

## **DIRECTORS' MESSAGE**

*Kasozi Daniel and Nambowa Ruth Bulyaba*

As a registered Christian NGO with registration number S'5914/8153, Another Hope Children's Ministries (AHCM) has continued working with several partners to bring hope to children, young adults, families and communities. Every year we are confronted by different challenges that are faced by those we serve, but It has been our job to make sure that even with limited resources, solutions are sought to improve our clients' welfare.

Our organisation has continued to address major issues which include illiteracy, lack of access to clean and safer water, and abuse of women's rights and freedoms while ensuring that everything we do is in the best interest of our clients. Our entry point in all we do is the child.

We, therefore, want to thank all of you for the support given to us and AHCM. Because of your generosity, we have seen lives and communities change. May Almighty God bless you abundantly.

## **CHAPTER 1**

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#### **1.1 Introduction**

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#### **Happenings at Another Hope Children Ministries (AHCM) in 2018.**

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### **1.2 How you can be part of AHCM**

With support from our friends, we are able to meet the vision and mission of AHCM. .We therefore thank every one of you that have given us your physical, financial, emotional, and spiritual support. We have seen children /young adults attain their dreams, abandoned children able to flourish, and families and communities being empowered. All this is because you chose to support us. Thank you so much and we ask the great God we serve to bless you abundantly.

We still need your support and welcome new supporters. There are many ways in which you can support this ministry.

1. Praying for the ministry

2. Donating funds
3. Donating items such as scholastic materials, beddings, clothing and medical supplies
4. Come and volunteer or use your professional skills wherever you are to help with our work, especially administrative work like designing brochures, writing annual reports, or editing documents
5. You could tell a friend or family member about AHCM
6. And last but not least, fundraise for AHCM

### **1.2.1 How to donate through our partners**

#### **#1- Good Measure International**

PO.BOX 524 Charleston in 61920

Website: <http://goodmeasure.org>

#### **#2-Aid That Helps**

C/O Julian Rautenberg and Heike Vaitengruber

KURJUSTENSTRABE 1680801 Munchen, Germany.

Website [www.aidthathelp.org](http://www.aidthathelp.org)

#### **#3-Global Giving Inc.**

Address: 1110 Vermont Ave. NW Ste 550 Washington DC 20005 USA

**Or** 6 Great James Street London, England WC1N 3DA  
United Kingdom 0044 (0) 207 242 8079

Website: [www.globalgiving.org](http://www.globalgiving.org)

If you are donating towards our projects, simply go to the global giving site, click give, and in the search button, type in Another Hope Children's Ministries. A list of projects you wish to donate to will pop up.

#### **#4- [www.anotherhope.org](http://www.anotherhope.org) ,**

Then, how to help. Choose projects and a list of them will come up.

**AHCM direct donations**

You could also donate directly to our account, and you can ask us to give you the details of the bank. For donations in kind, you could bring them to the office. Contact us for directions or send them via our postal address which is P.O.BOX 28407, Kampala, Uganda

Note: In order to avoid us paying taxes, make sure the items you put in the box cost less than 50 dollars USD.

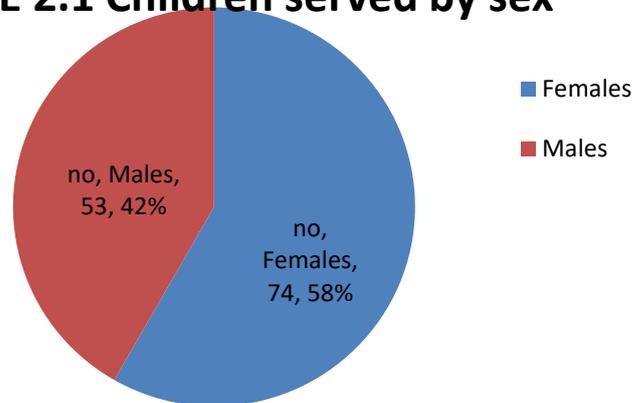
## CHAPTER TWO: PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT & BASIC CARE

### 2.1 Child Protection and Legal Support

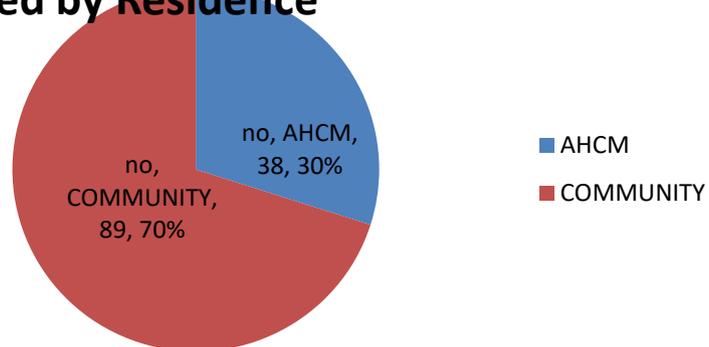
#### 2.1.1 Children served

The majority (58%) of the children served were female as shown in figure 2.1. Also (70%) of the children served were staying in families. At Another Hope Children's Ministries (AHCM) we love to see more children in families than institutions. Therefore we do what it takes to locate their homes and families as well as resettling those whose families are known as we monitor their progress in their new home environment.

**FIGURE 2.1 Children served by sex**



**Children served by Residence**



Through all our interventions in 2018, we managed to serve over 2,000 children. Interventions include accommodating children in their own homes as well as at ACHM, water tank constructions in schools and homes, and education intervention among others.

## 2.2 Enrolment

Twenty children and young adults were enrolled into the AHCM sponsorship program in different categories. Below are some stories expressing the positive changes the Education For All 2018 Project has brought about.

Education has always been one of our priorities and with the help of our donors, in this quarter; we have paid almost 90% of all the school fees for our sponsored children and believe God to provide us with the remaining funds. We take this opportunity to thank you, our supporters, who help us in all ways to see that our children go to school.

## 2.3 Resettlement

At AHCM we believe in reuniting children with their families. This year we managed to reunite children such as Mark and James. Both of them have graduated with a junior certificate in motor vehicle mechanics.



### ***Kamoga Mark with his paternal uncle***

## 2.3 Education.

Another Hope Children's Ministries (AHCM) advocates for education because all children deserve the opportunity to reach their full potential. From novels that transport us to foreign lands, to geography courses that explain the world around us, the transformative power of education is undeniable. Unfortunately, millions of children never reap the benefits of a quality education.

The UNICEF report, [\*Progress for Children in the SDG Era\*](#), projects that at least 22 million children will miss out on pre-primary education and 150 million girls will marry before their 18th birthday (meaning many girls will not finish their schooling.)

To contribute to the SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) of our country, AHCM advocates expanding access to education for some of our most vulnerable children. By improving the opportunities for education, the children gain the skills they need to realize their dreams. AHCM supports programs and policies that not only get children in school, but ensure they learn once they reach the classroom.

As shown in the tables below, we have been able to have a total of 128 students in school of which 60 are male and 68 females.

**Table 1.1 Children who went to school**

NO	LEVEL OF EDUCATION	FREQUENCY	MALE	FEMALE
1	PRE-PRIMARY	11	07	04
2	PRIMARY	50	24	26
3	SECONDARY	28	13	15
4	VOCATIONAL	18	07	11
5	UNIVERSITY	02	00	02
	<b>TOTAL</b>	109	51	58

The above is the table showing all school going children in their levels; however two of our children have not attended school this term. One is a female who was supposed to be in senior level this quarter, but she has not gone to school because she had not yet decided what her goals are. The other is a young adult boy had lost his focus. He was given a dead year to realize his worth, but unfortunately he still could not change his behavior and we could not compromise our policies.



***Some of the photos of our children at their respective schools***

**2.3.1 Irene's story**

I am always overjoyed when I receive my fully paid bank slip at the beginning of the semester. This gives me the zeal to begin my academic journey with my focus on how to strive for a successful end of the semester.

