





SUETA'S RESTLAND AFRICA
Rediscovering destinies

PROJECT PROPOSAL

FOR A REHABILITATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

LOCATION: KASANJE, WAKISO DISTRICT, UGANDA

IMPEMENTER: SUETA RESTLAND AFRICA

PROJECT BUDGET: USD 1,352,467.62

DURATION: LONG TERM (REVIEWED ANNUALLY)

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Executive Summary



Every day, children around the world, and especially in Africa, suffer from violence, abuse, neglect, and exploitation. As of September 2021, statistics painted a distressing picture. Globally, approximately 1 billion children were subjected to violence every year, with Africa accounting for almost a quarter of that number. In Uganda alone, according to a 2018 national survey, 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 6 boys suffer sexual violence during their childhoods, and 7 in 10 boys suffer physical abuse. Child neglect is also a major problem in Uganda, with over 50% of all reported child abuse cases being cases of neglect.

Such violence against children exacted a severe toll, resulting in negative physical and psychological effects, impeding access to education, and increasing the risk of future exploitation and marginalization. Child abuse and neglect can have devastating consequences for victims, both in the short-term and long-term. For example, children who have been abused or neglected are more likely to experience mental health problems, such as depression and anxiety, and are more likely to engage in risky behaviors, such as substance abuse and early sexual activity. They are also more likely to drop out of school and to live in poverty as adults.

Ugandan communities have long upheld the tradition of absorbing orphans within the extended family system. One in four Ugandan households, according to 2021 data, fostered at least one orphan, providing essential care such as health, shelter, nutrition, and education. However, caregivers often found themselves overwhelmed, lacking the socio-economic means to provide adequate support. Many orphaned children, out of necessity, were forced to live on the streets or endure exploitative conditions, including labour, sexual abuse, prostitution, and other forms of mistreatment. Additionally, the number of street children in Uganda was rapidly increasing in towns across the country, driven by poverty, family breakdown, war, abuse, and the loss of parents.

Sueta's Restland Africa has been a beacon of hope for these vulnerable children, providing them with essential services such as education and counselling. By working in partnership with church communities and well-wishers, the organization has secured resources to

"Transforming lives: Sueta's Restland Africa's mission for Uganda's vulnerable children."

This project holds immense potential to transform the lives of orphans and vulnerable children. Their basic needs will be met, and they'll gain knowledge, vocational skills, and life skills. Love and affection will nurture their growth, while their confidence will soar, making them valuable assets to the community. Physically and psychologically, they'll be developed into productive citizens, inspired by the generosity of others and dedicated to humanity.

Our commitment to this cause is unwavering, but we need your support. By joining hands with us, you can be a part of this transformative journey for Uganda's vulnerable children, ensuring a brighter future for them and their communities.





Project Introduction

In Uganda, a staggering statistic looms large: according to UNICEF, over the past decade, more than 2 million children have lost their parents, making them orphans. This alarming number can be attributed to a complex web of challenges. Children born with HIV/AIDS or those with HIV/AIDS-positive parents, along with families facing financial hardships, are at the heart of this dilemma.

Orphaned children represent just one facet of Uganda's vulnerable youth. Many more children live in precarious situations, exposed to various risks due to rampant poverty and the lack of access to basic services like suitable housing, healthcare, education, clean water, and sanitation. To identify and support these vulnerable children, Uganda employs specific criteria outlined in the National OVC Policy (NOP).

The issue has escalated in urban centres and streets over the years. The number of street children has surged dramatically in every town across Uganda. These children journey to urban areas in search of help from those more fortunate, driven by the harsh realities of poverty, family disintegration, the enduring scars of war, and the traumas of abuse. They have the hope of finding jobs, financial assistance, and necessities to survive in the towns.



As social protection systems in Uganda remain weak, unregulated orphanages have proliferated. Often, parents and community members believe that orphanages fulfill a child's basic needs, not realizing the detrimental effects they can have on a child's social, emotional, and cognitive development.

