

FORM E



Permit Number: **5407**

INDP0003731NB

Regulation form 7(5)

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS ACT, 2016

PERMIT TO OPERATE AN ORGANISATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY

that **CANDLES OF HOPE UGANDA (An Indigenous NGO), of File No. MIA/NB/2020/03/3731,**
..... **P.O. BOX 63, KABALE.**

has this..... **23RD** day of..... **MARCH** **20²⁰** been issued with a permit to operate in
Uganda under the Non-Governmental Organisations Act.

This permit is subject to the following conditions-

- a) The organisation shall carry out its activities in the fields of providing social , educational and economic empowerment to women
and children and protecting human rights.
- b) The Organisation shall operate in Kabale and Kasese Districts.
- c) The staffing of the Organisation must conform to Section 45 of the NGO Act 2016.

This permit shall be valid for **60 Months** from the date of issue.

Okello Stephen

.....
Executive Director,
National Bureau for Non-Governmental Organisations

FORM B

Registration Number:
INDR150653731NB

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Regulation form 5(2)

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS ACT, 2016


CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

I CERTIFY that:

CANDLES OF HOPE UGANDA (An Indigenous NGO), of File No. MIA/NB/2020/03/3731,
P.O. BOX 63, KABALE.

..... has been registered with National Bureau for Non-Governmental Organisations.

Dated at Kampala, this 23RD day of MARCH 2020.....


Okello Stephen

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Executive Director,
National Bureau for Non-Governmental Organisations

Certificate issued on: 17-12-2019 13:11, No: BRS-INCC-2-19/49999



Registration No: **80020002270883**



Certificate of Incorporation

(Under section 18(3) of the Companies Act 2012)

I CERTIFY that **CANDLES OF HOPE UGANDA LIMITED** (Limited by Guarantee) has this day been incorporated with Limited Liability.

Dated at Kampala, this 17th day of December the year 2019.

UGANDA REGISTRATION
SERVICES BUREAU



Signature: **NASASIRA DANIEL**

Registrar of Companies

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Company Form 20

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THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

**THE COMPANIES ACT NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR AND
SECRETARY OF COMPANY**

(Under section 192(4) of the Act).

Name of Company:CANDLES OF HOPE UGANDA LIMITED.....

Presented by:THE DIRECTORS.....

TO: THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES.

TAKE NOTE that the person/ persons whose particulars are provided below has/ have been appointed as director/ directors/ secretary of the above named company with effect from the...17.... day of.....Dec..... the year...2019....

(a) PARTICULARS OF DIRECTORS -INDIVIDUALS

Names (First Name and surname)	Date of Birth	Address	Nationality	Occupation	Other Director ships
TUMWESIGYE ABDALLAH ZAKE	06/06/1988	Kabale Central division, kabale District	Ugandan		N/A
TWINOMUHA NGI ANNICIOUS	06/06/1992	Kabale Central division, kabale District	Ugandan		N/A

(b) PARTICULARS OF CORPORATE DIRECTORS

Corporate Name	Registered or Principal Office	Postal Address



(c) PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON(S) WHO IS SECRETARY
PARTICULARS OF INDIVIDUAL SECRETARY

Names (first name and surname)*	Residential and postal address
TWINGOMUHARI AMICIOUS	KABALE

*state any former first and surnames

PARTICULARS OF CORPORATE SECRETARY

Corporate Name	Registered Office

Dated theday of the year

Signed: Amber
Director

Signed: Amber
Secretary/Director

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

THE COMPANIES ACT 2012

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

MEMORUNDUM

And

**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
OF**



CANDLES OF HOPE UGANDA LIMITED

Incorporated this...17...day ofDEC..... 2019

Drawn and prepared by:

Phleb Associated Advocates,
Suite B3, Park Royal Building,
Buganda road,
P.O Box 27946, Kampala.