In addition, paying my tuition at the beginning of the semester freed my mind from thinking about when I might be able to pay, and instead it allows me to concentrate on honoring my sponsor by working for the best grades possible.

Furthermore, when my tuition is paid on time, I am saved from paying late fees that the university charges students who can't pay the tuition at the beginning of the semester.

I find myself in an environment that is conducive to learning; I am able to concentrate on my studies resulting in good grades.

I give thanks to Almighty God for his providence in my life. I pray for blessing on AHCM and my sponsor who pays my school fees. May God bless you.



**2.3.2 Children who graduated from Kindergarten to Primary level**

Five children graduated from kindergarten to primary level in 2017 and joined pre-primary this year. We have a story of one child to share with you.

Kwagala Christa, one of our children who graduated joined AHCM, was abandoned by her mother hours after birth. Christa was picked by a Good Samaritan and referred the case to the L.C.1 Ganda village in Nansana and then to the police station where AHCM was called to take her. She joined our school in 2016 in baby class at Jayden’s Kindergarten and Day Care and graduated to the next level in 2018.



***Christa with the Deputy Director receiving her certificate on graduation day.***

### 2.3.3 Children who took Final National Examinations

We had thirteen children sit for their final National examinations at different levels i.e.

Primary and Secondary from Wakiso, Mukono, Kampala and Buikwe

**Table 1.2 Children/young adults who sat for final exams at different levels.**

Level of Education	Frequency	Female	Male
Primary seven	06	02	04
Senior four	06	03	03
Senior six	01	01	00
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>07</b>

We are so grateful for their achievement in life, and we are hoping that they will continue.

Thanks to all our sponsors that made this happen. God bless you so much.

### 2.3.4 School Visitation.

We make it a point to visit the children who are in boarding schools. It was a pleasure to check on our children and evaluate their performance and welfare while at school. This

helps them a lot and improves their performance too. We also got to know how the children are treated at school and where we needed to help them more so that they could get better grades. For example, when we visited Katongole Allan, one of our special needs children, we found him with a cold and we arranged for him to have medication.



***Some of the children on the visitation day***



***Aunt Monique with some of the children at their visitation.***



***Students of Katikamu and Kenneth of Seeta High school.***

### 2.3.5 Newly Enrolled

We enrolled 27 new beneficiaries of our sponsorship program in different levels of education which includes nursery, primary, Secondary and Vocational. Twenty of the students were from Lukwanga parish which is our operation area and this will have a long-term impact. AHCM is looking at reducing the levels of vulnerability, early marriages and teenage pregnancies in Lukwanga community by having more children educated.

**Table 1.3: Newly enrolled children in the year 2018**

Education Level	Frequency	Percentage
Pre-Primary	6	22
Primary	7	26
Secondary	6	22
Vocational	8	30
Total	27	100

#### 2.3.5.1 Story of one of our newly enrolled children

He is 5 years old. He stays with mum at his maternal grand parents' home. His father ran away, and no one knows his whereabouts. The money mum earns from fetching water for people is not even enough to support them with basic needs. His grandparents are too old to offer any support which means education for him was a impossible dream. With him being enrolled on the sponsorship program this year, it gave him hope for his education. Thanks to our sponsors that have supported our children. May God bless you so much.



#### 2.3.6. Graduation

It is an honour to report to you that two of our young adults, Kamoga Mark and Bagonza James, graduated with a junior certificate in Motor Vehicle Mechanics from Gayaza Institute for Technical Development. We are so pleased and thankful to our beloved sponsors that have supported these two through school. May God bless you so much.



***James and Mark at their graduation***

#### **2.4 Spiritual Guidance.**

AHCM has always and will always make God and His Word a priority. We make sure the children are engaged in prayers, fasting, reading and teaching the Word of God. This is very essential even to the young ones who are also ministered to during our services.



***One of the Sunday Services at AHCM***

Since AHCM is based on a Christian foundation, we always engage in prayers and make sure that the children understand and value God. This is very key in the person's life to have God because with God all things are possible. As part of our culture, at the end of the fasting period, we had a community outreach where the children/young adults visited the home of Miss Namayega Scovia in Konna. They donated food and personal hygiene items, and also prayed with her.



***Aunt Jennifer with the children during the daily devotion session.***

#### **2.5 Gifts.**

Every time our children get gifts, they feel special and love. We therefore take this opportunity to thank our sponsors who continuously send gifts to children. This quarter, different children have received gifts from their sponsors. We particularly want to report about a story of one child Whitney who is in primary. Her sponsor always sends her special

items, but this quarter it was more than special when she received a package of clothes, shoes and bag. It was such a blessing, and she was more than happy to have all these gifts.



Below are some of the other children that received gifts.



Gifts help to express love and recognition and make people feel good and special. Apart from birthday gifts, volunteers and sponsors send gifts to the children at other times in the year. We are so grateful for that.

## 2.6 Health

Providing basic health care ensures the children have a better life.

Generally, the health of the children throughout the year was fair. Our two HIV positive children managed to receive their medication and had routine checkups.

We had a little challenge because of the measles outbreak that affected both the older and younger children. We thank the almighty God who enabled the treatment given to the children to work. All the children who fell ill were treated and healed.

We were blessed with a donation that has helped two of our physically handicapped children receive physiotherapy an hour a week for a period of one month. But we need more funds to enable these two children have the physiotherapy for a longer period of time till they are able to be independent.



Margret continued with her monthly visits at Corsu hospital where she had an operation. She initially had a broken bone in the left thigh but wasn't able to straighten her leg without pain. The operation brought great relief.



## **2.7 Recreation**

### **2.7.1 Birthdays**

For all accommodated children/young adults, it is a must for us to celebrate their birthdays. Here Margaret, one of our physically handicapped children, celebrates her birthday. She has been with us since 2013 after being abandoned. She has cerebral palsy and can't do anything by herself, but by God's grace, she always smiles hoping her therapies will be able to have her do some of the things by herself.



### 2.7.1.2 Nabukeera Carolyn's story

My name is Nabukeera Carol and I am 12-year-old. My school is St. Mary's Pride Way and I am in Primary three. This school term I was so happy when Aunt Bernah came to our school and brought nice food, chicken, rice, and soda. On this term's visitation it was so special because it was my birthday. but I forgot that it was my birthday so I did not care. My mind was only on the food she brings us. So when Aunt Bernah came out of the car, she said I have a special gift for you. As I looked it was a birthday cake with "Happy Birthday Carol" written on it. I was so overjoyed. I called a few of my friends, and they sang for me. In my life it was the first time to have my birthday celebrated. I am so happy and blessed with my 12<sup>th</sup> Year.



*Carolyn Nabukeera with her birthday Cake*

What a blessing to celebrate birthdays at AHCM. Everyone looks forward to the month they were born so as to be able to have a special time to cut their own cake. This quarter we celebrated two birthdays, one for Eve (in pink) and one for faith (in maroon). Thanks to all our sponsors for making birthday celebrations at AHCM a possibility.

Below are pictures of more children celebrating their birthdays





### 2.7.2 Outings

We don't have a budget to take our children for an outing, but by the grace of God, they always have that opportunity. We are grateful to our volunteers and other partners that have always made it a point when they come to take the children and young adults out. This is a very great opportunity for our children and young adults. They have a chance to have a wider view of life and the world. They learn so much and it is always an exciting time. The children had a opportunity to visit 3 places: Forest Park, Buloba, recreation Centre and an exhibition in Kampala that was on farming.



*Picnic at Kavumba*

On the Easter Monday, all older children were given a chance of going to a trade show that was organized by POWESA at Wankulukuku stadium where children got to see and learn about agriculture and different crops and seeds. They also learned about organic farming. This was such a helpful show because they got to put into practice what they saw. We are now expecting higher yields from our crops.



