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## ACRONYMS

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| AHCM:         | Another Hope Children's Ministries.    |
| NGO:          | Non Governmental Organization          |
| IGAs:         | Income Generating Activities           |
| GMI:          | Good Measure International             |
| ATH:          | Aid That Helps.                        |
| <b>CFPUO:</b> | Child & Family Protection Unit Officer |
| LTC:          | Lift The Children                      |
| PSWO:         | Probation and Social Welfare Officer   |

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS



It's yet another year down that we have been able to live through, and we must say it has been a rollercoaster. From dealing with children and staff misconduct to moving into our yet to be completed new home, it has been an unforgettable experience. We cannot forget to say thanks to God the Almighty who makes it all happen as well as all our great friends that have stood with us in serving these vulnerable children of Uganda. Without you, it could not be possible to stay standing.

We appreciate your love and care not only to the children and families we serve but also to us.

We are looking forward for the same spirit in the year 2014 and join us as we take on our possibly most exciting year ever!

May God richly bless you.

***Kasozi Daniel and Nambowa Ruth Bulyaba***

***Directors, Another Hope Children's Ministries***

## **1.0 CHAPTER ONE: BACKGROUND OF AHCM**

### **1.1 Introduction**

This report is about the activities that were carried out by Another Hope Children's Ministries (AHCM) during the year 2013. It also highlights some of the successes, challenges/failures and recommendations that were under taken.

Another Hope Children's Ministries (AHCM) is an officially registered and approved Children's/ babies home and NGO, dedicated to bringing hope through love and care to orphaned and impoverished street children in Uganda.

Miss Nambowa Ruth Bulyaba established the organization in 2005 based on her childhood upbringing. It was founded with a focus on increasing awareness about the plight of vulnerable and disadvantaged children in Uganda while also carrying out activities to help improve on their situation.

### **1.2 Vision Mission**

**Our 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.”

**Our Mission** is meeting the spiritual and physical needs of vulnerable children in Uganda through strategic partnership, ministering and undertaking specialized sustainable child focused initiatives.

### **1.3 OBJECTIVES**

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 and take care of their health.
4. Provide safe and clean water for the children.
5. Capacity building.

#### **1.4 TARGET GROUP**

Currently, AHCM serves children both at its home and in the community. These are children of varied backgrounds such as HIV/AIDS infected and affected children, abandoned and orphans. AHCM is gender sensitive thus admits both girls and boys. The ages of those supported range between 0-23 years.

AHCM also targets families of these vulnerable children so as to reduce the vulnerability of these families and to see that more children stay at home rather than being institutionalized. This ensures more effectiveness of all intervention efforts undertaken.

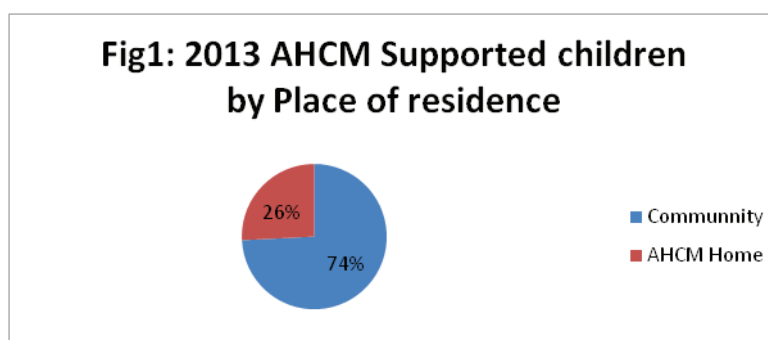
## 2.0 CHAPTER TWO: PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT AND BASIC CARE.

The activities are classified under the National Core Programs (CPAs) of intervention for orphans and vulnerable children.

### 2.1 Children Served

Overall in this year, the total number of children served was 128 of which majority (63%) were females. Among these children 28 were children received from Police and Probation offices of Wakiso, Luweero, and Mityana for temporary custody. AHCM managed to enroll 11 children onto its program in the year 2013 of which 6 were Males and 5 Females.

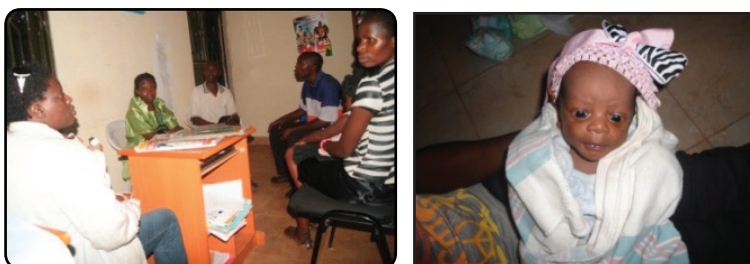
AHCM implements both the institutional care approach and the community based approach. 95 out of 128 children served in 2013 were staying with either their parents or guardians as shown in the chart below;



Most of those staying at the home are either total orphans, have no traceable families or are faced with dangerous situations in their indigenous homes.

#### 2.1.2 New Children enrolled

We received a new baby who was referred by the Probation Officer Luwero. Tendo Mathias lost his mother two days after birth and his grandmother could not provide for him. AHCM received Tendo when he was one week old. Tendo's mum was a disabled teenage Mum of 17 years old and was under the support of Concern For The Girl Child an NGO in Luwero District.



*The AHCM Director with Tendo's grandmother, a team from Concern For The Girl Child and Tendo.*

Enrolled Olivia Nabuuma (13 years) who had come for temporary custody because no one at that time could stay with her and she also needed a lot of rehabilitation. Olivia was rescued from the bush where she was staying with her father, a drug addict who was sexually harassing her together with her disabled brother. Father was put in prison and efforts to locate mum were on and we were lucky to find the mum (*see home visit section*).



**Photo1: Olivia the day she came to AHCM**



**Photo2: Olivia after two weeks at AHCM**

The organization intends to fully rehabilitate Olivia and empower her mother to provide a safe and proper home for her children before Olivia is ready to be resettled back.

## **2.2 Recreation**

### **2.2.1 Children's Party**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2013, we had a children's Christmas party at Konna in Wakiso. Parents, guardians and all children (residing in the community as well as at AHCM home) attended. Children received gifts and we do thank everyone that supported this event. It was a memorable time for the children.



#### ***Children during the Christmas Party at Kkona – January 2013***

In December 2013, we also held a Christmas party for the community children at the Way and the Truth church in Massajja village, Wakiso District. This gathered a number of children including those from the surrounding villages. It was great joy seeing these children (many of whom never have a chance to have a Christmas party) enjoy the celebrations.



***Christmas party at The Way  
And The Truth Church***



Children at AHCM celebrated Christmas with lots of fun and received gifts. The older ones had a chance to watch a 3D movie at a movie theatre which was a great adventure for them.



### 2.2.2 Birthdays

We had the chance of celebrating birthdays for our children. Below are some of the pictures of the birthday celebrations



On a special note we held Owen's birthday (a son to Jason and Tiffany Adkins -Aisha's Legal parents) which was celebrated in his absentia.



Jason & Tiffany on Owen's birthday



### 2.2.3 Sports and games

Our children have a fun time by engaging in various games like racing, skipping, and soccer among others.

