

# UGANDA CHRISTIAN ORPHANS' FOUNDATION FUND

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Name of the Organization	UGANDA CHRISTIAN ORPHANS FOUNDATION FUND (UCOFF)
Type of organization.	Non-Governmental Organization
Legal Status.	REG. No. S.5914/6327
Country Districts of operation	Masindi, Mbarara, Buliisa, Ntungamo, Isingiro, Bushenyi, Kiruhura, Nakaseke, Mukono, Buikwe, Sheema Kibale, Bundibugyo, Ntoroko, Kyenjonjo, Ibanda and Kabarole, mubende, Mitiyana,
Number of OVC households	2175 Households with 10876 Children, Kabale.
Bank Name	Post Bank Uganda Ltd
Account title	UGANDA CHRISTIAN ORPHANS FOUNDATION FUND
Account number	2110017000064
Amount Requested	8,407,284.58\$
Duration of Project	Five Years
Amount needed Per Year	1,681,456.916\$

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Uganda Christian Orphans Foundation Fund (UCOFF) is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) that was started by a group of devoted Christians in 2004 and is registered with NGO Board with registration NO S.5914/6327. Uganda Christian Orphans Foundation Fund started as a small Christian Performing Group in Kitebero Cell, Katete Ward, Nyamitanga Division, Mbarara Municipality-Mbarara District. Later, the organization grew big in size and in terms of scope of work, a condition that propelled the group members to register it with NGO board to begin its full operations. Currently, the organization is operating in many regions of Uganda:- Mid western, Central, Rwenzori, Rwizi Arch, Bushenyi greater, Central Region, and south western region.

The aim of the organization was therefore to render support to needy households with orphans and other vulnerable children categorized as follows: Child-headed households, Children affected by conflict, war or natural disaster, Children with psychosocial or physical vulnerability, Child mothers, Children living in impoverished households, Children-out of- schools, Children in contact with the law and Children infected and affected by HIV/AIDS disease.

UCOFF has been therefore at the fore front of improving the social-economic livelihoods of these households. The main activities implemented in the district include but not limited to: - provision of scholastic materials, psychosocial support, community sensitization on child protection and legal support, nutrition and food security, basic care, health, hygiene and sanitation and economic strengthening support. The organization has been working in partnership with district community development, health and production departments among others in order to realize and sustain the impact.

Over two thousand (2000) OVC households have been reached culminating to over ten thousand OVC with a number of interventions. UCOFF is a pioneering organization with its innovative approaches for developmental efforts for rural poor and is working with commitment for the development and uplifting of the underprivileged irrespective of gender, creed, cast, class or ethnicity.

## **VISION**

A society where all children attain their full rights to education, food, basic care, health to enable them enjoy other rights among others

## **MISSION**

To contribute to the process of ensuring that children enjoy their rights through providing education support, food and nutrition security, basic care, economic strengthening, child protection and legal support services.

### **Overall objective**

The overall objective of the organization is to restore hope and bring happiness to Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children (OVC) through preaching the gospel of our lord Jesus Christ and providing socio-economic services. Thus, Uganda Christian Orphans Foundation Fund is contributing to national development plan through provision of social-economic services geared towards protecting and mitigating the plight of vulnerable children in Uganda

### **CORE VALUES:**

Love, Compassion, Equality, Accountability and Efficiency

### **OBJECTIVES**

- i. To improve access to and utilization of essential services like affordable education for the OVC by provision of scholastic materials to the OVC.
- ii. To build capacity and strengthen families through sustainable rural development programs and by initiating Income Generating Activities among communities.
- iii. To increase access to psychosocial support services to vulnerable children, their families and their caregivers.
- iv. Strengthen the capacity of families, caregivers and other service providers to protect and care for orphans and other vulnerable children
- v. To Increase access to protection and legal services for orphans and other vulnerable children, their caregivers and families/households
- vi. Increase access to materials and productive resources to women and girls geared towards improved economic performance and self-reliance.
- vii. To promote good health through health education and promotion, provision of shelter, hygiene education and environmental conservation.
- viii. To end poverty in all its forms everywhere in Uganda
- ix. To end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture in Uganda.

**MANPOWER:**

UCOFF has at present seven (7) senior staff members at its headquarters and forty (40) members at community level offices in regions of Uganda. The organization has a total of forty seven staff strength in which 51% are women and 49 % are men. The 61.5% members are providing voluntary services to the organization at community level. The key positions and office bearer are as detailed below.

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Name of the Professional</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Work Experience</b>
<b>1</b>	Rev. Paul Nsubuga Diplam in theology	Director Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation	Male	Eight years
<b>2</b>	Rev. Kamugisa Moses (Masters theology)	Chief Executive Director	Male	Eight years
<b>3</b>	Nowangye Jacent masters in Law	Director of Finance and programs	Male	eight years
<b>4</b>	Natumanya Yusufu (MBA, BBA)	Director Program Management	Male	Ten years

**SYSTEMS IN PLACE:**

- Accounting system
- Human Resource policy
- Training and staff development policy
- Monitoring and evaluation system for projects
- Transparency in management.