*ED, SW and*

*Children in the trade show.*

### 2.7.2.1 Stories of children/young adult about the picnic

I am 18years old. Today I want to share with everyone about my experiences and memories about the picnic that took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> January at Buloba Forest Park. Usually having a picnic as children at AHCM is not something unusual because we get different volunteers who sometimes take us to different places for fun. This picnic however was unusual. We enjoyed and had great fun, and we had different competitions amongst each other: for example, dancing, running, and bottle filling among others. Also we had a big lunch; it was like a feast. Little children had their small package and the rest of us had our orders. I had chips and fish. It was such a big fish that I told myself, “You won’t finish that food,” but trust me, after a few minutes, I wanted another one. All was great, but my favorite time was swimming. In Uganda, swimming is not common, so this was golden chance for me. It was a great time for me and my brothers Elvis and Ramadan to swim and have much fun. Thank you so much AHCM for taking us to this picnic.



*beneficiary of the story (in the middle)*

I am 15year old and I am writing my experience at the picnic when we went at Kavumba recreation centre on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2018. We all got ready, and were so excited and happy to get there at about 12:00 pm. The place looked quite and calm. We started with the zoo section. The guide took us around, and we saw different animals such as the rane, snakes among others. I got to see many animals that I had never seen in my life. After the Zoo, we went in the kids play park, had lunch and later went swimming. It was such a great time for me. I felt so special ordering all the kinds of food I wanted, and eating together with Mummy Ruth and other staff members. It was such a great time and I thank God and AHCM. May God Bless you so much.



*beneficiary in pink dress*

The youngsters at AHCM went to Kavumba recreation center and had fun swimming. The children had a great time. Our thanks go to Aunt Sabrina and Victoria for this wonderful experience.



### **2.7.3 Parties**

At AHCM, we are blessed to have a chance to party with the children. This helps them to cheer up and sees life in a positive way. The Second Quarter of the year 2018, our children had a party sponsored by Aunt Heta and Aunt Maria, the two volunteers from Finland. They splint the children into two groups and had different activities with them. It was such a nice time for our children. They ate some special food baked by Heta and Maria making it a time to remember.



#### **2.7.3.1 Stories of some of the children about party time at AHCM**

Two teenagers tell their party stories.



**Lillian**

At the outing, we had fun with everyone. We were refreshed in life. I enjoyed the games, especially the one where we were throwing the cloth from number one to number two. I was one of the people who received the gift when we won the first game. I was in group one with Aunt Maria. I enjoyed the drinks and eats; everything was awesome and fantastic. I wish we will have such a great outing again. May God bless you so much Aunt Maria and Aunt Heta. I love you so much.

#### **Lubega Achilles story**



It was a nice time, and we played and ate. Aunt Heta and Maria showed us a lot of love and I will not forget the party. I really enjoyed it. Thank you so much.

#### **2.7.4 Christmas and Easter Celebrations**

All children look forward to these celebrations with great expectations. How would we bring smiles to the faces of these wonderful children we serve, if it wasn't for your support? We are grateful that you have stood with us. Because of your generosity, the children will cherish these memories for a lifetime.

##### **1.7.4.1 Peter Kambugu talking about Easter Day**



I am writing about the Easter meal we had this year here at Another Hope Children's Ministries. Today, I still get excited whenever I look back on that day. We started with prayers, after which the party began. We were all anxious and could not wait for lunch time. It was self-serve, so everyone ate what he or she wanted. Later, mummy Ruth served the cake she had made for us. The volunteers served us with chocolate they had brought for us.

##### **2.7.4.2 Christmas Meals and AHCM's children's home and gifts**

Christmas is a great time to have a meal that was shared at the children's home. Everything served was selected by the children, and they eat as much as they want. It is just a fun

moment to have the children make their own choices of meals, and they usually look forward to this time.

The children were also blessed with gifts from their sponsors and well-wishers. We are so grateful to all those that gave towards the meals and gifts of the children. May the good Lord truly bless you.



***Some of the children showing off their Christmas gifts from the sponsors.***



### 2.7.5 Farewell parties

Farewell parties are always done at Another Hope Children's Ministries for volunteers and children's sponsors. This is one way the volunteers and sponsors are appreciated for choosing AHCM. In these parties, volunteers and sponsors always prepare special meals of their home countries and serve the children. There is a cake, gifts, and a certificate to take home. During the year, there were so many farewell parties that took place.



*children praying for Pastor. Dave and Aunt Joanne Benn*

*during the farewell party*

## 2.8 Meetings, workshops and trainings

We had three parents /guardians meeting and one children’s conference during the year.

### 2.8.1 Parents/guardians Meetings

These was held at AHCM offices, and the major aim was communicating to the parents and having feed back from them on issues relating to their children’s performance and behavior. The major ask of the parents was to help and guide their children on the right choices to make and helping the AHCM projects like the education sponsorship project where parents have to see that all the sponsored children write letters to their sponsors and reports are handed in on time. Parents/guardians were encouraged to give their children quality time so that they can bond and get to know them better. This is a good tip for effective parenting.



### 2.8.2 Children’s Conference

The theme of the conference was work ethics. The major aim was having children to get to know the techniques of getting jobs and how to retain them. The conference was attended by the children supported by AHCM and the community. Mr. Taabu Stephen from SOS Children’s Village. Kakiri and Mr. Ssemogerere Deo from the Gayaza Technical Development Institute were the key speakers. Children appreciated such an opportunity to help them learn.



## CHAPTER THREE: VOLUNTEERS, VISITORS AND INTERNS

### 3.1 Volunteers

Without volunteers supporting our work, AHCM would not be able to function. We are so grateful to all volunteers, especially those that decided to help us in 2018. We continue to pray that the good Lord rewards you for your good deeds.



#### 3.1.2 Volunteer stories

##### 3.1.2.1 Aunt Heta Ojell

I was a volunteer at Another Hope for three months this year, 2018. The experience, living in Uganda and working at the children's home, really changed a lot in me and it had a great impact on the way I see the world. It was not always easy. During the three months, there were lots of ups and downs, but it was all worth it. I'd love to go back one day.



I am from Finland, so the contrast between my home country and Uganda was huge. I have been travelling a lot and visited many different countries, but this was a special time in my life, to get to live in a country like this and actually call it a home. Uganda really became my home in the time I spent there. At Another Hope I was welcomed, and after adjusting to the every-day-life there, I became part of that family.

The best moments I experienced in Uganda were with the people I met during those three months, especially with the children at Another Hope. I fell in love with those kids both young and old. They all will always have a special place in my heart. I wish I could do more for those amazing kids and help them all and give them what they need, but you can only do your best and whatever that is and how much that is, it's enough. I felt like giving my time and love to them was exactly what I was supposed to do there. And they gave me so much love and affection back. I left Another Hope filled with love and joy.

I think there are many ways to help and to make an impact in someone's life and to challenge your own reality. For me, volunteering had always been a dream. I feel like I wanted to give my time and my knowledge to a good cause, and I also wanted to learn about other cultures, worlds and lives, so that I can continue that work and share what I've learned and make a long-lasting impact in the world.

To anyone who feels even a little bit curious or interested in volunteering, I'd say just go and do it! Everyone should leave their comfort zone from time to time and challenge the way they think. I learned a lot about Uganda and the culture. It is different but in many ways similar no matter where you travel.

Another Hope gave me so much to think about, and I still recall and miss those moments and memories made there: the big and the small things. The times we went to school visits and learned about the schooling system; the parties we organized for the kids and how much fun we had all together, and also those moments when it was just a regular day, sitting outside singing some Finnish songs with the kids or playing cards.

I believe Another Hope is doing a great work and I am very happy to have chosen this project for my volunteering period. At Another Hope the children are cared for. They have a place to live, food to eat, and they get to go to school. This is not easy to provide. The adults at Another Hope work hard to provide these things. There are always things to improve, and what I admire is that at Another Hope they always want to do better. They are willing to learn and make changes. In Uganda it's hard work to promote issues like violent-free-parenting, the importance of hygiene and education and bringing vulnerable people together and making them stronger together. I am more than happy to get to be a part of this community doing all of those things and more.

