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Directors Report

Another Hope Children's Ministries (AHCM) works at the grassroot level with community leaders to meets the needs of children, youth and their families. Another Hope Children's Ministries (AHCM) is a registered Christian Non- Profit Organization registered by the



Ugandan Government (\$.5914/8153) committed to bringing hope through providing love and care in a Christian environment.

AHCM provides direct services to vulnerable children youth and families in the districts of central Uganda. We also run projects such as water life, family support, farming, Art & Crafts and self-esteem projects, and all these supports the vulnerable children and young adults either directly or indirectly.

AHCM is committed to accountability and we have our finances audited on an annual basis because we want to ensure that our investments in children and young adults are sound. We encourage you who have a vision to improve the lives of children, young adults and their families to make their dreams a reality.

We have decided to expand the water life project to schools because children still face issues related to water even at their schools. We have skillful parenting classes with parents and work to improve the esteem of women and youth. These help children to have a better life and stop as many as we can from going to childcare institutions such as the AHCM Home. Family is the best place to be.

Thanks to every one of you that helped to support AHCM in any way in 2017. May the good Lord reward you abundantly.

Vasoxi Daniel & Nambowa Duth B

Directors

Chapter One 1. Introduction

1.1 Introduction

We are honored to present a report of our 2016 achievements. The report will also highlight our major successes, challenges, and recommendations.

Another Hope Children's Ministries (AHCM) is a Christian nonprofit organization that is registered by the Ugandan government (\$.5914/8153). AHCM is committed to bringing hope through providing love and care in a Christian environment to orphaned and vulnerable children. The majority of the children we serve are orphaned, abused, abandoned or reported missing.

Our major focus is in the districts of central Uganda such as Wakiso, Mukono, Luweero and others.

The children are supported through various strategies such as providing a water source for a family and helping a family to become self-sustainable.

Ms. Nambowa Ruth Bulyaba had a vision for this ministry in October, 2015, and it all started because of her challenging childhood upbringing and wanting to give back to God.

1.2 AHCM objectives

- 1.To provide accommodation, food and clothing to orphans and abused children in a family like environment
- 2.To provide preprimary, secondary and Vocational skills for imparting market oriented skills to enable self-sustenance
- 3.To modify children's behavior
- 4.To take care of the children's health
- 5.To help the staff and parents/guardians to better provide for the children.

1.3 Vision and Mission

Vision: To improve quality of life for the vulnerable children in Uganda through education, accommodation and health care in a Christian environment.

Mission: To bring hope to orphaned and abused children in the district of central Uganda by providing love and care in a Christian environment.

1.4 Overview of different activities/projects

At AHCM, there are various activities/projects that we undertake for example activities that are aimed at child protection and legal support, water life projects, and self-esteem projects. In addition, AHCM handles its finance and administration in a very accountable way. All these activities/projects are aimed at the well-being of the children under our care. We want to break the vulnerability cycle.

1.5 Ways you can support AHCM

It is difficult for AHCM to survive without your support. We value all you do for this ministry because without your support children like Margret who was abandoned because of her physical disability would not have a home and physiotherapy done for them. Thanks so much for standing with us and we need you who have not joined the AHCM family to please consider doing it.

There are different ways you can support this Ministry:

- 1. You could pray for the ministry.
- 2.Donate funds.
- 3.Donate items such clothes, shoes, laptops, cameras, toys, pencils, books etc.
- 4. You could decide to volunteer either physically or volunteer wherever you are by providing services such as document editing and being an advocate or ambassador for AHCM.

For financial support, you can donate directly through our partners in either USA or Germany to get a tax receipt. These partners are Good Measure, in USA and Aid That Helps, in Germany.

If you would like to post items to us, send to:

Another Hope Children's Ministries P.O.Box 28407, Kampala, Uganda

Note: In order to avoid tax payments,

make sure the items you send are worth less than \$50 US.

1.4.1 Good Measure International USA

Gifts for AHCM are tax deductible and processed through our friends at Good Measure International. Their address is:

Good Measure International P.O Box 524 Charleston, In 61920

Website: http://goodmeasure.org

1.4.2 Aid That Helps

In Germany, gifts for AHCM are tax deductible and processed through our friends at Aid That Helps. Their address is:

Aid That Helps

C/o Julian Rautenberg and Heike Vaitengruber Kurjurstenstrabe 1680801 Munchen, Germany

Website: www.aidthathelp.org

1.4.3 Global Giving

Global giving is a fundraising platform that AHCM has adopted and it's based both in USA and UK so gifts are tax deductible donated through them.

Most of you have already funded the vocational school on this platform and your support has enabled AHCM to establish a vocational school. We are so grateful for your support and may the good Lord bless you so much.

We will continue to do more projects, and we ask you to stand with us and spread the word about our work. Their contact is:

Globalgiving

1110 Vermont Ave. Nw Suite 550

Washington DC 20005 USA-

Website: www.globalgiving.org

If you are donating towards our projects, simply go to GlobalGiving site, click **Give** and in the **search button** type **Another Hope Children's Ministries** and a list of projects under Another Hope Children's Ministries will pop up. Click any project you wish to donate to and donate. Checks are also accepted; put in the memo line "for Another Hope Children's Ministries".

1.4.4 Other we had partners in 2016:

- 1. Wings of support A KLM airline charity in Netherlands
- 2. Lift the children in Canada
- 3. Huron Baptist church in Sarnia, Canada
- 4. First Baptist church in Schenectady, New York, USA
- 5. Prostestante Gemeente, Netherlands

2. Psychosocial Support and Basic Care

2.0 INTRODUCTION

Activities under this chapter have been classified under the National Core Programs Areas (CPAS) of intervention for orphans and vulnerable children a Uganda Ministry of Gender, Labor and Social Development Policy.

2.1 Children's Protection and Legal Support.

2.1.1 Children served.

The total number of children that AHCM served in the year 2016 was 232. These include those children that were served by either one Core Program Area (CPA) or more than one CPA

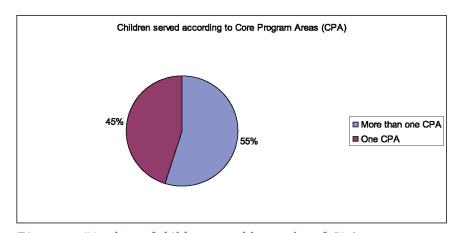


Figure 2.1 Pie-chart of children served by number of CPA

Usually children that are on AHCM sponsorship whether accommodated or staying with family are more likely to receive more than one CPA unlike those who are served through the community projects AHCM undertakes. There are 120 children on the AHCM sponsorship program. 35 children were accommodated in the year 2016.

TABLE 2.1 Children served by CPA

SNO	СРА	Number
1	Education 120	120
2	Health, Water, Sanitation and Shelter	207
3	Economic Strengthening	2
4	Psychosocial Support and Basic care	155
5	Child Protection and Legal Support	2
6	Food and Nutrition Security	41
Total		232

Children were served. majority (65%) were female. We served children in the central District of Mukono, Luwero, Masaka, Wakiso, Kampala, Buikwe, Kayunga and Mityana.

Majority (34.1%) of the children served were in Wakiso District followed by Mukono District (26.7%) and the least (0.4%) served were in Mityana District as shown in table 2.2 below.

TABLE 2.1 Children served by CPA

Districts	Frequency	Percentage
Wakiso	79	34.1
Mukono	62	26.7
Kayunga	2	0.9
Luwero	2	0.9
Buikwe	4	1.7
Mityana	1	0.4
Masaka	64	27.6
Kampala	18	7.8
Total	232	100.0

2.1.2 Children Received by AHCM in 2016

We received a total of 7 children: 3 boys and 4 girls. Of the total number received, 6 were from Wakiso District and 1 from Luwero District.

Table 2.3 Reason for enrollment

Reason for enrollment	Frequency
Missing	3
Abuse	1
Child labor	2
Kidnapping	1
Total	7

2.1.2.1 Joyce and Celina

On 11th June 2016, sisters Nabukera Joyce (16 years) and Nakasolya Celina (9 years) were referred to us by the Child and Family Protection Unit officer of Nansana Police Station after they were rescued from a situation of aggravated child labour. The girls were working at the home of Swaibu as house maids. They were engaged in house cleaning, washing clothes and taking care of his home. Swaibu was taken into Police custody as efforts to trace the children's parents were underway.



When the AHCM Social Worker talked to the children, he found out that they knew their home but they did not want to go back because they would not be able to attend school as well as have regular meals. They preferred staying with an Aunt despite the fact that they would not go to school but were sure they would have meals regularly.

The children were taken in by AHCM and given accommodation and food as rehabilitation started. AHCM was able to send Celina back to school and she is doing really well. Joyce was planning to join a skill school in 2017, but after some months she decided to go back to her home.

2.1.2.2 Timothy

Luyiima Timothy is a 12 year old boy who was rescued in October, 2017 from Luwero District. The Luwero District Probation and Social Welfare Officer of Luwero District contacted Another Hope Children's Ministries after getting information of how the boy was being mistreated by his father and step mother. He was put with the goats, starved and left with no one to take care of him. By the time we received him, he could not talk, walk or eat by himself. We took him to Mulango Hospital were he was admitted for one month in Mwanamujimu Ward because he needed to receive medication and nutritional supplements through a tube. We are happy to report that by the end of 2016, Timothy was looking great, could eat and sit by himself, and we are trying to teach him to walk.



