



# **VILLAGE HOPE INTERNATIONAL**

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## **01. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The year 2019 was a successful year for village Hope international as several achievements were accomplished. This is in terms of activity implementation and reaching out to neediest orphans and other vulnerable children. I salute the staff and volunteers for their dedicated service particularly the innovative ways to support Needy Children with very few resources. Through our quarterly meetings, we have received feedback on progress, challenges and way forward of the work done. Most of our activities required funding and as such appeals were made to partners around the World. Through international relations and representation, village Hope international hopes to build wider networks and partnerships in 2020. Village Hope international remains committed to serving vulnerable communities



*Bob Tiwa- President/Executive Director, Village Hope International*

## **02. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.**

This was our first year of implementation of village hope international's five-year strategic plan. With support from our partners, we hope to extend the success stories of 2019 to 2020. Village Hope international (VHI) devised strategies through participatory approaches to design the following three programs that it successfully implemented: Health care Program, Education Program and Feeding Program. Our capacity grew as was our increased focus on self-sustainability. Reading through, one would agree that 2019 was another successful implementation year.



*Jackline Kwaga- Executive Secretary, Village Hope International.*

### **03. HEALTH CARE PROGRAM**

Good health is the physical, mental and emotional well-being of a person. Children need to have access to preventive care such as immunization, as well as treatment of illness. Children who lack an adult caregiver receive less attention when sick and miss out on health services. This makes them more vulnerable to diseases and in tedious. During the year 2019, Our Health care program was implemented through the following project activities:

We conducted 12 awareness meetings in Butaleja District, Eastern Uganda and these attracted up to 1, 314 Care givers and Community members. We covered salient topics that included promotion of personal hygiene, maintaining proper home environment, home based management of common childhood diseases, and HIV/AIDS sensitization, prevention and care.



180 needy children were linked to Health centers and hospitals for management of complications notably epilepsy, vision impairments and physical disability.

Using our available quick means of transport, provided by Village Hope International and partners, we were able to transport one hundred and eighty sick children to hospital. We followed-up with their health conditions, treatment and healing process.

We did not only end at taking them to hospital, we were able to meet their hospital bills and cost of medication

Our health care Program registered up to 100 new drivers and their cars to offer free voluntary transportation of sick children to hospital. These were selected among Community members who own private cars and motorcycles. Village Hope International provided fuel to the volunteers' cars when participating in this project.



On a monthly basis, 205 adolescent girl children received sanitary ware materials including pads, cotton wool, among others. This has enabled adolescent girl children to comfortably attend school and interact with their colleagues without fear of being humiliated.

Many adolescent girls who live-in poverty-stricken villages find it hard to afford the basic feminine hygiene products for their monthly use. This has always affected their school attendance, performance and dignity.

Ever since the time we launched this project in the year 2014, 5,000 adolescent girls have benefited from our free feminine hygiene product donations hence their school attendance and performance improving.



1,150 children received various doses of vaccines to protect them against common childhood diseases.

Our Organization managed to provide vaccines to children through our community health camp campaigns.

In partnership with Schools and local health facilities, we implemented our vaccination program using both local healthcare providers and international volunteers from the medical profession. We offered deworming medicines, antimalaria tablets, among others.



#### **04. EDUCATION PROGRAM.**

Basic education allows children to live a better, more productive life, and increases their choices and opportunities for the future. In the long term, if vulnerable children acquire skills and training, they will be in a better position to support themselves and their families. Our Education Program is a key that has opened various school gates for thousands of needy children to access formal education, pursue lifelong dreams and has changed their lives dramatically. During the year 2019, VHI scored in this program as follows.

We Provided 1,003 Scholarships and scholastic material such as school uniforms, books, pens and mathematical sets to Orphans and other Vulnerable Children in Uganda.



84 out of school vulnerable children were returned to school and 125 older vulnerable children were enrolled in non-formal education/ vocational training. These apprenticeship trainings have equipped thousands of former school dropout children with basic educational skills in computer science, tailoring, motor vehicle mechanics, hair dressing, among others. We managed to achieve this in partnership with local institutions and companies that offer training opportunities for our children.



We trained 52 teachers and 3,420 Community members to support and promote the enrollment and retention of needy children in school.

In our trainings, we also addressed primitive factor that hinder Education of Vulnerable children and children with disabilities.

Among these are the primitive cultural beliefs of looking at a girl child as a source of wealth through bride price/dowry. We trained communities to look at girls as a source of wealth through good salary earned by highly educated girls and also promote and support their education for the good of their health, dignity, rights and a fight against poverty.



We managed to enroll into school, 62 children with special needs.

From time immemorial, children with disabilities in Africa and other developing countries were considered as socially and physically less capable. They were not easily accepted and regarded as part and parcel

of the family and community. In Africa, many children with disabilities still suffer neglect and rejection. Families and communities still have negative attitude towards disability. They regard disability to be caused by witchcraft, curses or as a punishment from God for wrongs done. It is considered contagious and derogative. Children with disabilities are isolated and their education needs are not adequately provided by families and communities.

In view of this, Village Hope international conducted a back to school enrolment project of children with disabilities in Butaleja district in Eastern Uganda and enrolled back to school, 62 children with disabilities.



## **05. FEEDING PROGRAM.**

Climate change and other Natural disaster have already impacted on many communities, exposing them to various diseases, famine and poverty. Climate change presents additional obstacles to ending malnutrition and poverty among developing countries.

During the year climate vulnerability and capacity Assessment was conducted to analyze vulnerability to climate change and adaptive capacity at the community level as a starting point for engagement of women groups to fight famine and poverty.

Documentation of profile and practices of 200 families affected by severe famine.

Trained 400 women on promotion of climate resilient agricultural practices.



Trained 400 women on diversification of livelihoods, including non-agricultural livelihoods strategy.

We also Supported 1,003 families with food and other assorted household items.

## **7. ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The board of directors successfully ensured that there was harmony between the board and secretariat.

They worked closely and achieved their deliveries. The principle of participatory approaches was upheld throughout 2019 which enhanced community involvement and board support.

Capacity building of directors and staff was conducted including topics on; Strategic thinking, Management information systems (MIS), Basic accounting system (BAS), Monitoring and evaluation, Rights and responsibilities of children.



**Lessons learnt in 2019 included.**

Teamwork spirit and group participation makes implementation of activities successful.

Capacity of directors and staff can be developed through equipping them with various skills which builds their character.

Regular visits to the project communities as well as keeping close relationship with community volunteers increase their capacity and energy to do more and reach further.

Through coaching volunteers get external skills to use in circumstances where they find challenges.

Improved management information systems (MIS) and basic accounting systems (BAS) leads to better performance and decision making.

## 8. FINANCE

Village hope international (VHI) income and expenditure statement year ended 31 December 2019.

<b>Income</b>	<b>US \$</b>
Directors contributions	81,726.8
community contributions	15,228.6
Donations	129,982.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>226,937.5</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Transport	9,112
Rents	8,056
Wages	16,271.8
General administrative expenses	26,087.2
Health care	46,922.1
Education	84,328.2
Feeding	30,932.8
Miscellaneous	5,163.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>226,873.8</b>

This income and expenditure statement were approved by the board of directors on 02 January 2020.

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Bob Tiwa

President Village Hope International