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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL YEAR JANUARY – DECEMBER 2016.

Dear Foster Parents, Donors, Well- wisher, and Friends,

On behalf of the entire fraternity of Mama Jane Family, I bring you greetings and also thank the almighty who has enabled us go through this ending year.

We have faced a lot of problems and misfortunes, We lost one of the long serving Committee Member Sylvia Pinkney who died from U.K, she was very instrumental in the home and also a Parent to the children, may her soul rest in Eternal Peace.

We have also lost Relatives and Children in the Nursery. We shall miss them all. Addition to that, we have been hit with famine. Lots of people are dieing due to hunger in some parts of the Country, please pray for us.

Staff.

In this ending year 2016, Mabel Tibita and Praxedo Nakanwagi have not continued with their respective duties because of the ill health and continued absenteeism, we wish them a quick recovery.

Administration.

Prior to my last report, the aims and objectives, Goals, vision and mission, core values have been achieved. A child is a Focal Person to us and we are always there to serve the vulnerable children. The home has continued to serve on institutional and Family support basis. Thus 47 children are residential and 50 children are on family support system. The children range from 3 years to 17 years.

Education.

Allow me with much thanks acknowledge and appreciate all the support on sponsorship towards the education of which these have been educated in this year. With all the necessary requirement to reach this far.

Nursery	-	30 children.
Primary	-	45 children.
Secondary	-	16 children.
University	-	4 students.
Graduates	-	2 students.

Generally they are disciplined and academically good, God bless you all.

We were expecting some university graduates but due to the closure of the university, We shall have to wait till next year 2017. However we had candidates this year and we hoping for the best next year. We are also extending support to some vulnerable children in the Nursery.

Health.

There has been a lot of improvement on the health of these children, we have had a few admission in the clinic and none to the Main Hospital, this is largely attributed to the improvement in the diet and

environment. Great thanks to Madhvain Group, Jinja Education Trust, Tip Top, East Africa Packaging, Indian Community, Picfare, Nile Ply Industries.

Some of the food stuffs especially the fresh vegetables, fruits and fresh food was harvested from the garden, this has resulted to health bodies of the children.

All the children below the age of 5 years have been immunized thus Polio, Tetanus, Measles as well as Deworming as per the government Policy.

We have also tested all the children for HIV/AIDS and we also got the results.

Activities.

I am pleased to report that all the home activities have been maintained gearing to the renewed guidelines for the proper upbringing of the children, feeding, education, sports, life skills training, spiritual education, resettlement, OVC programming plus all activities.

Visitors.

The home has been blessed with visitors both from the Government, the Community, and also friends of the home from Europe, I wish to thank the Government for allowing these people to come to Uganda more so Mama Jane Children's Home. These have given us chance to share experience especially in the training of care givers in Early Childhood Education and Practice. We have also had a series of other visitors thus Inspectors from the District and also Ministry, other NGO's, this has provided a platform for improving the Standards for Institutions and Staff. We have hosted several people thus from Child Fund, U.P.D.F, High Commission of India in Uganda, Government Officials, Trustee Members, Police, Student Mentor from Belgium, Jinja Education Trust Trustees and Staff, employees of exclusive limited. Thank you all for coming to visit us.

Outcome.

As per the Government Policy on Orphans and Vulnerable Children, the Government has advised that Institutions be the last resort thus Alternative Care has been prioritized to ensure that children grow up in families and not institutions. We have embarked on the task of sensitizing the guardians and parents that the best place for a child to grow up and also we are preventing separation. Some parents have the mentality that children can only grow best in institutions which we are trying to eliminate. We are also guiding parents on how to care and monitor their children, this is so because some of the children who were resettled later became pregnant and are out of school. As per the standards, the Organization has to fulfill them or is given time to improve but some that don't conform have been closed.

Projects.

Guest House and Plot No.24.

These have remained a permanent source of income for the home, no major changes have been done. The only challenge we have is that we have charged ground rate on our properties, this is very serious and worrying because we have never been charged before, we were even given an exemption letter but this around we are meant to clear all the money.

Tailoring Project.

This is a life skill training for our children, uniform and also other clothes are made thus improving on the income and also keeping the children smart. Am glad to announce that a number of children have picked interest, the items made are sent to friend all over to solicit for market. Jinja Education Trust has continued to buy our products, as a result more machines are bought to increase and also make the products more and more attractive. The Uniforms of the Nursery have continued to support the daily income.