## 2.3 Education

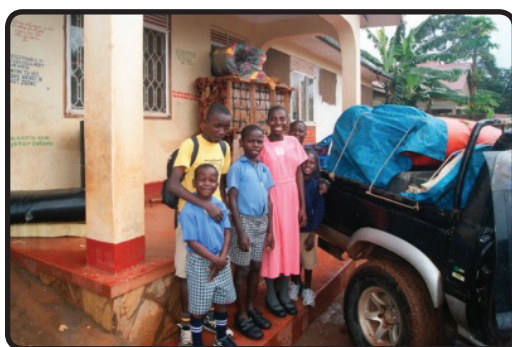
AHCM served both the institutionalized and community based children with school fees. All the accommodated school going children and some of the community children were provided with scholastic materials and all other school necessities.

**Table 1: Children supported by AHCM By level of Education and Gender**

| Levels                  | Frequency | Females   | Males     |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Pre-Primary             | 17        | 12        | 5         |
| Primary                 | 58        | 30        | 28        |
| Secondary               | 12        | 9         | 3         |
| Vocational Institutions | 3         | 3         | 0         |
| University              | 1         | 1         | 0         |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>91</b> | <b>55</b> | <b>36</b> |

### 2.3.1 Back to School

More children enrolled for boarding school this year because AHCM was moving to its new premises and there aren't standard schools within its vicinity. All these left for school and came back well. Below are some of the children ready to go to the boarding schools.



*Hellen and Gloria at Baroma International Vocational Institute*

### 2.3.2 Graduation

Brenda is our first graduate. She has been with AHCM for 5 years since the age of 13. Her father had sexually abused and she had reached the brink of committing suicide. A church rescued her and she was referred to us. AHCM stepped in and provided a safe home and the opportunity for an education. Through many years of hard work Brenda was able to graduate, completing the primary teachers training Certificate course at Kabulasoke Teacher's Training Institute, Mpigi District. We are so grateful to God for this amazing achievement.



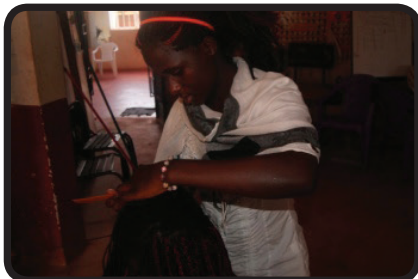


### 2.3.3 Academic Evaluation

AHCM carried out an academic evaluation exercise that aimed at assessing the academic performance and behavior of children while at school with the aim of giving them appropriate help. The assessment was done with the teachers and schools' management of the children. Also children in higher institutions of learning were assessed. Bernah was assessed at her place of internship for her final year in University.



*The social worker discussing the performance with headmaster St Jude Kabanga Primary School.*



*AHCM higher institution students*

### 2.3.4 School Visitations

Children were visited at their respective schools during the designated school visits and their performance was reviewed with the teachers. They were so happy to have someone come and visit them.



*Children of St. Mary's Prideway on their school visitation day*

### 2.3.5 School Speech Days

Our children at St. Mary's Pride Way in Nansana had their speech day where they participated in music, dance and drama. Our volunteers Jill & Katrina attended the ceremony



**Jill and Katrina attending the speech day at St. Mary's Prideway in Nansana**

### 2.3.6 The children's Career Guidance Seminar

A career guidance seminar was organized and attended by all children who were twelve years and above under the support of AHCM. This seminar was intended to equip children with knowledge about the different career choices available which they can chose to take.

Discussions were done on the following themes; child rights, responsibilities, child Labour and education development.

The presenters in this seminar were the Executive Director AHCM, the Deputy Director and Mr. Kitaaka Brian, a consultant.



***Mr. Brian Kitaaka speaking to children during the Career guidance Seminar***

Also the social worker and the Administrator held various education talks with the children; all this was aimed at seeing that children perform better.



***AHCM staff during an educational talk session with the children***



## 2.4 Child Protection and Legal support.

### 2.4.1 General Parents and Guardians meetings

In the first quarter of the year, we had a parents meeting to discuss the different policy issues that had been adopted by the organization. The meeting was to encourage parents to bring all documents that are required to be included in the children's files for proper follow up. Parents were also informed of the new HIV testing program for all the children that are supported by the organization. Mr Ziwa Sam from Nurture Africa a partner organization was the consultant AHCM contacted to train parents and guardians on how they can look after their children. Parents were also informed of the organization's planned activities for the year 2013.



*Some of the moments captured during the General Parents & Guardians meeting*

In the third quarter of the year, the last parents/guardians meeting for the year was held at the new children's home in Konna-West, Wakiso sub-County. Issues regarding the children's discipline and the ways on how to improve household income were discussed. Parents requested AHCM to help them form groups to help them get interest free loans to improve their household incomes.



*Parents and the Executive Director AHCM during the parents meeting.*

### 2.4.2 Child resettlement meeting

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2013, six children were resettled back to their families. These were:

Nambassa Rebecca, Birabwa Sandra, Kiyonga Twaha, Nayiga Diana, Nakaweesi Whitney and Nakitende Flavia. The resettlement was witnessed by the Acting District Community Development Officer Wakiso, Mr Kivumbi Alex, and officers from the child and family protection unit Nansana police post.



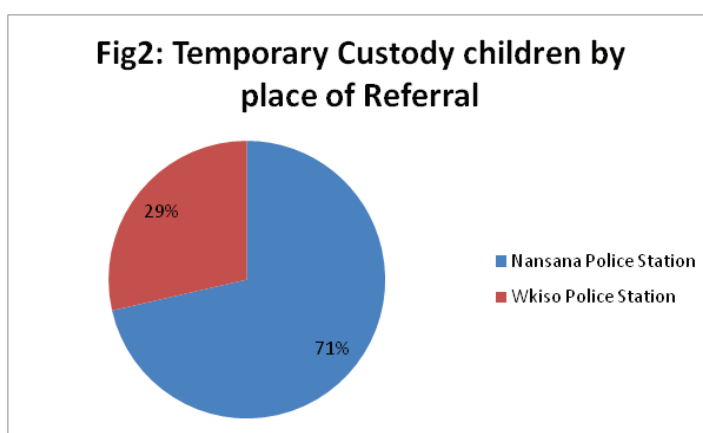
A meeting for all the parents/guardians whose children were to be resettled in January 2014 was held. The intention of this meeting was to prepare them for the resettlement of their children. Those to be resettled were Nabukenya Linda, Sebayonzi Joseph, Basinge Kathryn, Mbabazi Ruth, Nakyejwe Sharon, Nayiga Flavia and Namwanje Edith.



*Guardians during the child resettlement meeting preparation with the Deputy Director*

### 2.4.3 Temporary custody

During the year 28 children were given temporary custody and care. All these children were referred to AHCM by the Child & Family Protection unit of Nansana and Wakiso Police stations. Reasons for temporary custody referral were abandonment, child physical abuse and missing among others. Most (71%) of these children were referred by Nansana Police Station. Also majority (53.6%) of the referred children were found missing and only 1 was sexually assaulted and 1 was due to a joint child custody battle. *See fig 2 and table 2&3 below*



**Table 2: Temporary custody children by month and sex.**

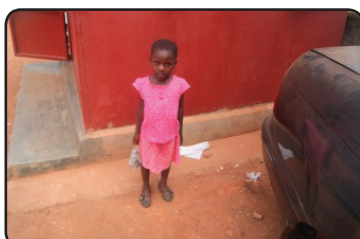
| Month     | Number of children referred | Males | Females |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|---------|
| January   | 1                           | 0     | 1       |
| February  | 3                           | 3     | 0       |
| March     | 2                           | 1     | 1       |
| April     | 1                           | 0     | 1       |
| May       | 4                           | 2     | 2       |
| June      | 0                           | 0     | 0       |
| July      | 5                           | 1     | 4       |
| August    | 2                           | 0     | 2       |
| September | 3                           | 1     | 2       |

| Month        | Number of children referred | Males    | Females   |
|--------------|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| October      | 3                           | 1        | 2         |
| November     | 2                           | 0        | 1         |
| December     | 2                           | 0        | 2         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>28</b>                   | <b>9</b> | <b>19</b> |

**Table 3: Temporary custody children by reason for referral**

| Month                | Frequency | Percentage |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|
| Missing              | 15        | 53.6       |
| Abandoned            | 2         | 7.1        |
| Sexual Abuse         | 1         | 3.6        |
| Physical abuse       | 7         | 25.0       |
| Sick parents         | 2         | 7.1        |
| Child Custody Battle | 1         | 3.6        |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>28</b> |            |

Below are some of the children that were referred for temporary custody



### ***Kavubu Ritone with his father***

The child below was brought to AHCM by the Child & Family Protection Unit Officer (CFPUO) of Nansana Police station. He was physically abused by his step mother. We managed to unite him with his aunt aunt after the father showed up at the organization.