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
THE COMPANIES ACT
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND WITHOUT A SHARE CAPITAL
MEMORUNDUM OF ASSOCIATION
OF
CANDLES OF HOPE UGANDA LIMITED

1. The name of the company shall be **CANDLES OF HOPE UGANDA LIMITED**.
2. The registered office of the organization shall be situated in the Republic of Uganda.
3. **The objects for which the company is established are:-**
 - To provide social, educational and economic empowerment to women and children.
 - To safeguard the rights of the child and provide for the wellbeing of children in need, more particularly to children exposed or subjected to any form of abuse, children deprived of education and children suffering from health, physical and mental illness.
 - To identify beggars and impress upon them the significance of dignified living and persuade them to take up an alternative and to take such measures so as to equip them in attaining such means of living.
 - To secure for the transgendered, their basic human rights and ensuring them a better way of life by;
 - a. Providing assistance in pursuing education
 - b. Facilitating the transgendered in finding employment opportunities and have them employed in an open minded work environment with no stigma, discrimination and prejudice.
 - c. Helping the transgendered in identifying their interests and assist them further by enrolling them in concerned vocational training programs, schemes and welfare measures and enlisting them in to the same.

d). Persistent sensitization and capacity building among the general public, emphasis put to students in areas of study, employees in corporate houses and other organizations.

e). Acquainting them with varied government programs, schemes and welfare measures

- To identify the homeless and the destitute so as to facilitate their relocation in appropriate institutions
- To provide medical and legal aid to and any other form of assistance to the elderly in so as to ensure their social well being.
- To mentor and provide guidance to the youth.
- To preserve and protect the environment and propagate the significance of sustainable development for maintaining ecological balance.
- To conduct study on various social issues from time to time, gather data, and carry out research.
- To campaign for awareness on the aforesaid issues by disseminating information among the general public.
- To take such other measures and render services or assistance including establishment of information centers, provision for shelter homes, setting up educational, research and training institute, etc., to the aforesaid class of persons and other persons, as may be necessary from time to time for the betterment of society.
- To associate itself with any other institution, society or association, having objectives wholly or in part, similar to those of this society and to cooperate with any person or body of persons in furtherance of such objectives.
- To work for the social development of unprivileged individuals, groups and communities.
- To encourage healthcare development and a health promotion.
- To assist in the process of social integration and personal realization of underprivileged children, young people, adults and families.

- To endorse human rights and in particular the rights of the children and young people as well as well as right of less-privileged.
- To encourage and popularize voluntary work.
- To make social change more visible in implementing and funding other NGOs thus improving the development policy work.
- To educate people for adoption of the good norms of a good citizen and to inculcate into the people's mind, ideals of national unity.
- To work for uplifting of the status of women in the society and to work against female circumcision and to fight against the victimization of girl/woman I the society.
- To help and generate training programs for the self employment of women and the educated unemployed people and to provide adult education.
- To provide help under health and nutrition services for women and children.

2. In obtaining her objectives, the company shall be guided by the following values and principles;

- Integrity
- Stewardship
- Team work
- Inclusiveness and equal participation.
- Gender equality and equity
- Pro-poor driven
- Transparency, accountability and selflessness
- Independent, participatory and non-partisan
- Networking and information sharing with all stakeholders
- Mutual respect, impartially and trust
- Competence and professionalism

3. Subsidiary Powers.

To attain the above objectives or any of them, the company shall have powers to take action authorized by law, including but not limited to all or any of the following;

- a) Collaborate with the government of Uganda and its line ministries, local government, authorities, organizations and corporations in the carrying out or facilitating any of the objectives above.
- b) Acquire, purchase, take lease or otherwise deal in any movable or immovable property and hold or apply the same for purposes of the objectives above.
- c) Receive and administer gifts, offerings grants, donations and other contributions that support the objectives of the foundation.
- d) To invest the monies of the ministry not immediately required for for the ministry's purposes in any one or more modes of investment securities or property for the time being authorized by law for investment.
- e) To open bank account, draw, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue cheques and other transferable and or negotiable instruments.
- f) To establish, promote or participate in establishing, promoting of any other ministry, company, organization or body which shall be considered desirable in promoting the interests of the ministry.
- g) Operate, establish and engage in and carry out such activities, properties, schemes and programs for the advancement and furtherance of the objectives of the foundation.
- h) Do all other things legal, necessary, expedient and appropriate to the accomplishment of any of the objectives of the company.
- i) Power to carry out all aforementioned objectives and to do such other things that are incidental to or conducive to the attainment of the objects of the company