Timothy, the day he was receiveed at AHCM



Timothy after one month of staying at AHCM

2.1.2.3 Joshua

On the 4th/7 2016 we received a baby boy estimated to be 2 months old. He was referred by the Probation and Social Welfare Officer of Nansana Municipality. Before the referral, the matter of suspected child kidnapping by Assimwe Rachael was recorded at Nansana Police Station.

Assimwe Rachael who claimed to be the mother could not breast feed the baby. He was very hungry and was crying intensely. As the police tried to interrogate her, she disappeared. Assimwe had come to police with claims that the husband was not giving her child support. The child was referred for temporary custody as police investigated to ascertain the true parents of the child. The child's name was unknown so AHCM named him Joshua Mukisa.



Baby Joshua

2.1.3 Children's meeting

All AHCM activities with children are premised on the principal of child participation with children engaging in children's meetings where they have an opportunity to inform staff and management about issues that are affecting them so that solutions can be found.



2.1.4 Feeding of accommodated children

We managed to feed children three meals a day in the year. Different varieties of food were available including bananas, beans, potatoes, and cassava among others.



Children at AHCM having a meal

2.1.5 Resettlement

Resettlement is one of the vital activities AHCM put in place. We follow the government policy that children should not be taken away from the parents or guardian. We therefore try our best to find the parents or guardians of these children. Before we completely resettle the children, we do take the children for holidays back and forth to the identified parents/guardian depending on the circumstances. This helps us to monitor the guardian and the child to see if they have bonded, and then we proceed to the final process of resettling. This year we were able to resettle 2 children: Nakalanzi Gloria and Nassaga Gloria.

2.1.5.1 Nakalanzi Gloria

Gloria joined AHCM in 2009 after being reported missing from her guardian. Nansana Police station referred the child to our organization after doing all the necessary procedures of looking for the mother and planning to resettle her with mum. Unfortunately the mum passed away in 2012 just a few weeks before resettling her. We then continued to stay with Gloria and give her all the support she needed which included education and health care. After Gloria finished her primary seven, plans to permanently resettle her were underway. She started to learn hair dressing skills so as to fit in the community when she goes back. In 2016, Gloria was resettled with her paternal aunt.

2.1.5.2 Nassanga Gloria

Nassanga went missing in areas of Kakiri around May 2016. She was referred to Wakiso Police station and then later The Probation and Social Welfare Officer referred her to AHCM. We went looking for the parents and just few months later we got to know them. She was reunited with them in September of 2016.



Photo of AHCM Field Officer on the right, Father of Gloria, Gloria and AHCM Social Worker

2.1.6 Legal support

We handled a case of twins whose paternity was not known. These were referred by the Family Court in Kakiri through the Probation and Social Welfare Officer. The court had ruled a DNA test to establish the true father of the children since their mother had informed court that the one who was claiming to be their father was not their father though he had taken care of the children for 3 years. After a few weeks, the DNA results revealed that the father who was taking care of them for the past 3 years was not the true father and the court ruled that AHCM hand over the children to the mother who was expected to show the children their true father.



2.2 Education

Out of 120 children that were on our sponsorship program, 97 % were of school age. 94% were able to attend school. Those who failed to attend school were still undergoing counselling so AHCM does not want to waste funds on education of children till they are sure that they are willing to study.

Table 2.4 Children supported with education in 2016 by level of education and sex.

Education Level	Frequency	Male	Female
Pre- primary	12	7	5
Primary	45	25	20
Secondary	40	12	28
Vocational school	10	6	4
University	2	1	1
Total	109	51	58

In total, we spent USD 34,022 on school fees in 2016.

2.2.1 NALUBOWA CONNIE

I am Nalubowa Connie, 21 years old, doing a Bachelor of Arts with Education at Ndenjje University. My father died in 1999 when I was two years old and my mother is diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and cancer. I joined Another Hope Children's Ministry after my high school in 2015. When I finished my high school, I was hopeless, my mother was very sickly, and I had no hope of going back to school. Through the Probation and Social Welfare Officer of Wakiso District who were touched after hearing my story, I was referred to AHCM for support. Ever since then my life has never been the same. AHCM pays all my university tuition. I was so happy when I joined the university because I had no hope that things would work out for me so soon. I was so glad the first time AHCM paid my university tuition. I can't even tell you much about what I felt because I became speechless. I was so blessed because if it wasn't for God, I wouldn't have joined AHCM. May God bless everyone here because my dreams of becoming a teacher are going to become true because of AHCM.



Photo of Nalubowa Connie

2.2.2 Final Academic year results

Most of the time, at the end of a year, we happen to have candidates finishing levels of education like primary and high school levels. In our every day prayer requests, praying for them is a priority. When the test results are released, we have a feeling of excitement and nervousness since these finals are the doors for these children to go to another level of education in their life. So it's a little tense for both children and AHCM as well. In 2016, we had ten candidates on three different levels. We thank God that 9 of them passed well enough to go on to other levels. On this note, with much pleasure we would love to thank God so much for the results of Nakkazi Irene. This girl did her finals of high school, yet in the previous year, August 2015, she had lost her father. This was a very trying time for such a young girl, left with a mother and six siblings; it was so terrible. At AHCM we did all we could to keep her on track. We prayed for her, talked with her, and strengthened her as much as we could. We report to you now that she was one of the best in her school. She got 15 out of 20 points. It was such a great moment for her and the organization. She is going to university in August 2017, getting a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, and we wish her all the best in her new university level.



2.2.3 Graduation

In 2016 we had a graduation for five of our young adults all graduating in different professions. Nambassa Rebecca graduated with a certificate in Catering and Hotel Management from the YMCA. Batoma Sharon graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Uganda Christian University. Kato Samuel graduated with a Certificate in Motor Vehicle Mechanic from Baroma Institute Mukono. Katonto Oscar graduated with a certificate in Electrical Installation. Ssekabira Simon Peter graduated with a certificate in Carpentry and Joinery both from St. Joseph's Institute Kisubi.





Oscar and Simon on their Graduation Day and all Graduateson Celebration Day At AHCM

2.2.3.2 Nambassa Rebecca

Rebecca is now 20 years old. She joined AHCM when she was nine years old after the death of both her parents. She was left with an aunt who had no stable income and had children as well to look after. Rebecca's education has been entirely AHCM supported from all levels. She joined the YMCA after 2 years of high school and started persuing her Certificate in Catering. This year Rebecca graduated, and she has turned into a very hard working responsible fine lady. We can now report that she is also employed. At AHCM, we can not forget to celebrate with Rebecca this success.



Photo of Rebecca



Sharon on her Graduation day

2.2.3.1 Batoma Sharon

Sharon joined AHCM in 2011. She is a single orphan with only a father who is a polygamous man with a lot of children. After Sharon had completed high school it was hard for the father to raise tuition for her university as so she got the opportunity of joining AHCM. Sharon joined Uganda Christian University doing a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. She graduated with very good grades. She is very hard working and currently she is already employed somewhere as an Administrator. We thank God for Sharon's life.

2.2.4 Leticia Nasaali's ART Exhibition

It was a great day when I (Ruth) attended Leticia Nasaali's Art Exhibition. Leticia is studying a certificate course in Art & Design, and after graduation she will pursue a diploma in the same field. Leticia is a total orphan who lost both parents to HIV/AIDS. Without your love and generosity, children like Leticia would not achieve their life time dreams. Thanks so much.



2.2.5 Christa's first Day at School

Below is Christa on day one of her pre-school. Christa is a baby that was abandoned when she was just hours old with the umbilical cord still intact. God was merciful to protect this baby, and now she is already three years old. You are the ones that help children like Christa have the basic needs of life and enable them grow up. Thanks so much for doing that. God bless you so much.



It was a great start for school

2.2.6 Academic Evaluation

We always conduct, on a quarterly basis, an academic evaluation exercise for all the children that are being supported in their education. We go to the different schools and find out how our children are performing academically and what challenges they are facing and how AHCM could work with the school to see that the children's academic performance is improved.



2.2.7 School visitation

For all accommodated children who attend boarding school, AHCM goes to the scheduled school visitation. These are arranged by schools where parents go to check on their children to see how they are doing and also to give them things like east and detergents as they may need them. Also, we take a hot meal (like rice and chicken) to the children because all the three months they are at school they mainly eat corn meal and beans. We are happy that God enabled us to have funds to attend the school visitations.



Students of St. Mary's happy on their visitation day

2.2.8 Education Funding

We need USD 59,000 to support the education of children and young adults in 2017. In case more funds are raised than needed, the excess will be forwarded to the education needs of 2018. 100% of the donation you make will go directly towards the education needs of these vulnerable children and young adults.

2.3 Health

2.3.1 Introduction

The children's health is paramount to us, so we do everything we can to see that they are healthy. This year we thank God that our children are all well, although we had some minor issues. Diseases that are common to us are malaria, bacterial infections, headaches and colds.