Most of these children stayed for three days and were taken back to their relatives. Only two children stayed for longer, one for one and a half months and a half and the other spent three months and is currently living at the organization's premises.



#### 2.4.4 Tracing of parents/relatives & Reunification

Nakigudde Teddy's maternal aunt came to AHCM and atleast now we have contact with her. We had lost contact with her dad who was reported to be dead and there was no information about relatives from both the paternal and maternal relatives.



*Nakigudde Teddy's maternal aunt with Teddy*

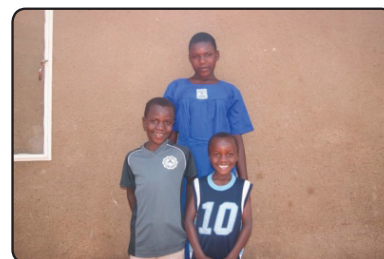
All Temporary custody children in 2013 were re-united with their parents. Bridgette was resettled back with her father by the CFPUE and Hadijah was picked by her mother from AHCM home. Baseke Sharifah with her brothers, Yusufu and Mukalele were handed over to the probation officer Kyankwanzi who reunited them with their parents



*Namubiru Hadijah with her mother.*



*Bridget with her parents Baseke*



*Sharifah with her brothers, Yusufu and Mukalele*

After getting the actual story about Habibah and Hanifah that their father was actually the one who took them to police as orphans of a friend, a search for what might have happened to their mother began and we managed to trace their mother who came and visited them children at AHCM premises in Kkona, Wakiso Sub-county. She came with the paternal and maternal relatives of these children.



*Habibah and Hanifah's relatives.*



*Habibah and Hanifah with their mother*

#### 2.4.5 Children's Seminar on Child Protection and Abuse

We had a child protection seminar which was done at the AHCM new Home in Kkona Village, Wakiso Sub-County. The seminar was attended by all children aged 8 years and above. It was facilitated by the CFPUE of Wakiso Police Station, Madam Nakibuuka Edith and Mr. Ziiwa Sam, the Nurture Africa Child Protection officer.



*The children during and after the seminar.*

#### 2.4.6 Children's Meetings

Children had various meetings in which they discussed various issues do with their home & school environment such as issues that are affecting their lives and to find ways of how to live better at AHCM.



*The Executive Director  
with the children during one  
of their meetings.*

#### 2.5 Health

Most of the sicknesses especially malaria, cough and flue were managed at the AHCM clinic. Four children had an issue with their ears; purse was coming out and they were treated at Mulago Hospital.

It was mostly (53%) girls that fell sick in 2013, see table 3 below

**Table4: Number of children that fell sick in 2013 by sex**

| Sex          | Frequency | Percentage |
|--------------|-----------|------------|
| Male         | 18        | 42         |
| Female       | 25        | 58         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>43</b> | <b>100</b> |

Malaria was the most (30%) common disease during the year followed by the colds as shown in table 4 below,

**Table 5: sickness/disease frequency in 2013**

| Sickness/Disease              | Frequency | Percentage |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Fractures                     | 4         | 6          |
| Malaria                       | 19        | 30         |
| Colds                         | 12        | 19         |
| Diahorrea                     | 6         | 10         |
| Skin Infection                | 3         | 5          |
| Measles                       | 1         | 2          |
| Polyuria (Frequent urination) | 1         | 2          |
| Eye infections                | 3         | 5          |
| Brain Damage/Memory loss      | 2         | 3          |
| General body weakness/pain    | 4         | 6          |
| Wounds                        | 3         | 5          |
| Accidents                     | 5         | 8          |

| Sickness/Disease | Frequency | Percentage |
|------------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>63</b> |            |

Habibah and Hanifa (sisters) were in very poor condition when we received them on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012. They were malnourished and Habibah had a rectal relapse. A lot of care was given to them and we are glad to announce that by the end of the year, they were very healthier and normal children. Hanifa could walk and talk.

Baby Kwagala Christa gained some weight after a long time of intervention.



On a sad note, in July five children were involved in a hit and run accident as they went to school. Three of them sustained serious injuries, but they all recovered well.

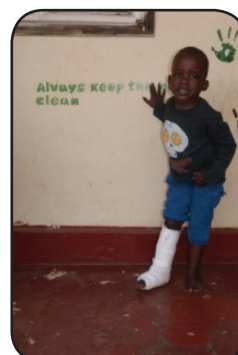


Kato Samuel suffered a dislocation in his leg which took close to three months for him to recover. Mark throughout the year had several leg dislocations. Doctors said that he has very weak bones and this is why he gets these problems. Various interventions to see that his bones get stronger were implemented, which included switching his diet.

Another little girl, Nakigudde Teddy broke her leg as well but received treatment and she got better.



*Kato Samuel*

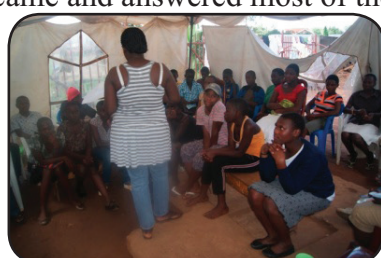


*Teddy Nakigudde*

We conducted an HIV testing exercise at AHCM. This exercise was meant to test all the AHCM supported children whose HIV status wasn't known. 83 children were tested by the counselors from Nurture Africa. Children from the age of 12 years were taught about HIV /AIDS. Thanks to the AHCM staff and Nurture Africa volunteers who carried out the testing exercise. All the 83 children tested were HIV Negative. Also other children in the known families of the children were tested and only one was found positive out of 69.



We also conducted health talks in which different AHCM staff presented. We also had an elderly woman that came and answered most of the older girls reproductive health questions.





We managed to get more Fire extinguishers which were installed at the new AHCM Home in Kkona Village.  
Special Thanks go to everyone who ensured that this was achieved.



## 2.6 Clothing, Beddings, shoes and other gifts

Many of our children received items from their sponsors and other AHCM supporters. To some children, these items were delivered to them at their homes while others came for them at AHCM. Thanks to the sponsors and AHCM staff who delivered the items.



*Some children received dresses from Ms. Debbie Welch*

## 2.7 Feeding

We thank everyone that has supported us with food. We did receive food from the Weisman Family from USA. Also European Adoption INC in USA donated funds for the nutritional and food for the children. These food donations went along way to supplement the food that we got from the farm.