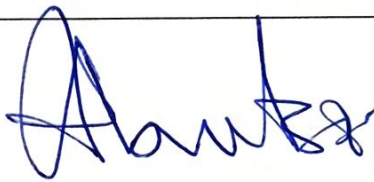

4. The Liability of the members is limited by guarantee:

- Every member of the foundation undertakes to contribute to the assets of the organization in the event of its being wound up while she/he is a member, or within one year after, she/he ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the organization contracted before ad of the contributories among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding Two million Uganda shillings (2,000,000/=).
- The property of the company/organization, shall be utilized for the attainment of the foregoing objects and it shall not, neither any part thereof, be paid or otherwise transferred directly or indirectly by way of profits,

unjustifiable gratitude to any person whether or not a member of the organization save where such payment or transfer is in accordance with this

- For the avoidance of any doubt it is hereby declared that the company SHALL **BE A NON-PROFIT MAKING COMPANY** limited by guarantee and not having share capital. In the event of its winding up of its operation otherwise arising, any of its assets or property that shall be remaining, after the full satisfaction of all its obligations and liabilities shall not be sold or otherwise transferred for any consideration to any persons but shall be given free of any charge and without consideration for such giving to any organization or body with objects, policy and restrictions similar to this foundation.

We, the several persons whose names and addresses are subscribed hereto, are desirous of being formed into a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital in pursuance of this memorandum of association.

NAMES OF THE SUBSCRIBERS	POSTAL ADDRESS	SIGNATURE OF SUBSCRIBERS
TUMWESIGYE ABDALLAH ZAKE	P.O. BOX 62 KABAHE	
TWINOMUHANGI ANNICIOUS	KABALE	

Dated at Kampala this 16 day of December 2019.

Witness: 

Name:

Occupation:

Postal Address:



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

THE COMPANIES ACT NO.1 OF 2012

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

OF

CANDLES OF HOPE UGANDA LIMITED

ARTICLE 1: INTERPRETATION

In these articles-

"Act" shall where the context so permits means either the Non-Governmental organizations Act where incident arises when the company has already been registered as a Non-Governmental organizations; or means the companies Act for the time before.

Company means candles of hope Uganda limited and the same expression shall be used interchangeably with the organization for the period after registration with the nongovernmental organization beaural.

"Seal" means the Common seal of the company/organization.

"Secretary" means any person appointed to perform the duties of the Secretary of the company/organization.

Expressions referring to writing shall, unless the contrary organization's intentions appear, be construed as including reference to printing, lithography, and other models of representing or reproducing words in a visible form.

Unless the context otherwise requires, words or expressions contained in these articles shall bear the same meaning as in the Act or any statutory modification thereof in force at the date of at which these articles become binding on the organization.

ARTICLE 2: GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND MEBERSHIP

- The ministry shall have an Assembly whose number shall be unlimited (hereinafter referred to as the GENERAL ASSEMBLY)
- Membership shall be by subscription to the Memorandum and Articles of Association and in any other way as the board may determine from time to time
- Membership shall be determined by the Board of Trustees with the approval of the General Assembly.
- All members shall pay a membership and annual subscription fee to be determined by the general assembly.
- The ministry shall welcome all classes of people regardless of their tribal, racial, educational, political and economic status to join as members.
- proceedings of the general assembly shall be regulated by Table C of the Companies Act 2012 and Table c of the companies act is hereby adopted by the general assembly In as far as it applies to the activities and value of the ministry.

ARTICLE 3: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS..