2.3.1.1 Ssenabulya Mark

Mark Ssenabulya, one of the children at AHCM, had his first operation on his left knee at CORSU hospital in Entebbe. Mark's legs are broken and he is scheduled for at least two more operations: one in May and one in September 2017. Please continue to keep him in your prayers for his health and also for God's provision.



Mark Admitted at CORSU Hospital, Entebbe

2.3.1.2 Luyima Timothy

He was rescued from Luwero after his parents mistreated him to the extent of denying him food, beating him and harassing him. He was so malnourished that the doctors at the health center could not handle his case and referred him to Mulago Hospital where he was admitted into Mwana Mugimu Nutrition Center. Now he is doing better and receives therapies once a month at Mulago Hospital.



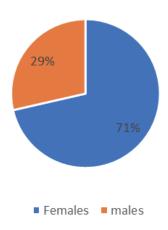
Timothy admitted at Mulago Hospital

2.3.2 Statistics on children's health in 2016

2.3.2.1 Sickness by Sex

More girls (71%) got sick than boys.

Figure 2.2 Accommodate children that were sick in 2016 by sex



2.3.2.2 Sickness by Age Group

We had more children (12-17) getting sick than in other age groups (as shown in Fig 2.3) This is because this age group is challenging. They don't want to take vitamins, sleep in a mosquito net, or take their medication unlike their counter parts in other are groups. AHCM has constantly had health talks with this 12-17 age group 12, and we will continue to do it.

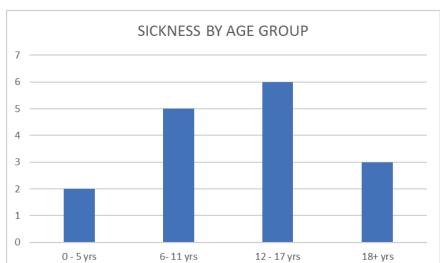


Figure 2.3 Sickness by age group.

Table 2.5 Sickness / Disease by incidence

Sickness	Incidence of disease	Percentage
Malaria	4	18.2
Burns	2	9
Diarrhea	1	4.5
Stomach ache	1	4.5
Swelling	1	4.5
Tooth pain	2	9
Cough	2	9
Arthritis	2	9
Molluscam Contegisum	3	13.6
Fractures	1	4.5
Worms	2	9
Wounds	1	4.5
Total	22	100

2.3.3 Drinking Water Finally at AHCM-Water Filter System Installation

In Uganda, we say water is life, and indeed life was brought to Another Hope Children's Ministries (AHCM) Home after the long-awaited drinking water source was secured.



It was difficult to have the water boiled all the time so as to be readily available for drinking and on top of that it was costly in terms of firewood. The young children would always struggle in this area and, we had cases of water born diseases. But because of the generosity of you our friends that believe in us, the children at AHCM home now have a permanent and secure source of drinking water. Thanks so much and may the Almighty bless you abundantly.

2.4 Recreation

2.4.1 Birthday Celebrations

One way we make our children feel loved, cared for and appreciated is by celebrating their birthdays. We celebrate every month and mainly for accom-

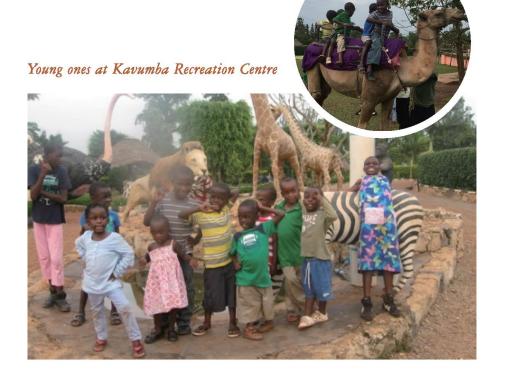


2.4.2 Outings

We find it necessary to take our children somewhere for an outing at least once a year. Sometimes volunteers take children as well and they love it. They are taken to places like theatres to watch educational drama, or cinemas or any other place where they can have some fun, away from AHCM.



Boys having fun at Theatre La'Bonita



2.4.4 Easter Celebrations

Easter is always celebrated in a very special way. Children have an Easter Church service and then later have a special meal celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is always a great time and the children enjoy the celebrations a lot. We are grateful to all of you that support our Easter meals. What would we do without your generosity?



2.4.5 Christmas Celebration at AHCM

With the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is always a time of eating, smiling and always being happy. It is the same here at AHCM with children eating and cutting a cake prepared by mummy Ruth Nambowa, the Founder and Executive Director of AHCM.



Children cutting the cake with the ED



We received gifts of chocolates from our friends in Germany and cakes made by mummy Ruth.

On this day the children are given a chance to make a choice of what they want to eat, and they enjoy and love it so much.



Little ones enjoying

Children with ED and Volunteers having a Christmas Meal.

2.4.5.5 Christmas gifts

At AHCM we continue to make Christmas special by giving gifts to our children. Normally when we have volunteers, they help us with wrapping the gifts. This time around we had Aunt Gina and Aunt Robyn together with the ED and the SW who helped with wrapping which took about two weeks. To those who stay in the community, it was another great feeling because we could just make surprise visits and there we were with our gifts. It was double happiness: to the ones receiving the gifts and those giving them.

It felt so special, and we experienced many happy moments. We thank God that by December 23rd, we had finished visiting all our community children, and on 24thChristmas officially began at AHCM. We started with a service and then later it was gift receiving from the directors. It was a very special day, with a lot of joy.



On right is ED
with Diana
and Kakande
all happy with their gifts

Kambugu Peter's Christmas experience

I am so blessed to live at Another Hope Children's Ministries. I was so blessed with the Christmas we celebrated. It was fabulous because I ate different delicious foods I never ate when I was living with my grandmother. Here at Another Hope Children's Ministries, we usually eat different foods every year for Christmas. But the food served on the Christmas of 2016, was much better than ever. Everyone was allowed to serve themselves. You could eat your plate of food and fruits till your belly got swallen and big. We were blessed with a lot of food this Christmas. We had



fun as young adults competing to see who eats the most food. This is a rare occasion. To have a choice of what to eat with no limitation is a special treat. This is a onetime thing in the year for us to have food of our choice and serve ourselves. We are so grateful for having this feast during Christmas.

We cannot mention all the things we enjoyed. We had our Christmas meal, dining with mummy Ruth. We ate the food while conversing. It was a day of joy. I also joked with one of my friends saying to him that he eats so much that if I was a doctor. I would give him a medical checkup because I thought he had worms in this stomach. I wanted to deworm him at that moment. It brought me happiness making him think that way.

We received many Christmas cards from our friends and sponsors wishing us a Merry Christmas. It was just so much fun opening them and laughing reading what they wrote. I felt much loved reading each card I got. I got Christmas gifts of clothes and shoes from my sponsors and I just felt so important. I wore my shirt and shoes I was given on Boxing Day when we were being taken out by mummy Ruth and Uncle Dan and I felt that I was the best dressed person that day. I will wear them every weekend when I am going for prayers. I am so happy.

2.4.5.5 Families supported with Christmas gifts

A number of families of community sponsored children were surprised with Christmas gifts, and we are so grateful to our sponsors that thought about these families. They had great experiences to share.

Christmas Experience from Mr. Masaza Gerald a family head of a family under AHCM support

Hello everyone.

Greetings to you in the name of Lord Jesus Christ. I am Masaza Gerald officially married to Ibyara Immaculate and a resident of Nakabugo village in Wakiso district.

God has blessed us with five children, all of them girls. The first born is Juliet studying for a diploma in orthopedic medicine in Mulago. Winifred being the second has just completed senior six. The third, Joyce has just completed senior four, and the last born are the twins Jenifer and Judith who are in senior two.

I used to work and was able to provide for my family, but when I become ill. I could not work a lot. I contracted a serious virus, and I am sickly all the time. My wife has the same disease which makes it had to work because we can hardly be employed by any one since we tend to be absent because of the disease.

I am very grateful to Another Hope Children's Ministries for the support it has been giving to my family for the last 8 years; this organization has been paying school fees, scholastic materials, clothing for two of my children, buying food stuff and at times giving cash to my family. The payment of school fees been constant and on time which allows my children to attend school regularly.

We have also benefited a lot from the seminars it organizes. They have taught us how to live healthier and how to improve our household income.

Above all, the most important reason why am writing is that last year's Christmas we were so blessed when we received a lot of food like sugar, matooke, chicken, posho, cooking oil, spaghetti, etc. from the organization. I felt so happy and relieved. As the man of the house who has to meet all the family needs and currently not being financially stable,



I really experienced the hope of Christ because I had no idea where to get food to serve my family in such a festive season. Through Another Hope Children's Ministries, my family rejoiced with lots of food and it was such a blessing to me.

If it wasn't for Another Hope Chil-

dren's Ministries, life would have been difficult for my family, especially where educating the children is concerned.

I extend special thanks to the entire management, staff and donors for the great work done to ensure that our children achieve the best education. I also thank the organization for nurturing our children spiritually.

Long live Another Hope Children Ministries and may the Almighty God bless you abundantly.

