnerable children of Uganda through provision of education, accommodation and health care in a Christian environment and a mission of meeting the spiritual needs of vulnerable children in Uganda through strategic partnership, ministering and undertaking specialized sustainable child focused initiatives.

AHCM was established by MS. Nambowa Ruth Bulyaba in October 2005. Her challenging childhood inspired her to start AHCM, and she focused on increasing the awareness about the plight of vulnerable children in the country.

#### **The objectives of AHCM are**

1. To provide accommodation, food and clothing to orphans and street children in a family like environment
2. To provide schooling and vocational training programs for imparting skills in children to enable self-sustenance
3. To modify children's behavior & take care of their health
4. To provide safe and clean water for children
5. Capacity building

AHCM targets to serve children in various categories such as orphans, abandoned, abused, street children and any children that may be vulnerable.

In addition AHCM looks to support vulnerable families in a bid to create better families for children to thrive in. In working with families AHCM aims to reduce the vulnerability of these families so that many children can stay with families rather than being institutionalized.

## CHAPTER TWO.

### PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT AND BASIC CARE.

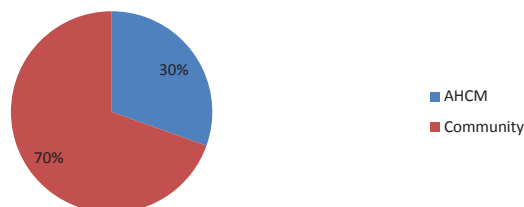
Activities under this chapter have been classified under the National Core Programs Areas (CPAs) of intervention for orphans and vulnerable children.

#### 2.1 Children served.

We are glad to report to you that in the year 2014, we managed to serve 138 children of which 58% were females. Among these children 11 were received in the year 2014 through the Probation Welfare Office in Wakiso district. Three of these children were enrolled onto the sponsorship program.

The total number of children accommodated was 42 & the rest were supported in their families, something AHCM advocates for since a family is the best place for a child to grow.

**Fig 2:1 AHCM Sponsored Children by Place of Residence**



The children that were enrolled for care and protection in the year 2014 were 11 and reasons for enrollment were child abuse in their homes, abandonment and missing. (See table be

**Table 2.1 Children on the Program by reason of enrollment**

Reason for enrollment	Frequency	Percentage
Abused	2	18.1
Abandoned	5	45.5
Missing	4	36.4
Total	11	100

## 2.2 Recreation

AHCM looks at seeing that children have time to celebrate birthdays, go for outings and celebrate major events such as Christmas and Easter. We are glad to tell you that we managed to have funding for such events.

### 2.2.1 Birthdays



Birthday celebrations of various children & young adults were celebrated this year and there is one that caught our attention and that was the one for Nabagala Christine, one of the young adults.

Christine in her own words said “sincerely this has never happened in my life, I feel so good, happy and loved because I didnt expect it and I thank God because this is a blessing”. Aunt Nancy

Barna and her daughter Christine had the idea of organizing Nabagala’s birthday and because of them, this young adult’s life was impacted by the birthday celebration.

### 2.2.2 Easter celebrations.



It is our practice at AHCM to remember the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are grateful for those that have always been supportive in ensuring that the children at AHCM home have a special meal on this day.

### 2.2.3 Christmas celebrations

Children accomodated at AHCM where able to have social meal and on this day

#### 2.2.3.1 Christmas party at AHCM premises.

As I (Nambowa Ruth Bulyaba) was growing up, I always looked forward to the Christmas day because that’s when I expected a new cloth and shoes and more so rice and chicken.

It is against this background that we started the Christmas party celebrations in a



bid to allow many children have a chance to receive a gift and also have a special meal. Many of you have been able to stand with us by sending financial support, prayers and clothes. We appreciate this a lot. We would love to thank Uncle Ralph and Aunt Angela Boyd in a special way for being great supporters of this event.

#### **2.2.4 Meeting the Queen of Buganda kingdom.**

We got a call from the office of the Nabagereka of Buganda kingdom (Queen of Buganda



Kingdom) inviting children aged 6-15 years to a Christmas party organized by the Queen of Buganda Kingdom. We couldn't believe this great opportunity.

Our children went and had fun. Nassali Leticia one of the teenagers, couldn't believe that she set her eyes on the Queen who actually handed her a Christmas gift. It was such a special moment. We have always given glory to God for this great day.

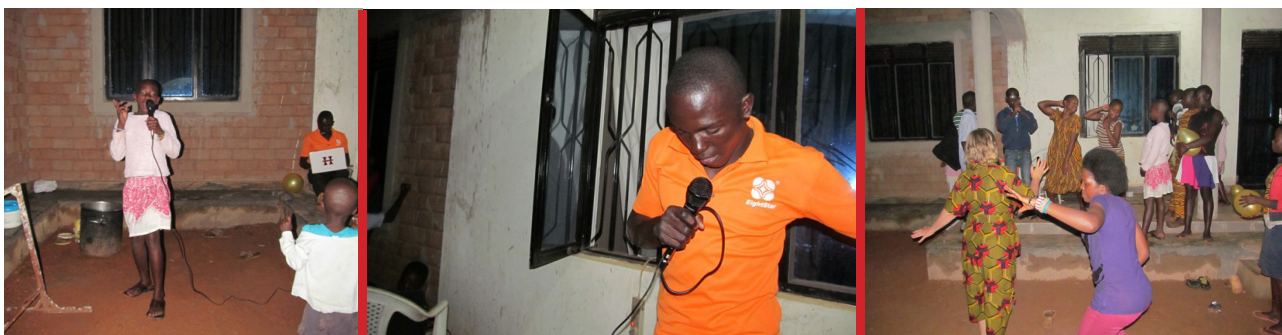
#### **2.2.5 Children's picnic at Entebbe beach.**

We were so blessed for the support from one of our long term supporters and friends who decided to see that children have some time off at the beach. This was an amazing time for all the children we support both in the community and at AHCM home. They had fun swimming and playing different games. The most memorable games were filling water bottles with water collected in the mouth and where somebody with a blind fold had to place a bottle in a basin. For two years we had not held such an outing due to insufficient funds so we are really grateful. The children enjoyed food and drinks and the atmosphere was full of energy and merry making. Your support towards AHCM can bring joy and hope to these vulnerable children in Uganda.



### 2.2.6 Children's Dance Party

In her own words Rebecca Nambasa, one of the young adults said that she felt so good and alive having this party, seeing everyone enjoying and exhibiting their talents in singing and dancing. She feels this should be done every school break. We are so grateful for Aunt Nancy Barna for this great idea she brought and also the Post family that brought the music equipment. Uncle Timothy, the AHCM social worker also commented about the talents of the children that came out which we were not aware about. He said that this was good for the children and they really needed it.



*Jessicah who is deaf, miming a song and Oscar one of the young adults emceeing during the dance party*

### 2.2.7 Volunteer Meal.

Many times, International volunteers choose to make their home country meals for the children at the end of their volunteering period at AHCM, and this time round the children enjoyed a meal by Uncle Joe Lynch and Aunt Sarah Monk.



*Kids enjoy a meal made by Uncle Joe and Aunt Sarah from UK.*

### 2.2.8 Community Children Visits to AHCM

At AHCM premises, we are blessed to have play items that children enjoy. Many times the children we serve in the communities come to use the facility as well as write and receive letters from their sponsors & also receive their gifts.



*Community children and their guardians at one of their visits to AHCM*

## 2.2.9 Children's Play items



We were blessed with more play items, so children can now enjoy indoor and outdoor games which also boosts their learning capabilities.

*Young Children on a Merry-Go round swing at AHCM'S compound*

## 2.3 Education.

Majority (85.8%) of the school going age children under AHCM managed to attend school. We had children at various levels of Education as shown in table 2.