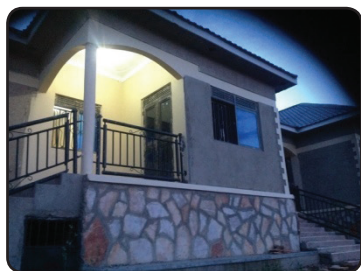


## 2.8 Shelter

In the second week of October 2013, we shifted to our permanent home in Kkona, Wakiso sub-county. This was the greatest achievement. We are very grateful to all those that stood with us to see that we have a permanent home for the children. Thank you so much Yoursibling, The Post



family and others, we pray to God to bless you abundantly.



## 2.9 Spiritual Guidance

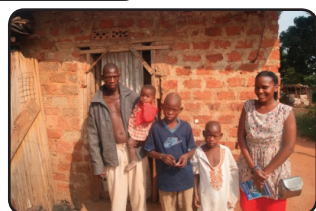
We had various topics that we shared on about God. For instance, in June, our topic in our fellowship was on **“Building our relationship with God”** children shared their views about this and it was great to see how we all agreed how important this was in our lives. Also 4 children and mummy Ruth had a week of prayer and fasting and 2 of them and mummy Ruth spent a night at the prayer mountain praying for AHCM’s sustainability and development.



Other topics were about Doing the best (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:15), Worship (John 4:23-25), Being a fighter (Ephesians 6:10-14) and Doing the Best for the Best results (Psalms 1:1) among others.

## 2.10 Home Visits

Three homevisits were done in three homes of children who come from Luwero District. The homes were those of Nabuma Jacky & Katongole Allan, Abigaba Nansamba Angel & Kirabo Sumayiyah and lastly the home of Nakirijja Hajarrah. Various issues regarding children’s behaviour and encouraging the parents to visit and be participative in their children’s lives were discussed. Home visits were also done for the children (Kakande, Susan & Twaha) from Kiboga Districts. This was the first time we managed to trace Twaha’s maternal side.

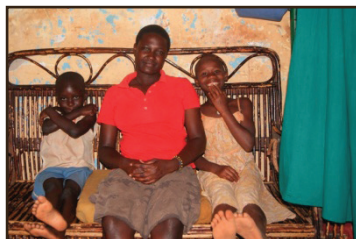


1 - Directors during a home visit of Nakalanzi Gloria at Kiyindi, 2 - Jill & Katrina during a home visit at Hajara’s home 3-Aunt Macy during a home visit 4- Olivia & her mum

In the third quarter of the year, there were home visits conducted in the homes of a set of twins Nakato Enid and Babirye Angel, Mugerwa Reagan, Nambatya Jovia and Mr Semakalu's family. During the home visits, assessments on the families were done to find out need and also clarification on some vital information about the children was obtained from the guardians. Some of the important events in the lives of the members of the families visited were also recorded for example a loss of a guardian. Volunteers that were around helped to participate in the Home visit exercises. Reagan received beddings, shoes and a bag and Teddy Nanyonjo received gifts from her sponsors Uncle Bob & Aunt Penny through their Daughter Rebecca who was visiting.



Adoo Reginah was visited to find out the reasons why her academic performance had deteriorated. During the home visit the Social Workers managed to have discussions with the relatives and neighbours on the factors that were leading to Adoo's poor academic performance. A meeting with the aunt and AHCM management was conducted to address these factors which were affecting Regina's academic performance. There are hopes for her improvement.



*Adoo reginah with her sisters at home during the homevist*



### 3.0 CHAPTER THREE: VOLUNTEERS, SUPPORTERS, VISITORS AND INTERN STUDENTS

#### 3.1 Volunteers

At AHCM, we received a number of volunteers who supported in various activities such as giving health and educational talks, medical treatment, legal support, construction, general support like cleaning babies, fetching water and cooking among others.

**Table 6: 2013 volunteers by country of origin**

| SNO | Name of Volunteer                 | Country of Origin |
|-----|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1   | Ms. Macy Smith                    | USA               |
| 2   | Mr. Ben                           | Germany           |
| 3   | Ms. Rebecca Hilden                | USA               |
| 4   | Ms. Christine Boyle               | USA               |
| 5   | Mr. David Shanon                  | Newzeland         |
| 6   | Ms. Sarah Crecelius               | USA               |
| 7   | Ms. Rebecca Borchert              | USA               |
| 8   | Mr. Richard Cogswell              | Australia         |
| 9   | Mrs. Jill Beaudin                 | USA               |
| 10  | Ms. Katrina S                     | USA               |
| 11  | Ms. Prea Moodley                  | Australia         |
| 12  | Ms. Nicole Holmes                 | USA               |
| 13  | Ms. Lisa G & Her friend           | Switzerland       |
| 14  | Mrs & Mrs. Jason & Tiffany Adkins |                   |



Prea, Nicole and the boys doing art painting in the house

### 3.2 Cultural discussions for the Volunteers

Sometimes when we have volunteers, different cultures that exist in our country particularly the Central part of the country are demonstrated to them. Volunteers appreciated AHCM for all the effort to educate children on such important issues.

Below are some of the children demonstrating how to prepare local bananas in Buganda.



### 3.3 Volunteers' meetings

Any time we had volunteers we used to hold volunteers' meetings in which various issues were discussed. This helped a lot to strengthen our strong points and make changes on the weaknesses. Also suggestions on how to do things better were made.



### 3.2 Supporters.

We thank God for the many organizations and people that have stood with us in achieving our vision and mission. May the God Lord reward you abundantly.

**Good Measure International (GMI)** has continued to receive funds on our behalf in the USA and we are so proud of them. With their efforts, you have been able to donate to us regardless the country you are in.

**Acts 1:8 Ministry**, with their support to raise funds, more and more families received water towers.

**Aids That Helps**; without continuous support from you, what would we do about the school fees, thanks a lot for bridging the school fees gap. We are so grateful for that and please kindly continue with that spirit.

**Yoursibling**; with your support, you made us realize our long awaited dream, God bless you so much. The children now have a place to call home

**KLM Crew**: thanks so much for continuously donating clothes, shoes, and scholastic and play items to mention but a few. The temporary custody children have benefited a lot from the clothes and shoes as the time they are here while we are still tracing their families they need to cloth and have shoes. Thanks a lot and kindly continue with this.

**Major Individuals**: we have individual partners that have not rested to see change in the lives of the children and families we support. These are:

**Table 7: Major individuals in the life of AHCM**

| Name                    | Country   |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Ed & Renee Wineck       | USA       |
| Mike & Barb Post        | USA       |
| Ralph & Angela Boyd     | USA       |
| Richard & Anne Cogswell | Australia |
| Tania Stevens           | Australia |
| Steve & Monica Carter   | USA       |
| Matt & Bec Hopkins      | UK        |
| Bob & Penny Borchert    | USA       |
| Timothy & Jane Birr     |           |

### 3.4 INTERN STUDENTS

This year we were blessed with seven intern students in the departments of Finance & Administration and Social Welfare. These were most active interns we have ever got and we are proud of them. The interns in the Social welfare department participated in various areas like school and home visits, record keeping, children's health and counseling. Those in the Finance & Administration department helped to enter all the financial records that were pending for a long time.