Yours Sincerely

Masaza Gerald and Immaculate

CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS FROM MRS. PENNY BORCHERT -A GREAT SUPPORTER OF AHCM

For well over a decade, my husband Bob and I have made a point to keep our Christmas simple. Just five aspects to it, really: Christmas Eve worship with family members; some warm family times; some familiar sights, smells, and music of the season; a few favorite nostalgic foods; and GIVING to the poor and otherwise needy.

We pretty well confine our family gift-giving to small home-produced item (because none of them have any real needs other than our ongoing love and prayers). We choose to GIVE generously to those in need. The children and ministry of Another Hope top our list in that regard.



God is the original GIVER, who puts into our hearts the will to GIVE, as well as the capacity and resources. "...the Son of God...loved me and GAVE Himself for me." [Galatians 2:20]

Much of my Christ-

Much of my Christmas joy comes from

GIVING to Another Hope. Though we GIVE faithfully to our local church and a number of other diverse ministries, Another Hope gets our main focus because we believe it pleases and honors the God of Love who has always expressed and exhibited His care and concern for "the least of these." We are also confident that the money is used wisely and effectively.

For a number of years after beginning our involvement with child sponsorship and other support of AHCM, I had a desire to go to visit there in person in order to enter into their lives in some small way. However, I wasn't sure that I could physically make the trip, and I thought that It was more important to send financial help rather than spending much to travel there. Then in 2015, God changed my thinking and sent me and some partners on our way to VOLUNTEER there for three weeks in early December—to love with our PRESENCE, our time, and our touch. What a joy!

And what a Christmas preparation that was for me, understanding and marveling in a new way that Jesus Christ didn't just love and provide for us from afar. The essence of Christmas is that Jesus came to be PRESENT with us—Immanuel—God WITH US. And so, I found that to go and to love with our PRESENCE was life-changing.

Though we gave ourselves, we received so much more. Now we pray with more understanding and passion, we give with more confidence and urgency, we love with more depth and personal connection. And, guess what? Our financial GIVING did not suffer in the process.

"God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." [2 Corinthians 9:8] And that is Christmas!

4.6 Dance Party

We had a fashion show. Beatrice and Sharon are very reserved children, talk less and are shy, but during this party, it was a different story. They shone out!! Haha... Yes. The fashion show came to life when these two young ladies participated and indeed you would think that they were professionals in this area (Beatrice in white and black and Sharon in Red). WE are grateful for your support because it causes happiness among these children. May God bless.



2.5 Children Talks

2.5.1 Health Talk

Capacity building through trainings is one way through which AHCM passes on information to children under its care. We had the mosquito use training which was conducted by facilitators from the DHO's office. They discussed with the children the importance of using a treated mosquito net because we had a challenge with most children not wanting to sleep under mosquito nets. After the training, many children embraced the nets which helped to reduce the number of malaria cases. We are still struggling with a few children, but we believe we shall change their minds.

Also we had reproductive talks to help the teenagers understand certain issues that they need to know to avoid big challenges in their lives.



Children in a mosquito use training

2.5.2 Career Guidance talks

We managed to conduct one career guidance talk and this was aimed at helping our children make right choices for the courses they need to take after one level of education. We had a visiting speaker who was joined by



Mummy Ruth. By the end of the talk the children had a great idea of what they wanted to do in life.

2.6 Spiritual Guidance

At AHCM, spiritual guidance is one of our core values, and we always endeavour to engage our children in prayers every day. They have a Sunday main service where sometimes we have guest preachers, or on some occasions our children go and serve in the out-side churches through music. Also, when we have Christian volunteers visiting, we have them lead our devotions and Sunday services.

During school break when most children are at the home, we normally have a one-week Prayer and Fasting. This is done to pray for AHCM's main needs: for example, high yields from the farm, protection, and school fees- among other.

This year on the first week of September, we conducted the first ever Thanks-giving Ceremony. The children had prayed and fasted for the whole month of August and as a sign of faith that God had heard and answered their prayers, we conducted a special service on the first Sunday of September. The children gave gifts to each other, and it was such a colorful day full of joy, praise, worship and happiness. Indeed, God had answered our prayers. As another way of serving God was to let the children go out to other churches once in two quarters, and mainly they go out to minister singing Christian songs.

2.7 Gifts

It always feels great for our children to get a gift from their sponsors, volunteers, or friends. This is another way of feeling loved, cared for and protected. We receive different gifts for different children on different occasions such as birthdays, Christmas, and for good performance at school, among others.



2.7.1 Ssebayonzi Joseph

Gifts make a very big impression in our children's lives. For example, we have one boy, 13-year-old Ssebayunzi Joseph. Joseph used to be a boy who didn't take care of his clothes, shoes, sandals or anything that belonged to him. Joseph was always untidy, very shabby and not responsible. He ran out

of things since he never wanted to take care of his stuff. Now his sponsor started sending him gifts and of course these were clothes, shoes, sandals among others and because these items were sent with his name on them, Joseph felt a sense of identity.



He gradually started to change, becoming responsible for things the sponsor would send him and all those things given to him at the home. Because of these gifts, Joseph is now a very changed boy. His grades in school have improved because he can take care of his books hence improving a lot in class. He is now in Primary six and all this has been possible through the power of gifts

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2.7.2 Gifts from friends and supporters from different countries

We were blessed with so many gifts from friends and supporters of AHCM. Some of them had visited AHCM before and others had never been at AHCM. We are so grateful for the gifts because they help a lot with the needs of the children. We were blessed with shoes and clothes from Aunt Nancy, clothes for the young ones from Mr. & Mrs. Borody, books from Mr. Harald, clothes and shoes from Alex & Connie and their families, Aunt Ada and Aunt Esther. The girls were happy to get the jewelry, bags and scarf. KLM Crew gave bedsheets and towels. We can't mention all of you here but just know we are so grateful for all you did for the children in 2016. Sponsors and volunteers, we are so grateful for the continued gifts you bring or send the children. May God reward you abundantly.



Fred and Charles
posing in their new clothes

2.8 Home visits

In 2016, we are pleased to inform you that 90% of our children were visited by the Social Workers, Field Officers and Directors. Home visits are one of the mandatory requirements of the government. These visits help us monitor and supervise our guardians and parents in different aspects such as the vulnerability levels of the families.

To some of our parents/guardians, we give them income generating activities to help them earn a living and be able to sustain their families. So home visits help us monitor and supervise them.

2.8.1 Tendo Mathias's home visit

We received Mathias when he was 3 weeks old, after the death of his mother as she was giving birth to him. The grandmother was not able to look after him, so the Probation and Social Welfare Officer of Luwero District referred him to AHCM for care. When Mathias was a year old, his grand mum was able to take care of him and so he was resettled back with her. The grandmother was very happy and very ready to start looking after her grand son. However, AHCM had the responsibility to still visit Mathias and see how he is progressing and support him with food and supplements. Constant home visits to such families have made guardians feel very happy and responsible for their children.



SW, Mathias
and His Guardian

2.8.2 Other Home visits conducted

We had another home visit at Allan Katongole and Jacky's home, where she was able to see her father after 5 years of AHCM trying to find him.

Hajara's grand mum was also visited to check on her and other grandchildren she has. We also tried to see if she had information about Hajara's father.

Lastly Ms. Sulaina's home was also visited. All these homes are found in



Jacky with her father and the AHCM's field officer and Social Worker

2.9 Parent/Guardians and children's meetings

We conduct these meetings with parents/guardians every school break in order to discuss with our parent's/guardians different issues such as their children's education performance. AHCM policies that govern spansorship and education program especially for those who are newly enrolled on the program so that they can be able to understand and follow them for the good of them, their children and the Organization at large. Also we talk about how best we could raise our children so that they don't end up in children's homes or get married at early ages.

In 2016, we were blessed that we conducted a couple of these meetings where our guardians have been much involved, and through these, we were able to collectively solve some issues that had arisen.

Guardians/Parents meetings have also helped us a lot in increasing their participation in their children's lives. Most of them did not get involved in their children's lives saying that AHCM will look after the children. This has helped us a lot to improve their participation.



SW, PO and Guardians in the Meeting

3. Volunteers, Visitors and Interns

3.1 Volunteers

Every time we get a volunteer, we feel so proud. Their presence helps a great deal. No matter whether they volunteered physically by coming to AHCM or helping us with documentation, advocacy or the website, we feel and see their impact.

Thanks to all of you who were able to volunteer with us in 2016. May the good Lord bless you so much.

Volunteers participated in various activities such as training children and staff, playing with children, photography and videography, painting the facilities, spiritual guidance, participating in the soccer activities, Financial management, administration, and home visits, to mention but a few.

We are grateful to the Biblical Mennonite team who did not only spend time with the children helping them in their spiritual growth, but were involved in repairs and painting.



Ms. Claire Cogswell and Ms. Jessica Lee Woomer, thanks so much for your help in photography; you helped us get great photos.







Uncle Richard Cogswell and wife, Anne, your advice and guidance is always valued.

Uncle Ralph, we were so pleased by the events you participated in the Kabanga community and training boys in soccer. You were a good coach and referee.



Ms Jessica Boyd, your attachment and love towards the young children, especially the special needs children, is much appreciated. I am sure that these kids miss you a great deal.