### 3.2.1.2 Aunt Simone Weaver

Almost a year ago my childhood dream became reality as I flew from America to Africa. I had always wanted to be a missionary in Africa and would dream of it over Katie Davis' books. When I arrived in Africa, I had happy tears in my eyes and my heart absolutely felt at home and was in love with the country. The first couple days were tough getting acquainted and letting my stomach adjust to the food. The children made up for it with their bright smiles and their endless need for all of the love we could give them. My heart broke so many times in the two weeks I was there.



I knew there wasn't much in my power to give them more food, a better home, or provide all the necessary hygiene and self-care items for each child there.

All I knew was that I could give them love. A couple of my highlights of being in Africa would be going to the Nile River, playing with the children with balls, coloring, passing out lollipops, celebrating my birthday with the lovelies and eating cake, soda pop and passing out glow sticks my mom generously got for the children. I enjoyed visiting the schools in the villages and talking to them about hygiene. Most of all just being in a different culture and seeing how little they have but how much faith in Jesus they have. My heart melted again and again over the heartwarming devotions and prayer time the older children had at night that I could be a part of.

Africa holds a place in my heart, and I know without a shadow of a doubt I will return.

AHCM is a stretching, eye opening and a much-needed place for volunteers to go and serve and love on the children.

Thank you AHCM for allowing me to volunteer.

### 3.1.2.3 Delmas & Mabel Lehman

It is hard to believe that it's almost a year since we have been there. It was a real experience and worthwhile!



We learned about AHCM through our daughter and family when they adopted a little girl from Another Hope. We heard many stories about AHCM, but being there allowed us to see the needs first hand; we could interact with the children and the staff. We could see how they could accomplish meeting the needs of the children with the resources they had available. We were very impressed with the way the children helped with cooking, washing, farm work and other chores at the orphanage. The children were very well-trained and worked together nicely and also were very friendly. Our time was a small gift in return for what we were able to learn and experience about Uganda and the orphanage. We could see the cause is worthwhile because it takes children off the streets and gives them a home and gives them a chance for a better life.

### 3.1.2.4 Jon and Lanita Hartzler

**Inspiring Hope:** Rich, red soil. Vibrant green trees. Clear blue skies. The land of Uganda is indeed a beautiful country! These were some of the sights that greeted our team as we wound

our way through the bustling, bumpy roads. But the memories most poignant in my mind are the ones of sweet, smiling faces of the children at Another Hope.

In just a short time, they wormed their way straight into our hearts. Little things brought them much joy... bubbles, jump ropes, sweets... but they especially enjoyed time spent playing games, warm hugs, and simply sitting and holding them tightly. These children have lost so much, more than any child should ever have to lose. Can I give them a taste of the love they have received so little of? Can I give them a glimmer of hope, if even for a few, short days? These questions reverberated in my mind as I struggled to absorb the beauty and the heartbreak around me.



Hope. Something we all want. Something we all need. Another Hope endeavors to share this in practical ways with those around them. We were privileged to join a celebration of a recently completed water tank and a water filter at a school, and this showed me in a tangible way how providing the basics inspires hope. There was much enthusiasm, participation in job assignments to care for the tank and filter, and gratitude in anticipation of clean water. What I take for granted in my daily life was a source of great thanksgiving and joy that day.

Another blessing we were a part of was an afternoon seminar held at Another Hope for fathers of the community. This was a first and was met with much enthusiasm. Again, hope was shared as men gave advice from their own experiences and asked questions about how to better care for their families.

Education also brings hope. We visited several schools sponsored by Another Hope to discuss topics such as First Aid, Bible teachings, and basics in hygiene with the students. The students were always eager to learn, and their respect and attention were sincere. The hope of a better education and therefore a better life, propels students forward in their daily quest for learning.

We strive to share a bit of hope as volunteers, if even for a few short days in imperfect and stumbling ways. But the greatest hope was given back to me. Every evening we gathered together with the youth of Another Hope to sing, pray, and read God's Word. As I looked around the dark room lit only by flashlights, I saw hope displayed on the faces of those around me. Faces belonging to ones encountering hard times and having little, yet radiant in hope in God, who is the only one able to impart perfect hope in imperfect times and situations.

May we all be givers of hope as well as receivers of hope wherever we are.

### 3.1.3 Activities some of the volunteers participated in during their stay

Many volunteers during their stay participated in a number of activities, and we are so grateful for that. Here are just a few of those activities.

#### 3.1.3.1 Participating in community activities and visits

We also had some of our international volunteers train community women in CPR. This was to help manage medical emergencies at their homes until more medical attention is sought. This activity was done in two communities; Lukwanga Parish and Kabanga village.



We had a number of our volunteers participate in the home visits activities



*Dave and Joanne Benn during a visit at Lucia's*

*home*



*at Nalongo's home*



*Joanne having a fun time with the community*

*children*

We had the volunteers training our students in their various skills and helping to cook at Cogswell.



### 3.1.3.2 School Visits involvement

Many of the volunteers that came were very interested in visiting children at school. This encouraged our children because volunteers motivated them to study.



*Aunt Monique at a children's school visitation*



*Maria helping to read to a student*



*David with some school children while on a school visitation for Hanifa, Fred, Mark and Eva*



*Derrick and his wife Liza during a school visitation*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Country of Origin</b>
Simone Hirmer	Germany
Christina Fasaro	UK
Monique Robineau	Austria
Nancy Barna	USA
Linda Eldridge	USA
Heta Ojel	Finland
Maria Palohuhta	Finland
Jennifer Grahama	USA
Brueggemann Rhea	Germany
Derrick and Liz Bordeleau	USA
David Graham	USA
Pastor Dave and Joanne Benn	Canada
Tasiaux Clementine	
Keustermans Danielle	Netherlands
Zebinger Sabrina	Austria
Viktoria Greber	Austria
Stenwall Jenna	Finland
Emma Scandolari	Italy
Kaho Sekimoto	Japan
Dan Borody	Canada
Linda Eldridge	USA
Nancy Barna	USA

### 3.1.1.3 Volunteers time at the children's home

Volunteers spend their time playing with the children, helping with chores like washing, cooking, feeding the special needs and babies, distributing vitamins and many more things.



***Aunt Emma and Aunt Kaho playing with the children at the playground.***

### 3.1.1.4 Volunteer farewells.

Usually these farewells are a way of having fun together with our volunteers and it is a moment every child looks forward to.



### 3.1.3 Professional support

Thanks so much to all those volunteers that also help us in office work. Monique from Austria, thanks again for helping to compile the annual report, and Mr. Dan Borody for continuously editing our newsletters, appeals and reports. May God bless you so much.

## 3.2 Visitors at AHCM

AHCM welcomed various visitors coming to us from around the world. We had visitors from the Ministry of Gender and Social Development since we were in the process of renewing our children's home documents.

We had an opportunity to be visited by the Sebina Family, and they brought a lot of things for the children. We thank God for their visit. This family was connected to us by the Probation and Social Welfare Officer of Wakiso District, Madam Maria Nakazibwe.

## CHAPTER FOUR: PROJECTS

### 4.0 Introduction

This year again we come with both old and new projects to work on so as to see that we change Uganda, one child at a time. All the projects AHCM does are geared to helping the vulnerable child either directly or indirectly.

AHCM has both community projects and AHCM projects. The AHCM projects are meant to benefit a child directly and the community development projects are working to improve the general community where this child is raised.

It is our pleasure to present you the Projects Section of the year 2018 which details the progress and contribution made by AHCM together with her partners in Uganda through our project activities in the different Districts such as Wakiso, Mpigi and Mukono.

### 4.1 Community Development Projects

AHCM is involved in different communities in the Districts of Wakiso, Mukono, Kampala, Kiboga Mpigi, Luwero and Masaka. During the year 2018, we worked mainly in the subcounties of Wakiso and Kakiri in Wakiso District and Mpata sub-county in Mukono District.