**Table 2 AHCM supported children by level of Education and Gender**

EDUCATION LEVEL	FREQUENCY	FEMALES	MALES
Pre-Primary	12	8	4
Primary	76	39	37
Secondary	14	10	4
Vocational School	9	6	3
University	4	3	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>49</b>

We had some children sit their final examinations in different levels. Six children sat their National Primary Leaving Examinations, four sat their (senior four) Ordinary Level Certificate of Education and two sat their (SENIOR SIX) Advanced Certificate of

Education. We also had two young adults completing their Certificates one in Catering and the other in Nursery Teaching and one young adult completed her Bachelors' degree in Social Work and Social Administration.

### 2.3.1 Vocational Education

This year we had four of our young Adults joining vocational school in various courses such as Electrical Installation, carpentry & joinery, catering and motor vehicle mechanics. Out of the four young adults that joined the Vocational school, one was a female.



*(Left); Daniel one of the Directors, with Justin a volunteer visiting Samuel at his mechanics school and (Right) Oscar reporting for the beginning of his Semester at his electrical installation school.*

### 2.3.2 Graduation

We were excited to see Bernah Namutebi graduate with a Bachelors degree in Social Work and Social Administration and Helen Nantongo with a certificate in hair dressing. This was a special year for AHCM to realize some of its set out puts.



#### **Bernah with her guardian on her graduation day.**

Bernah became a total orphan at the age of 3. Her older sister then took her in and cared for her, in her fourth year of secondary school, her sister couldn't continue to send her to school. She was about to be married off when she was underage and that's when AHCM intervened, she has been under the support of AHCM for the last Seven years till her graduation. We are so proud of her and this great achievement. Great thanks to everybody out there who has helped turn around the life of this young girl. She now has better prospects for her future like getting a formal job. Thanks for helping AHCM to change Uganda one child at a time.

AHCM management also received **Nantongo Helen** with her baby Gift. At the age of 14, Helen was sexually assaulted and left pregnant with Gift. AHCM received Helen when she was 16 years old and Gift was 9month old. Both the mum and the baby



were welcomed and enrolled at AHCM and Helen enrolled in school. When she finished the fourth year of secondary school she joined Baroma vocational Institute to pursue a certificate course in Hair dressing for two years. In 2014 Helen finally completed her course and got a job immediately. She is so proud of Gift, a child she never wanted because of the circumstances, thanks to the counselors that helped to build a bond between Helen and Gift. Without the generosity of our sponsors the lives of Helen and Gift would have been lost. You supporting AHCM helps a number of children just like Helen and Gift.

*Helen on her graduation day.*



### 2.3.3 School visitations

School visitations were conducted in all the 3 school terms of the year. These were only meant for children in boarding section and academic assessment was the major issue as well as providing them with more pocket money and other essential commodities for their continued welfare, plus other school requirements.

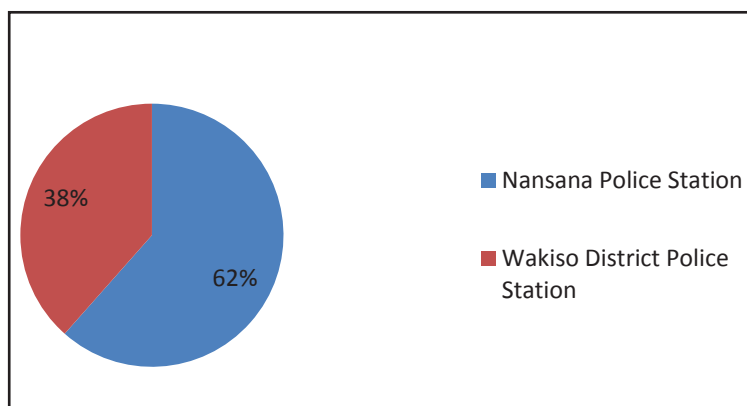
*The Directors and Justin a volunteer visiting children at St. Mary's Prideway Primary School.*

## 2.4 Child protection and Legal support.

### 2.4.1 Temporary custody.

The children were received from both Nansana and Wakiso Police Stations through the Child and Family Protection Unit as well as the Probation and Social welfare Officer-Wakiso District in the year 2014. These children came as a result of missing from home, abused and abandoned. The total number received this year was 13 of which 69.2% were females.

**Fig 2.2 Temporary custody children by place of referral**



**Table 2.3 Temporary custody children by month and sex**

MONTH	NUMBER OF CHILDREN REFERRED	MALES	FEMALES
January	3	0	3
February	1	1	0
March	3	0	3
May	6	3	3
Total	13	4	9

#### 2.4.2 Samuel Kaggwe

Samuel was abused and was severely malnourished at that time he was brought to AHCM but we are glad to report that he is doing well.



**Samuel when he had just come**



**Samuel a few months later after the intervention**

### 2.4.3 Margaret Kugumikiriza

She was abandoned at an old lady's place and has a Cerebral Palsy condition. We had her start physiotherapy sessions and we are seeing a big improvement. Thanks to all volunteers who helped a lot in supporting Margaret with the physiotherapy sessions.



*Margaret in the house and*



*Rieke a volunteer from Germany*

### 2.4.4 Nicholas Kaweesi



**Nicholas on his first day at AHCM.**

Nicholas was brought to us with wounds of burns from a hot fork that his father's friend's wife had inflicted on him. He healed well and plans to locate his father and mother were embarked on with the hope that in the year 2015 we will have seen at least a relative from his family.



*Nicholas after the intervention.*

#### 2.4.5 Phionah Kaabi.



Phionah is a very gifted child. She is also a victim of torture, after being severely battered by her aunt and has lots of bruises, we managed to have her treated and we are glad to report that she is doing well. When Phionah came to AHCM home, she had a lot of pain and a sad face, we are glad to note that she now has the most beautiful smile at **AHCM**. **THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE.**

**Phionah before**



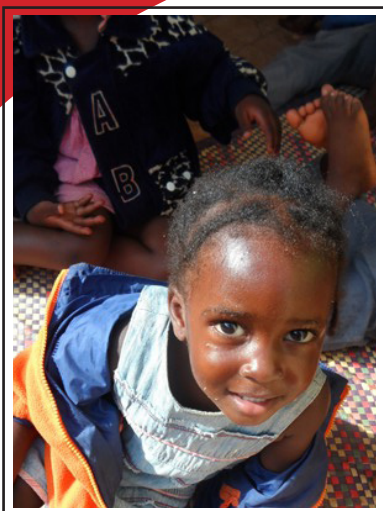
**After the intervention**

#### 2.4.6 Tracing of parents / relatives and reunification.

This year we re-united a few of the children referred to us back to their parents or relatives. The tracing we did was not all in Vain, the major challenge we had was uncooperative authorities.

A few of the parents that we managed to get to were;

- i. **Nambasa Lynette** : Lynette came to us through the Probation officer of Wakiso District when her biological father wasn't known. Her mother had not disclosed who her real Dad was and three different men were claiming responsibility. Through the Kakiri court orders, a DNA test of the 3 men was ordered and Lynette's father was identified. He was so excited to actually be able to raise his child since he had always wanted to provide her with a stable family.



**Lynette while at AHCM**

- ii. **Twins:** we received twins who were abandoned by their own mum at the Nansana Police Station, with the help of the Wakiso district probation office and Police Station we managed to trace both the mother and the father and the children were resettled with the father



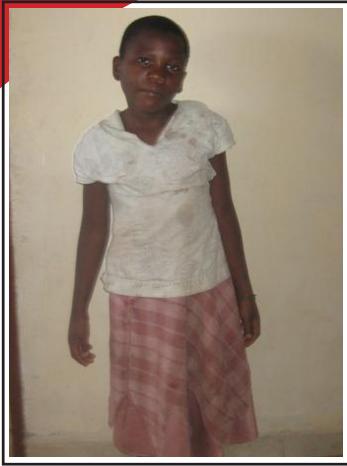
*The twins being resettled with their Dad in the presence of the Regional Child and Family Protection Unit Commander, Ms. Nakibuuka*

- iii. Lakeri Irwao was resettled back to Kaberamiado District in Eastern Uganda



*Lakeri and a representative from Kaberamaido District during her resettlement.*

- iv. **Nambassa Allen;** her family was traced and she was resettled back in Mende Village, Wakiso District



***Nambasa Allen.***

- v) **Anyango Amina** was also re-united with her parents. She was found stranded in Nansana, Wakiso. She was taken from her home in Kamuli District in Eastern Uganda to Western Uganda to work as a maid, when life was hard she decided to travel back home but got stranded in Nansana.



