



**OCOKICAN  
COMMUNITY BASED  
NETWORK**

OBULE , OCOKICAN SUB-COUNTY, SOROTI DISTRICT

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## **OBULE COMMUNITY BASED HEALTH CENTRE II**

### **HISTORY AND GOALS**

The Vision bearers were Ms. Aguti Margaret and Mr. Okello Richard after realizing that there was need for Health services in the community since other health centers were far. Obule Community based HCII, then started as a Drug shop in 2000 and later upgraded as a Health Centre II in 2001.

### **ACTIVITIES**

The Health Centre has existed for 21 years rendering health services to the Community of Obule with catchment population of 8261. Its located in Soroti district, Ocokican sub-county, Ocomai Parish, Acandieng village along Soroti-Serere Road, 13 km South of Soroti City.

The Health Centre provides the following services:

- Curative services
- Preventive services
- Maternal service
- Referrals

It offers the following activities:-

- Antenatal Care
- Immunization
- Family Planning
- Postnatal Care
- Laboratory activities like RCT,RPR.

### **ORGANIZATION**

#### **Roles of the Committee Members**

- Oversee the smooth running of the facility
- Discipline the fellow Committee members and Health workers who may misbehave
- Study finance reports and advise accordingly
- Carryout meetings
- Making work plans of the facility
- To appoint the health workers who is in-charge and terminate services where need arises
- To set the finance committee that is made up of the Chairman, Treasurer, and secretary

#### **Roles of Staff**

- Conduct health education to the community
- Diagnosing treating and managing patients

- Preparing and submitting reports
- Referral of complicated cases
- Manage finances
- Ensuring general cleanliness of the facility

### **Qualification of the Staff**

- Medical clinical Officer Diploma
- Enrolled Mid-wife- Certificate
- Enrolled comprehensive Nurse-Certificate
- Medical laboratory Assistant-Certificate
- Community Health Worker-O' level
- Askari -P.7
- Cleaner -P.5

### **Qualification of the Committee Members**

- Chairman - Mr. Okello Richard Teacher
- Vice-Chairperson -Mr.Epwalu Charles Junior
- Treasurer -Mr. Esupu Milton P.7
- Achiko Stella -O' level
- Opila Martin -P.7
- Agelu Calvin -Reverend
- Apio Rebecca -P.7
- Elulu Mackey -P.7
- Esiku Nicholas -Junior

### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- It has reduced on morbidity and mortality rates in the Community.
- Reduced on ignorance through health education.
- Improved on community development
- Services have been brought near to the p'ple
- Obtained a means of transport
- Reduced child hood illness.
- Positive response towards F/P.
- Increased structures in the facility
- Sponsorship of staff
- Existence of maternity and admission wards

### **AIMS IF FUNDS ARE REALISED**

- Improve health for development through provision of services that can lead to development like health education, immunization, family planning.
- Expand services e.g. introduce dental, eye departments.
- Construction of pediatric.

## OJAMA NURSERY SCHOOL

### HISTORY AND GOALS

Ojama Nursery school began in 2007, it all began when Margaret Aguti came up with a vision of opening a nursery school, Mr. Enangu was asked if he can volunteer to work as a teacher and he accepted, the school started with 1 [one teacher] that is to say Mr. Enangu Peter with an enrollment of 48 children. Later he invited The Late Ms. Apio Tamali to join him. Each one of these children was paying 1,000 [one thousand shillings only] as school fees. These two teachers were paid 5,000 [five thousand shillings only] per month [which would happen once in a while] and sometimes an appreciation from Toto Margaret Aguti.

The school started in a grass thatched church of Grace Ministries and the children were taught basics of literacy, [how to count, read and write] and Mrs. Margaret would check on the progress from time to time. After sometime, one more volunteer was added [Mr. Egunyu Calvin] because of the overwhelming numbers that turned up. There was need to divide the children and promote those who had excelled so in the year 2016, two [2] classrooms were set up.

In 2017 the church was set up in a permanent form a way from the grass thatched one. So the children were divided according to ability and age. Baby and middle classes remained in the church because of their bigger numbers while top class and Primary one occupied the two classrooms at school.

The main goal was to avail affordable quality education to young children of Nursery classes [kindergarten] because of the distance between Abaango Primary School and Ocokican Primary School is so long that small children cannot cover it everyday. At the time of set up, one of the major goal was to teach children basics of literacy [how to count, read and write] before joining primary.

### ACTIVITIES

Many important events have happened over time, but currently we are providing quality and affordable education to 222 pupils divided as follows,

	GIRLS	BOYS	TOTAL
BABY CLASS	50	37	<b>87</b>
MIDDLE CLASS	33	28	<b>61</b>
TOP CLASS	19	21	<b>40</b>
P1	15	19	<b>34</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>222</b>

## ORGANIZATION

Ojama nursery school is composed of SMC and PTA committees, the role of SMC is to manage all affairs of the school for example planning fees collection, sensitization of the public etc. The PTA connects the school to parents whose children study at the school.

The school has 8 members of staff, 5 teachers and 3 support staff. Two cooks and one cleaner who doubles as a security guard or watch man.