The major community projects that were undertaken are water life, family support, and self-esteem, as well as Economic Empowerment and Positive Discipline and Skillful Parenting.

#### 4.1.1 Water Life Project

AHCM considers accessibility of water for all a fundamental human right which should always be prioritized as an essential service.

This project consists of constructing water tanks, distribution of water filters and Bibles in both Households and schools.

##### 4.1.1.1 Water tank Construction in Family Households

AHCM constructed around 36 rain water harvesting tanks in households Mukono District and Wakiso Districts. The major purpose was to provide safer- drinking water to families in the rural communities. Because of these water accomplishments, children living in households have a chance to be children because they will get the time for their studies and time to play. Below is a tank that was constructed in one of the families.



AHCM constructed 12 rain water harvesting tanks in total; these were all done in households in Mpata Sub county Mukono District. The major purpose was to provide safer-drinking water to families in the rural communities. Because of these water accomplishments, children living in households have a chance to be children because they will get the time for their studies and time to play. Below are some of the households that received water tanks.

The water tanks constructed are expected to save children from walking miles to fetch water. These will also help children have more time concentrate on studies especially for the children in school like Sentema catholic primary school.



***Nalongo with her twins on the left and Mr. Zivugu on the right standing near their water tanks.***

#### 4.1.1.1.1. Water Filter distribution in Households

Water filters were handed over to a number of households. This was done to ensure availability of safe drinking water for all the children in the household and will reduce on the expenses spent on buying firewood for boiling water because the filter does not need boiling of water. The household heads were taken through a water filter maintenance training so that it can be utilized very well.



Also water borne disease will be dramatically reduced because of the availability of the water filters.

#### 4.1.1.2. School water tank construction

Poor sanitation due to lack of a water source in schools limits school attendance, retention and negatively affects pupil's / student's ability to concentrate and learn. For that reason, AHCM continued to support implementation of school water tank initiatives as an excellent opportunity to create life- long behavior changes.

#### 4.1.1.3 School Water tank assessment meetings in Kakiri Sub county.

AHCM partnered with SOS Children's Village Kakiri and did eligibility assessments in the schools found in Kakiri Sub county. The assessments were mainly to find out the need for water in the schools and to identify the schools that fit into the AHCM criteria. Two other schools were assessed in Wakiso Sub county

During the quarter, 13 schools were assessed in Kakiri and Wakiso Sub counties. Out of the 13 schools assessed 12 were Primary schools and only one was a kindergarten school.

**Table 3. Schools assessed in Kakiri and Wakiso Sub county Wakiso District**

No	School	Enrollment	Sub county
1	Kakiri Army Primary School	360 pupils	Kakiri
2	Sentema COU Primary School	295 pupils	Kakiri

No	School	Enrollment	Sub county
3	Sentema Quran Primary School	150 pupils	Kakiri
4	Sentema Catholic Primary School	220 pupils	Kakiri
5	Namagera Church of Uganda Primary School	200 pupils	Kakiri
6	Kabagezi Primary School	150 pupils	Kakiri
7	St Thereza Nampungu Primary School	598 pupils	Kakiri
8	St Charles Lwanga Kirugaluga	306 pupils	Kakiri
9	St Charles Lwanga Nakatooke	208 pupils	Kakiri
10	Buwanuka Primary School	201 pupils	Kakiri
11	SOS Hermanmeiner Primary School	415 pupils	Kakiri
12	Lukwanga Good Hope Primary School	309 Pupils	Wakiso
13	Jayden's Kinder and Daycare	40 pupils	Wakiso

Out of the 13 schools assessed, seven schools were approved to receive the school water tanks because they were found to be in urgent need for water and met the required standards.

The impact of no water on-site means that school children spend hours each day not in class, but travelling by foot to collect water for cleaning, cooking and washing at the school, this is the same thing they do at home before and after school, making it hard for them to have enough rest to concentrate on their education. Through the assessments AHCM hopes to identify more schools to benefit from the AHCM Water Life School project.

In a bid to provide access to safe drinking water in schools too, AHCM constructed water tanks in seven schools in Kakiri and Wakiso Sub County in Wakiso District. We built the competence levels of children, teachers, local leaders and the general community in household and community hygiene and sanitation. As an aspect of increasing management and responsibility on constructed Wash facilities, AHCM handed over the water hygiene and

sanitation facilities installed in primary schools to the school administration, staff and pupils in the seven primary schools in the witness of members of the school Management committee and Parents Teachers Association. The handover was meant to raise the awareness of the school administration, pupils, school management, parents and sub county authorities about AHCM 's direct intervention phase out and the need for them to fully take charge of follow-up and implementing strategies to ensure sustainability of the established infrastructure.

**Table 4.1 Schools by student enrolment and sub-county**

	School	Studnet Enrollment	Sub-county
1	Sentema Church Of Uganda Primary School	295 pupils	Kakiri
2	Sentema Quran Primary School	150 pupils	Kakiri
3	Namagera Church of Uganda Primary School	200 pupils	Kakiri
4	Kabagezi Primary School	150 pupils	Kakiri
5	St Thereza Nampunge Primary School	598 pupils	Kakiri
6	Jayden's Kinder and Daycare	40 pupils	Wakiso
7	His Grace Infant Primary School	340 pupils	Wakiso

Other schools were put on the waitig list for the next year. Below are photos of two schools that were the 2018 water tank beneficiaries.



#### 4.1.1.3. Water Filter distribution in Schools

Water filters were handed over to the all the seven schools by the Deputy Director, Another Hope Children's Ministries, Mr Kasozi Daniel. This was done to ensure availability of safe water for all the learners and will reduce on the expenses spent on buying firewood for boiling water because the filter does not need boiling of water. The pupils and staff were taken through a water filter maintenance training so that it can be utilized very well by the

learners. Water user committees were also established in the schools that received water filters.



#### 4.1.2 Bible Distribution

Being a Christian based organization, spreading the word of God is at the heart of every community engagement. A total of 360 Bibles were handed out to students of different schools where water tanks were constructed. Schools like Cogswell School of Beauty Art and Design, Sentema Church of Uganda Primary school . We would like to thank all volunteers that participated in this event like Aunt Christina a volunteer from England for leading the Bible devotional during the handover of these Bibles.



#### 4.1.4 Women Project

The women were taken through various trainings which were about raising children, happiness in this crazy world, handling emotions. They were also trained in soap making. Women also held their weekly VSLA meetings where they safely saved their money, accessed small loans, and obtained emergency insurance. Through the women's project, AHCM is using the VSLA platform to engage communities on gender issues, technology transfer, and sanitation and hygiene campaigns.

#### 4.1.4.1 VSLA Activities

VSLA in full is Village Saving Loans Association. Women held their weekly VSLA meetings where they saved their money, accessed small loans, and obtained emergency insurance. Through the women's project, AHCM is using the VSLA platform to engage communities on gender issues, technology transfer, and sanitation and hygiene campaigns.

##### **Story from Namutebi Aisha:**

one of the group members, borrowed money from the group and started her own business. She invested in selling sweet potatoes and below is her story of how the funds helped her transform her life.



Before I joined the VSLA, I woke up each day, went to the farm and dug, then went to sleep. After joining, I started this business of selling potatoes and sugar cane. This has given me purpose. I am able to buy what my grandchildren and I need. I can now provide for my family without much difficulty.

##### **Story from Edith**

Edith is also a member of the VSLA. Having struggled financially the past 25 years, she has found financial freedom in the soap-making business she runs, having started and expanded it with loans from AHCM's VSLA group. Today, Edith owns a retail stall that deals in selling her soap.



**Story from Dinah:** I am a subsistence farmer and casual laborer,. Saving money on a personal basis was always a challenge for me. I would end up using the money to survive. I always failed to reach my saving goals. I have always wanted to save enough money for projects like a roof on my house, but because I could not save, I felt like a failure. Joining the VSLA has given me hope. Every Monday I attend meetings and deposit my money for roofing my house, and I am very sure to attain my goal. The VSLA meeting has also introduced me to new friends with new ideas about life. My way of thinking has really changed because we do not only do saving but also receive trainings about life issues and how to overcome them.