Regrettably, some orphanages engage in the trafficking of children to foreign volunteers, posing risks of sexual exploitation. Others prioritize profit over the welfare of children, receiving funding from donors but offering little for the children's well-being. Some staff may lack the qualifications to care for children with special needs, and orphans are sometimes coerced into child labour or begging on the streets, leading to criminal activities like theft.

Orphanage settings, particularly for infants and young children, often fail to support proper child development. Placement in large-scale orphanages can result in long-term and sometimes permanent effects on children's physical, intellectual, and social-emotional development. These children may face growth issues, impairments in motor skills, and a lack of individualized care and stimulation, ultimately affecting their sense of identity and emotional well-being.

Recognizing these concerns, social workers across Uganda advocate for new welfare systems to replace the entrenched culture of orphanages. The government is now reviewing their operations. However, the solution extends beyond simply closing orphanages; it demands a comprehensive, thoughtful approach.



Why this Project

In today's world, there is a growing global awareness of the critical need for effective national child protection systems, a concept reinforced by the United Nations report on Violence against Children in 2006. These systems encompass laws, policies, and structures that serve to prevent and respond to all forms of violence against children. Equally important is the involvement of children themselves. Children possess the inherent right to voice their concerns regarding their well-being, as they are the true experts on the risks and protection issues affecting them within their communities. With the right support and facilitation, they can actively contribute to both prevention and response efforts.

The "Hope Rehabilitation and Vocational Training Centre" seeks to address a pressing issue: the unpreparedness of care leavers, particularly those from orphanages, for independent life. This lack of readiness often leads to unemployment, homelessness, legal conflicts, and the risk of exploitation, contributing to increased expenses for healthcare, education, and legal services – ultimately becoming a long-term cost to society. Therefore, our primary focus is on empowering care leavers with essential life skills that not only equip them for employment but also foster self-sufficiency.

In alignment with our core objective, we aim to reintegrate these children into their communities and, wherever feasible, reunite them with their families. This process will be overseen by trained social workers who address the psychosocial needs of children and youth before, during, and after the reintegration process. This comprehensive approach is essential for successful reunification and the transition from residential care, an often-underestimated aspect.



Additionally, we intend to provide material and financial assistance to families and youth, along with a preparatory period, ensuring readiness for reunification or enabling youth to become self-supporting members of the community.

By undertaking these efforts, we aspire not only to provide immediate support and shelter but also to prepare children for a brighter and self-reliant future. Our commitment lies in nurturing their physical, mental, and spiritual growth, empowering them to acquire vital life skills and fostering a sense of belonging within their families and communities.

Objectives of this Project

a) Strengthening Family and Community Support

We recognize the fundamental role of the family in child development. Our primary objective is to make the family and community the first line of response. We will create a family-like environment within our center to support vulnerable children and prevent the further disintegration of families facing challenges such as HIV/AIDS and conflicts.

b) Targeting the Most Vulnerable

Our focus is on the most vulnerable children and communities, aiming to reintegrate these children into their families and communities. We will also address the needs of households, including adults and children, that are grappling with vulnerability in the context of HIV/AIDS, poverty, and gender disparities.

c) Alleviating Vulnerability

We are committed to reducing vulnerability by addressing poverty among vulnerable children and households. Our efforts will encompass maintaining children in school, providing comprehensive healthcare, particularly HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and support. Priority will also be given to preventive healthcare and psychosocial support for orphans, other vulnerable children, and their caregivers.

d) Empowering Communities

Our project is dedicated to facilitating community participation and empowerment. We will promote community initiatives while recognizing and enhancing the capabilities of local communities, ultimately strengthening them.

e) Promoting Gender Equity

Gender equity is a paramount concern. Throughout planning, programming, monitoring, and evaluation, we will thoroughly examine the relationships between men and women, boys and girls. Special attention will be given to the most vulnerable children and communities to ensure that neither gender faces marginalization or disadvantage.