- The subscribers to this memorandum and articles shall automatically be directors and any others as the board of directors may from time to time appoint on majority vote.
- The Board shall be composed of the Chairperson, vice chairperson, finance and secretary. The executive Director of the ministries shall be an ex-officio member of and secretary to the board.
- The quorum of the board for any meeting shall be 3 members.
- The board shall be the custodians of the company's property and take care of its assets.
- The chairperson of the board shall be elected from the subscribers to the memorandum or otherwise as the subscribers shall determine and shall preside over meetings and in her/his absence, the vice chairperson shall take over PROVIDED THAT in the event th at both are absent the members present shall elect by majority vote one of them to chair its meeting.
- On the death or resignation of a board member, the remaining board members shall elect a new member in his/her place.
- The board of directors shall in the name of the ministry, hold and manage any land, property or other benefits vested in them or in Foundation by this memorandum & Articles of Association.

ARTICLES 4: POWERS OF THE BOARD OF directors.

The board shall have the following powers:

- a) To convene meetings at the instance of the chairperson.
- b) To convene special meetings of the board through the chairperson whenever she/he deems it fit or such meetings may be convened upon request submitted to the executive director by a majority of the members of the board.
- c) To call a SPECIAL MEETING of the members of the general assembly if 1/3 of the members of the general assembly issues a written notice to the executive director.
- d) To make rules to regulate meetings and activities PROVIDED they are in line with this Memorandum & Articles of association.
- e) To consider and approve estimates of revenue and expenditure.
 - To receive and discuss audited accounts as presented to it by the finance secretary and study them in readiness to report to the general assembly meeting.
 - To appoint a reputable firm of Auditors to whom the Executive Director shall submit the full and up-to-date accounts of the Foundation.
 - The board of directors may from time to time delegate some of its responsibilities to the secretarial as established under these Articles of Association.
- f) To appoint qualified personnel as salaried employees of the organization.
- g) **A member of the board shall cease to hold office if:**
 - By Notice in writing she/he resigns
 - She/he is declared bankrupt.
 - Becomes a lunatic or is declared and certified to be a person of unsound mind by an authorized medical practitioner or Court of law in Uganda.
 - She/he is required in writing by all members of the board of trustees to resign.
 - She/he is suspended and a resolution of an annual general meeting to approve the final decision made.
 - She/he is absent for three consecutive meetings of the board without leave of absence/ reasonable cause which leave shall not be unreasonably withheld by the Board PROVIDED that the notice of the meeting of not less than 7 days shall be given.

ARTICLES 5: FUNCTIONS OF THE CHAIRPERSON BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The chairperson of the Board of directors shall:

- Be the Non-Executive head of the Board and coordinate the activities of the Board.
- Convene and preside over meetings of the Board, as well as the General Assembly.
- Preside over APPEALS allowed by the memorandum and Articles of Association and form decisions of other officials of the foundation.
- Ensure the efficient and smooth running of the organization and implementation of its policies, decisions and programs.
- Provide leadership and general guidance to the organization in accordance with its objectives.
- Maintain an open and inclusive atmosphere during meetings in which members feel free to speak their mind.
- Be firm but fair, controlling the meeting without dominating the debate itself. It also falls to the chairperson to allocate the requisite amount of time to each item, and to ensure that any variations from the order of the agenda are explained at the start.
- Maintain discussion until the point where broad consensus has been achieved, and he or she is able to sum up in a conclusion with which most members agree.
- Direct the meeting in a way which stimulates debate on each of the issues, ensuring that meetings neither get distracted by convoluted arguments, nor leap to hasty conclusion without due consideration.
- Perform such other duties as are entrusted upon her/him by the trustees.
- In the absence of the chairperson, vice chairperson shall preside over the meeting of the board PROVIDED THAT in the absence of both, the members present shall elect one of them to chair its meeting.

ARTICLE 6: THE SECRETARIATE/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE.