Will you consider **Donating** to help our group members attain their goals faster? Through your donations, we can help match their savings and start new groups., It's clear that AHCM's efforts towards family empowerment are already generating effective results. The future for the supported guardians as well as their children has quickly become bright and promising.

#### 4.1.4.2 Finding Happiness in this crazy world

The major purpose was to equip the women with skill in handling the stresses of life seeking while depending and trusting in the Lord. Women were trained in forgiveness.



**Nalongo Joyce Namutebi's story,**



“I live a renewed and happy life ever since the trainings at AHCM,” explains forty-year-old Nalongo Namutebi.

Nalongo has lived a life full of challenges. One day, Nalongo went for a routine medical check-up. The doctors told Nalongo that one of her twins was dead. They advised her to have an operation immediately, in order to save one of the twins. Worried and confused, Nalongo requested the doctors to give her some time, so she could pray to God.

“I left the theatre with two bouncing babies,” says Nalongo with a smile on her face. God had answered Nalongo’s prayers.

A friend encouraged the hesitant Nalongo, to attend the parenting and child up-bringing trainings. Sharing the word of God encouraged Nalongo. She has learnt to be more grateful for what the Lord has done for her. “I can’t thank Another Hope Children’s Ministries enough for the clothes provided to my children,” says Nalongo.

### **Nanyonga Hasifa’s story.**

For many years, my life has been stressful and lonely. I would keep every wrong committed against me deep in my heart. There has been a big gap between me and my family members, especially my children. I would keep on thinking about the wrongs that others had done to me.

During the training I learnt to forgive and forget the hurts and pains. I learnt to be grateful for everything in my life and in the lives of my loved ones. I have put it into practice and have proved that it works.

All along I used to blame others for the mistakes. I thought that they owed me an apology. Today all that is history. Instead of looking for the bad and the hurts, I look for the good and the accompanying joy. How light my heart is today! What a relief from the pain I have suffered for many years. I am trying to win back the friends that I lost.

I also learnt to make bread and banana sandwiches. It is such a blessing because bananas are readily available.

Thank you AHCM, thank you all.



### **Namutebi Aisha's story**

My father was murdered when I was 4 years old. As a child I have missed going to school and many other basic necessities. My mother was also killed by neighbors because of land wrangles. I am an orphan; I have neither a brother nor a sister.

How could I forgive the people who have caused me such pain and loneliness? Until I attended the training by Aunt Linda and Aunt Nancy, nothing could soften my heart.

As they were talking, it was like they knew all about me and were talking to me. They helped me lift the burden off my heart.

During the training I learnt to forgive, and my heart realized a joy that I have never felt before; the burden was gone. The bad thoughts and wishes for those who had murdered my parents were no more. I am happy and free, and focused on supporting my children and grandchildren.

Thanks Aunt Linda and Aunt Nancy. Because of you, I can afford to smile.



#### 4.1.4.3 Training of the community women volunteers

The training was conducted by the Deputy Director Programs. The major purpose was to strengthen the women's group so as to better function with AHCM

The community volunteer women had a training about building strong teams and how to work with AHCM. Furthermore, they had discussion to share information among themselves on how to handle the family and trusting in God and depending on him in prayer.

The women have been so helpful especially with functions where they provide catering services.



#### 4.1.4.4 Soap making Training

The women had their VSLA meetings on Mondays and in addition also received training in soap making. Out of the 19 women 10 were trained in soap making. We would like to appreciate the efforts of Mr. Jackson Muhumuza, the AHCM Accountant who trained the ladies. This was done such that we have skilled women who are self-reliant. We wanted them to be able to have a skill which can increase their savings.



#### 4.1.5 Children's community dialogue

We hosted pupils from St Ludigo Gimbo Primary School and Winners Junior school for a community dialogue under the theme Responsibilities and roles of men and boys in building strong families and the nation. This was aimed at creating a platform for children to express themselves and to also through the discussion children were reminded of the roles that society expects from them when they are grow up.



*Children who attended the community dialogue*

We had an opportunity of interviewing some children and here is what Ninsima Allen, one of the children that attended had to say:

I am thirteen years old. I liked the dialogue. We talked about the things that pain us as children. We are pained because our fathers never show us love, don't play with us, do not help us with housework, and never appreciate us. Instead they get cross with our mistakes and take a lot of time criticizing and punishing us. This makes us children and the family unhappy. I met pupils from other schools and made new friends. I was surprised to learn that the things that hurt me about fathers hurt other children too. When we talked, I was relieved of some of the pain. I enjoyed the day.



#### **4.1.6 Father Daughter Ball**

We held women's day celebrations and this time we celebrated the girl child. AHCM organized the father daughter ball with the theme of increasing men's involvement and interactions in their children's lives and upbringing targeting the girl child. The Ball was attended by 139 participants from Lukwanga parish. On this day fathers came with their daughters. The major purpose was to bring men to be involved in the lives of their girl children and to also show the men that the children are important and matter. The event was attended by officials from the District and Wakiso Police.

#### **Father**

I was happy about the father-daughter ball. I work from morning to evening, and I never have time to relax and chat with my daughters. We are like strangers to each other. The ball

gave us a chance to relax, talk and smile to each other. The best moment was when I served food to my daughter. It was an honor for me. For the first time, I could see my daughter overjoyed. We had a good time. It was the start of a new and lively relationship; we will keep the fire burning. Thanks AHCM for the opportunity.

### **Daughter**

I am 17 years old. When my father announced the news about the ball, I could not believe it. I have never had such a light moment with my daddy. He usually comes home late and tired, so we do not talk much. At the ball I talked to my daddy freely and he talked back. We both smiled and laughed. My father lined up and brought me food at the table. I will treasure that memory forever.



### ***Father and daughter***

#### **4.1.7 Gospel outreaches**

We were blessed with Christina a volunteer from UK and she mainly supported in our gospel outreaches that we do at the Jayden's Kinder and Day care and the Cogswell School of Beauty, Art and Design. We believe spreading the word of God to everyone especially the young children and the youth who are in most cases left out.



#### **4.1.8 Sustainable Skills and Empowerment for the Youth Project**

Preparations for the course in carpentry and joinery were done. A new structure is being erected to house the department. The major purpose is to provide quality and affordable

services to students such that we have a qualified and skilled young population



***The new carpentry structure under construction***

#### 4.1.8 Community Fostering Training

These were facilitated by the Probation and Social Welfare Officer of Wakiso District and we had 12 participants in attendance. A topic covered was on the requirements one needs to foster a child from AHCM or any other child care institution. The major aim is for AHCM to get suitable families for the children in its care



#### 4.1.9 Family support with Christmas Meals

At the end of the fourth quarter in this year, 6 families were blessed with a Christmas package by their children sponsors. The package included Chicken, meat, rice, bread among others.

Nyakato Jenifer one of the children whose family was blessed with the Christmas gift said it was a surprise and so amazing because they had no hope of celebrating this day in a special way. This is because their father was sick and therefore never had funds to provide for the family and these gifts made a day different and the entire family is so thankful for this gift.



#### 4.1.10 The Christmas blessing event in Mayuge

Another Hope Children's Ministries team which was led by Directors, staff, volunteers and children at the end of the quarter during the festive season travelled to Mayuge district and blessed seventy one families with Christmas package. Some families in wakiso were also blessed like the family of Mr.Zivugu.



***The D.D handing over a package to the lady in Mayuge***

#### 4.1.11 Trainings

We had different workshops in this quarter held at different communities. We had a first aid training in Kkona west, Wakiso which targeted women in this community and in the neighborhood and a training in Mukono district where the people where taught on how to attend to someone who has fainted.