#### *Intern students*

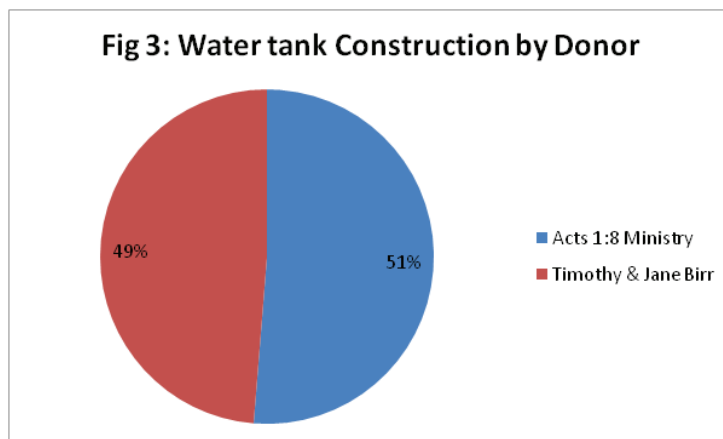




## 4.0 CHAPTER FOUR: PROJECTS UNDER TAKEN

### 4.1 Water Life Project

With the continuous support from Acts 1:8 Ministry and the new funder Timothy and Jane Birr, more water tanks were constructed. The four villages that benefited were Nsube, Kkona and Gimbo that are located in Lukwanga parish and Namasanga village which is located in Bukasa parish. Both parishes are found in Wakiso sub-county, Wakiso District. The total number of water tanks constructed was 39 in total and they were all supported by Acts 1:8 Ministry and Timothy & Jane Birr provided)



A meeting was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at Sofia Islamic primary school. This meeting was attended by residents of three villages i.e Namasanga, Kkona and Nsube. The meeting was called to present to the community the findings of the water tower evaluations exercise AHCM conducted and to discuss a way forward. Members that had received the water tanks were encouraged to improve on the conditions of the tanks that were constructed for them as they entirely benefit them.



*Residents during the village meeting*



*Water tanks constructed in the quarter*

Also a visit to the Gimbo Village Chairman was conducted by AHCM officer to discuss how this community could benefit from the water tank project. The chairman welcomed the project and the work started. Ten households were assessed in the first quarter of the year and in the same quarter eight households out of ten received their water tanks.

*The Deputy Director at the home of the Gimbo chairman*



We had a water filter and bucket distribution exercise in Gimbo village. Eight (8) households who had AHCM water towers received the water filters. The activity was attended by members from Gimbo village, Mr. Ogwang Godfrey (an Intern student), Mr. Kibirige Timothy (Social Worker AHCM), Mr. Mulinde Joseph (chairman Gimbo), and the AHCM Executive Director. Thanks go to Ms. Sue Brown of Green Bay Wisconsin, for the water filter donations. This will now enable these families to have clean and safe water for drinking hence reduction in water born diseases.



*The water filter distribution exercise in photos*

## 4.2 Safe Project

### 4.2.1 Project Description and justification

Safe project is a construction and a guesthouse project, and the final outcome would be a sustainable non-discriminative community driven Children's Home to accommodate at least 50 Orphans, street children and vulnerable children from impoverished families plus those infected and affected by HIV and AIDS residing in Uganda. To sustain the new children's home, safe project would come up with a fully established Guest House and profits would be used to cater for recurring basic expenditures like food, medical and utilities of the children's home.

In Uganda's context, it is a multi-sectoral approach to construct a children's home in the community. This is so because it will offer shelter to the homeless and resource constrained children at the same time offering psychosocial support to these children and their care givers, engaging in income generating for care givers and parents to be in position to take care of their children and also seeking for adoption of some children.

By 2013 AHCM was renting a well furnished residential house it uses as a children's home, but for cost effectiveness, AHCM needed to own its home to reduce on expenditures like rent fee plus using the facility without restrictions. AHCM had purchased a piece of land that could house the proposed new children's home. However to sustain this venture, this project also seeks to start up a Guest House, and earnings got from it would help partly to cater for recurring expenditures like food, utilities plus other expenditures.

### 4.2.2 The children's Home

The construction of this home started in September of 2012 and by October 2013, AHCM had relocated to this house. This was a great achievement of the year. We thank all those that contributed towards this home especially Yoursibling in Germany and Mike & Barb Post. May God richly bless you.



**The Children's home at different stages of construction**



#### 4.2.3 The Clinic/Store block

This was started this year and finished in the same year. Thanks to Ms. Rebecca Hilden & Ms. Christine Boyle for raising funds from friends and family that enabled the construction of this block.

#### 4.2.4 The renovation of the former chicken House

This was renovated so that it could be use as an office. The children of Mt. Evelyn Primary school in Australia played a major role in seeing that this block is done. In the future when the office block is constructed, then this house will be a home for the temporary custody children that police gives us.



#### 4.2.5 Outside Kitchen

Managed to construct the outside kitchen and installed the cooking stoves too. It was great to see that we have a great place to cook from and no worries of rain



#### 4.2.5 Pit Latrine

Our pit latrine was completed and this has 6 toilets and four bathrooms. Both the kitchen and pit latrine were funded by Mrs. Margaret Baker in Australia. Thanks so much for standing with us

#### 4.2.7 Guest House Construction

Work on the construction of the guest house started with the laying of the foundation.



*The foundation for the guest house.*



*Beans & cassava weeding*

#### 4.3 Farming & Livestock Projects

##### 4.3.1 Farming project

Farming was a success. Beans, Maize and Sweet potatoes were planted and they all cherished well. The young adults played a major role in this activity especially Namutebi Bernah who led her fellow young adults in planting, weeding and harvesting



*Maize & Beans plantation.*

The cassava, Maize and sweet potatoes that were planted in 2012 r were ready for harvest and this helped a great deal with the food. Also there was some maize in the store from the previous season which was dried and Maize flour made out if it.

#### Harvests



*Cassava and the Maize*

#### 4.3.2 Livestock

We had a few cases of sickness at Kona of the calf but it was reviewed and medicated by the Vet doctor and it got better. The Cow was fine and produced average milk of about eight liters of milk per day.

Our cow gave birth to a female calf, now the young children are enjoying the milk. A cost has been cut down, we thank God.



#### 4.4 Family Support Project

The family support project was started to address the causes of vulnerability among families such that the families could be strengthened through IGAs, food and nutrition support and provision of scholastic materials to such families .it aims at empowering families to be able to cater for themselves rather than depending on the organization for everything.

##### 4.4.1 Basilika's family

Mrs. Basilika Tabitha was chased from a home she used to stay in before the death of her grandmother. She has 5 children under her care. At the moment she had no place to stay, AHCM took up 3 children (Edith, Sharon & Flavia Naiga), the ones of her late brother. With support from AHCM friends, a house for her was built. Below is the house she is currently staying in with 2 of her own children



*The house Ms. Basilika Tabitha was formerly staying in*

She also received her fully finished house with support from AHCM. Thanks to all those funders who made this a reality. Now she stays with all t he five children.

*Ms Basilika Tabitha in front of the house that was handed to her.*



AHCM constructed Ms. Basilika a three roomed piggery structure and also gave her nine piglets in addition to two bags of piglet feeds. This was all supported by AHCM friends (The Cogswell



Family in Australia and The New Covenant Mennonite Church in PA, USA). Samaritan Purse also rendered a helping hand towards this family



*Pigglets and feeds donated to Ms. Basilika*

#### 4.4.2 Nabagala Christine's Family

This family is under the care of Nabagala Christine, the elder sister who started caring for her 7 siblings at the age of 15. Christine is now 19 years old. These were supported with three mattresses, three blankets and 6 pairs of bedsheets.



*Christine with her two siblings with the beddings they received.*

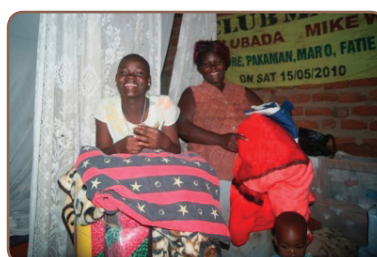
#### 4.4.3 Semakalu's Family.