Ojama nursery school has five teachers teaching different classes and they hold the following qualifications:

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|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. MS. Amongin Miriam | trained             | P1                   |
| 2. MS. Amajo Susan    | trained             | TOP CLASS            |
| 3. MS Apuo Lucy       | trained             | MIDDLE CLASS         |
| 4. MS. Adongo Angela  | undergoing training |                      |
| 5. Mr. Oonyu Joseph   | undergoing training | [both in baby class] |

## ACHIEVEMENTS

We provide quality affordable education to children who excel and top their respective classes when they join other schools after the levels we offer.

It has created jobs opportunities and income generation to all people of all ages and those involved for example our staff can take care of their families.

Improvements obtained

- Number of children increased from 48 to 222
- School has been fenced
- Teachers trained in accordance to Ministry of Education guideline
- Teachers added and their number increased
- Salaries have been increased from 5.000 to 100.000
- Classrooms added from one whole class to four.

## AIMS IF FUNDS ARE REALISED

- Set up an office
- Transfer all classrooms from the church to the school[ inside the fence]
- Add classrooms at least up to P3 to enable children who can't walk for long distance to attain Education.
- Build at least one staff house for safety of school property
- Procure a school van to cater for children from far areas
- To make graduation gowns for Top Class which we can hire to other Schools so we can generate some Money that will help run the School.
- Increase teachers' salaries so that they can be equal to other schools

## **BACK TO SCHOOL**

### **HISTORY AND GOALS**

Back to school program started in second term of 2019 around the month of May, this project started when doctor Forni took a stroll to the lake shores of Abaango landing site, his main purpose was to visit the fisher men however he saw some children playing and yet they were of school going age. Dr Forni got interested on these children and he asked why these children of school going age were out of school and he was told that those particular children could not afford to pay fees. He talked to those children and he told them to prepare to start school in the next term. The main purpose of this project therefore was to maintain children at school, avail school fees and scholastic materials to those who could not afford it.

### **ACTIVITIES**

A total number of 48 children were identified in two parishes: 24 of them were put on Ocokican Primary School and another 24 were put in Abaango Primary School. Each of these 48 children were given

- Books
- Pens
- Mathematical sets
- Shoes
- Bags
- Uniform
- School fees
- Food
- Files

The schools accommodating this children also received :

- Office chairs,
- Cup boards
- Desks

When the COVID 19 pandemic struck in March 2020 causing mysterious closure of schools, the number dropped to 33 children for both schools, Ocokican lost 6 of the pupils so only 18 are at school this year. Abaango lost 9 of the pupils and only 15 are at school this year. This was due to the long stay at home so many girls got pregnant, married off etc. these remaining 33 pupils got the following items this year

- Books
- Pens
- Sets
- Payment of school fees

## **ORGANIZATION**

The Project started with Eletu Michael as the Coordinator, two mobilizers and identifiers of these Vulnerable Children, Ms. Aguti Margarete and Mrs. Angwaro Grace.

Currently, the project is followed by Mrs. Amongin Miriam and Mr. Esupu Milton as an Administrator and Treasurer.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Children of school going age who were vulnerable [could not afford the cost of education] have been helped to stay at school and fulfill their dreams]
- Orphans have also had the chance to stay at school without worrying about fees
- It has increased the enrolment [number of pupils in the schools involved in the project so the number increased by 24 pupils in each school]
- It has reduced the burden from parents who could not afford to keep their children at school even if they wanted their children to be at school they couldn't afford it

## **AIMS IF FUNDS ARE REALISED**

- To enlarge the whole sub-county, district and whole country
- To extend this project beyond primary level, educate these children and others beyond primary, educate children in secondary and put them in tertiary institutions or vocational schools
- Enlarge Ojama Nursery school to accommodate learners in the project at all primary levels so that these two projects can be brought closer together for smooth monitoring

## **VULNERABLE PEOPLE PROJECT**

### **HISTORY AND GOALS**

This Project was started by Mr. Ejou Charles in the year 2008 as an individual.

In 2017, it was joined by Sister Margaret Aguti.

Later in 2020, the GERMOGLI Association came and joined up to now, in supporting the project.

This project was started basing on the following reasons:

- Helping the Old people
- Helping the needy people.
- Helping the widows, Orphans, Widowers.
- To spread the word of God.

### **ACTIVITIES**

The above Project is located in Obule Soroti District.

It serves the Communities in Asuret Sub-County, Ocokican Sub-county in Soroti District, and some parts Of Atiira, Serere District.

The following are the activities carried in this project:

- Construction of Houses and Repair.
- Distribution of Food items and Soap.
- Distribution of other Basic needs like, Bed Sheets Clothes, among others.

The population helped so far is 50 people and still there is need to help more people with in the Community and beyond.