#### 4.1.12. Conferences

We also had a conference for the youth where different facilitators talked about the importance of education, dangers of abusing drugs and counseling sessions. The youth were happy about the day since they had a counseling session where they were guided how to handle their difficulty

## 4.2 AHCM Children's Home sustainable Projects

These projects are aimed at supporting and maintaining the children's home that the AHCM runs. Projects such as farming, art and craft among others

### 4.2.1 Farming

We tried to grow a lot of food though the season was not in our favor last year. We reinstated our banana plantation, planted maize, beans and sweet potatoes. By the end of the quarter, we had planted close to 4 acres of land and we were left with around 3 to be done.



*some of the young adults farming activity*

With the fuel prices going up, it has forced the food prices to sky rocket out of reach for most ordinary Ugandans, so faced with such circumstances and having the number of children on the project growing by the day the project would be unsustainable in the long run. So, it is with this in mind that the organization decided to take up the farming project with the intent of growing its own food and in the process reduce on the food costs and equip the children with crucial farming skills.

Crops grown include bananas, maize, potatoes, beans and cassava. These crops have gone a long way in helping us meet the enormous amount of food needed by the children, while also helping us provide all children with the required nutrients for their normal progress. This has saved some money from the food budget by 30% this quarter and this money could be used for other things like clothes

It also saw most of our children gain farming skills since they were involved in a bid to develop their sense of responsibility and because it is our desire to develop them into self-reliant individuals who can survive in all situations.

#### 4.2.2.1 Crop Farming

We engaged in farming during the quarter where crops like beans, sweet potatoes and cassava were grown and somewhere harvested during the quarter.



From the maize harvests we managed to donate 150 kgs of maize to Cogswell School of Beauty Art and Design and 50 kgs to Jayden's Kinder and Day care



***The maize donations.***

#### 4.2.2.2 Poultry

The project has been resumed and it is aimed at improving the nutrition of the children because it will provide eggs. The project was implemented at AHCM and the vocational school.



#### 4.2.2.3 Animal Husbandry

There is steady progress in supporting our cows and bulls. We have one cow that is expectant and we believe this will provide a lot of milk that will help meet the nutritional needs of the infants.



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***The farm Assistant spraying the cows.***

One of our cows gave birth and has helped to increase on the supply of milk to the children thus ensuring growth and development. From the cow dung, we managed to get manure which was taken to the farms to increase on the soil fertility.



***The Calf which was produced.***

#### 4.2.3 Safe Project

##### 4.2.3.1 Construction of rails on the clinic block

We had railing inserted on the clinic block to increase on its safety because it has been a challenge keeping the children off the clinic block without railings. It has been made safer and children can play freely.



#### 4.2.3.2. Water Life Project at AHCM

We had gutters inserted on the children's house so as to harvest water which is channeled to the lower underground tank. This is all done to increase on water availability at the home because many liters have been every year. The running water has also been creating gullies destroying the road network inside AHCM



For the past 3 years, the children's home has been relying on a well that was dug around the home, however, every time it would ran out during the dry season and it makes it hard to have enough water or even clean water since the water in the community wells is not clean enough for human consumption. A project to have an underground well which would help harvest water during the rainy season was embarked on. This project took longer than anticipated but we are glad to report that by end of this quarter 85% of the work was done and we hope that the next quarter of the year 2019, it will be finished and functional. realized. ,



***The pump which was put in the underground tank***

#### 4.2.4 Art and Craft

The art and craft is done by both the children residing at the AHCM home and those from the community. Items that were made are paper bead jewelry and weaved baskets. The

major aim is not only to sell and make money from it, but more important teach children certain practical skills in art and craft.



#### 4.2.5 Music, Dance and Drama

In the first quarter we had the choir engaging in various activities such as The Father Daughter Ball on Women's Day, where they presented a skit and a song on child abuse and father involvement. The this project helps to advocate for the rights of the children and it also advocates for Another Hope Children's Ministries.

We teach the children also to dance and sing especially in promotion and advocacy for children's rights. In the quarter we had the choir shoot videos that are going to be sold such that the organization receives an income. This is all done such that the children's skills are enhanced to compete favorably in the world. The songs will also be aired on TV to help advocate for the AHCM home.



***The children's choir members***

## CHAPTER FIVE: FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

### 5.1. Administration

It was an honor to serve the children in 2018. It takes many people, such as the board, management team, support staff, volunteers and young adults to run Another Hope Children's Ministries (AHCM).

By the end of the year, we had limited staff to support the activities of AHCM. We are grateful to Daniel and Ruth, the Directors of AHCM who worked day and night to see that no activity is left undone despite the human resources challenges.

#### 5.1.2 Monthly Management, Board and Departmental Meetings

We held several meetings to plan and check on the activities of the AHCM in order to fulfill the organization's core objectives. A management meeting was held to discuss how AHCM's workplan will be implemented and which role each of us was going to play. The meeting was attended by some government officials: Mrs. Nakazibwe Mary, the Probation and Social Welfare officer Wakiso District, Mr. Semujju Felix Chairman Wakiso Sub county, Mr. Kagwire Robert, the Director of Health, Nansana, Wakiso District and Another Hope Children's Ministries' Management staff (Executive Director, Deputy Director, Social Welfare, Accountant, Assistant Project Coordinator and Care Taker).

Monthly staff meetings were conducted to review what took place during the month and plan for the corresponding month, Departmental meetings were also conducted by each department to discuss their way forward and know what was achieved in improving children's lives.

Meetings help us monitor the activities we are undertaking, so they are very crucial for us to conduct. Below are staff during the monthly meeting.



#### 5.1.3 Staff

We recruited some staff members during the year. However, one had to leave due to his failure to cope with AHCM's rules and regulations especially on reporting about time and

financial management. During the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, we had a staff member resign because she wanted to join business world. And we had a national volunteer who helped with transportation work who left for other responsibilities.

## . 5.2 FINANCES

**Table 5.1 AHCM Sources of funding ( In Ugandan Shillings)**

Source of Income	Amount	Percentage
Good Measure International	384,401,872	70.5
GlobalGiving	55,998,830	10.3
Another Hope Children's Ministries	50,773,506	9.3
Aid That Helps	50,335,100	9.2
Diaconie Protestant	4,010,917	0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>545,520,225</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### 5.2.2 Expenditures

**Table 5.2 Expenditures (In Ugandan Shillings)**

Expenditure Type	Amount	Percentage
Child Expenses	208,833,450	37.4
Community Project Expenses	106,505,000	19.1
AHCM Projects	18,904,700	3.4
Personnel Expenses	76,570,454	13.7
Financial Costs	5,318,454	1.0
Administrative Expenses	139,021,400	24.9
Utilities	3,179,400	0.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>558,332,858</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## CHAPTER SIX ADVOCACY AND CAPACITY BUILDING

### 6.1 Advocacy

#### 6.1.1. Fundraising

The organization has continued to rely on the kindness, support and goodwill of friends and partners whose commitment to the execution of the organization's activities to improve the plight of the vulnerable population has remained unwavering. With this background, the organization's directors organized two fundraising trips in September and October which were in Australia and United States respectively aimed at raising awareness and funds for facilitating the organization's activities.

#### 6.1.2. Networking and Partnership

AHCM is a member of various civil society organizations and belongs to different platforms. The acquaintances we have made over the time have helped us modify the activities we handle due to learning other concepts and it facilitates the referral systems between us and other agencies. We were members of the Nansana Civil Society Organization Network, Children at Risk Action Networking, Parenting Africa Network and with these we were able to be the arrange an exhibition of non-profit agencies and other private sector partners.

##### 6.1.2.1 Nansana Civil Society Event

AHCM in its capacity as the Vice Chairperson, joined forces with the civil society network to run an exhibition day where different civil society organizations occupied stalls and had a chance to make public what they work on, establish partnerships with individuals of the private sector as well as strengthening the existing relationships to establish fertile ground for us to collaborate.

##### 6.1.2.2. Coalition of Girl Child Empowerment

AHCM joined this coalition in 2017, with a special focus on females and the girl child and we were able to organize for an outreach in Kasese where emphasis was put on encouraging the females stick to education, establishing better referral systems to rescue them in case of any travel glitches.