SNO	NAME	COUNTRY
1	Nikola Schoenfeld	Germany
2	Ms Anne Bjorklund	USA
3	Marko Hoffmann	Germany
4	Ms Cindy Miller	USA
5	Ms Jennifer Miller	USA
6	Mr. Richard Cogswell	Australia
7	Ms Claire Cogswell	UK
8	Ms Makayla Martin	USA
9	Ms Ondray Rohrer	USA
10	Mr. Jeremy Zimmerman	USA
11	Ms Erica Rohrer	USA
12	Mr. Jim Landis	USA
13	Ms Geraldine De Groot	Netherlands
14	Ms Thea Buijs	Netherlands
15	Ms Emma Monkkonon	Finland
16	Ms Katalina Kauppala	Finland
17	Mr. Eric Bjorklund	USA
18	Ms. Emily Pohle	USA
19	Ms. Jessica Boyd	USA
20	Mr. Ralph Boyd	USA
21	Ms Marie Ryan	Ireland
22	Mr. Paddy Ryan	Ireland
23	Ms Alice Heipko	Germany
24	Ms Jessica Lee Woomer	USA
25	Alex and Connie Friesen	Germany
26	Mr. Roma Tertre	France
27	Nikita Sweet	South Africa

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28	Ilana and Madelene Botha	South Africa
29	Ms Gina Green	USA
30	Robyn Cooper	Australia
31	Christopher George	France

Paddy and Marie Ryan from Deloitte, Ireland thanks so much for your support in the finance area and the donation of the two laptops. Our accountant was so empowered and he is able to produce timely reports. Thanks a lot.



Uncle Eric Bjorkland, the children miss your guitar lessons and your music times. Aunt Anne Bjorkland your presence carrying the babies can never be forgotten. Your chicken meals are still remembered!

We can't forget Ms. Nikola Schoenfeld and Marko Hoffmann both from Germany for the effort they put in to train the children in computer, gardening, CV writing in addition to being there to listen to the children. Thanks a lot.

Nikita Sweet, your efforts to see that Margrete and Timothy our special needs children get the items they needed, like shoes, are highly appreciated.

Ms Geraline and your mum, thanks so much for the love and care shown to our lovely children.



We wish we can mention all of you or everything you did, but we say thank you so much and may God bless you.

3.2 Visitors

We were blessed by some of the visitors who supported us in various things especially spending time with the children. It was just one day but much valued. Grateful to visitors from Hope Foundation, Sweden







We were blessed with Mr. Dieter's visit from Germany.

3.2.1 Association of The Young Adventists Professionals

We had a surprise visit by these Christians, very committed to serve the Lord. We had a great worship service which transformed the lives of the children. Also, they blessed the children with lots of gifts such as food and toiletries. A group of them also helped with Margate's physiotherapy payments for a whole month. What a blessing they were to these beautiful angels of God that we are serving here at AHCM.

3.2.2 All Saints Church Nakasero cell Group of Nansana

The Deputy Director, Mr. Kasozi Daniel is a member of the Bible Study group of All Saints Church Nakasero that meets in Nansana. Through him, this Bible study group chose to come and hold one of their Bible studies at AHCM children's home with the children. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and praying. Also the group had brought some gifts for the children such as food, and toiletries. We are so grateful for the concern they showed to these beautiful children under our care.

3.2.3 Students from Mitala Maria Secondary school

We did get mail from a young man saying that they are a group of 4 students who would like to come and visit our children. We did not hesitate to tell them to come. These students had completed their four years of high school and wanted to thank God for helping them finish the four years by donating the little they had. They blessed the children with some toiletries, cooking oil and cookies. We were touched seeing the love these young boys and girls had for others. God bless them so much.



3.2.4 Interns

We had three interns who volunteered with us in the Social Work Department and the Finance and Administration Department. They were from Ndejje and Makerere Universities.

4. Projects

4.1 Introduction

At AHCM, we have two categories of projects that we undertake. One is the projects that benefit the communities we work in, and the second is the projects that support the Children's Home that AHCM is running.

4.2 Community Development Projects

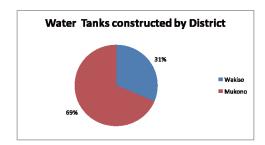
AHCM is involved in different communities in the Districts of Wakiso, Kampala and Luwero among others. The community projects that are undertaken are Water Life, Family Support, Self Esteem, Economic Empowerment, Positive Discipline and Skillful Parenting.

4.2.1 Water Life project

We continued to expand our interventions with this project. The project is aimed at increasing accessibility to safe drinking water, improving the sanitation and hygiene of families and communities at large. In addition, we make the word of God available to those who need it. Specifically, we construct brick water tanks to help harvest water during the rainy season and distribute water filters to help families have clean safe water for drinking.

4.2.1.1 Water Tank Construction

We are glad to say that during the year we built water tanks in both Wakiso and Mukono Districts. The villages that benefited in Wakiso District were Ntinda Kyeberese and Namasanga in Wakiso Sub-County and in Mukono District the villages of Butere and Kabanga, Mpata Sub County.





Pr. Musisi Vincent's story of a water filter

My name is Pastor Musisl Vincent of Butere village Mpata Sub county Mukono District.

I am so grateful to God that I was able to receive a water filter. This water filter has saved me and the children a lot of time we were using to boil drinking water. I was always worried about the health of my children because they were always drinking unboiled water whenever we ran out of boiled water. Sometimes

I would yell at them to stop drinking it, but most of the time I am not at home so I was always worried. Firewood is no longer available as it was in our days because now places where we could collect firewood are now settled. We have to purchase



the firewood. Receiving the water filter was a relief to me. I am no longer worried because know safe clean drinking water is readily available for me and most especially my children.

I would like to thank Another Hope for saving me the worry and money.

Thank you so much. May God reward you.

4.2.1.2 Water Filter Distribution

In both Kabanga and Butere village, Mukono District, we managed to distribute 22 Sawyer Point One water filters to 22 households.

With these filters, households will safely avoid water borne diseases in addition to saving the fuel that would have been used in boiling water. Also, there is reduction to dangerous indoor smoke and fumes since they don't have to boil the water.

The filters themselves do not require any maintenance. Each filter can last 3 years without needing to be replaced.



The water filter beneficiaries

Family One:

My name is Namutebi Rose of Butere village Mpata Sub county Mukono District. I am a widow. This tank has saved me and the children a lot of time which we were using to go to the well. My children go early to school. I even get time to till my garden. I would like to thank Another Hope for saving us the long journey of going to the well to collect water. Thank you so much. May God reward you.

Family two:

My name is Mukyala Zibu. I live in Namasanga village Wakiso Sub County. Before I got this tank, I'd wake up at 3 am to fetch water because the well is usually crowded during the day, and I would spend a lot of time waiting in queues to get water. Having children going to school, it is my duty to ensure that there's water for use My children are too young to be sent to the well and besides they cannot carry the jerry cans over the hill where our well is located. With this tank, I feel safe. On behalf of my family I would like to thank Another Hope Children's Ministries for the gift of a water tank.

4.2.1.3 Bible Distribution

Spreading the word of God is of utmost importance when it comes to the task of worldwide evangelization. So many places in our country do not have ready access to God's Word. AHCM strives to put the Bible into the hands of people who have never owned or may have never seen a copy of God's written word.



We distributed Bibles in two communities: Kimanya village in Masaka District and Kabanga village in Mukono District.



NSEMERIRWE HELLEN'S STORY - FROM RINAH JUNIOR SCHOOL

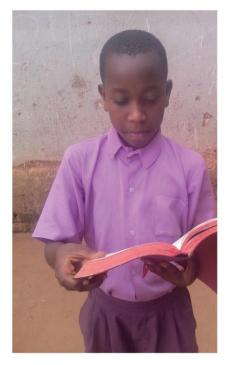
My name is Nsemerirwe Hellen. I am 13 years old. I am in Primary 7 at Rinah Junior School. Sometime last year, I was lucky to receive a Bible from Another Hope Children's Ministries. The Bible has helped me to learn more about God. I am able to follow the Bible readings as the preacher is preaching.



The Bible has enabled me to memorize some verses and be able to share them with others. I have been able to understand Matthew Chapter 23 and 24, and Revelation Chapter 21. These texts have made my faith strong. My life has changed for the better. I am sure one day, Jesus will come and take us to heaven.

I have shared the word of God with my friend Cissy. Cissy accepted Jesus and was baptized and now she is a member of our church.

Thank you AHCM for the Bible gift. May God bless you.



RUDASINGWA TIMOTHY'S STORY – FROM RINAH JUNIOR SCHOOL

My name is Rudasingwa Timothy. I am 10 years old. I am in Primary 6 at Rinah Junior School.

I thank AHCM for the Bible gift. I read my Bible faithfully. The Bible has enabled me to understand the truth. I have learned to trust God more. I have learned God's commandments from Exodus Chapter 20. The Bible has taught me to love, forgive and give thanks.

The Bible gives me hope that when Jesus comes, we will be with all our loved ones.

Thanks AHCM.



