

SCOPE FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2016



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BACKGROUND:

SCOPE is **Salvage Children Of Prisoners in Emergency**.

SCOPE foundation is a non-denominational Organization, registered as a Community Based Organization with the Directorate of Gender Labor and Community Services, and as a Company limited by Guarantee with the Uganda Registration Service Bureau under registration numbers BTC/CD/191 and 80020000273041 respectively.

The organization was formed to respond to the need for a support structure for the increasing number of children with incarcerated parents in Uganda.

Vision: A society where children with a parent/or primary caregiver in prison have unlimited and undeterred access to protection, provision, development and participation opportunities.

Mission: We labor to provide means through which children with an incarcerated parent survive and thrive

Our interventions focus on Protection, Empowerment and Advocacy. Our approach is in such a way that young people with a parent in incarceration and their caregivers are empowered to be self-reliant and industrious.

Broad objectives:

- 1) To provide immediate care and support to children and youth at risk and their caretakers, with emphasis on prisoners' households.
- 2) Provide long-term development support to children, youth and young women at risk
- 3) Conduct safe and participatory research aimed at informing policy and practice in regard to children of incarcerated parents and/or caregivers.
- 4) Empower inmates towards transformation and positive moral change.
- 5) Foster family resilience
- 6) Combat child and youth poverty

Values:

Integrity, Equality, Reliability, Confidentiality, Prayer, and Accountability

FOREWORD:

When the idea to start an organization that cares for the needs and wellbeing of children with incarcerated parents and their caregivers clicked into my mind, I thought what a joke!

In a society where every incarcerated person, unless for the case of politicians, is generally looked at as a robber, rapist or defiler, and where a family member or any other person who shows concern and care for the incarcerated is looked at as an accomplice trying to take care of the partner, I looked as someone who was starting an organization that would promote crime by helping children and families of the criminals.

I remember in April last year when I talked to one of my old friends that I had just registered an organization to look after children of prisoners, I was given such a look that suggested I was either out of my mind or completely lost. Not only did he give me the look, but he blatantly said it to my face that crime was hereditary, and that I was only going to help breed more criminals. “Those children should be left to suffer for the sins of their fathers.. don’t you read the Bible”? He continued.

However, though I could receive discouragements from seven people, three out of ten people gave me a go ahead. I only needed one, and getting 3 (three) was such a big booster to me.

Today, I am glad to be giving this testimony, as we present to you our first annual report.

This is just the start of the journey, but I am glad that SCOPE FOUNDATION managed to set foot on the road.

Daniel Twesige

Founder,

SCOPE FOUNDATION.

EMBARKING ON THE JOURNEY TO CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH INCARCERATED PARENTS

Official Registration as a Community Based Organization:

On March 8th 2016, we were officially registered as a Community Based Organization in Bugembe Town Council, Jinja District. This made us the first officially registered organization in our community that is taking care of children with incarcerated parents and their families.



Certificate of registration as a CBO

Having been officially registered, we were able to approach several agencies and development partners, with whom we shared our vision and mission.

Although much of the efforts in this first year were put in establishing systems and strengthening the internal structure, we were also able to get to the ground and implement the following activities which greatly impacted the community and strengthened our existence and reputation.

19 Days of Activism Campaign for the Prevention of abuse and violence against children and youth.

Children and youth with incarcerated parents make one of the immediate candidates to abuse and violence.



We were among the four organizations that registered and participated in this activism campaign. We managed to approach five other organizations within Bugembe Town council, with whom we carried out the following activities:

Outreach to Schools:

We engaged three primary schools and one vocational institution. Our major focus in the primary schools was to engage children in an interactive dialogue, where we encouraged them to discuss the different forms of violence they face, risk factors, and the possible ways of prevention. Our approach of having the team first share their personal childhood challenges and instances of abuse acted as an icebreaker and set the ball rolling for the children to feel free and easily share their challenges. We also provided space for the children who preferred to share their experiences privately on a one-on-one basis with any of the team members of the child's interest. This gave us an opportunity to have first hand information and recommendations from the children in regard to the issue of violence and abuse of children.

Pupils from each school formed a committee guided by two teachers (female and male) that would address issues of violence and abuse in school. Pupils who feared to open up to elders or

teachers would freely open up to fellow pupils that they trusted. These committees are performing effectively.

Information was disseminated with telephone numbers and directions on whom to call and where to report or go for help in case of abuse and violence.

Nutrition in Schools

We were also able to establish grain amaranth vegetable gardens on each of the schools for nutritional supplement. Grain amaranth is a highly nutritious crop known to have all the eight essential amino acids. It helps in boosting immunity, on addition to other medicinal advantages.



*Children at Rehaboth Primary school Bugembe planting a garden of grain amaranth. SCOPE FOUNDATION received seeds from former GARNER AMARANTH (U) LTD, with support from **DISCOVER** project and **Keith Lindsey***



Interactive dialogue with the children

Community Outreach:



***BISMILLAH** youth pose for a photo with the coalition members after the dialogue. They formed a committee that would coordinate anti-violence related activities in their area.*

We held dialogue meetings with community members in the market, high risk communities (lake shores), and the marked “dangerous” youth in the community (**BISMILLAH YOUTH**)

Focus was to raise awareness of children’s rights, sensitization on the different forms of abuse and violence, and discussion of prevention strategies. Community

members were involved in participatory dialogue, and at the end of the dialogues, a committee was set up to foster prevention of abuse and violence against children. This committee comprised of the local council chairperson, and six other community elected individuals. This committee is to be responsible in keeping publicity of the issues concerning violence and abuse against children and youth, act as a hub where the community members and children in that locality can report cases of abuse and violence, and directly work with the coalition and law enforcers.