This family comprises of 3 children and their father. Their father is HIV Positive and one child is confirmed to be HIV positive. She is already on treatment. This family was supported with clothes and the two school going children were sent to school.



#### 4.4.4 Nanyonjo Teddy's Family

Nanyonjo Teddy's home was visited and beddings (Mattress, bed sheets and blankets) were handed over to her family. Thanks go to her sponsors and AHCM for the great work they did. Nanyonjo and her mum were so happy about the beddings.



#### 4.4.5 Other Families

AHCM received food and scholastic materials from Mild may Uganda since AHCM is under the Mild may Circle in Nansana.

Scholastic materials were distributed according to the number of children in the family.

Fifteen families benefited, each family received 5kgs of Maize flour, 5kgs of Soya flour, 5kg of beans and 1 litter of cooking oil each.

**Table 3: Food items received by quantity**

| No | Item        | Quantity (kgs) |
|----|-------------|----------------|
| 1  | Maize flour | 75             |
| 2  | Soya flour  | 75             |
| 3  | Beans       | 75             |
| 4  | Cooking oil | 15 sachets     |

**Table4: Scholastic Items by Quantity**

| Sno | Items                | Quantity |
|-----|----------------------|----------|
| 1   | Dozens of books (96) | 20       |
| 2   | Rulers               | 20       |
| 3   | Pens                 | 90       |
| 4   | Pencils              | 29       |
| 5   | Counter books        | 10       |



***Parents receiving items donated by Mild May***

The major focus of this support was families that were affected and infected with HIV/AIDS especially those that had at least a positive child.

#### **Families that benefited from the support included**

- Aidah Sembatya
- Mr Semakalu Christopher
- Ms Nanyonga Saphinah
- Nakandi Esther
- Ms Nassozi Sulainah
- Ms Namale Margaret
- Ms Nafuna Imelda
- M. Nabaggala Christine
- Ms Basilika Tabitha
- Kyotiba Mary



- Ms Nabisaso Jane
- Mr Masaza Gerald
- Ms Nalubega Madina
- Nantongo Hellen
- Ms Nampera Annet

#### 4.4.6 Mild May Meeting for Beneficiaries.

We had the Mild May economic strengthening group meeting for all the beneficiaries from the Mild May Circle funds. AHCM selected and submitted 7 families. The meeting was to sensitize the caregivers on how to save and grow through formation of small groups.



#### *AHCM Parents of the Mild May Circle*

Ms. Nakandi Esther and Ms. Nassozi Sulainah received items from the Mild May circle support. These received cooking oil, frying pan and a kettle. This was in bid to improve on household incomes and instill a saving culture among the AHCM HIV infected or affected families.



*Ms Nakandi Esther and Ms Nassozi Sulainah with their items*

#### 4.4.7 Economic Strengthening Seminars

In August 2013, we held a household economic strengthening meeting with the women in Lukwanga parish, Wakiso District. As the burden of taking care of children is mainly on women, seeing that they have some profitable work they could engage in is very important. As this will boost their incomes hence able to take care of their children



#### 4.5 Arts & Crafts Project

The older children spent some time learning new items and also making more crafts. Majority of our crafts was sold in Australia and the USA. Funds from the crafts support the children mainly with the school requirements such as books,



## 5.0 CHAPTER FIVE: FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

### 5.1 Administration

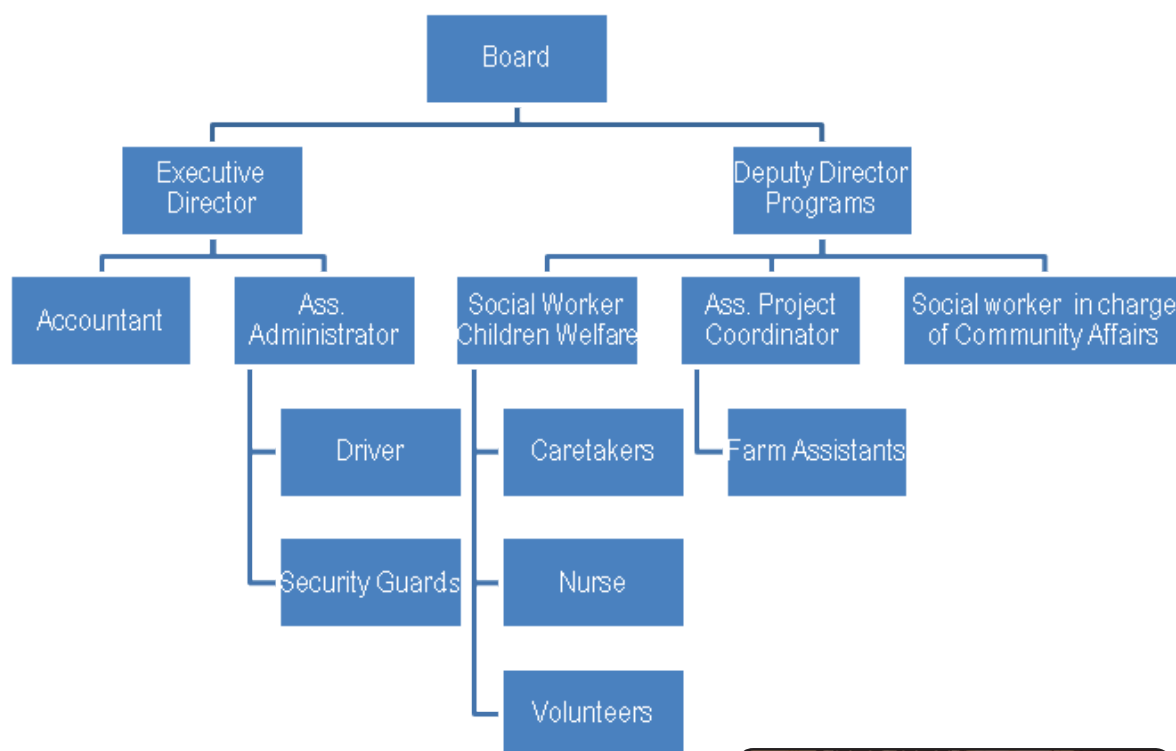
An Executive Director and the Deputy Director who are surrounded by a team of workers together run the orphanage.

We have the Social Worker Mr. Kibirige Timothy who heads the social welfare department. This department comprises of the Nurse, the visiting Clinician, The care taker (who is assisted by the young adults AHCM supports), the Field Officer and the Volunteers. In February 2013, the Field officer was recruited mainly to help with coordinating the families AHCM is supporting.

The Finance and Administration department is headed by Ms. Kusemeza Cissy. This department comprises of the Accountant, the Administrator, the Driver and the Security guards (who we contracted from Security Group).

The project department is headed by Mr. Kasozi Daniel, who is also the Deputy Director and he is assisted by Ms. Kusemeza Cissy. Here we have farm assistants in our three locations where we do our farming activities.

**Fig 4: Organogram of AHCM**



On right are some of the staff that AHCM had in the year 2013. Thanks to them that we have been able to serve the children.

The Social Welfare Department got a new Motor Bike so coordination will be easier, thank God!



### 5.1.1 Management Meeting

There were four management meetings that were held this year. In January we had the first management meeting which was held at Ssesse Islands in Kalangala District. This was basically to formulate the 2013 work plan and Budget. Other things discussed were the way forward for the many young adults that AHCM has raised. AHCM wants to see these young adults succeed in Education and be self reliant.