- The executive director shall be responsible for the day to day operations of the foundation and all its programmes.
- The secretariat shall be comprised of the executive Director and other officers reflecting the foundation's program of work, as may from time to time be deemed necessary.
- The secretariat shall operate with sufficient autonomy and flexibility both in its operation and design of programmes to enable it respond to new and emerging public policy problems relevant to the mission of the organization.
- the executive director shall be the head of the secretariat, and as such shall;
 - ❖ Co-ordinate and supervise all the programs of the foundation.
 - ❖ Prepare and submit periodic reports to the Board of Trustees and the management committee(s).
 - ❖ Be the Accounting officer of the foundation.

- ❖ Advise and help the Board of trustees on recruitment of staff necessary for the efficient operations of the secretariat.
- ❖ Be a principle signatory to all financial transactions of the Foundation; and
- ❖ Undertake such other responsibilities as the Board trustees may direct or as may be required by the nature of that office.

ARTICLE 7: DUTIES OF THE BOARD MEMBERS

Each board member shall:

- a) Work hand-in-hand with other members of the Board to draw up plans of action and implement the policies of the Foundation.
- b) Be head or a member of some special board committee that may be appointed or deal with special topics by the Board;
- c) Carry out any other duties that may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 8: MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANISATION.

The Foundation shall have the following categories of membership and whose duties are stated herein after.

- d) **Ordinary membership:** this category is open to all groups of people who are desirous of joining this organization provided they subscribe to the objectives of the ministry.
- e) **Associate membership:** is open to individuals or groups of individuals, institutions and bodies who help to further the objectives of the ministry, whether morally, materially or otherwise.
- f) **Honorary membership:** is where desired, open to distinguished citizens and friends of the Foundation whose patronage, encouragement and unflinching support are specially recognized and registered by the ministry.
- g) For the avoidance of any doubts, detailed categorization of the afore described membership, including the described membership fee, annual subscriptions, etc shall be determined and streamlined from time to time by the Board and approved by the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 9: RIGHTS & DUTIES OF MEMBERS OF THE ORGANISATION.

All members shall have the right and or duty to:

- Participate in proceedings and activities of the organization subject to any limitations that may from time to time be imposed by the board with formal approval of the general assembly.
- Elect or be elected to any office in the foundation.
- To have access to the organization facilitates as shall be prescribed by the executive.

- To meet all such subscriptions and all other requirement as shall be prescribed by the Board and the General Assembly in the general meeting from time to time.
- Actively contribute to the implementation of the aims and objectives of the organization.
- Abide by the memorandum and Articles of Association and all or any bye-laws/ policies made there under, and to perform all such duty as may from time to time be required of such member.

ARTICLE 10: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

Membership shall be terminated with a majority vote of the associate members under any one of the following circumstance; i.e. Where any such member:

- Voluntary resigns
- Acts against the interest of the organization.
- Default consistently on mandatory payments/ obligations.
- Is expelled for conduct incompatible with foundation's objectives provided always that where such member is to be expelled s/he shall be afforded a right to a fair hearing within reasonable time.

ARTICLE 11: SEAL

The Directors shall provide for the safe custody of the seal, which shall only be used by the authority of the Directors of a committee of the Directors authorized by the directors in that behalf, and every instrument to which the seal shall be affixed shall be signed by a director and shall countersigned by the secretary or by a second director or by some other person appointed by the directors for the purpose.

ARTICLE 12: ACCOUNTS

The Directors shall cause proper books of account to be kept with respect to:-

- All sums of money received and expenditure by the organization and the matters in respect of which the receipt and expenditure take place.
- All sales and purchases of goods by the state of the organization and
- The assets and liabilities of the organization. Proper books shall not be deemed to be kept if there are not such books of account as are necessary to give a true fair view of the state of the organization/s affairs and to explain its transactions.
- The books of accounts shall be kept at the registered office of the organization or at such other place or places as the Directors think, and it shall always are open to the inspection of the Director.
- the directors shall from time determine whether and to what and at what times and places and under what conditions or regulations the accounts and

books of the organization or any of them shall be open to the inspection of members not being directors, and no member (not being a director) shall have any right of inspecting any account or book or document of the organization except as conferred by statute or authorized by the directors or by the organization in general meeting.