***Amina with the Child and Family Protection Unit Officer- Nansana Police Station***

#### **2.4.7 Children's Meetings**

We held children's meetings throughout the year and they have been helpful in finding out issues that children face while in school and at AHCM home for those being accommodated. For our children that stay with their parents and guardians meeting are done with them to find out what is going on at their homes, assess the relationship between their parents/ guardians, community they stay in as well as the several schools they attend

***(Do they like the school? Do the teachers support them? Among others)***



*Volunteers Aunt Dawn and Aunt Barb holding a talk with the girls, Uncles Mike and Dan holding a talk with the boys.*

#### 2.4.8 Legal Guardianship



In January 2014 the Adkins family from Ohio, USA was granted legal guardianship over Aisha. AHCM received Aisha Mirembe on 23rd /August/2011 after she was abandoned with someone she was not related to. This lady could not feed or bath her because of her advanced age and by the time the police rescued her, she was severely malnourished. We spent a total of 6 weeks in hospital trying to rescue her life. Seeing Aisha having a happy family that meets her needs is a great achievement. Thanks to the Adkins family for offering your house to Aisha, may God richly

bless you.

The Adkins family, after completing their legal guardianship process before the US courts Also in the same year we facilitated the Wiesman Family secure legal guardianship for their child who was abandoned from Luwero District. This was on request from the Luwero District Probation and Social Welfare Office.

#### 2.5 Health

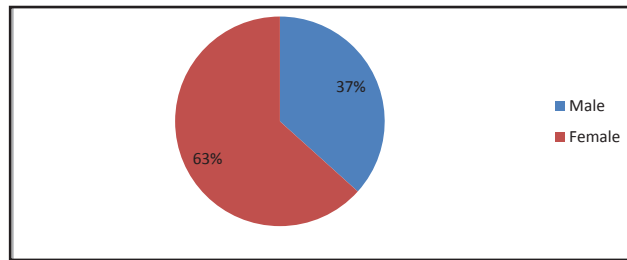
The children's health is paramount to us, we do everything we can to see that they are healthier This year was constraining to us because we had many abandoned children who were very malnourished. We spent endless times in Mulago hospital when our children were admitted at the same time. We are so grateful for our two university students (Christine and Sharon) that stayed in the hospital taking care of the children.

One week in May, we received 4 children who were all malnourished and in addition to that one of them had cerebral palsy. One of the four children we received in one week of May passed away due to wrong diagnosis. She was estimated to be 8 months old by the time we received her and she died in August (may her soul rest in peace).

Out of the 42 children and young adults that were accommodated this year, 30 of them were sick at one point in the year. Some of them suffered from multiple diseases while

others suffered from just one disease/sickness

**Fig 2.3 Accommodated Children that fell sick in 2013 by sex**



**Fig 2.4 Sickness by age group**

AGE GROUP	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
0-5 yrs	9	30
6-11 yrs	6	20
12-17 yrs	11	36.7
18+ yrs	4	13.3
Total	30	100

Malaria had the highest incidence (14.5%) followed by headaches and colds as shown in the table below

**Table 2.5 Sickness/Disease by Incidence**

Sickness/ Disease	Incidence of Disease	Percentage.
Malaria	10	14.5
Headache	8	11.6
Colds	6	8.7
Worms	5	7.2
Tooth pain	5	7.2
Molluscam contagiosum	4	5.8
Low appetite	4	5.8
Stomach ache	3	4.3
Tonsillitis	3	4.3
pneumonia	2	2.9
vomiting	2	2.9
Chest pain	2	2.9
Diarrhea	2	2.9
Open wounds	2	2.9
Swelling of legs	1	1.4
Discharge from the umbilical cord	1	1.4
Joint pains	1	1.4
Ulcers	1	1.4
Cramps	1	1.4
Sprain	1	1.4
Ear discharge	1	1.4
Skin fungal infection	1	1.4
Cellulitis	1	1.4
Right elbow arthritis	1	1.4
Fracture	1	1.4
		1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	



In addition to the many sickness cases, we failed to have a stable nurse and this was a big challenge to the welfare of the children.

We did receive 15 treated mosquito nets and 4 pairs of bed sheets from Mr. Isaac Ssebuliba, one of the AHCM Board Directors. The nets helped a lot in the reduction of malaria cases at the AHCM Home.

*Mr. Isaac Ssebuliba presenting the Mosquito nets and bed sheetsto the nurse (on the left) and the Executive Director (on the right)*

We were also blessed to have Kees from Netherlands pay us a visit he brought in remedies that help to prevent and also heal common tropical diseases.



*Kees demonstrating the effectiveness of the remedies at AHCM.*

On a sad note we lost an 8 months baby girl (we had named her Tracy) who was hardly a month in our care. We received incomplete information from the area Local Council Authorities which would have been vital in giving her the right medical attention at the appropriate time. She was admitted because of an infection (she stayed in a dirty stream for hours) and allegedly kicked by her dad. She suffered broken ribs and a blood clot which was not detected in time leading to her death. She was buried at Lusaze, a public burial ground. It was unfortunate this baby, May her soul rest in Eternal peace.



**Baby Tracy, the day she was recieved from the Police**

## **2.6 Clothing, Beddings & Gifts**

We are proud to report that all our children had enough clothes and had access to black shoes meant for school going time. Also AHCM managed to see that most of the children have the beddings they needed especially a mattress.



*Children at the home posing in their new outfits,*



*Some of the new beddings in the girls' bedroom*

We are grateful to all of you who made sure that these items are provided. Gifts in form of clothes, shoes and beddings are very essential for the children than luxurious items such as i pads/i pods, phones or cameras.

## **2.7 Feeding.**

Our farming project this year did not yield much to sustain us well throughout the year, due to the unpredictable weather patterns; however we tried our best to see that our children get the basic foods that they needed. Thanks for the funds issued to us to cater for the feeding of these beautiful children. It was much challenging when it came to malnourished children who needed special meals but finally we overcame the challenge.



*Part of the food that was realized from the farming project*

We are so grateful that the children and young adults now have their own dining tables. This enables them to relax and chat as they enjoy their meals. In a cleaner environment.



*Children and the young adults enjoying a meal in their two separate dining rooms*

## **2.8 Shelter**

Accommodating the child at the new home of AHCM has been a excellent, our only downside has been children in the communities some of whose houses were in a sorry state and needed urgent major renovations. AHCM could not manage to do this for them, except for one family that it rented a house for from the support of one of the child's sponsor.

## **2.9 Spiritual guidance.**

We will not get tired to see that the children develop a personal relationship with God. We encourage children to pray and also we bring in spiritual leaders to share the gospel. We used school holiday to learn about certain relevant topics. Towards the end of the year we embarked on a journey of studying wisdom using the book of proverbs.

Children worshipping during a service



## CHAPTER THREE

### 3.0 CHAPTER THREE: VOLUNTEER SUPPORTERS, VISITORS AND INTERNS.

#### 3.1 Volunteers

Without the presence and service of volunteers AHCM would experience a big gap. Volunteers help in various ways; they physically support children, fundraise for the work of AHCM and take care of the emotional needs of these children. Many things at AHCM can go unnoticed by management but with the presence of volunteers, management is able to know a lot which helps in decision making. In short volunteers act as a sharp eye for AHCM management.

Much as volunteers are received to support with the children's needs, we were blessed this year to have Uncle Richard & Aunt Clare Cogswell come to volunteer by basically looking at our documentation, and helping review and update them. Claire helped us come up with a professional presentation that we used in our fundraising events. Thanks so much Claire.

Margaret (a child with cerebral palsy) managed to receive physiotherapy from a number of volunteers that were coming and this improved her health, reports from the doctor showed a tremendous improvement and other volunteers made home visits in the communities.

