

REPORT OF THE MOTHER AIDA FOUNDATION FOR THE YEAR 2020

Background.

The Mother Aida Foundation is a registered Community Based Organization which is operating in the Northern part of Uganda, Lira District, Lira Subcounty, Omito Parish. It was registered with the objective of:

- i. promoting education to the people of Northern Uganda.
- ii. Supporting and improving the livelihood for all the vulnerable people in Northern Uganda.

In the year 2020, the following activities were carried out with the funding support from the people of Holland (Delft):

January 2020

I. Support to Education: (Mother Aida Nursery and Primary School)

In January the first term started with 54 students. In December there were some problems with the payment of the teachers which led to some teachers including Tr. Joe the headmaster leaving the job at the school because he could earn more elsewhere. The Foundation involved community leaders (Ms. Agnes Ameny) to hold discussions with both parents and teachers, enrollment increased and some teachers were retained. A new headteacher was also recruited. The Mother Aida Foundation helped to pay Teachers salary for the month of March 2020.

II. Support to Agriculture – Crop production

With the out break of the pandemic corona virus-19, the lock down was imposed, all public places like schools and markets closed this means that the global pandemic is causing more problems - the corona virus is totally changing the world and schools closed, churches all closed, no public transport, people have to stay in their houses and cannot work therefore, have no income. The lockdown brought in fear, poor health care, uncertainty about the future.

With Agricultural activities allowed to continue, Mother Aida Foundation diversified and extended their program to food production under the following objectives:

- To plant crops for food production in preparation for school open.
- The Mother Aida school to have enough food for all learners when the school period begins.
- To support parents in Agricultural activities so that they produce enough food for their families (Food security).

The Mother Aida foundation supported this programme through distribution of seeds to parents and teachers these Seeds included those that would not take long in the farm to provide the families with food as quickly as possible such as the Corn, peanuts, tomatoes, etc and also those that would take long to mature like rice, groundnuts, beans and maize.

To support the Agricultural activity (Food production above), a modest budget was drawn as here presented.

S/N	CROP	NO.OF ACRES	COST OF HIRE OF TRACTOR FOR THE 2 ND PLOUGHING	PURCHASE OF SEEDS	WHO TO PLANT	COST OF PLANTING	PLANTING MONTH	COST OF WEEDING	COST OF HARVESTING
01	Maize	04	80,000 @ acre totaling 320,000	Already bought	Parents Teachers School	120,000 @acre totaling 480,000	July	120,000 @acre totaling 480,000	60,000 @acre Totaling 240,000
02	Beans	06 acres but 1 acra already planted	80,000@ acre totaling 400,000	Already bought	Parents Teachers School	120,000 @acre totaling 600,000	June	120,000 @acre totaling 600,000	150,000 @ acre Totaling 750,000
03	Onions	2 acres	Ploughing already done (No tractor required)	Already bought	School	120,000 @acre totaling 240,000	July	240,000 @acre totaling 480,000	90,000 @acre Totaling 180,000
04	Groundnuts	3 acres	80,000 @ acre totaling 240,000	Already bought	Teachers School	120,000 @acre totaling 360,000	June	120,000 @acre totaling 360,000	90,000 @acre Totaling 270,000
05	Rice	2 acres	80,000 @ acre totaling 160,000	Already bought	School	120,000 @acre totaling 240,000	June	120,000 @acre totaling 240,000	150,000@ acre totaling 300,000

The harvest was good and there has been no drought so far this year and the school will have enough food when studies resume

III. Support to Agriculture – Animal Husbandry

(a) Cows

On 9 March 2020, (International Women's Day) 5 cows entered the kraal. The house for the cowherd is ready. The farmland for the cows with a house for the herdsman is finished. The cows were bought from the market. At the moment,

one of the cows is pregnant, doctor thinks she will produce in March 2021. The milk will later be brought to the school from the farmland.

(b) Goats

Lydia receives her money for the 19 goats for the new families and for the 30 goats for breeding. (this is a reserve money from the foundation pot)

5 goats were bought before corona virus hit the world. Good that one of the goats produced twins and currently in the farmland there are 7 goats with one again pregnant. 19 new families were identified to have a goats unfortunately the pandemic struck and schools were closed.

Plans were underway to start a goat farm with 30 goats in March to breed goats ourselves and no longer have to buy them on the market which will be the first step to financial independence.

The goats that were earlier on distributed has started providing financial improvement to the first group of women; Teddy one of the first mothers who got a goat in 2016 just bought her first cow and had already bred 12 goats

III. Support to Agriculture – Poultry farming

There are currently 40 chicken being bred at Lydia's residence, the chicken mesh is supposed to be constructed within the school compound but awaits fencing of the school. The chicken is to substitute nutrition for the children with eggs. Just a ray of hope... 10 more chicks were born.

IV. Support for clean water

One of the greatest provisions by Mother Aida Foundation is the water pump. The school's cook no longer moves far to fetch water and the community as well gets water from the school. Because of the closure of schools due to

corona virus, the water pump is turned on once a week to fill the water tanks

for the people in the immediate vicinity.