4.1.2.4 Community meetings

This project is premised on the rights based approach to programming. This approach promotes bringing the men, women, children, and community leaders into decision making and planning for the best interest of the child, empowerment of communities, and participation by community members. We want to have equal opportunities for men and women, girls and boys. We want everyone to respect the views of community members. Having meetings before implementation of any project is our goal.

These meetings help enhance knowledge and understanding of community and also helps beneficiaries to know their responsibilities in the water life projects that are to be carried out. This helps the beneficiaries understand and appreciate the water life projects.



4.2.2 Sustainable skills and empowerment for the Youth project

The project goal is to reduce vulnerability and dependency among young people by 20% in 5 Districts of Central Uganda (Kampala, Mpigi, Wakiso, Mityana and Mubende). The specific objectives are:

1.To mobilize and sensitize over 12000 youth in the 5 Districts of Central Uganda.

2.To advocate and mainstream vocational training skills with other trainings.
3.To reduce the problem of unemployment by 10% of the youth by training them in vocational skills

4.To provide 40 % of counseling and guidance services to youths on psychosocial and economic issues.

By the close of 2016, the renovation of the buildings where the vocational school was to be established had started. The aim was to have the facility ready by February 2017 so that the students can start using it. Departments

to be housed in the facility included the Administration office, Hair Dressing and Cosmetology, Information Technology and Tailoring, and Design Departments.



4.2.3 Self Esteem Project

This is the project that is aimed at increasing the esteem of adolescents and young adults in the Central part of Uganda.

Under this project, we distribute sanitary pads to young girls to help them in school as many of them tend to stay home during their menstrual days which affect their education and eventually make them abandon their education. During the year, we managed to distribute 50 packages of sanitary pads to 50 grils in Wakiso District.



4.2.3.1 Story about Nakelam Joan

Joan was a pupil at Gimbo Primary School and was one of the beneficiaries of the re-usable sanitary pads that were distributed in this school. Joan who stays with her grandmother told us that she was missing school every time she had her period. She expressed great happiness as she now had an assurance of school attendance for a whole year. With support from you, many school



girls like her are able to have confidence and attend school with no fear. Thank you so much for your support.

Also, reproductive talks were conducted in schools, villages and at AHCM.



Bras were distributed to young girls because the few girls we interacted with mentioned that without bras, they felt they cannot freely play or interact with their friends.

We realize that young people with issues of low self-esteem, anxieties, and appearance have troubles with school, friends and health. It's with these problems in mind that we started the self esteem project. The more young people that are helped, the more we reduce early marriages and teen pregnancies, thus reducing child abandonment. We realized that most child abandonment cases we have at AHCM were coming from young girls, especially teenage mothers. Tackling causes of child abandoned from the root was the only way we could lessen these numbers. We are so grateful to all individuals that have been supportive of these adolescents.

4.2.4 Family Support Project

Many families who cannot support their children with basic needs such as food and medical care, end up sending them to child care institutions such as AHCM.

As a way of helping children stay with their families (family should be the first line of support), we came up with the family support project. With your generous gifts, we have been able to help keep families together over the past years. We increased the number of children that stay in families. Our resettlement figures are quite high.

Last year, we monitored families that we had supported with income generating activities and also supported one family with an income generating activity.

4.2.4.1 Ms. Kabaigi Sandra

The family of Miss Kabasaigi Sandra was supported with a market stall in 2016. This mother was abandoned by her husband and being HIV positive, she had deteriorating health; her three children were not going to school. Thanks to donors like you, her kids were put back in school, and a market stall business that sells food stuffs was started for her.



4.2.4.2 Food and other items

One family was supported with food for 6 months. This was a family of 7 children whose parents abandoned them. AHCM has met their education needs, however, they lacked food and beddings among other things. Thanks to donors like you, these children are well fed now.



4.3 AHCM Children's Home Sustainable Projects

4.3.1 Safe Projects

The aim of this project is to establish a clean and safe sustainable non-discriminative community driven children's home that is suitable to accommodate the disadvantaged children and young adults as permanent homes are sought for them.

A good clean environment ensures balanced and holistic development of all children at the home.

Major improvements at the children's home have been done such as slating the guest house and the children's house, also painting the children's house and the hut where prayers take place.







4.3.2. Farming Project

We do two kinds of activities: growing crops and animal husbandry

4.3.2.1 Crops

We were able to plant various crops such as sweet potatoes, cassava, bananas, beans and maize. Through farming we were able to reduce our food expenses by 75%. We are grateful for all your support to make our farming activities a reality. We can't forget to thank the older children and young adults who helped so much in farming, being led by the Social Worker, Ms. Namutebi Benadate. This project has also helped a number of our children to learn farming skills which they can use later in life.



Children and volunteers weeding the sweet potatoes



Children working on the beans that were harvested.

We are also grateful for Uncle Marko for helping start a vegetable garden at the children's home. We now have vegetables grown throughout the year.



4.3.2.2 Livestock

We now have a total of 5 cows (4 female, 1 male)

Also by the end of 2016 two of the cows were expecting, so we expect more cows in 2017. The milk production was good which helped us a lot to serve the babies. Because of the good milk production, the maize parridge purchases were lowered and this helped in saving some money that was channeled to other things such as children's education.

4.3.2.3 Arts and Crafts

Our children expressed their creativity by making different craft items. Creativity involves being imaginative and original. It is some times thought the only certain people are creative and that to be creative you have to have unusual talent. However, this is not the case of AHCM. The children's activities are enhanced through engaging them in making art and crafts. By training these children to make art and crafts, we are able to provide skills that the children can use in the competitive world.

The proceeds from sales of crafts they make are used to continue the project and for the children's education needs.



The children were not only engaged in making baskets, beads and so on, but they learned new skills of making liquid soap and Vaseline. Now at AHCM we use liquid soap and Vaseline that the children make. This cuts down on cost of buying these items allowing us to save more money.









4.3.2.4 Music, Dance and Drama Project

The project is aimed at helping AHCM raise awareness of the problems Ugandan children face and also develop children's talents. We hope in the near future we will be able to raise funds through this project.

Through this project, children are able to acquire self-esteem and learn how to present themselves.

Last year our choir managed to produce 3 songs on child abuse and father involvement. We believe the messages passed on in music will help to change people and will reduce child abuse cases that are rampant in our country.

4.4 Other community projects

4.4.1 Vitamin Distribution to Families

Families targeted were those who had a child or parent who was HIV positive and was under the AHCM sponsorship program. Vitamins are meant to boost the immune system of children so that they don't miss school because of being sick. We also provided vitamins to parents or guardians because we wanted them to stay healthy and take care of their children. We mainly focused on four families.

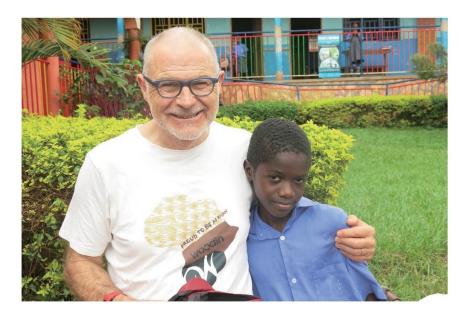






4.4.1.1 A story of Vitamins distribution to Allan Ssemwezi

Ssemwezi Allan is 12 years of age, born with AIDS, living with his paternal grandmother Ms. Sembatya Aidah. Both parents died of Aids. Allan is studying at Little Diamonds Junior School.



Allan with his sponsor, Uncle Richard

Allan has been on AHCM's sponsorship program for many years. During the school visits AHCM conducts 3 times a year for all its sponsored children/young adults, it was noticed that Allan was absent from school a lot. When we asked his grandmother why, we were informed that he is sick a lot. With the help of volunteers and other donors who bring vitamins to AHCM, we managed to start Allan on multi vitamins.

Since he started receiving the vitamins there is a great change in his life. Allan is now progressing well in school. He can play and he is happy.

The family is very happy to see Allan growing and progressing in school which was not expected, and they had great thanks to AHCM.

Many families just like Allan's family cannot afford to buy vitamins. Without the generosity of donors, children like Allan would fail to be in school or probably be dead by now. Thanks so much for your support.

Chapter Five 5. Finance

and Adminstration

5.1 Administration

The management and the entire staff of AHCM played a very big role in ensuring that the lives of the vulnerable children in Uganda are being taken care of. We are grateful to all the people that helped out. Thanks so much to the department heads, such as Ms. Namutebi Benadatte, who worked tirelessly in their departments and also lent a hand in other departments. We truly appreciate your commitment.

Board of directors Executivedirector **DeputyDirector** Administrator Socialworker Accountant Ass Project coordinator Socialworker in charge Farm Driver of children'swelfa SecurityCompany Assistant Care Takers Volunteers

Fig. 5.1 AHCM Organization Chart

5.1.1 Meetings

In order to achieve the goals and objectives of AHCM, various meeting were held to set targets, solve problems and forge a way forward. These include the departmental meetings, monthly staff meeting, and quarterly Board meetings.

We are grateful for those who organized the meetings and those who made it a point to attend. Your participation in these meetings contributed a lot to the activities carried out in 2016, May God surely bless you.