We hold weekly meetings every Thursday with them to find out how their volunteering experience is going and the way forward on various issues.



*Timothy, the Social worker discussing with Sarah and Joe during a volunteers' meeting*

Every work each of you did was commendable and brought a huge change in the lives of the children and the organization at large. If we are to mention each of you and the roles you played the list would be endless. We just say thank you and always consider coming back.

You taking time to volunteer with us is a great thing to the vulnerable children and the families that we support.

Below are some of the pictures of some of the volunteers. Other volunteers can be sited in pictures of activities such as home visits and the community activities

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*The different volunteers that came at AHCM involved in a variety of activities*

**Table 3.1 Volunteers by country of origin**

S.No	Name of Volunteer	Country of origin
1	Mr. Richard Cogswell	Australia
2	Ms. Claire Cogswell	Australia
3	Ms. Sarah Monk	U.K
4	Mrs. Renee Wineck	U.S.A
5	Mr. Justine Wineck	U.S.A
6	Mrs. Barb Post	U.S.A
7	Mr. Michael Post	U.S.A
8	Mr. Daniel Post	U.S.A
9	Mr. Nicole Holmes	U.S.A
10	Ms. Preatha Moodley	Australia
11	Reike Friederike	Germany
12	Tuuli Laukkanen	Finland
13	Janine Hartl	Germany
14	Rie Nagatoshi	Japan
15	Illana Botha	South Africa
16	Madaleen Botha	South Africa
17	Chad and Jamie Wege	USA

***Volunteering in AHCM presents varied experiences for you. It is a joy to see how volunteers do different activities for their children and families.***

Aunt Sarah Monk and Uncle Joe Lynch organized a small and intimate party for the young ones. It was such an exciting moment to see Aunt Nancy and Christine Barna at AHCM who bought a new twist to the activities at AHCM and the communities we serve. The most memorable time was when Aunt Nancy used to make tea for each staff and older children which was a good break in their daily busy schedules. They really needed this motivation.

### 3.2 Supporters and partners

We continued to work with Good Measure International (GMI), Acts 1:8 Ministry, Lift The Children, Aid That Helps, Your siblings and the KLM crew under Wings of Support.

We thank Your Siblings team for the idea of facilitating the existence of an income generating venture such as the guest house.

**Acts 1:8 Ministry;** without your support many families would have trouble accessing clean and safe water

**AID THAT HELPS;** the support you send towards the education of the children is really great. In Uganda we say that education is the key to success & you're seeing that surely these children achieve it.

**Good Measure international (GMI),** the endless support you have given us in helping process funds. Todd; the time and efforts you put in to explain to us and to our supporters without ceasing is highly appreciated and we feel you are a blessing to us. God bless you so much

**The KLM crew;** this crew continued to support AHCM with goods in kind such as toys, shoes, clothes, bags, towels, bed sheets, to mention but a few. This helped us have a continued flow of clothing especially the temporary custody children who in most cases lack these supplies, as well families under AHCM care.

**Individual supporters;** having an individual touch with our friends who believe in us has been a great achievement for AHCM. These people not only support us financially but they have always been there to advise, guide and pray AHCM. We are so grateful and proud of you. Below is a table of some of them.

**Table 3.2 Major Individuals in the life of AHCM**

No.	Name	Country
1.	ED & Renee Wineck	U.S.A
2.	Mike & Barb Post	U.S.A
3.	Ralph & Angela Boyd	USA
4.	Richard & Anne Cogswell	Australia
5.	Ms. Claire Cogswell	Australia
6.	Steve & Monica Carter	U.S.A
7.	Scott & Dawn Netmz	U.S.A
8.	Bob & Penny Borchert	U.S.A
9.	Tim & Jane Birr	U.S.A
10.	Marlin & Angela Martin	U.S.A
11.	Ms. Sarah Crecelius	U.S.A
12.	Ms. Macy Smith	U.S.A
13.	The Levneck Family	U.S.A
14.	Margaret Baker	Australia
15.	Brad & Lisa Perkins	Australia
16.	Philip & Glenis Master	Australia
17.	Jack & Ngairé Walhor	Australia
18.	Ms. Becky Borchert	USA
19.	Mrs. Barb Crecelius	USA

### 3.3 Internship students

We receive students from different Universities and tertiary Institutions who receive training at AHCM. These not only gain work experiences from AHCM but we also gain from their skills and expertise. Every year we encourage them to work with us. We mainly receive interns in the area of Accounts, Administration and Social work.



*Internship students during their placement exercise*

### 3.4 Visitors

#### 3.4.1 Mr. Kasirye Stephen from Raise His Praise Church in Atlanta, Georgia USA.

We received an email from Stephen that he was coming to pay a visit and that his church, Raise His Praise in Atlanta had a donation meant for our most pressing needs. During the past school break we realized that we had less beddings after sharing them between the boarding school going children and at the accommodated children. So this was an opportunity for us to get the beddings which was a relief. However, we did not only receive beddings but the children were treated to eats and sodas something that is special. In addition to this cash was issued that helped meet the nutritional food needs that we had. Thanks so much Raise His Praise Brethren for your support and to Steven for being our regular visitor.



*(From left), kids enjoying a treat, the beddings got with help from Raise His Praise Church, and Steven posing for a photo with the children at AHCM*

### 3.4.2 Mrs. Helen Thompson.

We were so delighted to be visited by Helen. Helen is the mother of Claire Thompson who happens to be the sponsor of Nabukeera Caroline.



*Helen Thompson with Caroline, her daughter's sponsored child*

### 3.4.3 Water mission

In a bid of seeing that we have clean and safe water at the AHCM premises we contacted water mission to see if they could support us with this activity so they visited us for a possible partnership.



*Representatives from Water Mission making a visit at AHCM*

#### 3.4.4 Jung and Kung from Korea.

We got a surprise visit from our former volunteer Jung who was referred by our partner organization Uganda Pioneers Association. He volunteered with us for a period of 6 months in 2009. We were delighted to see him. He came with a friend Kung.



*Jung and Kung visiting kids supported by AHCM at St. Mary's Pride Way Primary School*

#### 3.4.5 Other Visitors

Other visitors that came in the year were two representatives from Kampala Children's Center, the Luwero Probation Social Welfare Officer and two representatives of European Adoption Consult.

## CHAPTER FOUR

### PROJECTS

We undertook a number of projects and many of them were successful.

#### 4.1 Water life project.

Under this project, we focused on water tank construction, water filters and Bible distribution

##### 4.1.1 Water tank construction

We had 44 water tanks constructed in the Parish of Lukwanga during the year of which the majority (45.5%) were constructed in Luggi Village, followed by Lukwanga (38.6%) and the least (2.30%) number of tanks was constructed in Gimbo Village.

**Table 4.1: Water tank by villages**

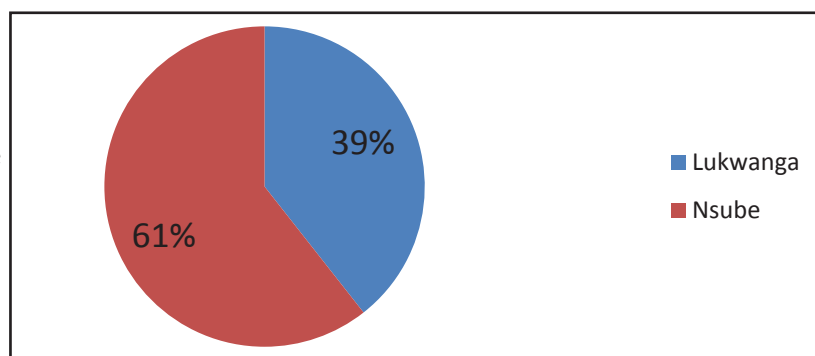
Village	Frequency	Percentages
Gimbo	1	2.3
Luggi	20	45.5
Lukwanga	17	38.6
Ntinda kyeberese	6	13.6
Total	44	

##### 4.1.2 Water filters:

Much as families get water collected from the well, it is not safe to drink straight. Therefore, families are required to boil water but because of low literacy levels and limited resources, families decide to drink the water straight from the water tank due to the fact that it would be costly for them to have the water boiled using charcoal stoves. Drinking this un-boiled water makes them exposed to so many water borne diseases such as cholera, and dysentery.