ARTICLE 13; AUDIT.

- The accounts of the company shall be authorized by an auditor appointed by the general meeting.
- The Auditor report together with the Balance sheet of the organization shall be laid before annual general meeting for discussion and copies of the same shall be made available to the members together with notices for the meeting.
- The organization shall in each year hold a general meeting as its annual general meeting in addition to any other meetings in that year and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it; and not more than fifteen months shall elapse between the date of one annual general meeting of the organization and that of the next provided that as long as the organization holds its first annual general meeting within eighteen months of its incorporation, it need not hold it in the year of its incorporation or in following year.

The annual general meeting shall be held at such time and place as the directors shall appoint.

- All general meetings other than annual general meetings shall be called extraordinary general meeting.
- The directors may, whenever they think, convene an extraordinary general meeting, and extraordinary general meetings shall also be convened on such requisition, or, in default, may be convened by such requisitions, provided by section 132 of the Act. if at any time there are not within Uganda sufficient directors capable may convene an extraordinary general meeting.

ARTICLE 15: NOTICE OF MEETINGS

- Notice generally for any meeting shall specify the date, time and place, and where practical the Agenda or main purpose of the meeting.
- Notice of meetings may be both written and/or published by mass media.
- Notice of the general meeting shall be given not less than 14 days before the meeting to members at their respective addresses.
- Notice of any other meeting may be shorter depending on the urgency.
- Non-receipt of notice by any person entitled to receive it shall not invalidate any proceeding or deliberations of any meeting at which a quorum was realized.

ARTICLE 16: QUORUM FOR MEETINGS

- The quorum for the general meeting whether annual or extraordinary shall be 50% of the members.
- The quorum for the committee or sub-committee shall be a quarter of the total membership of the committee or sub-committee.
- No quorum is required for study sessions, workshop, and seminars or for social or cultural organized by the association.

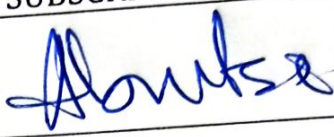

ARTICLE 17: PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS.

- No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of members is present when the meeting proceeds to business.
- If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members shall be dissolved; in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place as the directors may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present shall be a quorum.
- The chairman, if any, of the directors shall preside as chairman at every general meeting of the organization, or if there is no such chairman, or if he shall not be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or is unwilling to act the directors present shall elect one of their member to be chairman of the meeting.
- If at any meeting no directors put a vote at any meeting shall be conducted on the basis of one man vote, whether by show of hands or by secret ballot and shall except where otherwise specified, be determined by a simple majority of the members present and voting. In any case of equality or tie of votes.
- Except where otherwise specified, the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote. No voting by proxy shall be permitted.

ARTICLE 18: INDEMNITY

Every Director, Executive Director, Auditor, secretary and other officer for the time being of the organization shall indemnify the assets of the organization against any liability incurred by him defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal. In which judgment given in his favor or in which is acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him by the court.

We, the several persons whose names and addresses are subscribed hereto are desirous of being formed into a company/an organization in pursuance of this Article of Association.

NAMES SUBSCRIBERS	OF	POSTAL ADDRESS OF SUBSCRIBERS	SIGNATURE SUBSCRIBERS;	OF
TUMWESIGYE ABDALLAH ZAKE		P.O. Box 12 KABALE		
TWINOMUHANGI ANNICIOUS		KABALE		

Dated This 16 Day of December 2019

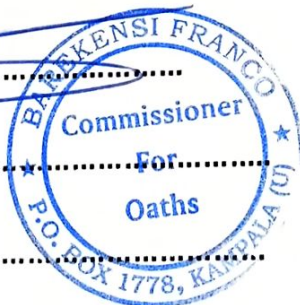
WITNESS TO ABOVE SIGNATURE:

NAME IN FULL.....

SIGNATURE.....

POSTAL ADDRESS.....

OCCUPATION.....