*COGE members during a meeting*

### 6.1.2.3 Commemoration of the World AIDS celebrations

we held this event at Kawempe-Lugoba at a football pitch in conjunction with the head of health issues at Nansana, Mr. Kagwiire Robert where we had HIV/AIDS Testing by different organizations, counseling services and our students had a music performance with a theme song encouraging the father figures to try to take the fight about HIV their number priority in their households.



### 6.1.2.4 Parenting Uganda Chapter

AHCM still subscribes to this network where we struggle to see that all children are treated with respect. With this network we are able to know how best to treat the children and we train caregivers in positive discipline and skillful parenting. The year 2018, we had the opportunity to host the network meeting at AHCM.



### 6.1.2.5 Day of the African Child

We were able to be part of the organizing committee of the day of the Africa child. At AHCM, we our job is to see a happy child and therefore we engage ourselves in activities that will foster a healthy child. This event took place at SOS, Kakiiri, Wakiso District. Below we have the photo of women MP of Wakiso District speaking about the African child and members that attended the event.



### 6.1.3 Partnership

AHCM always loves to work with different partners so as to meet its vision and mission. We believe in collective efforts. The year 2018 we development a more strong bond with the locally leaders and the people in Lukwanga parish and this has made it easier our activity implementations. As seen in our participation in networks, we were strengthening the existing partnership.

We have also gone ahead to partner with the different people both locally and internationally despite the deferent challenges we face. With God's guidance and support, we have been able to serve the children, families and communities around.

#### 6.1.3.1 Local partnership

We have continuously been engaged in all those activities that keep us together with other partners and also this year2018, we tried our best to involve local people and we hope that we will have many local people interested to support the efforts of AHCN no matter how little the donation may be, we trust it can do something.

#### 6.1.3.2 International partnership

We are happy to report that we managed to maintain our international partners by 9 7% and we also managed to get new partners on Bard.

**Table 6.1 Partner organizations 2018**

SNO	NAME	COUNTRY
1	Good Measure International INC	USA
2	AID That Helps	Germany
3	GlobagGiving	USA & UK
4	The New Covenant Mennonite Church	USA
5	AON Foundation	

<b>SNO</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>
6	Diconie Protestante	The Netherlands
7	Huron Baptist Church	Canada
8	First Baptist Church	NY, USA
9	People's United Methodist Church	USA
10	Eltham Men's Shed	Australia
11	Rotary Club of Oregon	USA
12	Rotary Club of Madison	USA
13	The Martin's Furniture	USA
14	First Congregational Church	Vermont, U.S.A
15	Great Lakes Glass	WI, USA

**Table 6.2 Individual partners**

We are so grateful for a number of individuals that believe in us and have worked hard to support our caus. They have not only supported financially but some have supported physically, emotionally and spiritually. Thanks so much

**Table 6.2. Major Individuals in the AHCM Family.**

<b>SNO</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>
1	Ed Renee Wineck	U.S.A.
2	Mike and Barb Post	U.S.A.
3	Richard & Anne Cogswell	Australia
4	Steve & Monica Carter	U.S.A.
5	Ms. Claire Cogswell	Switzerland
6	Bob & Penny Bochert	U.S.A.

<b>SNO</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>
7	Tim & Jane Birr	U.S.A.
8	Dan & Rae Foley	U.S.A.
9	Robert Crean & Heidi Gennaro	U.S.A.
10	Marlin & Angela Martin	U.S.A.
11	Angela & Ralph Boyd	U.S.A.
12	Ms. Macy Smith	U.S.A.
13	Ms. Monique Robineau	Austria
14	Ms. Rebecca Hilden	U.S.A.
15	Joe & Michelle Hochrein	U.S.A.
16	George & Nancy Barna	U.S.A.
17	Barry & Leanore Wallace	U.S.A.
18	Ms. Michelle Meadows	U.S.A.
19	Ms. Ada Woodstock	Canada
20	Ms. Sue Brown	U.S.A.
21	Ms. Jennifer Graham	U.S.A.
22	David & Gail Jones	U.S.A.
23	Dan & Rae Borody	Canada
24	Bill & Jill Beaudin	U.S.A.
25	Mr. David Shannon	New Zealand
26	Richard & Linda Barrows	U.S.A.
27	Eugen & Marjorie Frank	U.S.A.
28	Steve & Cynthia Dirtzu	U.S.A.
29	Ms. Debbie Welch	U.S.A.
30	Mr. Joel Stratton	U.S.A.
31	Mr. Ben Buehler	U.S.A.
32	Tim & Natasha Earling	U.S.A.
33	Derrick & Liz Bordeleau	U.S.A.
34	Ms. Meghan Mortenson	U.S.A.
35	Matt & Jenny Levknecht	U.S.A.

<b>SNO</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>
36	Mrs. Jennifer Wischer	U.S.A.
37	Ms. Lauren Meeusen	U.S.A.
38	Steven & Debbie Wiesman	U.S.A.
39	Todd & Duska Cornwell	U.S.A.
40	Malou Macatual	New Zealand
41	Peter K. Johnson & Sarah J. Nelson	U.S.A.
42	Ms. Katie Boyd	U.S.A.
43	Ms. Jessica Boyd	U.S.A.
44	Ms. Julie Cottineau	U.S.A.
45	Ms. Lynna Sheahan	U.S.A.
46	Glen & Loree Martin	U.S.A.
47	Matthew & Jessica Wellnit	U.S.A.
48	James & Helen Panetti	U.S.A.
49	John & Linda Eldridge	U.S.A.
50	Mrs. Lisa Acosta Erickson	U.S.A.
51	Filip Sjöling	Sweden
52	Mrs. Barbara Michelle Falkiner	France
53	Ms. June Martin	U.S.A.
54	Ms. Ilse Danen	Belgium
55	Robyn Cooper	U.S.A.
56	Mr. John W. Click	U.S.A.
57	Ms. Julie Sorensen	Norway
58	Joanna Bates	
59	Norma Leggett	U.S.A.
60	Barbara Crecelius	U.S.A.
61	Eric & Shannon Bjorklund	U.S.A.
62	Roland Hilden	U.S.A.
63	John & Carolyn Broere	Australia
64	Matt & Bec Hopkins	U.K.

<b>SNO</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>
65	Ms. Elizabeth Marciano	U.S.A.
66	Mrs. Judith Lund	U.S.A.
67	Ms. Jennifer Miller	U.S.A.
68	Ms. Mikyla Martin	U.S.A.
69	Kerstin Balduhn	U.S.A.
70	Army Arechar	U.S.A.
71	Davie & Joann Benn	Canada
72	Dan and Rae Borody	Canada

We are very grateful to all of your partners that have made AHCM a success. We do not count our achievements as ours alone but ours and you. You being part has created a very great difference. Thanks a lot and may the good Lord bless you

## 7. Successes, Challenges, Recommendations and Lessons Learned

### 7.1. Successes

### 7.2. Challenges

We faced a number of challenges this year. The devil was at work, but we thank God for keeping us going, and we are still yearning to serve the Lord. Among the challenges we had are these.

- Some volunteers/donors giving items and money directly to children or families. This affected the behavior of our children, and some lost the opportunity to pursue their education.
- Some volunteers/donors deciding to work directly with some staff
- Bad health of both the directors (Daniel and Ruth) due to overworking
- Some young adults losing focus for their education
- Daniel and Ruth's biological children having attachment issues because their parents are seldom there for them
- Working less hours due to electricity issues
- The death of Daniel's father took a toll on him and, he wasn't able to be active for a couple of months

### 7.3. Recommendations

### 7.4. Lessons Learned

- Ruth, the executive director taking more time off to rest.
- Uphold our principles and work only with those beneficiaries and partners who adhere to them.
- Only retain staff that are competent to do the job
- Only retain in the program children/young adults who value their sponsorship