In order to see that families are saved from the risk of water borne diseases due to drinking un safe water, AHCM provides families with water filters which helps purify the water from the tanks and it is safe for drinking. We managed to distribute water filters to Gimbo in Lukwanga parish. AHCM looks at seeing a family as the safest place to be.

**Fig 4.1 Distribution of Water Filters by Village**





## Distribution of water filters exercise

### 4.1.3 Bible Distribution exercise

We know that water is life but we also believe that the physical water is not enough for a human being. The spiritual void needs to be addressed as well. In that case AHCM ensures that families that receive water tanks also get a Bible so that their spiritual thirst is also quenched. This year AHCM managed to distribute 118 Bibles to 118 families which was a tremendous ministering.

### Bible distribution exercise at Lukwanga village



**Table 4.3 Number of Bibles Distributed per village**

Village	Frequency	Percentage
Lukwanga	21	17.8
Nabukalu	20	16.9
Kona west	2	1.7
Namasnga	11	9.3
Jimbo	20	10.2
Luggi	20	16.9
Nsuube	17	14.4
Ntinda kyeberese	8	6.8
Total	118	

#### 4.1.3 Meeting Jaiso Duche.

One day in the year 2014 we received an email from one of our partners Mrs. Jane Birr that another water tank was donated by a young girl from her baby sitting saved funds. Actually we (Daniel and Ruth) did not know how young this girl was until we met her on our September-October 2014 trip to Wisconsin. Jaiso was only 13 years old. She was adopted to the USA from Liberia, Africa. She really wanted to give back to her home people in Africa, listening to her talk with her adoptive mother was a blessing to us. Knowing that God uses anyone for the good of His kingdom was so touching. A water tank costs \$600 and Jaiso spared this to go to the family that needed water so badly. Thanks Jaiso and May God bless you so much.



*Jane Birr, Renee, Jaiso and her mother Ms. Duche*

We visited Mr. Bbosa's family who received Jaiso Duche's water tower gift and the joy we saw in them made us Glorify God. They said they feel they are the richest people in the world to have water right in their compound. They have no issues of water anymore, food is prepared timely, children attend school regularly and on time and more so because they have allowed their neighbours share this water with them, and they have a better understanding and healthy communication with them, something they feel would be impossible if they did not have this water tank.



*Mr. Bbosa's family in front of their water tower*

Lastly but not least, the animals they keep have access to water too, making them healthier and hence being able to sell them for more money to meet their children's dues. The You tube link to the water tank constructed for this family is; <http://youtube/RQWFCVon2> so with support from people like you to have a water tower constructed, AHCM can change many people's lives in different ways

#### **4.1.4 Ms. Jane a resident of Luggi Village**

Jane lost her husband in 2014, and was left with four children. With no income to support herself and the children, she could not figure out how to solve the problem of water yet it was a long distance to the well. Not only was the well far but it had no clean and safe water since people shower and animals feed from it.



#### ***Ms. Jane's family at their newly constructed water tower***

AHCM felt the need to put a water tank in this family and Jane feels that she was rescued by AHCM because she never thought she would have such a big blessing in her family after the loss of her husband. Your support helps AHCM to bring joy and hope to these vulnerable children and their families in Uganda.

#### **4.1.5 Community Meetings and Assessment**

Before construction, a village meeting is held first to explain the technicalities and its intent. Then later an assessment is done in the village to pick out the most vulnerable families. In 2014, there were three village meetings and all these villages were assessed and 60 most vulnerable families identified.



*The Deputy Director Programs addressing locals of Lukwanga village*



*The F & A, carrying out a home assessment*

## 4.2 Safe project.

### 4.2.1 Project Description and Justification

This project consists of the children's home and all construction that is associated with it. With a guest house as well, the final outcome would be a sustainable non-discriminative community driven transitional children's home to accommodate at least 50 orphans and other vulnerable children as families are being sought for them. To sustain the transitional children's home, there was need to have a guest house and profits would be used to cater for the recurring basic expenditures like food, medical and utilities of the home.

### 4.2.2 Guest house

The year 2014, we managed to start on the construction of the guest house and one was fully finished and functional by July.



*The dining room inside the guest house*



*The exterior of the guest house still under construction*

### 4.2.3 Perimeter wall.

We are so proud to say that this year we started on the construction of the perimeter wall. It is very necessary for AHCM to have a perimeter wall around to the premises so as to protect the children from the child sacrifice vice. There are still wide spread beliefs that sacrificing young children and removing their body parts such as the tongue and genitals and offering them to spirits can make one rich and successful. So vulnerable young children are targets of kidnappers who have them killed by traditional witch doctors. This is one of the strong reasons why we needed a perimeter wall around the AHCM premises. We hope to finish this perimeter wall by the end of the year 2015.



*Construction of the Perimeter wall at AHCM*

## 4.3 Farming & Livestock projects

### 4.3.1 Farming projects.

Our farming project is aimed at seeing that AHCM home has enough food to supplement the food budget for stuff such as rice that we do not grow. This year round we only managed to get food from one season and this was not even enough for three months. The poor yields were due to the poor weather that was experienced. We are looking forward to the year 2015 to see that much more food is grown.

Types of food grown were beans, maize, matooke (green banana's) cassava and sweet potatoes.



*Children engaged in farming activities*

#### **4.3.2 Livestock project.**

We continued to receive milk from our older cow after it gave birth to a male calf and the other calves were cared for well. We expect that in the year 2015 both the older cow and the female calf will be expectant implying more milk & we may get a surplus to sell.



#### **4.4 Family Support Project.**

AHCM aims at having children stay in families as families are believed to be the best place for them to grow. Many times we find that children run away or don't want to stay at their homes (families) because the conditions are unfavorable for them. When we improve such conditions, many of the children we support enjoy and prefer to stay with their families than at the AHCM transitional children's home. Such unfavorable conditions are lack of enough food at home, lack of beddings, no education and abusive parents/guardians.

##### **4.4.1 Nabagala Christine's family.**

Christine 21 years old) is the oldest of 8 children in the family. The parents are both alive though unable to support them in any way and its Christine who had to look for what to eat for herself and her siblings since the age of 15'

Much as AHCM had intervened in Christine's and her siblings life, not all needs were met especially food. AHCM made sure they had beddings and school fees. During the numerous visits AHCM Directors made while monitoring the progress since the organizations intervention, it was realized that on many occasions these 8 children would sleep on empty stomachs. Even the times they got what to eat it would still not be enough.

When Mrs. Nancy Barna got interested in supporting Christine's university fees, she asked the Directors what else she would help in. Because Christine was the bread winner at home, the Directors felt like if Nancy supported this family with food then Christine would be relieved of this duty and she concentrates on her studies. In November 2014, the first consignment of food was purchased in addition to soap, charcoal and kerosene. The kerosene was seen as a great miracle because they usually stay in the dark at night since they don't have electric power at their home. This had a positive impact on their academic performance because they could now be able to revise their books at night and do their school work.



*Christine's family at the delivery of the first consignment of food and other supplies.*

#### **SITUATION AFTER THE PROVISION OF FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS.**

##### **Christine communicated the following changes after a month**

- They can now afford to have breakfast before going to school and have three meals a day which is such a pleasure.
- She expected academic performance to improve that school term since they had a balanced diet and surely there was an improvement in their academic performance.
- Had cleaner clothes and could bath with soap
- They had access to a light at night reducing accidents and increasing on more time to do their school work

And most importantly Christine as the older child was no longer faced with challenges to do with food to feed her siblings giving her time to concentrate on her studies and enjoying life as a normal young woman.