Staff members at the end of month meeting

5.1.1.1 Management Meeting

The Management Team is comprised of the two AHCM Directors of Finance and Administration, the Social Worker in charge of Children's Welfare, the Project Coordinator and the Care Takers. In addition to these, the approved Home Regulations of 2013 mandates us to have three representatives from the Government. These are the Probation and Social Welfare Officer (PSWO), the District Health Officer (DHO), and the Chairperson Local Council Three (LCIII). All these are from the district in which AHCM is located. We are grateful for this team for agreeing to come to our meetings and with their great contribution. They made it easy for us to operate of the children's home. The PSWO worked tirelessly with us to see that children's families are traced and children's resettlements were pos-



sible. The DHO made it possible for us to have a contact person at the Wakiso Health Centre IV which made it easy for us whenever we took the children who were sick.

This is a great help that we commend to the DHO's office. And the LCIII made it possible for us to access the help we need at the Sub-county. Thank you so much.

5.1.1.2 Board Meetings

We are grateful to the Board members that committed themselves to serving the children and their families. In 2016, our major aim was to see a strengthened Board that can help in various issues. More two members joined the Board as we

had two members that were dormant.

We are still working tirelessly to have a strong Board. Thanks to Professor Mirembe Florence (a Board member) that has helped a lot.

We are grateful to Mr. Ssebuliba Isaac for committing a lot of time in fundraising. Because of his effort, we managed



to get the Rotary involved in AHCM and we received a water pump which can help irrigate our vegetables so we can have vegetables grown on a continuous basis.

We cannot forget the efforts of our chairperson Madam Aidah Nakanjako. Thanks so much for mobilizing the Board. Your efforts are highly appreciated.

5.1.2 Staffing at AHCM

We had a staff that played various roles. The Department heads were The Social Welfare Department which included 3 Social Workers this year, MS. Cissy Kusemeza who headed the Finance and Administration Department and was assisted by the Executive Director Ms. Ruth Nambowa Bulyaba. Lastly the Projects Department and this was led by Mr. Kasozi Daniel, the Deputy Director Programs with his assistant, Mr. Kibirige Timothy.

We had a total of 16 staff including the drivers and farm assistants.

We had six staff leave, two who got other opportunities and four who could not cope up with the organization's policies. Also, because we had projects to work on early in the year that needed more man power in accomplishing them, we hired more staff who we later released after the projects were finished.

5.1.3 Staff Stress Management Outing and Christmas party

5.1.3.1 Staff Stress Management Outing

It was a great honor to have a staff stress management outing. We went to the Sheraton Hotel in Kampala where we had a buffet dinner and entertainment. This was so refreshing. Many of us had the buffet for the first time. We are so grateful for this opportunity; when staff are happy, they are able to serve the children and families better.

5.1.3.2 Staff Christmas party

Again, as the year ended, we had the opportunity of celebrating Christmas. We went to the Hotel Africana in Kampala. What was more interesting on this day, we were able to share gifts among ourselves. We choose secret friends, meaning none of us knew their secret friend till that day when she/he called you to receive your gift. Then there was great joy.



Staff members celebrating Christmas at the Africana Hotel.

KAGEZI GERALD'S STORY ON HOW HE FELT ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY.

My name is Gerald Kagezi and I am one of the drivers at Another Hope Children's Ministries. Last year when we were off for Christmas holidays, the management organized a Christmas party for us. It was such a special feeling because I had no idea how it would be since I had never attended one anywhere I worked.

We held the party from the Hotel Africana. I had never gone to such a good place. Even the view of the place made me surprised. We were hosted well, given seats and then waited to be served. Everyone ordered what they wanted, and I asked for chips and fish; it was very delicious.

It was such a great feeling being together with everyone away from the work place, but rather eating, smiling and joking, I really loved it and it felt so special. We also gave gifts to each other; my secret friend was Ms. Bernah the Social Worker. The one who picked me as his secret friend was the Executive Director, Ms. Nambowa Ruth Bulyaba. This day gave me a good memory, happiness, joy and more unity with my workmates. I thank our management who organized such a great day for us. May God bless them.



5.1.4 Others

We are grateful that in the year, we managed to go from one desktop computer to four desktops in addition to the two laptops. This was a great help. We can now meet deadlines. We are so grateful to those who donated specifically for the computers.

Generally, we had great improvements in the administration. We were able to have breakfast in addition to lunch. We pledge to continue the work of serving these vulnerable children.

5.2 Finance

5.2.1 Sources of Finance

By the end of 2016, Ugx 617,675,783 was raised of which (67%) of it came through Good Measure International in USA, an organization that receives tax deductible donations on our behalf.

This was followed by funds raised by Aid That Helps German (13%). The funds were meant for the children's education. Lastly, (0.14%) funds were raised from Wings of Support and this was meant to cover the extra expense for the second solar panel.

SOURCE OF INCOMES	AMOUNT	Percent
Good Measure International	413,662,236	67%
Aid that Helps	81,942,440	13%
Global Giving - Restricted Funds	53,954,300	9%
Another Hope Children's Ministries	53,846,885	9%
Lift the Children	5,115,403	1%
Other incomes	6,805,600	1%
(Farming and Livestock)		
Diaconie Protestant	1,457,919	24%
Wings of Support	891,000	0.14%
Total	617,675,783	100%

Table 5.1 Accounts by Funds Received

5.2.2 Expenditures

Children direct expense and Administration were the two items that took most of the money (27%). This was followed by Community support and Development (19%) and these included the Water Life Project, Vocational School. The least were Utilities and Financial costs (1%) as shown in the Figure 5.2 below.

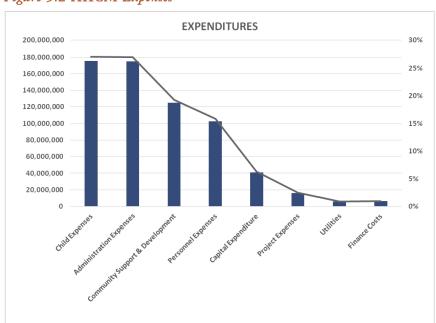


Figure 5.2 AHCM Expenses

Table 5.3 AHCM Expense in details

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EXPENSES	AMOUNT (UGSHS.)	Percent
Bedding, Clothing, Toiletries & Scholastic Materials	846,000	0.002%
Food	24,736,200	4%
Other children welfare expenses	5,386,444	1%
Transport & home visits	601,500	0.001%
Special Events (Xmas, Easter, Birthdays & Graduations)	13,146,300	2%
School fees	119,078,520	18%
Medical &Counseling Expenses	6,128,000	1%
Children entertainment expenses	5,510,700	1%
Art & craft	2,206,500	0.2%
Farm expenses	11,517,300	2%
Community support	70,694,400	11%
parent's sensitization expenses	301,500	0.001%
Sustainable skills development	53,954,300	8%
Salaries, Wages& Allowances	79,380,079	12%
NSSF	6,457,100	1%
Staff Welfare	1,161,900	0.1%
Staff Training & Development	2,938,500	0.2%
Volunteer Expenses	9,483,900	1%
staff transport	3,340,400	1%
Bank Charges	6,260,398	1%
Professional and consultancy /Audit fees	3,180,000	0.9%
Security service	25,757,040	4%
Machine Repair and Maintenance	1,119,000	0.1%
General Repair and Maintenance	2,937,200	0.3%

EXPENSES	AMOUNT (UGSHS.)	Percent
Vehicle fuel	9,964,800	2%
Vehicle Maintenance	13,976,300	2%
Insurance	4,696,068	1%
Telephone and internet.	5,655,600	1%
Postage expenses	3,998,800	1%
Meeting	1,143,500	0.1%
Fines & penalties	2,800,000	0.2%
Directors foreign travel	86,726,494	13%
Office expenses	10,510,600	2%
Advocacy and Public relations	4,252,165	1%
power & lighting	5,655,600	1%
Capital expense	40,964,176	6%
Total	648,862,884	100%

Note: Directors' Foreign Travel

In 2016, we realized that much was spent on the Directors' foreign travel. The funds for these trips were provided by donors who wanted to spread the work that AHCM is doing in order that more people would come and volunteer and also to get more people to sponsor children. This travel does not happen every year. The Directors are planning not to travel in 2017.

The money that was given to fund these trips has to be shown as an expenditure, so these people can get a tax receipt for their donation.

6. Advocacy and Capacity Building

6.1 Advocacy

6.1.1 Fundraising

We try to fund raise both locally and internationally. We thank our international hosts so much for supporting us financially, physically, spiritually and emotionally. Thanks for setting up connections and fundraisers. May God bless you greatly.

The majority of people that came to volunteer with us, ended up sponsoring children. What a wonderful thing they did, and we are indeed proud of them. Through Global Giving we managed to raise funds that started the construction of our vocational school. Thanks to all of you that donated towards this cause.

6.1.2 Networking and partnership

6.1.2.1 Meetings

AHCM is proud of being part of several networks such as the Wakiso NGO Forum, Parenting Uganda Chapter and Nansana Civil Society Network. We attended various meetings during the year and through these meetings a lot of good ideas were learned which we transferred to AHCM to help us serve the children and their families better. We are proud to say that in the Nansana Civil Society Network, I (Ruth) hold the position of Vice Chairperson, and Mr. Daniel Kasozi represents AHCM on the Networks committee.