CANDLES OF HOPE UGANDA

About

We strongly believe the best place for a child to grow up in is with their family; the people who know them best. We also know that there will always be circumstances when a child is unable to live with their parents, either because their parents have died, abandoned them, or gone away to work.

Candles of Hope Uganda plays an active role in building strong support systems within families and communities so that when girls are in difficult situations, they can remain living within their family or community. To help ensure this, Candles of Hope Uganda addresses complex, ever-changing, and often interlinked factors, such as poverty, illness, family violence and breakdown, addiction, unemployment, migration, and debt. Our team workshops every difficult situation to ensure we come up with the best plan for keeping girls with their families or within their community.

Mission

Our mission is to strengthen individuals, families, and communities by transforming lives and providing a path to a brighter future.

Serving the Children

In Uganda, village schools are free and open for all children. All a child needs in order to attend is a school uniform, a bag, a ruler, a rubber, a pair of shoes to protect their feet, and an umbrella to keep dry in seasonal rainy weather conditions. Unfortunately, many families are not able to provide the most basic of things for their children. The tragic result is a child who goes without an education.

Candles of Hope Uganda aims to transform lives by providing those basic items a marginalized child requires to attend school. We provide school fees, educational materials and supplies, shoes, and a uniform and sweater to underprivileged student-aged girls and boys in the rural regions of the Kabale and Kasese Districts so they may be able to develop their educational standard. Our vision for all children is to see them educationally equipped to participate in the development of their society.

What We Plan to do in the Next 5 to 10 Years

On top of providing basic items for underprivileged children to attend school, we also have a vision to see families who live in absolute poverty become empowered. Under proper guidance, we believe the following steps can be taken towards our cause of family empowerment:

1. Children's Feeding Program

Nutrition is vital for a child because it affects physical and mental development as well as helping to prevent and overcome illness. Feeding children nutritious meals opens the door to a healthy life and gives children and their families a sense of hope for their futures. Many of the children enrolled in our program do not have enough food for a meal at school. Candles of Hope Uganda seeks to remedy this by providing clean water, job education, and training. Our aim is to

enable children, families, and communities to live a healthy life and be free from poverty and hunger.

By breaking the cycle of poverty and hunger, we believe children, who are essential members of their communities, can become leaders who bring positive change to their countries. To accomplish our goal, we use the daily meal as a starting point to build strong, loving communities that have clean water, healthy living environments, education, and livelihood opportunities.

Our Approach

➤ Nutritious Meals

We plan to provide nutritious meals and monitor the health and growth of children each day in Karusandara Subcounty in the Kasese District and Muyumbu Parish in the Kabale District, Uganda. To do this we will implement appropriate sustainability programs based on the needs represented in each district in Uganda.

➤ Clean & Safe Water

Clean water is paramount to sustaining life. Therefore, Candles of Hope Uganda is committed to the collection of water and the distribution of water filtration systems. We are also committed to training and equipping local partners where safe water is not available.

➤ Healthy Living Environments

Dangerous structures and improper sanitation can derail a child's life. To combat this, we help communities create healthy living environments by teaching appropriate sanitation practices, completing school rehabilitation projects, and showing locals how to build proper latrines.

2. Agriculture Program

Food security is crucial for communities and families around the world. When we help farmers increase the food security of their communities and families, we play a part in transforming the lives of countless people by lifting them out of dependency.

Through our Agriculture program, Candles of Hope Uganda will equip vulnerable farmers and families with the skills, tools, and seeds they need to produce life-sustaining crops. Tens of thousands of meals will be harvested each year for our Children's Feeding program, which will simultaneously generate income for local farmers.

Our Agricultural program will be piloted in the Kasese and Kabale Districts, where farmers don't have access to best-management practices. After being trained in agronomy, farmers in the program will grow their own crops and help sustain our children's feeding efforts.

We will also educate schools and churches on how to start and maintain their own gardens.

Our Approach

➤ Assessment

We shall use the best tools available to assess the local culture, context of living environments, and the economic situation to understand the real food security needs in the local community.