##### **4.4.2 Ronald Ssetumba.**

Ronald lives with his mum and he has been on AHCM sponsorship for the past 6years now because his parents were so poor and aged to support him through school. In June 2014, he lost his dad who was the bread winner of the family.



*Ronald and his Mum with the bicycle provided to them by AHCM.*

Ronald received a bicycle with support from his sponsor and this changed his life. He says he can be at school in time and he is not punished for coming late anymore (most schools if you are not there by schedule time, you are either beaten or given a task to do like cleaning the classes, cleaning the school compound etc) he said this with a great smile. The bicycle is also useful for the mum. She says it has improved transportation at home as they have access to places they couldn't and because they are pig farmers they are able to go and look for grass for the pigs and transport it back home no matter the distance.

#### **4.4.3 Mild May Supported Families.**

In 2014, three more families benefited from the support we got from Mildmay. The support was to boost their income generating activities so that they can be able to take care of their children's basic needs such as scholastic materials, food and medical requirements. The two families were Flavia's family, Mr. Ssembatya's family and Sebwayo's family.



#### ***The different AHCM parents/ guardian who benefitted from the Mild May - AHCM circle program***

##### **4.4.4 Basilika's Family**

In 2013 Basilika's Family was supported with a four roomed house with the help of AHCM supporters and in 2014 this same family benefited from the support when a pit latrine was constructed for them.



***Basilika at her new structure***

#### 4.4.5 Other Families supported.

The families of Moses and Enock managed to receive food stuff and toiletries. For Jovia's family when the sponsors reached there, they saw that there was need to get them beddings and this was done. All these three families were supported by the Wineck family from USA. Whitney's family was supported with funds for rent and food the whole year with the help of the Hopkins Family in the UK



The different family support initiatives carried out in 2014

#### 4.4.6 Home visits

It is our culture at AHCM to do home visits for both the children we accommodate (that's if their parents/guardians exist) and those that stay with their parents/guardians.

For the children we accommodate whose parents/guardians are in the picture, we work on improving the conditions in their homes so that they are better and suitable for them to be reunited with their families. For those that are with their families we want to ensure that they are protected and basic needs of these children are met. A family is the best place for a child to be so AHCM ensures that the environment is suitable for their upbringing.

In 2014, a number of home visits were conducted and many times food, bedding and clothing were delivered to these families through the support of the children sponsors.

Some of the families visited in the year 2014 are Christine's family, Ronald's family, Moses Tusabe's family, Enock's family, Jovia's family, Whitney's father, Basilika's family. Renee and Justin visited some of the families they supported with water tanks.



***Renee and Justin in the home they facilitated with a water tank***



***The Post family in Christine's home***

The Deputy Director and the Social work visited Mathias's family to check on his progress. He was doing well and his health improving



***The Deputy Director with Matthias and his grandmother during his resettlement exercise***

We also visited the home of Whitney's father together with the Bukomansimbi Probation and Social Welfare Officer and this was in the bid to see that he can be involved in his child's life and he was willing and very receptive.



***AHCM staff with Bukomansimbi Probation and Social Welfare Officer at Whitney's father's home***

#### **4.4.7 Parents/ Guardian meeting.**

To serve our children better we usually hold meetings with our children's parents/ guardians. The meetings are aimed at passing on information about parenting. We also have parents / guardian representative whose role is to monitor fellow parents/guardians and see if they are performing their parenting roles well.



*The Social Worker holding a meeting with Parents/guardians representatives at AHCM*

#### **4.4.8 Resettlement.**

As explained earlier AHCM tries as much as they can to keep children in families so we work with families to reduce the level of vulnerability in their homes. We were therefore able to resettle seven children and among these were Linda, Joseph, Kathryn, Ruth Mbabazi, Flavia Naiga, Edith and Nakyejjwe Sharon, AHCM continues to support all these children within the families and also follows them up.



*A home resettlement event at AHCM*

#### **4.4.9 Women's Conference.**

We were blessed to have Mrs. Barb Post and Mrs. Dawn Nemetz help in facilitating the women conference. This conference was aimed at training the women their role of parenting and ahow they can start small income generating activities and becoming entrepreneurs. This was in a bid to enable them to support their children as the role of taking care of a child is entirely a women role in many communities in the country.



*The proceedings at the Women's Conference at AHCM*

#### **4.4.10 Scholastic materials distribution.**

With the support of Mildmay, AHCM received scholastic materials to be distributed to all children in families affected and infected with HIV/AIDS.



*The Social Worker and Assistant Project Coordinator sorting out scholastic materials provided by Mild May*

#### **4.5 Well construction**

With the well available at AHCM we have been able to have 60% of the water needed on site.



*Construction of the well and the completed well at AHCM*

**This is a good achievement because now the following are possible;**

1. Safe and clean running water is available to cater for the daily routine work.
2. Children no longer hassle with the long distance while fetching water daily. We only fetch the water when the place is over populated which is a rare occurrence
3. The organization is no longer scared of the possible accidents that children might face resulting from collecting water outside the home premises.
4. The house chores are done in time thus giving the children ample time to rest and concentrate on their own school work.
5. Funds that were meant to buy water are now allocated to other activities.

#### **4.6 Art and Crafts projects**

This project has continuously supported the needs of AHCM especially the scholastic materials, the Birthday celebrations and transport to school for those children/young adults that commute to school.



#### ***Children making different art and craft materials***

Older children and young adults during their spare time engage in the art and crafts to make items that can be sold to bring in some small income to the organization

## CHAPTER FIVE

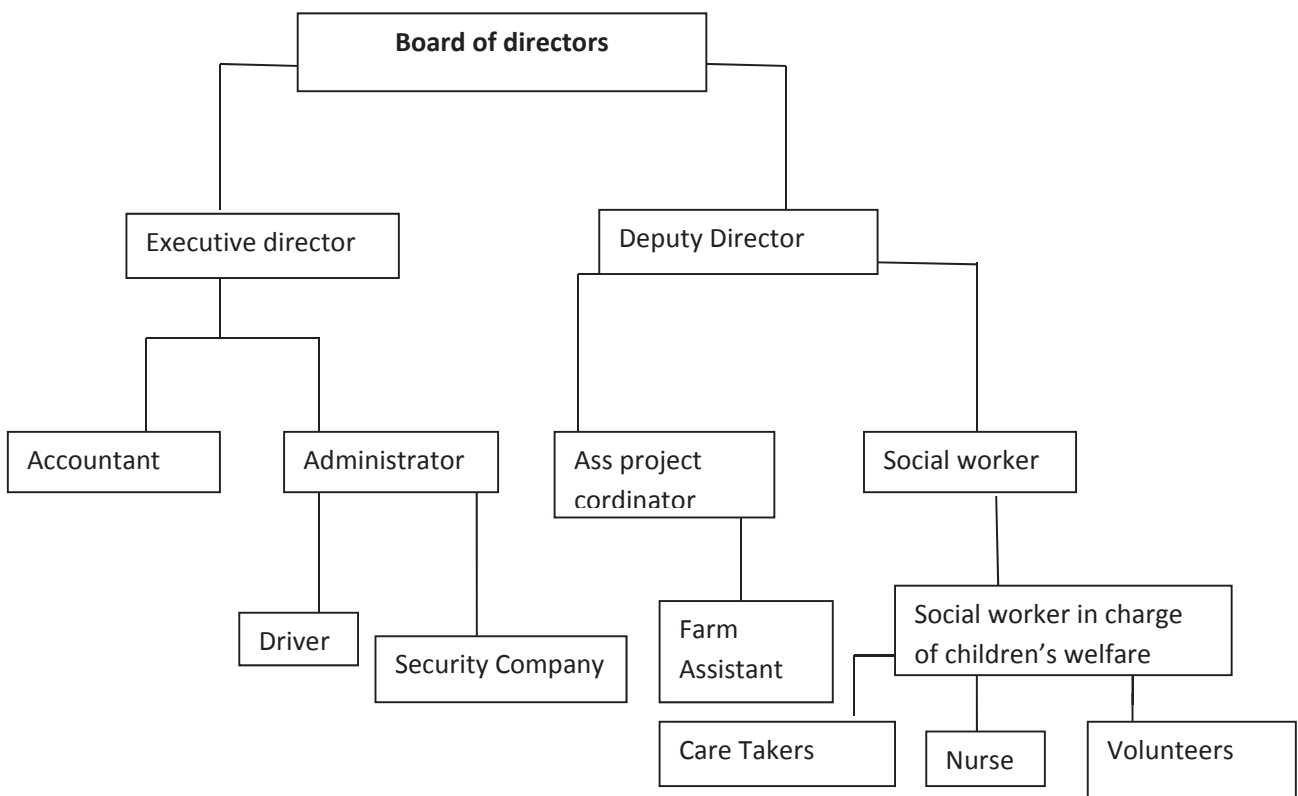
### 5.0 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.