### **ORGANIZATION**

The following people help in running the project in Obule:

Mr. Ejou Charles	Purchasing Officer
Mr. Esupu Milton	Treasurer
Mr. Engidu Joshua	Distributor



## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

The Project has been very important in the following ways:

- During the distribution process, three quarters of the Population helped are found starving; therefore it has helped a lot to satisfy their needs.
- They stay in good shelter.
- Alcoholists have left alcohol because they take tea since Sugar is provided.
- It has improved on their health, since they stay in good shelter, Soap is provided for their hygiene, Bed sheets to cover coldness.
- They now have utensils for cooking, and covering their food , hence food safety.
- Their days of life have increased due to good care.
- It has brought unity between the needy.
- They have Clothes
- Good feeding.
- They have come to know God.

## **AIMS IF FUNDS ARE REALISED**

- To add more Clothes, Blankets and Mattresses, because they get done after a long run.
- To help more than the number we are helping right now, since we have more needy people who come and seek for assistance from our Community, and other places like, Karamoja, Katakwi, Abim, Kaberamaido among others.
- There is a need to introduce Treatment for the sick needy people and even provide fruity food, Bread and Biscuits.
- To distribute Treated Mosquito nets so as to prevent the spread of Malaria.
- There is need to provide Transport for buying and distribution of Food.
- There is also need to employ more workers to help Run the Project.
- To renovate the Houses since Termites eat the grass and poles.

## ST. LAWRENCE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

### HISTORY AND GOALS

The Institute was started by Mr. Ejou Charles, after sharing with Sister Margaret Aguti in the Year 2021, November, and Sister Margaret requested Charles to get other people to help him.

Charles shared with, Mr. Oluka Robert, Mr. Odongo Samuel, and Mr. Esupu, that he got a vision of at least helping the desperate persons within the community and above all those who have been affected with Covid-19, so he requested Mr. Oluka Robert to help in Teaching, Mr. Esupu as a Treasurer, and Odongo Samuel who helped us in Secretarial work from the 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2021, and they all supported the Idea upto now, where by Charles was Appointed to be the Director. The idea was generally to see how to help in teaching the skills to the youth in poor helpless families for their better future.

It was later joined in by the GERMOGLI Association in November 2021, when the School begun, upto now, in supporting the Institution.

#### **This Institution was started basing on the following reasons:**

- To build the broken, damaged youth and communities at large from Covid-19.
- To restore the future of School drop-outs that resulted due to poverty that affected their families during wars, insurgencies, cattle rustling and constant famine breaks in Teso region and other places in the country (Uganda) and those whose Rights are Abused.

### ACTIVITIES

The school is Located in Obule Soroti District.

It serves the Communities in Soroti district, Kaberamaido district, Kalaki district, Moroto district, Abim, Serere etc.

The following are the courses carried out;

- Information and Communications Technology
- Building Construction and Practice
- Carpentry and Joinery
- Garment Design and Construction
- Driving and Elementary Mechanics
- Motor-Vehicle Mechanics
- Hair –Dressing and Salon Management
- Automotive Mechanics
- Other Activities include: - Supporting Ceremonies, like Marriage, Burials, Weddings, Taking the Sick to the Hospitals

The population at the Institution so far is 120 Students and still there is hope to get more Students:      **Boys =76      Girls=44      Total=120**

## **ORGANIZATION**

### **BOG lay out**

Mr. Ejou Charles - Director

The others include; Bog Chairperson-Diploma, Vice Chairperson, and Members of the BOG.

We have managed to establish, 1 principal (Diploma Holder), 1 Deputy Principal, 7 Instructors both for Academic programs, Skill Programs and they hold Certificate qualification.

We also have the five support staff.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- We have managed to run the Institution smoothly, from November upto now even with challenges.
- We have received some learning equipments to handle students.
- Students in BCP are constructing the Girls' Dormitory that takes a population of Forty Students.
- Students have known to perform skill full tasks
- We have passed out Driving Students, Certificates given and Permit Processing ongoing.

The Institution has been very important in the following ways:

- It has restored the future for those who had lost hope.
- Students have learnt a lot in their Courses and they can perform tasks.
- It has created Job opportunities to the unemployed, to those with and without papers but have the ability to do work.

## **AIMS WHEN MONEY IS REALISED**

- Fencing the Whole Institution
- Construction of the Boys Dormitory
- To have a nearby Water Source
- To have a school bus
- To Sponsor Needy Students in Future etc
- To add more courses like, Baking, Welding, Electrical Installation among others

## **ASSOCIATION I GERMOGLI**

Margaret Aguti, who's family lives in Obule, with her husband Cesare Forni, started as individual the development of the activities, firstly the Health Center, in 2000, then the Nursery in 2007.

In 2013 they decided to form an Association to extend the possibility to sustain the Community Based projects. Aims of I Germogli is to improve quality life in the Ocokican sub-county, giving opportunity of health and education.

Members of I Germogli are people from Linosa and Lampedusa, two little Italian islands in the middle of Mediterranean, between Africa and Europe, where Margaret Aguti and Cesare Forni live, after spending their lives working in health projects in Africa.

For fund raising members of the association produce and sell ornamental plants and food.

The economic help to the activities is mostly on first investments as the aim of I Germogli is that activities are able to sustain them-selves with the fees paid by the participants and local fund raising.