➤ **Education**

We shall educate farmers through curriculum, workshops, and the teachings from local agronomists and technicians. We strive to take the best science to the farmers. As we make agronomy education available, we will also increase the information flow to as many in the community as possible.

➤ **Implementation**

The Agriculture program will strive to assist farmers in implementing the best agronomic practices in both small and large-scale projects.

3. Family Strengthening Program

This program supports families in providing good care for their children and aims to prevent the loss of this care. By strengthening the safety nets for vulnerable children and their families within the community, the potential outcome of loss can be avoided.

Core Principles

The best place for children to grow is within their biological family. Caregivers are responsible for the development of their children, and communities are a direct source of support for the children and their families. The goal for development is the realization of human rights.

Target Group

Children who are at risk of losing parental care are the focus of our program. Children are viewed as being at risk of losing parental care from their family when basic materials, emotional support, and health and educational needs are neglected, or abuse exists because their caregivers lack the capacity or commitment to adequately care for their children. We also include families and communities in the target group as we understand the interdependence of children, families, and communities.

Packages of Services

Through the Family Strengthening program, a range of services will be provided to support the families and communities in their responsibility to protect and care for their children; as well as to encourage and support the government and other duty bearers to meet their obligations to respect, protect, and fulfill the rights of children. At the same time, we will empower children and their families to claim their rights from the government and other duty bearers.

Quality Standards

The Family Strengthening program sets out ten commitments in its response to improve the quality and effectiveness of the assistance provided to the target group which encompasses children most at risk of losing their families, families most at risk of losing their children, and their communities.

1. Children, families, and communities affected receive assistance appropriate and relevant to their needs.
2. Children, families, and communities affected have access to the assistance they need at the right time.
3. Children, families, and communities are not negatively affected and are more prepared, resilient and less at risk as a result of the program.

4. Children, families, and communities know their rights and entitlements, and have access to information and participate in decisions that affect them.
5. Children, families, and communities have access to safe and responsive mechanisms to handle complaints.
6. Children, families, and communities receive coordinated, complementary assistance.
7. Children, families, and communities can expect delivery of improved assistance as Candles of Hope learns from monitoring, evaluation, experience, and reflection.
8. Children, families, and communities receive assistance they require from competent and well-managed staff and volunteers.
9. Children, families, and communities affected can expect Candles of Hope manages resources effectively, efficiently, and ethically.
10. Children, families, and communities are empowered and build partnerships as a result of Candles of Hope's programs.

4. Family-Based Care

Candles of Hope Uganda makes use of the family-based care model to offer a permanent home, security, medical care, and education to children without parental care.

Empowering Women

When women are given the opportunity to generate income, it impacts their families *and* their country's economic standing. We want to empower women around UGANDA to make strategic, independent life choices through community-based training and non-traditional micro-enterprise development.

Our Approach

➤ Micro+

Our Micro+ program will equip women with financial education, vocational training, cooperative saving groups, and even start-up capital. After receiving training and the distribution of capital for small business start-ups, women will participate in income-generating activities as they launch their own small business. Every activity will be monitored by Candles of Hope Uganda staff to ensure support and success. At the onset of the program, all women will engage in self-esteem building activities and are provided with education in basic literacy and numeracy, family health and nutrition, family planning, and the prevention of communicable disease (HIV in particular).

➤ Mothers' Clubs

Through our Mothers' Club, women will attend educational sessions where they are trained in nutrition, health and hygiene, literacy, small-scale community agriculture, and craftsmanship/cooking. Participants who display consistent attendance will receive a month's worth of food to help supplement their diet at home. Not only does this provide incentive for women to come and learn, but it will also help Candles of Hope Uganda address the nutritional deficiencies of children who are not enrolled in school. Caretakers, especially those who are pregnant, will be provided with vitamins for both themselves and their children. All the participants' children under 5 years old are monitored through their Body Mass Index to strive toward a reduction in malnutrition and protect healthy development.

➤ Empowered Girls