#### 5.1 Administration

With two Directors and a team of staff, they are working to see that the lives of vulnerable children and their families are improved.

We had different departments such as the social welfare Department which was headed by Mr. Kibirige Timothy, The Finance and Administration Department over seen by the Executive director, and the projects department overseen by the Deputy Director, see organ gram for more details.

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This year some staff were enrolled such as an additional the social worker, another caretaker, nurse accountant and Administrator, however AHCM couldn't continue with some of them.

### **5.1.1 Management Meeting**

We had all four of our management meetings held this year, and we were honoured that for the first time we had the assistant DHO, the probation officer of Wakiso district and the LC3 of Wakiso district attend our management meeting at the same time.

### **5.1.2 Monthly and Departmental Meetings.**

Every month, management ensured that a monthly and at least two departmental meetings would take place. These meetings help a lot in keeping communication lines open within the organisation.



*Staff during a monthly meeting*

### **5.1.3 Board meeting**

It was unfortunate that we could not have all our four meetings in the year as many Board members were busy. However, the chairperson Board of Directors was very much available and offered all the necessary support that we needed and we are very grateful for her time and commitment.



*Board meeting session*

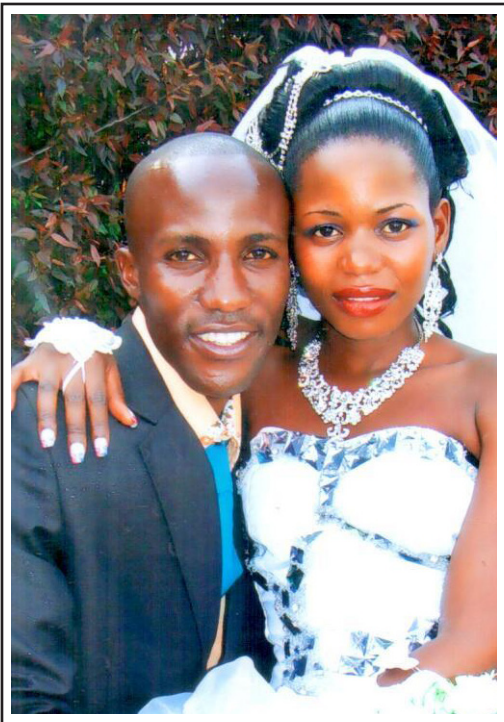
#### 5.1.4 Staff outing

Also the staff at AHCM had a chance to go out and relax during their stress management outing. It was a unique experience this time. The Japanese Restaurant! It felt a special place because of the new food types the staff tried and more so the names of the food types they tried out that were in Japanese. Richard one of the casual workers who takes care of our cow was over whelmed because this was his first time to go out. He had more than any of us. In his own words, "Oh my God, this is the most exciting day in my life so far!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"



#### 5.1.5 Mr. Timothy Kibirige's wedding.

Timothy our social worker finally got his bride Agnes and they wedded in December. We are praying for God's blessing upon them in this new life they have started.



*Timothy and Agnes on their wedding day*

### 5.1.6 New Births at AHCM.

The Directors were able to get a new addition to their family that is a baby boy named Quincy. Also Cissy Kusemeza, the Assistant Project Coordinator gave birth to another baby. We are so grateful to God for these new additions.

## 5.2 Finances

### 5.2.1 Sources of funding.

The total funding for the year 2014 was Five Hundred Eighteen Millions Five Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand and One Hundred Twenty Two Ugandan shillings(Ugshs. 518,538,122) of which 76% was received through Good Measure International. Majority of the funds were meant for the Children's Direct Expenses. This year, we received quite a larger sum of money because of the numerous construction endeavours that is the Guest house, ground-wall and perimeter wall. The construction funds for the guest house came through Your Sibling before end of the year 2013 and some through Good Measure International. All the funds donated for the AHCM well and the perimeter wall came through Good Measure international.

**Table5.1 Sources of Income in Uganda Shillings**

Organization	Amount	Percentage
Good Measure International	384,917,293.25	76
AHCM	55,356,444	10.7
European Adoption	10,860,900	2.1
AID THAT HELPS	15,304,640	3.0
Acts 1:8 ministry	37,111,320	7.2
Lift the children	4,987,525	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>518,538,122.25</b>	

### 5.2.2 Expenditures

**Table 5.2 AHCM 2014 Expenses**

EXPENSES	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Legal Guardianship	5,188,200	1.2
Art& Craft	321,500	0.1
Bank Charges	4,551,225	1.1
Beddings Expenses	1,026,000	0.2
Children's Feeding Expenses	17,677,500	4.2
Children's Medical Expenses	7,800,700	1.9
Children's Fees &		
Other Related Expenses	74,754,600	17.9
Other Children Welfare	11,798,350	2.8
Community Support &		
Development Expenses	70,280,300	16.8
Diary Farm Expenses	1,143,500	0.3
Director's Foreign		
Travel Expenses	20,137,623	4.8
Farm Expenses	4,634,700	1.1
General Repairs And		
Maintenance	731,500	0.2
General Travels	23,049,300	5.5
Janitorial Expenses	183,500	0.0
Land Surveying Expenses	1,500,000	0.4
Machine Repair And Maintenance	855,000	0.2
Meeting Expenses	773,700	0.2
Miscellaneous Expenses	4,247,012	1.0
Office Expenses	7,437,900	1.8
Parents Sensitization Expenses	687,900	0.2
Postage Expenses	2,536,000	0.6
Power And Lightening Expenses	3,762,500	0.9
Rent Expenses	800,000	0.2
Salaries And Allowances/Wages	59,286,498	14.2
Nssf Expense Account	5,255,550	1.3
Security Expenses	16,946,160	4.1
Staff Welfare Expenses	2,780,100	0.7
Telephone And Internet Expenses	4,976,284	1.2
Water Expenses	1,740,000	0.4
Vehicle Expenses	557,000	0.1

Vehicle Repair And Maintenance	12,363,500	3.0
Volunteer Expenses	2,419,200	0.6
Depreciation Expenses	39,569,364	9.5
Audit Fees Expense	2,500,000	0.6
Bad Debts Expense	3,089,346	0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>417,361,513</b>	

## CHAPTER SIX

### ADVOCACY & CAPACITY BUILDING.

#### 6.1 Advocacy.

##### 6.1.1 Fundraising.

The Directors tried their level best to fundraise both nationally and internationally.

The two Directors both travelled to Wisconsin, USA and they were grateful to God who gave them the opportunity to travel again to Wisconsin. It was an amazing time for them as they spread more word about AHCM and accounted for the great support coming from this area to the organization. God provided their flight fares through the Wineck family, thanks so much for your help and for the accommodation and travels within USA. They were able to get lots of goods for the children such as clothes, shoes, back packs, Bibles, vitamins, solar lights to mention but a few. Thanks to you all that donated these items for the children and those that put in time to spread the word or help secure speaking engagements. And to those who accommodated them in different days much love and appreciation to you all.

All you did has made AHCM a suitable and joyous place for the children to be. We had no worries about Christmas gifts, every child was able to get a gift on Christmas because of you.

Because of the vitamins and medication you donated, the children were able to have an improved health. HIV positive parents/Guardians too benefited from these vitamins hence it helped them live a longer healthier life to support their children.

