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Dear Donors, Friends and Well-Wishers of the St. Moses Centre,

What a year 2020 has been! Nobody saw it coming the way it did. Nevertheless, we appreciate the fact that we are still alive and communicating to you again. We are so much indebted to God for keeping us safe from the COVID-19 pandemic and do not take this for granted. We hope that you are all well and still keeping safe with your families. Hopefully 2021 brings good health and some normality back into everyone's life. Otherwise we cannot thank you enough for having stood with us in trying moments throughout the year 2020 despite inevitable challenges you faced due to COVID-19. May God bless the work of your hands!

COVID-19 IN UGANDA 

As COVID-19 continues to traverse the country and measures to combat the virus in place, Ugandans are socially, economically and psychologically badly affected. Infections continue to rise and access to family planning and other healthcare programs have been compromised as all attention goes to treatment of COVID-19 cases. Many people face a reduction in their income due to job and livelihood losses, loss of market and demand for domestic products; hence an obvious increase in poverty as the economy slows down.

Sadly, there has been less government intervention with COVID-19 relief programs like food and other aid directed primarily at people living in urban areas of for example Kampala and Wakiso districts, leaving the majority in rural areas puzzled. Most of the children continue being locked at home with uncertainty of when schools will fully reopen, risking their mental health due to trauma since they no longer have that sense of structure and stimulation that is provided by the school environment. Very disturbing was the last quarter of the year as presidential election campaigns were marked by police brutality against opposition candidates and their supporters with arrests and dozens of dead. We urged the families to keep away from the crowds to stay safe.

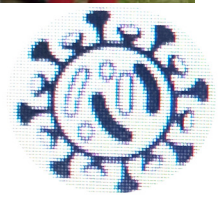
CENTRE ACTIVITIES 28 DAYS LATER FIRST **Sponsored Children**

Seeing 2020 end, we can now unbelievably confirm that most of our pupils and students have missed studies due to COVID-19. We however continue keeping in touch with them and their guardians through home visits and phone calls as we make sure essential services reach them. The children have been amazing and coped with the COVID-19 practices and changes as we continue providing them with guidelines to support their health and safety.

With no doubt, teachers deserve a greater appreciation because as parents and guardians struggled to work and stay with their children at home due to closure of schools since March 2020 essential care taking roles schools play in society couldn't go unnoticed.

Gratitude also goes to our teachers whose skills and invaluable role in students' wellbeing were highly exhibited in support of final examination candidates who reported back to school in September upon lifting of lockdown only for candidate classes. For all other pupils and students 2020 was a lost year.

Dear friends out there have been automatically supportive to these children despite the distance and COVID-19 challenges you have faced. We shall always feel indebted to you for enabling the little ones to keep smiling even during trying moments!



CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR CHILDREN

Despite all the challenges, we gladly report that we were able to gather our sponsored children in December for a Christmas dinner. It was an amazing moment though limited by the standard operating procedures as health and safety for the children were a priority in this case. The speed at which all children had grown was so astonishing and ululations that surrounded the entire Centre after them meeting again since March 2020 are unforgettable. Thank you so much Omoana and Mrs Jenni Williams for the financial support that enabled such a wonderful moment to happen !



FAMILY SUPPORT DURING THE PANDEMIC

We thank our families for their continued support and partnership especially during this pandemic. Their struggle to take care of their children and youths was highly appreciated. More so, we are much indebted to donors, well-wishers and friends who contributed to families' wellbeing from food, education to healthcare. Gratitude goes to Ms. Jenni Williams and her Church in the UK for having continuously fundraised for food and soap for at least 35 families of sponsored children. In the same context, hand washing facilities were given to encourage children and other family members to wash their hands in the prevention of COVID-19. The same good people fundraised and bought a Christmas package containing rice, cooking oil, salt, beans and posho for these families. Friends, we cannot thank you enough! May God bless you for your generosity.



THE MICRO CREDIT PROGRAM

The pandemic continued challenging the micro-credit initiatives. Nevertheless, reimbursement and disbursement of loans went on though at a low pace and under strict measures in respect of the standard operating procedures that were put in place by the government to prevent the acquiring and spreading of COVID-19. By the end of December, a loan of Ush 369,900,000/= had been disbursed to 45 women groups with an average of 15 members per group. Other micro credit activities were at a standstill but with great optimism to be resumed as soon as the environment allows.

Achievements from July - December 2020

> All the children in candidate classes were facilitated with school fees and other school needs when schools reopened for only candidates in September.

> Children were monitored in their respective homes and supported according to needs.

> A Christmas dinner was organized for all sponsored children.