*AHCM Staff during a Management meeting in Kalangala Islands*



*AHCM management meeting at Nexus Resorts.*

### 5.1.2 Monthly meetings

We managed to also have monthly meetings and also one management meeting which was held to review the progress of the organization.

### 5.1.3 Board Meetings

We had four of our Board meeting held and a number of issues were addressed especially to do with the well being of children and seeing that the children are successful in their academics. New policies were reviewed and passed to help smoothly run the organization. Thanks to all the Board members for their endless support.

### 5.1.4 Staff Outing

There was one outing held under the stress management initiative. This was held at the Serena Resort Hotel in Entebbe and was attended by all the staff and intern students who were available during the quarter. The outing was aimed at managing stress.



*Staff and intern students during the outing.*

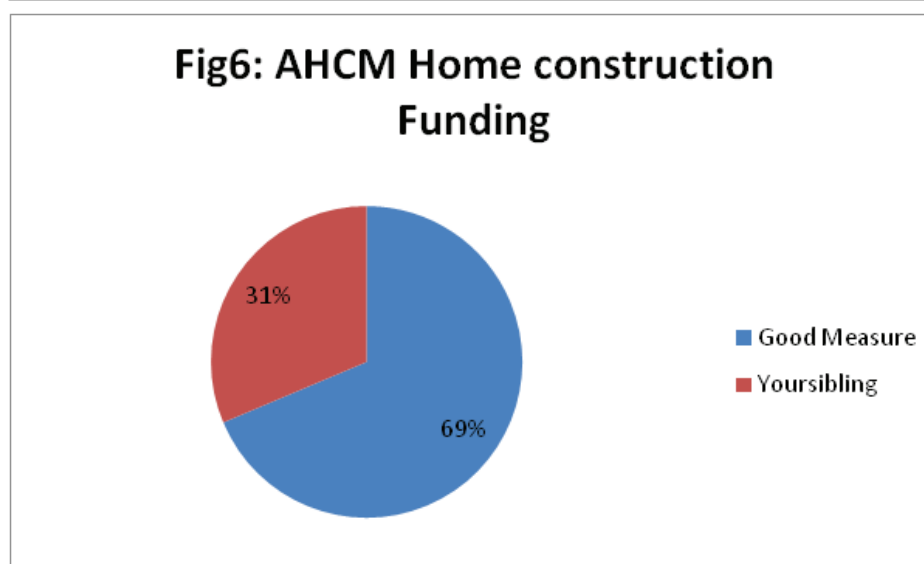
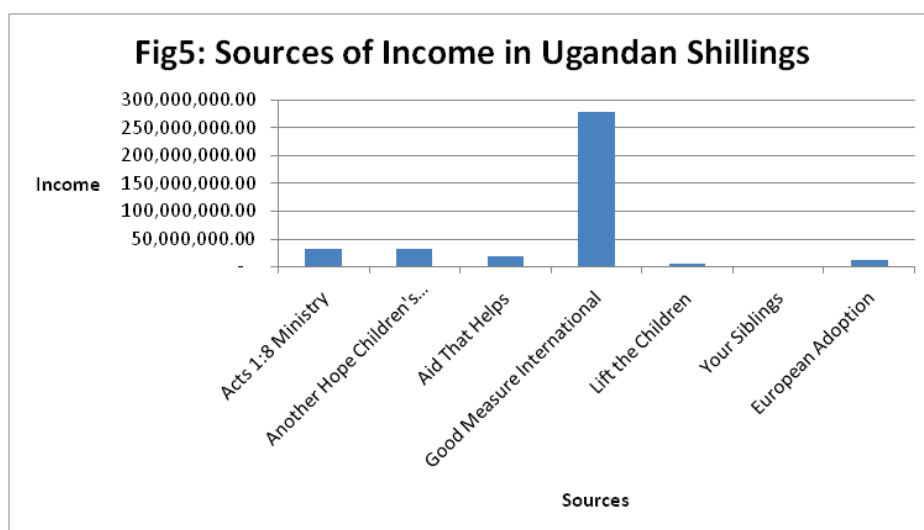
## 5.2 Finances

### 5.2.1 Sources of Income

The total funding received in the year 2013 was UGX 373,784,295.6 (Three hundred seventy three millions, seven hundred eighty four thousand, two hundred ninety five and six cents of which the bulk (74%) was received through Good Measure International. Much of the funds received was to carter for the wellbeing of the children such as school fees, accommodation, medical, food among others (*see fig 5*).

Also there were funds specifically designated for construction of the children's home. This amounted to UGX 248,004,995/= (Two hundred forty eight million, four thousand nine hundred ninety

five). This amount was mainly donated through two organization; Good Measure International in USA and Yoursibling in Germany (*See fig 6 :*)



### 5.2.2 Expenditure

This year's expenses saw school fees and other related expenses take the bulk (17.4%) of the funds. This is because the number of school going children we serve increased, school expenses went high and more children joined higher levels of learning like Universities or vocational institutions. Community Support and Development Expenses followed with 15.2%. This year's major focus was to increase the number of children staying in their communities because families have been found to be the best environment for children to grow in this meant that more community initiatives had to be undertaken.

**Table 5: AHCM 2013 Expenses**

| Expense               | Amount       | Percentage |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------|
| Adoption Expenses     | 8,099,000.00 | 2.0        |
| Art & Crafts expenses | 3,089,900.00 | 0.8        |



| <b>Expense</b>   | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Percentage</b> |
|--|---------------|-------------------|
| Bank charges   | 4,717,219.51  | 1.2               |
| Children's entertainment expenses                        | 8,930,800.00  | 2.2               |
| Children's feeding expenses                              | 13,985,450.00 | 3.5               |
| Children's medical expenses                              | 4,188,100.00  | 1.1               |
| Children's School Fees and other School related expenses | 69,253,800.00 | 17.4              |
| Children's spiritual expenses                            | 920,000.00    | 0.2               |
| Children's welfare expenses                              | 6,707,300.00  | 1.7               |
| Community Support and Development Expenses               | 60,289,550.00 | 15.2              |
| Dairy farm expenses                                      | 555,000.00    | 0.1               |
| Director's Foreign travel expenses                       | 27,908,206.00 | 7.0               |
| Electricity expenses                                     | 875,688.00    | 0.2               |
| Farm expenses  | 5,051,200.00  | 1.3               |
| General repairs and maintenance                          | 2,282,700.00  | 0.6               |
| General Travel   | 18,801,900.00 | 4.7               |
| Janitorial Expenses                                      | 600,100.00    | 0.2               |
| Land Surveying expenses                                  | 400,000.00    | 0.1               |
| Land Grading Expenses                                    | 2,400,000.00  | 0.6               |
| Machine repairs and maintenance                          | 735,000.00    | 0.2               |
| Meetings expenses  | 4,578,500.00  | 1.2               |
| Miscellaneous expense                                    | 1,002,601.00  | 0.3               |

| <b>Expense</b>                  | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Percentage</b> |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Office expenses                 | 10,476,575.00 | 2.6               |
| Parents Sensitisation Expenses  | 388,900.00    | 0.1               |
| Postage expenses                | 6,363,663.00  | 1.6               |
| Power and Lighting Expense      | 17,445,700.00 | 4.4               |
| Rent expense                    | 7,200,000.00  | 1.8               |
| Salaries and allowances/Wages   | 53,630,454.00 | 13.5              |
| NSSF Expense account            | 4,683,705.40  | 1.2               |
| Security Expenses               | 15,170,760.00 | 3.8               |
| Staff welfare expenses          | 2,146,250.00  | 0.5               |
| Telephone and Internet Expenses | 5,545,500.00  | 1.4               |
| Water expenses                  | 1,471,539.00  | 0.4               |
| Vehicle expenses                | 888,000.00    | 0.2               |
| Vehicle Insurance               | 75,000.00     | 0.0               |
| Vehicle repair and maintenance  | 5,838,700.00  | 1.5               |
| Volunteer expenses              | 1,861,300.00  | 0.5               |
| DEPRECIATION EXPENSES           | 12,258,075.38 | 3.1               |
| Audit fees expenses             | 2,500,000.00  | 0.6               |
| Cash Loss Account               | 4,265,300.00  | 1.1               |