f) Reducing Discrimination and Stigmatization

We are committed to minimizing stigmatization and discrimination that obstruct vulnerable children and families from accessing support. This will be achieved through community sensitization and training, ensuring the social inclusion of vulnerable children.

g) Involving Vulnerable Children and Families

Inclusion is vital to our approach. Orphans, vulnerable children, and their families will actively participate in finding solutions. Their opinions will be sought at every stage during planning, programming, monitoring, and evaluation of interventions.

h) Building Strong Partnerships

Strengthening partnerships and networks is pivotal for sustainable service delivery. We will collaborate closely with government entities, the private sector, development partners, and civil society organizations to ensure comprehensive and sustainable support at all levels.

Target Population

Our project will focus its efforts on orphaned and vulnerable children, both girls and boys, aged 3 to 14 years, residing in the Wakiso district.

Project Activities

a) Establishing a Rehabilitation and Vocational Training Centre; We are in the process of securing the necessary funds for constructing and equipping the training centre, having already acquired the land for its location.

b) Identifying, Screening, Registering, and Categorizing Vulnerable Children: Working in collaboration with social workers, local authorities, and communities, we will systematically identify, screen, register, and categorize vulnerable children. This categorization will enable us to tailor specific care and interventions for each child.

c) Providing Comprehensive Care and Shelter: During their stay at the rehabilitation and technical training centre, we will provide vulnerable children with shelter and attend to all their basic needs.

d) Offering Skills Training: Our vocational training programs will encompass a wide range of skills, including agriculture, mechanics, carpentry, electrical work, plumbing, welding, tailoring, graphic design, and computer training. These courses will range from 6 months to 2 years.

e) Micro-Credit Partnership: Collaborating with the government and other stakeholders, we will establish a micro-credit fund for care-leavers. This fund will empower them to initiate their businesses or promote their products and services once they have successfully completed their training.

f) Reuniting and Reintroducing Children: Through the collective efforts of our social workers and local communities, we will work to reunite children with their families and reintegrate them into their communities.



Expected Outcomes

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Management & Staffing

The effective management of the project is paramount to its success. The project leadership comprises a team of dedicated professionals with clearly defined roles:

Project Director: At the helm of overall project management, the Director assumes a pivotal role in providing strategic direction and overseeing the holistic implementation of the project.

Head of Finance: Responsible for the meticulous financial management of the project, the Head of Finance will ensure the prudent allocation and utilization of project funds.



Project Manager: Reporting directly to the Director, the Project Manager will assume the responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the project. This includes strategic planning, precise execution, and vigilant monitoring of project activities.

Project Officers (2): The project benefits from the expertise of two Project Officers who work in close collaboration with the Project Manager. Their primary focus is on the effective implementation of field-level activities to ensure that the project's objectives are met efficiently.



Furthermore, the project places a strong emphasis on collaboration with local and national leadership. This ensures that project activities are seamlessly integrated with broader community and national development goals.

To tap into local expertise and resources, the project will actively seek partnerships with existing and credible Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). These organizations possess the necessary institutional capacity and experience to complement and support project implementation.

For meticulous financial management, the project will utilize a sophisticated computerized accounting system. This will not only enhance transparency but also ensure the accurate recording and reporting of financial transactions.

Project Monitoring



Monitoring is a continuous process that will span the entire life of the project. The active participation of project staff and beneficiaries is integral to this process. We will foster a collaborative environment where project stakeholders contribute to and engage in monitoring activities.

To ensure effective monitoring and evaluation, we will establish a structured framework in cooperation with the intended beneficiaries, management committees, and community members. This collaborative approach will provide a comprehensive view of the project's progress and its impact on the community.

Project Progress: Regular assessment of project milestones and the achievement of set goals.

Beneficiary Engagement: Evaluating the active participation and feedback from project beneficiaries.

Resource Utilization: Monitoring the efficient use of project resources.