> Salaries for all the 18 staff members were fully paid and all service providers settled.

> With money earned from the sale of Centre pigs, part of the pigsty was repaired.

> Renovated Centre houses were rented out and money collected subsidized Centre funds.



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PLANS FOR THE NEXT HALF OF THE YEAR 2021 IF COVID 19 IF RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED.

- > Hold a guardians' meeting to discuss their children's growth and development and continue monitoring the children at school and in their homes.
- > Organize children's debates and sports competitions for the development of their talents and offer more counselling and career guidance sessions for the children to guide them further.
- > Start a youth support program if a proposal is approved for funding by OMOANA.
- > Support former sponsored students in Institutions with startup kits for self-sustenance.
- > Seek more sponsorships for children in different schools and institutions.
- > Update the Centre's website
- > Renovate more houses at the Centre and fence other parts of the Centre that are still weak points for theft and safety.
- > Continue with the Micro credit program for the development of communities around.
- > Boost the Income Generating Projects further and change strategies where need be for better yields.

Friends, we are sincerely happy to have you as part of our team. You have really helped things run smoothly amidst COVID-19 challenges. We appreciate your willingness to help out whenever needed!

OBITUARY

With deep sorrow we inform you of the passing on in August of our former child Brian Mirembe, 34 years of age and an accountant. He suffered from peptic ulcers which turned to internal bleeding and an infection which could not be contained. We pray that his soul rests in eternal peace!

Thank you!

We cannot hesitate even a second to thank all friends and well-wishers in Germany, Church Communities especially St Raphael, foster parents, schools and individuals. OMOANA, Nouvelle Planete and SidEcole in Switzerland, friends in Spain, UK and USA and volunteers near and far. Thank you so much for being there for us. It means more than we can say! Your love and help are indeed invaluable!

Lillian Nambi, Administrator

Gaby Lubyayi, Adviser

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DONATIONS AND INCOME JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2020

	USH	Euro
Donations Friends via Kirchenstiftung	156,064,100	38,009
Nouvelle Planete Sponsorships	4,838,000	1,178
Hostel Fees	4,500,000	1,096
Omoana Sponsorships, Family Support, Admin.	156,404,035	38,092
SidEcole Schoolfees Support	815,000	199
Income: Accommodation, Farm, Car Hire, Crafts	18,663,900	4,546
Bank Interest	401,045	98
Income	341,686,380	83,218
Balance cash 2019	425,000	104
Balance 2019 (outstanding bills)	-13,827,379	-3,368
Total Funds available 2020	328,284,001	79,954

EXPENSES JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2020

Children's Food, Clothing, Hygiene, Medicare	11,527,400	2,807
Electricity, Water, Gas, Firewood	10,752,351	2,619
Transport	6,034,993	1,470
Education Fees, Scholastic Material	72,132,200	17,569
Expenses for Boarding Pupils	12,319,380	3,000
Admin. Expenses, Running Cost, Prof. Fees	21,358,996	5,202
Personnel Expenses, Training, Medical Care	98,815,164	24,066
Repair/Maint. Building, Grounds, Equipment	18,109,000	4,410
Garden, Farm, Animals, Tailoring, Weaving	27,039,440	6,805
Total Expenditure	278,988,924	67,948

Balances for 2021 to start with

Children's Programmes/Family Support	49,295,077	12,006
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Separate Accounts 2021

Provident Fund	49,988,736	12,175
Micro Credit Administration	54,014,800	13,155
Micro Finance Loans revolving fund available	180,779,800	44,028

Average Exchange Rate for 2020 - Euro = 4,106 Ush.



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ACCOUNTS FOR DONATIONS

Donations in Euro – German Account:

Kath. Kirchenstiftung St. Raphael - St. Moses Uganda

BLZ 720 621 52

Kto 630 4850

VR-Bank Lech-Zusam eG

Ulmerstr. 168

D 86156 Augsburg

IBAN: DE537206215200063048 50

BIC: GENODEF1MTG

Please add as benefactor:

General Donation: St. Moses CCC Uganda or For Sponsorship: St. Moses CCC – Sponsorship

Or any other and inform us about the same by email contact@stmosesccc.org

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Bank of Baroda Brussels

Rue de la Loi 28

B- 1040 Brussels, Belgium

Swift: BARBBEBB

A/C: 183-3002040-24

Bank of Baroda (U) Ltd Kampala

Swift: BARBUGKA

For St. Moses CCC Uganda, Grants and Donations

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One Park Avenue

New York NY 10016

Swift: BARB US 33

A/C: 101575-01

Of Bank of Baroda (U) Ltd Kampala

Swift: BARBUGKA

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