2020 realization:

4 goats for the school farm 2020 € 120.00

5 cows for the school farm 2020 € 800.00

Emergency food, education costs related to Corona 2020 € 1450.00

Planting program to grow food 2020 € 1725.00

Bank charges 2020 € 47.40

Credited from donations and promotions: € 5981.50

Total depreciated: € 4142.40

Overhead: 1%

Balance rack MAF NL63 RABO 0323 3851 84 31 Dec 2020 € 4236.41

Justification of expenditure and income: see attached reports from Uganda.

Bank statements can be viewed in the cash book.

Total realization 2016 to 2020

€17,042.23

Placed: 265 goats in families 2016-2019 € 6,625.00

Transport / vet € 1325.00

Crochet project 2016 € 220.00

Food program + 20 chickens 2019 € 1500.00

10 extra chickens 2019 € 50.00

2 cows 2019 € 400.00

Water pump 2019 € 2500.00

Banking and administration costs 2019 € 107.40

Certificates and website 2019 € 172.43

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The animals of the school farm are in good health. There are now a total of 5 cows, 9 goats and 52 chickens on the farm.

Prevailing challenges

- Because the school is closed, that means no school fees and no salary for the teachers, cook, guard and shepherd.
- The animals have to be cared for by the herdsman even if there is no definite source for his salary.
- The virus has continued to spread rapidly in Africa and will determine people's lives for a long time to come.

Good practice adopted from staying in the lockdown

- Lydia Amongi has now made the land around the school available for the teachers and parents to grow vegetables.
- A little emergency aid worth € 1200 which we luckily was in reserved, was provided to be used to become self-reliant in terms of food and be able to get through the time without income. This was started immediately after the lockdown was announced, buying extra food until the harvest was ready.

Education has come to a complete standstill, although the children have received some reading books from the government. We have no idea how long this will all take, but we want to be there for the people now.

The cows, chickens and goats that are already there provide extra nutrition during this time and the animals are well taken care of. The animal markets are closed so you cannot sell an animal now.

December 2020

The schools are not expected to reopen until January 2021.

At the moment, December 2020, there is activity again and people are allowed to work again. The markets are also open again and the churches are allowed to organize celebrations with limited groups.

With the money from the proceeds of the Pancake Campaign (€ 1750.00) in the Hofkerk, we have worked on food production in the past six months. The planting program aims to build up food supplies so that the children receive school meals when school starts again. Also during this period, 20 families worked to improve the quality of food growing and the people developed agricultural skills.

The families have received seeds and plants and help with cultivation. A nice activity during the lockdown. The government of Uganda has called on families to grow their own food.

For the school there is now a stock of 700 kg of dried corn and 300 kg of dried beans. The rice, onions and peanuts harvest will follow in December.

If the children can go to school again, the school meal is guaranteed and that makes the threshold lower for parents and children to go to school. They do not have to pay these costs.

In the coming months we will work on encouraging families to send their children back to school. We can give new families goats again, we have reserved money for that and we will provide school materials. That also saves the parents a lot of money. There are serious concerns about going back to school because many children now help to earn the family income.

Actions 2020

Primary school Jan Vermeer is campaigning in Dec 2019 and will transfer € 1205 in January 2020 for 50 goats, 6 cows and 42 chickens. Due to the Corona epidemic, 4 goats and 4 cows were placed. The remaining animals will be released as soon as school starts again.

A pancake order campaign will be held in the Hofkerk in June 2020. The proceeds are doubled by the parish of the church and total: € 1761.50. The food program was paid from this money.

In December 2020, we will be organizing a flower arrangement bag promotion in the Hofkerk, which will yield € 637.50. This money will be used to start the school in 2021.

Plans for 2021 - "Back to school"

The schools hope to start again on January 20, 2021. The government announced this decision on January 2.

To make going to school as accessible as possible, we are going to offer the school meals (the food is ready for this from the food program)

There is also a focus on hygiene and information about Covid.

Materials are purchased for the school, so that parents have less costs.

Lydia is going through the church to call on families to send their children back to school. The teachers will also make home visits and call the parents.

As soon as this is possible, we will offer the goat program to new families.

Attached is the plan for opening the school

PLAN FOR OPENING SCHOOL FOR TERM 1 2021

S/N	ITEM	QUANTITY	Amount	Total
1	Guidelines for prevention of Covid-19			
	1. Temperature guns	0 3	200,000	600,000
	2. Sanitizer	100	15,000	1,500,000
	3. Hand washing facilities	5	250,000@	1,250,000
	4. Training of COVID-19 task force	7 members	500,000	500,000
	5. Face masks	1000	3000	3,000,000
	Sub -Total			6,850,000
2	Goats	40 goats	100,000	4,000,000
	Sub -Total			4.000.000
3	Books			
	a) Text books	63	25,000	1,550,000
	a) Lesson preparation books	20	6000	120,000
	Sub-Total			1,670,000
4	Compound			
	a) Clearing.			300,000
	b) General_cleaning			500,000
	Sub-Total			800,000
	Grand Total			13,320,000

***The total amount in Euros is 3,330* has already been receive**

Thankyou

Meta de Vries

Lydia Amongi

Delft, januari 2021

Lira, januari 2021