**ASSETS:**

- Computers and printers
- Telephone, Fax
- office equipment
- Office space

**CAPACITIES OF THE ORGANISATION:**

As a pioneering organization in community based service working in Mbarara District and other regions of Uganda, UCOFF has committed manpower, capacities and experience of taking up activities on economic strengthening support, education support, environmental conservation, food and nutrition security, child protection and legal support, HIV/AIDS, Psychosocial support provision, sanitation and hygiene among others in communities that are currently being served with inherent capacity to expand should there be funding.

**PRESENT ACTIVITIES:*****Education support for the most needy:***

UCOFF is currently providing education support to over 10876 OVC in various regions of Uganda. Under this core program area, UCOFF is providing direct support in form scholastic materials and school fees to the most needy. It also provides access to alternative basic education for children with special needs and also conducts dialogue meetings with caregivers, teachers and school administrators geared towards supporting and improving the quality of life of OVC.

**Economic strengthening support:**

Under this core program area, emphasis has been put on formation of Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) and so far fifteen (15) were formed and are still functional. In addition, efforts have been put into identifying youth out-of school and selecting them for vocational and apprenticeships skills training in various trades. A total of twenty have been identified and placed in garages and workshops for skills building making a cumulative of two hundred fifty (250).

**Health care, shelter, sanitation and hygiene**

Through association with other community organizations, regular awareness programs are conducted for spreading the message of prevention of HIV/AIDS by observing AIDS day and all the concerned like politicians, educationists, medical personnel are involved in these programs. Through partnership, HIV Testing and Counseling HTC is conducted and HIV infected individuals are referred for medical care. Continuous medical and home base care services are extended to the homes of the infected and affected where issues of psychosocial support, hygiene, water and sanitation are also addressed. A total of two thousand have been reached with HIV /AIDS information and more than five hundred tested for HIV and their results given.

**Food and nutrition security.**

UCOFF has continued to provide food and nutrition support to over two thousands households through food available at home (FAITH) sensitization program, and provision of direct planting materials to OVC households

**Child protection and legal support**

In an effort to avert the plight of OVC and contribute to the process of ensuring that children enjoy their rights such as right to education, food, basic care and rights to association among others, child protection were extended to OVC household in form encouraging OVC care giver to vitally register the OVC, training in succession planning and will making and also referring abused children to the offices of District probation and family and child protection Unit of police among others. A total of two thousand OVC care givers have been reached in which issues of land rights among the widows were also assessed and referred for action in appropriate offices

**PROJECT MONITORING AND EVALUATION (PME) SYSTEM:**

Monitoring is a regular exercise in which staff and the target group have well defined role and participation. Monitoring includes maintenance of client profiles and records. It includes observation of qualitative changes in the conditions and lifestyle of the OVC and their care givers. The monitoring mechanism includes social skills, life changes and for the programs it is

with documentation, maintenance of day-to-day activities, training activities, advocacy measures and links formed with other organizations.

Review meetings with the field staff are held on weekly basis to check and monitor the progress and suggest measures for improvement as well as planning for the weeks/months ahead. Parents, school teachers, government officers and target group themselves also get involved in some of these exercises as they maintain the record of how many times UCOFF staff visited them and they also give their inputs during six monthly extended evaluation.

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:**

Financial management is placed under the Executive Director who in consonance with Director of Finance and Administration organizes the activities and manages the finances with the staff of accounts section. Among the activities they do include every day filing of day-to-day expenditure, entry book and ledger which is scrutinized by Directorate of Finance and Administration in its meetings. UCOFF maintains yearly budget under the various heads of sections like education, economic strengthening support, legal and child protection activities, health care and awareness activities, transportation and administration

**COMPLETED /ON-GOING PROJECTS.**

<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>Funder</b>
Community awareness and education campaign on HIV/AIDS.	The AIDS Support Organization (TASO) Masindi
Vocational trainings under economic strengthening support through pass on program	Makotea Tea Company-Japan-
Provision of scholastic /education materials and IGA inputs to OVC households	Movit co.Uganda Limited

**CAPACITY BUILDING FOR STAFF AND MEMBERS:**

- Comprehensive Monitoring and Evaluation, Civil Society Fund (CSF)
- Palliative Care, Hospice Africa- Uganda.
- Training Of Trainers, Uganda Management Institute.
- HIV/AIDS Counseling, TASO Uganda LTD
- Personal Leadership and Change, Royal Roads University
- Customer Care and Team Building, HR and Management Institute Agency ltd
- Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Field Officers Course, TASO Uganda LTD.
- HIV Counseling and Testing, Ministry Of Health
- Prevention of Mother To Child HIV Transmission, Ministry Of Health
- Environment Awareness Camps -Eco-trust and Safe plan -Uganda
- Economic strengthening support provision—Build Africa

- Financial; planning and management- UMI

**Memberships**

- Uganda Alliance of patients Organization
- The AIDS support Organization (TASO) Uganda Ltd

**Awards and recognition**

- No letter of appreciation for impact from any community support organization, however, significant impact has been realized at community level and districts of operation.

**UCOFF-UGANDA ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE.**