Nursery/ Early Childhood Centre.

This has continued to support the Centre, the community has entrusted us with the Children, the Day Care has also improved, great thanks goes to the Belgium girls for the continued love and dedication. We have also maintained the partnership with their school so we can receive and share experience. This ending year, three girls joined the team and finished their training successfully. Next year we are going

to receive 4 students to the early childhood Centre, we shared about the guidelines for caring for the children while in Day Care and also in Institutions. A big number of our students have joined schools around thus Gayaza, Mwiri Primary, Jinja Central, Namagunga e.t.c, every year the number increases.

Garden.

In this ending year, we have maintained the yield, the 2 seasons yielded about 500 bags of maize, its only this season that we've been let down by the weather but we had also planted the maize, we just pray we get some yield. But we have also planted fruits to supplement the food, the only challenge are the thieves. none the less its good for the children to practice farming. The garden is saving us a lot of funds because we feed both the nursery and institutional children.

Livestock.

The project is still running, there were two calves produced but one died. The milk has also reduced since Mpumudde is now a developed place and we are having little food for the animals but we still trying.

Poultry.

The poultry project has been revived unfortunately thieves broke into the poultry shelter, made 3 holes in the wall and stole 400 layers, and Kroilers, actually they had started laying. This was a big loss to us, we didn't expect such occurrences and also the children didn't hear any trace of the culprits. Several other poultry farmers have fallen in this same kind of problem in the area, the local authorities have been informed about the problem. This is a big blow because the project was both a life skill and income generating project. So the yields have reduced drastically. So we trying to revive it again though we need to improve on the security.

Vocational Project.

This project is moving on, so far we are on the wiring stage, we wish to thank Jill Aitken through Afrinspire for all the effort made to enable us reach this goal. If all goes well then 2017 we shall be launching the vocational Training Project with a few departments functioning, we shall start with the children. Its not been easy because even Rome was not built in one day.

Challenges.

1. Increasing number of vulnerable children.
2. Start off kit for Resettled children.
3. High cost of living and Famine now in the country.
4. Dependency Syndrome of the grown up children.
5. Cost sharing on the children especially those on Family Support.
6. Limited Funds for running the home.
7. Robbery at the farm and gardens.
8. Fractuations of the school fees.
9. Lack of employment and Jobs for the grown up children.
10. Legalizing children in their clans.
11. Ground rents and property rates by the municipal council.

Achievements.

1. Feeding, Education, Clothing thus all basic needs were provided to all the children in Residential Care.
2. Salaries of the staff have been cleared.
3. Balanced diet to all the children.

4. We have also made so many friends thus Madhvani Group Of Companies, Picfare, Engaano Millers, Tip Top, George from Madhvani Steel, V.M. Patel, Acet UK and the entire Indian Community in Jinja, Jinja Community.
5. We have also reduced on the water and electricity bills especially for Mama Jane Premise.
6. The children are growing and looking healthy.
7. The house for the grown up is being finished and by next year, it will be ready.
8. Newsletter have also been printed. We appreciate the social worker for all the efforts.
9. Care givers and Mother were trained in good practices for caring for children.

Future Plans.

1. Completion of the Vocational Training Centre.
2. Refresher courses for Mothers.
3. Alternative Care and Resettlement plan that is pro active.

Conclusion.

On behalf of the Management, Staff, Children and Myself, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you both here in Uganda and abroad, Stichting Team, India High Commissioner / Indian Community, Madhvani Group of Co., Alexandra Munch and all Germany Friends, Jinja Education Trust UK and Uganda, Late Majoor Family-Netherlands, Tanzania Team, Achmea Bank, Herke and Marry, Red Cross, KDG College – Belgium, Missio, Ian Sanderson and Afrinspire UK, Jill Aitken, Acet UK, Peter Bender and Exclusive Limited, Staff and Students of Busoga College Mwiri, Jinja College, Iganga S.S, Mengo, Nile Ply, Engaano Millers, Picfare, All Duty Bearers in Jinja, Mr. George-Madhvani Steel, All Neighbours Plot.No.24 and all the friends of the home not mentioned above, thank you for being with us and loving us.

Last but not least, I wish to thank the Staff, Children and Management Committee for all the love and support.

I want to also to thank the staff and children for their cooperation with me, the year has had a lot of challenges.

I do pray that God listens to our prayers for his Mercy and Blessing.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2017.

Yours Faithfully,

AGNES NABAWANGA.

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