6.1.2.2 Exhibition Event

Networks organize various events in which we participate. This year AHCM was able to participate at the exhibition organized by the Nansana Civil Society Network. The aim of this exhibition was to strengthen the existing relationship among partners, develop a clear coordination, re-enforce networking and referral system for proper service delivery.





6.1.2.3 Parenting African Network Ugandan Chapter Network meeting

We were able to host the parenting African Network Uganda Chapter meeting. This was to increase the knowledge levels of member organizations.



6.1.2.4 Partnerships

We love to continue developing partnerships. We know without local and international partners, we may not be able to achieve our goals.

6.1.2.4.1 International Partners

Our long-life partners such as Good Measure International, USA, Aid That Helps in Germany, Wings of Support, a KLM Airline organization based in the Netherlands, Lift the Children Canada, the 365-Youth Group in Depere, USA, The New Covenant Mennonite Church in PA, USA, all continue their financial support towards the activities of AHCM.

We have managed to add on new partners: Global Giving (based in both USA and UK); Huron Baptist Church in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada; First Baptist church in Schenectady, New York, USA; AON Foundation, IL, USA; Martins Furniture, PA, USA; and the Protestante Gemeente church in the Netherlands. All these supported us financially, advised us and some also donated materially. We are so honored to have them as part of the AHCM Family.

We were also blessed to be helped by the Biblical Mennonite Alliance Missionaries that bring out teams to do mission work. We have already been blessed with one team of 7 in the year and expect more of them in the coming years.

Our International friends also have been open to supporting our efforts whenever a need arises, in addition to their monthly support. Thanks so much for standing with us always. AHCM management would like to acknowledge the following individuals for their continued support to AHCM.

Table 6.1. Major Individuals in the AHCM Family

SNO	NAME	COUNTRY
1	Ed and Renee Wineck	USA
2	Mike and Barb Post	USA
3	Richard and Anne Cogswell	Australia
4	Steve and Monica Carter	USA
5	Ms Claire Cogswell	UK
6	Bob and Penny Borchert	USA
7	Tim and Jane Birr	USA

SNO	NAME	COUNTRY
8	Marlin and Angela Martin	USA
9	Angella and Ralph Boyd	USA
10	Brian and Margrete Baker	
11	Ms. Macy Smith	
12	Ms. Rebecca Hilden	USA
13	Joe and Michelle Hochrein	USA
14	George and Nancy Barna	USA
15	Barry and Leanore Wallace	USA
16	Ms. Michelle Meadows	USA
17	Tracy and Danell Buzzel	USA
18	Ms. Ada Wood Stock	Canada
19	Cleason and Sylvia High	USA
20	Ms. Sue Brown	USA
21	Jennifer Graham	USA
22	David and Gail Jones	USA
23	Alex and Connie Friesen	Germany
24	Dan and Rae Borody	Canada
25	Bill & Jill Beaudin	USA
26	Bill and Julie Schroeder	USA
27	Mr. David Shannon	New Zealand
28	Richard and Linda Barrows	USA
29	Ms. Lynn M. Douville	USA
30	Matt & Jenny Levknecht	USA
31	Eugene and Marjorie Frank	USA
32	Ms. Mikyala	USA
33	Steve & Cynthia Dirtzu	USA
34	Ms. Debbie Welch	US
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SNO	NAME	COUNTRY
35	Mr. Buehler Ben	US
36	Mr. Joel Stratton	USA
37	Ronny Smets	
38	Tim & Natasha Earling	USA

We also want to acknowledge those donors who have continuously supported the water life project for the past years. Thanks so much for seeing that the children in families have clean and safe water for drinking and doing house work chores, in addition to providing the word of God to the families that had no access to it. We truly appreciate you.

SNO	NAME	COUNTRY
1	Tim & Natasha Earling	USA
2	Tim & Jane Bir	USA

We are so grateful for all of the 2016 volunteers that advocated for our work, and fund Raised. May God bless you so much.

And lastly but not least, the sponsors of our children. Thanks so much for sponsoring these beautiful souls. Your sponsorship does a lot of things to sustain the children, from providing basic needs such as feeding to educating them. The letters and gifts you send to the children brighten their lives. May God bless you so much for your love towards the orphans and vulnerable children.

Proverbs 19:17: Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed. And Hebrews 13:6: Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

6.1.2.4.2 Local Partnerships

In the year 2016, we tried to partner with quite a number of organizations or insti-



tutions locally. For example, through the Kavumba Church of Uganda partnership we managed to secure a football field to enable our children and young adults to have sports events at this pitch.

6.1.4 Legal status

We are glad to let you know that after the assessment of the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, we were able to have our certificate renewed as an approved children's home for the next 5 years.



Mr. Asiku Asher from the Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development doing an assessment.

6.2 Capacity Building

At AHCM, we engage our staff, children and young adults and parents /guardians in various workshops or trainings that build their capacity.

6.2.1 Staff trainings

We are glad that Ms. Nikola Schoenfeld from Germany was around to train our staff in documentation, in particular the table of contents formation.



6.2.2 Children /Young Adults Training

Our children were able to have computer lessons, curricullum vitae writing and one young adult is training in video editing from both Uncle Marko Hoffmann and Aunt Nikola Schoenfeld, from Germany.

7. Successes, Challenges Recommendations and Lessons Learned

7.1 Successes

We have:

- 1. Developed a close working relationship with the DHOs office and the Wakiso sub county officials.
- 2. Expanded the water life project to Mukono District where we had 24 water tanks constructed for 24 families.
- 3. Reorganized all our financial records from 2015 following financial management procedures.
- 4. Produced Production of Management accounts for all 2016 quarters.
- 5. Developed relevant templates in which the financial information is processed.
- 6. Visited 80% of homes.
- 7. Provided 490 children with different core program areas such as education, sanitation and water among others.

7.2 Challenges

- 1. Families relocating to other places especially those renting.
- 2. Too much rain that hindered home visits or tracing activities
- 3. Failure to reach parents/guardians over the phone.
- 4. Parents who had their children missing or neglected in many cases were afraid of AHCM officials and they prolonged the tracing.
- 5. Cases of undisciplined among young adults 18 years and above.
- 6. Poor yields in farm produce due to the unreliable rains in the year.

- 7. Unreliable electric power that hinders a lot of our operations causing many delays.
- 8. A number of parents and guardians still not taking the sponsorship offer seriously.
- 9. Lack of some permanent nurse or medical personnel at the children's home constantly affects the quality of health and hygiene at the home.

7.3 Recommendations

- 1. Planting more drought resistant crops such as cassava.
- 2. Installing accounting software to ease accounting and financial operations.
- 3. Need for a permanent nurse or medical person.
- 4. We need local leaders give us more support in tracing families and help sign our documents in time to avoid delays in tracing and placements.
- 5. Parents and guardians need to be trained in skillful parenting and positive discipline to reduce the number of child abuse cases.

7.4 Lessons Learned

- 1. Timely reports are very important.
- 2. Photos speak a thousand words.
- 3. It is every staff's role to engage in fund-raising activities.
- 4. Working as a team helps to effectively and efficiently serve our clients.
- 5. The children's welfare is our first priority.
- 6. Networking and closely working with other development partners ensures appreciation and continuous support for all projects and activities engaged in.

8. Outlook and Upcoming Events

8.1 Future Projects

- 1. Construct 5 water tanks in 5 schools and issue 5 water filters plus Bibles in the schools
- 2. Build a perimeter wall around the vocational school
- 3. Construct an underground tank at AHCM children's home
- 4. Open our vocational school.
- 5. Purchase of 50 by 100-foot lot and construct a dormitory for the vocational school students.
- 6. Expand vocational courses to cover carpentry, welding, catering and nursery teaching

Funds needed in 2017 are 847656227.

This is the estimate to run the activities in 2017.

8.2 Events in 2017

- 1. Children's dental medical camp.
- 2. Participation in the day of the African child.
- 3. Conducting a foster parent awareness campaign
- 4. Skillful parenting training
- 5. Reproductive health training

Appencices

TABLE 1: AHCM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

SNO	NAME	DESIGNATION
1	Ms Nambowa Ruth Bulyaba	Executive Director
2	Mr. Kasozi Daniel	Deputy Director
3	Ms Kusemeza Cissy	Finance and Administration
4	Mr. Kibirige Timothy	Assistant Projects Coordinator
5	Ms Nassuna Rehema	Caretaker
6	Ms Nakazibwe Mary	Wakiso District Probation Officer
7	Mr. Kagwire Robert	District Health Officer
8	Mr. Yiga Robert	Wakiso Sub county LC 111

TABLE 2: BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016

SNO	NAME	TITLE
1	Miss. Nakanjako Aidah	Chairperson
2	Mr. Jason Carpenter	Vice chairperson
3	Mr. Sebuliba Isaac	Treasurer
4	Mr. Mukwaya Christopher	Member
5	Mr. Mukiibi Edward	Member
6	Miss Nambowa Ruth Bulyaba	Secretary
7	Mr. Kasozi Daniel	Secretary
8	Professor Florence Mirembe	Member
9	Mr. Kayizi Joseph	Member
10	Mr. Kiranda Richard	Member