## **6.0 CHAPTER SIX: ADVOCACY & CAPACITY BUILDING**

### **6.1 Advocacy**

#### **6.1.1 The Mild May circle meeting**

We had the honour of hosting the Mild May Circle meeting which was aimed at forming economic strengthening groups for families infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in order to be able to access funds from Mild may. During the meeting member organizations (AHCM, Nature and KIFAD) were asked to provide names of members to be in the groups



*Member organizations of the Mild May circle*

#### **1.1.2 Fundraising**

Fundraising was done both locally and internationally. There were less efforts of achievements on the local side but internationally more responses were got. Also online and postal fundraising was done which yielded some good results.

The Executive Director travelled to both Australia and USA and the Deputy Director travelled to the USA in a bid to increase awareness of the work that AHCM is doing.

We do thank all those families that helped with our travel and in-country expenses in addition to making more connections for us. May God bless you so much.

During our travels, we managed to speak to Rotary clubs, Christian groups and churches in addition to selling handmade crafts

#### **6.1.3 Legal Status**

Our NGO status expired in November 2013 and the process to start the renewal was started on successfully but we were not able to complete it due to un-avoidable circumstances, however, we managed to submit all the necessary papers to the NGO Board before the year ended.

### **6.2 Capacity Building**

#### **6.2.1 Staff Trainings**

During the first & third quarter of the year, there was a staff training in proper documentation and filing. The training was facilitated by the AHCM Executive Director . It was attended by the staff and the intern students. This was in a bid to increase on the efficiency and effectiveness of the staff in making proper documents both electronically and manually.



*The ED facilitating*



Also the ED, DD and the social worker managed to attend a seminar that was organized by the Waki-so Probation office, this seminar aimed at sensitizing managers and Directors of children's homes on the proper guidelines of registering, data collection and the use of Ministry of Gender forms to collect data. AHCM had the honour of funding this seminar.



*Participants during the seminar*

### **6.2.2 Visit to Sanyu Babies Home and New Hope Orphanage**

Because of the increased number of malnourished children, management thought it necessary to visit any babies home to be able to learn more on how to handle malnourished cases. A few staff and some of the older children manage to visit Sanyu Babies Home in Kampala and indeed a lot was learnt on this visit. We thank the management of Sanyu Babies Home for giving us this chance to visit them and learn from them.

New Hope Orphanage in Kiwoko Nakaseke District was the other children's home that we visited and indeed this was a great honor to learn how children are cared for in this place. Thanks to the management of this orphanage for the learning and experience opportunity they gave AHCM children and Management.



## 7.0 CHAPTER SEVEN: OTHERS

### 7.1 Community Hygiene

Children participated in community work by clearing the rubbish dump in the community



### 7.2 Youth training in interlocking brick

We managed to train some youth of Kkona West Zone, Wakiso Sub-county Wakiso District in interlocking bricks. This was a great experience for them as they learnt how to make bricks using machines unlike the traditional way of using the hands. This method serves a lot of time and bricks are made in time.



### 7.3 Gimbo visit, supporting families with care packages and the community

In November our friends Jill & Katrina brought care packages from friends and family in USA and all these were given to many families in Gimbo villages. We witnessed happy families during this moment.



## 8.0 SUCCESSES, CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNT

### 8.1 Success

- All children of school going age were in school and their fees were paid in time.
- AHCM managed to partner with other organizations such as Mild May Uganda is .From this partnership AHCM received scholastic materials and food assistance which were distributed among the 15 families under AHCM support programme.
- Major progress was made with the construction of the children's home..
- AHCM managed to reach out to the children, young adults, families and communities.
- Had lots of food from the farm
- Moving to our new home

### 8.2 Challenges

- . Dishonesty of the children's guardians who provide misleading information about the children.
- Children fall sick often because of the garbage dump which is near the home. This is a source of house flies and it makes the place to smell. This has been a danger to the children's health. Efforts have been made for it to be removed but they are in vain

- Lack of follow up by the police on the children referred yet sometimes there is scanty information on the referred children which makes tracing of the children's parents difficult. These impacts on the limited resources we have for the accommodated children for example food and medical expenses. Also some children really need to be back home and this lead to escaping increasing the costs of maintaining them since we have to search for them and return them to police. We lack funds to transport back these children to their homes.
- Financial constraints due to increasing school fees charges and also the increasing number of children that have joined higher levels of learning
- Embezzlement of funds by a staff

### **8.3 Recommendations**

- Fundraising for the vehicle that could be used to take the temporary custody children back to their homes or other relatives
- Enhancement of information sharing between the police and the home management such that we can work hand in hand for better improvement of child care and reunification of the children.

### **8.4 Lessons Learnt**

- We should increase our efforts in responding to native community needs through thorough needs assessment, close monitoring and evaluation to ensure that service delivery is accorded to the right recipients.
- Increased and regular documentation about the services provided and the state of the beneficiaries will help us to accurately report as well as possessing detailed information.
- Increased liaising and establishment of meaningful links with the Government officials is helpful in updating us about new government policies and standard practices, keeping us up to date.
- Timely updating and submission of undertaken assignments' reports and photos reduces on the workload at the end of the month.
- There is need to inform the children of the proper manner and channel of addressing their challenges to the right people.
- The organization will need to facilitate the training of all the staff members in skills of children handling and care to instill a spirit of putting the children's welfare as priority.

## **9.0 UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE YEAR 2014**

- Fundraising for and Construction of the perimeter wall around the children's home.
- Fundraising for and construction of underground water well at the children's home.



## APPENDICES

a) **Table 3: AHCM Executive Committee**

| <b>Sno</b> | <b>Name</b>               | <b>Designation</b>             |
|------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1          | Miss Nambowa Ruth Bulyaba | Executive Director             |
| 2          | Mr. Kasozi Daniel         | Deputy Director                |
| 3          | Ms. Cissy Kusemeza        | Accountant/Project Coordinator |
| 4          | Mr. Kibirige Timothy      | Social Worker                  |
| 5          | Ms. Mubiru Denise         | Fin & Admin                    |
| 6          | Pr. Kamoga Roen           | Children's Pastor              |
| 7          | Ms. Batuuka Ester         | Administrator                  |
| 8          | Ms. Rehema Nassuna        | Care Taker                     |

**Table 4: Board Members**

| <b>Sno</b> | <b>Name</b>         | <b>Title</b>     |
|------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 1          | Ms. Aida Nakanjako  | Chair Person     |
| 2          | Mr. Jason Carpenter | Vice Chairperson |
| 3          | Mr. Sebuliba Isaac  | Treasure         |
| 4          | Mr. Joseph Kayizzi  | Member           |
| 5          | Mr. Richard Kiranda | Member           |
| 6          | Fr. Okwedda Bernard | Member           |