Dialogue conducted at the Kyabazinga Market



Budumbuli community dialogue

Baseline Survey



A grandmother (middle) poses for a photo with SCOPE foundation staff (sides) and two of the children of his incarcerated son. The son was sentenced to 18 years in incarceration

Interviewing inmates:

Given permission granted to us by the Uganda Prisons Service, we were able to coordinate with the Officers in charge in three facilities, where we were allowed time to interact freely with a selected number of inmates. During our interaction with inmates, we were able to interview them using a well-designed questionnaire, through a formative approach.



The information we captured enabled us to track the whereabouts of the children, and families of the incarcerated persons whom we had to visit to help us compare the information from the caregivers, children, and local council with that of the inmate, to inform intervention.



Speaking to the Officer in Charge of the Jinja Women Prison

Family visits and assessment

Basing on our analysis of the data collected from the assessment of inmates, we identified families that required follow up. We therefore visited families in Kamuli, Bugiri, Jinja, Mayuge and Iganga.

The major aim of these family visits was to have a real



picture of what was happening with the children of prisoners in the selected families, and also compare, and or confirm information given to us by the inmates, with what the caregivers or family members gave. Although there were some deviations in the information, it is worthy to note that most of the inmates had given us correlating information with that of the family members, in regard to the number of children, family livelihood and relationship, among other things.



A wife to a prisoner with some of the children she takes care of

Family visits also enabled us to interact with the children, and we were able to listen from them, as they communicated their personal challenges. One child noted that she feels pain and sorrow every time it comes to meal time and her mother is not there. We were able to hear about what they desire to be in future, and what kind of help they would really need.

Distribution of Mosquito Nets:

We distributed mosquito nets, as a means of fighting malaria in households of children with incarcerated parents. To create community bond, nets were distributed to other community households, so as to create an understanding and enable our projects to be embraced by the whole community.



A grandfather in Kamuli district with some of the children of his imprisoned daughter



SCOPE FOUNDATION JINJA UGANDA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES/ INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

	Unrestricted Ugx	Temporarily Restricted Ugx	Total Ugx
Income/ Support			
Contributions from friends	3,015,000	-	3,015,000
Contributions from board Members	11,760,000	-	11,760,000
In-kind donation	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
Grants	3,800,000	-	3,800,000
Total income/ Support	19,575,000	-	19,575,000
Expenses			
Program services expenses			
Volunteers and family programs	906,000	-	906,000
Home improvement, prison outreach and school fee	13,087,500	-	13,087,500
Supporting Services expenses			
Management and general	5,387,000	-	5,387,000
Fundraising and Development	173,000	-	173,000
Income Tax	-	-	-
Total Expenses	19,553,500	-	19,553,500
Change in Net Asset	21,500	-	21,500
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	804,700	-	804,700
Net Assets, End of Year	826,200	-	826,200

See Notes Financial Statements

SCOPE FOUNDATION JINJA UGANDA
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

	Program Services			Supporting Services		
	Volunteer and Family Programs	Home Improvement, Prison outreach and school fees	Total	Management and General	Fundraising and Development	Total
	Ugx	Ugx	Ugx	Ugx	Ugx	Ugx
Stationery, Printing & photocopy	6,000	20,500	26,500	45,000	-	71,500
Transport and Travel	-	84,000	84,000	82,000	93,000	239,000
Office expenses	-	250,000	250,000	425,000	-	675,000
Internet and website	-	-	-	1,185,000	-	1,185,000
Telephone and Faxes	-	-	-	-	80,000	80,000
Office Rent	-	-	-	600,000	-	600,000
Trainings and Conferences	400,000	500,000	900,000	3,000,000	-	3,900,000
School Fees and Uniforms	-	7,350,000	7,350,000	-	-	7,350,000
Electricity	-	-	-	70,000	-	70,000
Mission Specific costs	-	4,133,000	4,133,000	-	-	4,133,000
Meals	500,000	750,000	1,250,000	-	-	1,250,000
Total expenses by function	906,000	13,087,500	13,993,500	5,387,000	173,000	19,553,500
Less expenses included with revenue of statement of activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenses included in the expense section on the statement of						
Activities' income and expenditure	906,000	13,087,500	13,993,500	5,387,000	173,000	19,553,500

See Notes to Financial Statements

SCOPE FOUNDATION JINJA UGANDA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2017

	Ugx
ASSET	
Current Asset	826,200
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>826,200</u>
Total Current Asset	
Non Current Asset	1,150,000
Computer	<u>35,000,000</u>
Land	<u>36,150,000</u>
Total Asset	<u><u>36,976,200</u></u>
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Net Assets	
Accumulated funds	36,150,000
Unrestricted	<u>826,200</u>
Total Net Asset	<u><u>36,976,200</u></u>

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HELP SCOPE FOUNDATION IMPACT LIVES OF THE SILENT VICTIMS OF INCARCERATION

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