The Directors thanked everyone for the moments they had with each of you that they met. They packed goods each weighing 50 pounds (23kgs), they didn't know how they could bring them back to Uganda but God paved a smooth way. Special thanks go to Renee Wineck for all her time she spent with the Directors, insightful advice, transportation and the patience she exhibited with them. We ask God to greatly bless you because we feel there's absolutely nothing that we could give you to compensate for your efforts. We do thank your family too for allowing us to borrow you. It is people like you that help AHCM to meet the spiritual and physical needs of the vulnerable children and families under our care as well as inspire us to keep doing this. We do thank the students of Yale Glen in Australia who engaged in fundraising on behalf of AHCM.



*T-shirts that they used in the event*

*Rebecca, Jessica and Stella donning on T-Shirts that were provided by students of Yale Glen in Australia*

### 6.1.2 Networking.

AHCM is a part of various networks and forums such as the Nansana Civil Society Organisation Network where AHCM has held the position of secretary since December 2012. Other forum we belong to are the Wakiso NGO forum and the Wakiso sub-county civil society network, and this is all in a bid to create a synergy to get rid of various challenges being faced in our communities.



*AHCM representatives attending the one of the many network meetings with other organisations.*

AHCM also assigned a memorandum of understanding with Child's I in a bid to ensure that less children are kept in child care institutions.

### 6.1.3 Legal status.

We managed to have a renew our NGO certificate for five years which is the longest any NGO can secure and we are proud of this since it proves that the authorities feel that our services are relevant in the community. Currently our approved Children's home certificate will expire in May 2015 and we have already started on efforts to have it renewed.

## **6.2 Capacity building.**

### **6.2.1 Staff trainings.**

With the facilitation by Mrs. Dawn Nemetz of USA our staff were trained in store management. Different skills were passed on and by the time Dawn left, she had left our storage house well organized and everything could easily be located as well as a proper inventory instituted in place.

AHCM staff were furthermore trained in how to save so as to carry out constructive investment to improve their finances ad their families' welfare.



***Judith, an expert from FXB training AHCM staff in Saving and Financial Management***

### **6.2.2 Support from Child I Foundation.**

We are grateful that the social workers of child'S I foundation paid several visits to AHCM officers and helped in ensuring that we had all the necessary documentation required by Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development and carry out proper filing.



***The Directors during a consultative visit from Child's I Foundation Social Workers***

### **6.2.3 Visit to Child's I FOUNDATION.**

The Directors of AHCM visited this organization and met with Lucy the Director to discuss how best AHCM can work with them in regards to child welfare issues particularly the idea of local fostering. It was nice for the Directors to move around the organization and get an insight of how AHCM can be improved.

## CHAPTER SEVEN

### 7.0 OTHERS

#### 7.1 World Toilet Day Celebration

We had the privilege of having the Deputy Director invited by the District Health Inspector's Office in Wakiso district to sensitize people about the importance of owning pit latrines in their homes and how much it saves people's lives when faecal matter is disposed off properly which also reduces the strain on government on World toilet day.. With \$445 a family can be helped to have a toilet that would change their lives. Join us in this campaign of scaling up the percentage of those that own a toilet in Magogo Parish, in Wakiso District.

#### 7.2 HIV/AIDS safe male circumcision, breast cancer campaign.

We were part of the team that launched a campaign on prevention of new HIV infections, safe male circumcision and breast cancer screening in partnership with Kiyita Family Alliance Development (KIFAD) at Mende sub-county, in Wakiso District. The AHCM children's choir performed a skit on HIV/AIDS and sang some songs pertaining the disease. It is important to involve young children in the HIV/AIDS campaigns to help prevent HIV infections amongst themselves. With your support we are able to pass on HIV preventive messages to all the young people in our District.

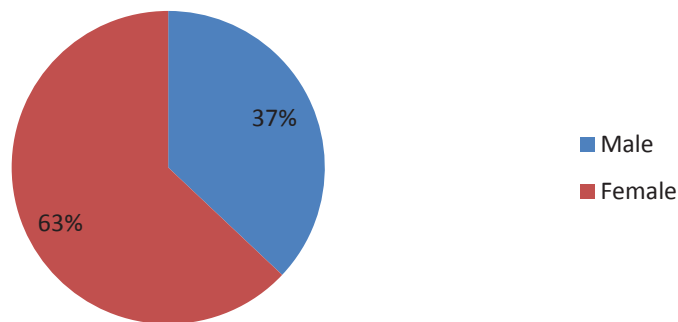


*The AHCM children's choir performing at KIFAD offices during the HIV/AIDS prevention campaign*

#### 7.3 HIV counseling and testing.

With partnership from KIFAD and Kabanga health center, we managed to carry out HIV counseling and testing in Kabanga village and 208 were tested as well as being extensively taught about HIV/AIDS .

**Figure 7.1 People counseled and tested for HIV by Sex**



**1. Barb and Dawn filling in medical records of patients at Kabanga Health Centre and  
2. Volunteers with KIFAD carrying out HIV tests of community members in Kabanga  
3. Dan Post distributing contraceptives to patients at Kabanga Health Centre**

#### **7.4 Community Medical Outreach at AHCM.**

With Doctor Mike Post, AHCM management decided to have a community medical outreach in Lukwanga Parish where people came for general checkup, simple pain killers and vitamins were administered. Dr. Post carried this out with the help of our clinician Mr. Moses Galla and together they saw about 315 patients on this day.



**Doctor Post attending to a male patient**

**Dr. Galla attending to a sick child during the Coomunity medical outreach**

# CHAPTER EIGHT

## SUCSESSES, CHALLENGES RECOMMENDATIONS AND LESSONS LEARNT.

### 8.1 Successes.

1. Started on the construction of the perimeter wall
2. Started on the construction of the Guest House and completed one wing
3. Had some of our young adults graduate with a degree and certificates in different disciplines
4. Supported more families hence more children reached.

### 8.2 Challenges

- Lack of a comitted Nurse
- Received so many malnourished children
- Limited funding towards education
- Reshuffle within the child and family protection unit of Nansana which hindered us from getting information to trace parents/guardians for the abandoned and abused children.

### 8.3 Recommendations

- All children received through Police should have the required documentation before they are taken on
- Fundraising more to cater for the increasing needs of the children especially educational needs
- Have our own vocational school to enable many children attain vocational skills
- Fundraise intensively to ensure that a nurse is available at the AHCM Transitional Home

### 8.4 Lessons learnt

- Increased liaison and establishment of meaningful links with the Government Policies and Standard Practices to keep us up to date
- Keeping children in families reduces on the running costs at AHCM transitional home.

## CHAPTER NINE

### UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Completion of the Perimeter wall.
2. Fundraising for the renovation of the two buildings at the proposed vocational site and also construction of a new classroom block
3. Fundraise for the purchase of a new double cabin vehicle
4. Starting a fostering program
5. Working with young girls in Lukwanga parish to address their needs and build their self esteem.

### APPENDICES

**Table 1: AHCM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

S. NO	NAME	DESIGNATION.
1	Ms. Nambowa Ruth Bulyaba	Executive director
2	Mr. Kasozi Daniel	Deputy director
3	Ms. Kusemeza Cissy	Asst project coordinator
4	Mr. Kibirige Timothy	Social worker
5	Ms Juliet Mbabazi	Accountant
6	Mrs. Nassuna Rehema	Care taker
7	Ms. Nakazibwe Marry	Wakiso district probation
8	Mr. Kagwire	Assistant district health office
9	MR. Lubega	Wakiso sub-county LC3

**TABLE 2: Board of directors**

S.No	Name	Title
1	Ms. Nakanjako Aidah	Chairperson
2	Mr. Jason carpenter	Vice chair person
3	Mr. Sebuliba Isaac	Treasurer
4	Mr. KAYIZI Joseph	Member
5	Mr. Kiranda Richard	Member
6	Ms. Nambowa Ruth Bulyaba	Secretary
7	Mr. Kasozi Daniel	Secretary