Community Impact: Assessing the broader impact of the project on the community, encompassing economic, social, and environmental dimen-

Budget Overview

Our budgeting process is guided by a commitment to transparency and accountability, ensuring that the project receives the necessary financial support. Here are the key components of our budget planning:

Construction Contract Selection: Following donor commitments, the team at Sueta's Restland Africa, led by our team leader, will initiate a transparent bidding process for public participation. Construction companies will have the opportunity to submit bids, and the contract for the establishment of the "HOPE REHABILITATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE" will be awarded to the Best Evaluated Bidder.



Contracts Committee: To maintain rigorous oversight of the project, we have established a dedicated contracts committee. Headed by our team leader, this committee includes selected skilled personnel who will actively oversee project execution and ensure it remains on track.

Land Acquisition: As a crucial first step, the lead promoter has already secured 12 acres of land at an investment of USD 100,000. This significant acquisition provides a solid foundation for the project's development.

Phased Execution: The proposed project will be implemented in three distinct phases. Each phase aligns with our organization's short-term, medium-term, and long-term goals. This phased approach allows for efficient utilization of resources and targeted progress towards our overarching objectives.

Item Description	Estimated Value (USD)
Land (Purchase of additional 10 acres)	78,947 (Covered)
General Conditions and Preliminaries	25,000
Site Preparation	10,899
Sub-Structure & Reinforced Concrete Superstructure	341,856.90
External Walling	1,180.10
Internal Walling	51,766
Roof Covering	32,717
External Floor Finishing	43,875
External Wall Finishing	9,817
Internal wall Finishing	22,000
Internal Ceiling Finishing	12,000
Windows and Doors	19,740
Fittings	105,000
Office Equipment	14,000
Vocational Training Equipment	125,000
Rehabilitation Centre Equipment, Beds & Related items	142,782
Prime Cost and Provisional Sums	55,000
SUB-TOTAL (USD)	**1,091,580**
Allowance for VAT (18%)	206,308
TOTAL (USD)	**1,352,467**

S/N	Installment	Donor Contribution	Promoter's Contribution	Total
1	Phase I	600,000	100,000	700,000
2	Phase II	350,000	100,000	450,000
3	Phase III	202,467	NIL	202,467
	TOTAL (USD)	**1,152,467.62**	**200,000**	**1,352,467.62**

About Sueta Restland Africa



Sueta's Restland Africa, a registered charity (Reg no. 80020003739541), extends love to orphans, homeless, and families. We provide education, shelter, food, medical care, and safe water through boreholes. Our mission is to enhance access to education and affordable healthcare for families. We're a humanitarian charity dedicated to empowering underprivileged communities.

Our Objectives

- The major objective of Sueta's Restland Africa is to empower future generations by using good education and mentorship, as well as providing essential needs to underprivileged children. We believe that given the opportunity, everyone has the potential to achieve extraordinary things. Fostering this potential and promoting opportunities for people around the world is what motivates us and our work.
- To support and achieve this objective, we have carried out the following activities.
- Providing quality education to underprivileged children in orphanages and around the community through sponsorships, coordinated through religious leaders and supported by donations from well-wishers.
- Monitoring families with children at risk, and elderly home visiting.
- Raising awareness in the community by Organizing events such as charity walks, runs.
- Resource mobilization to raise funds to sustain the programs.

Vision Statement

We are working towards a world where children grow and develop to their full potential. Our vision therefore, is "Promoting and advancing the life of disadvantaged and vulnerable children through empowering lives and transforming communities with a holistic approach in Education, Spiritual growth and Social development.

Mission Statement

To create and promote an enabling environment in which orphans and other vulnerable children are adequately protected, cared for and supported holistically. We believe that the primary way to impact a impoverished community is to help the needy children & mothers, the poor, the homeless and train them to be leaders that will transform their community. We are in a position to achieve this by providing the children with medical care, good food, quality education, shelter, clothing, counseling & guidance, vocational skilling and spiritual development.



The Founder

Irene Divine Sanyu, the founder of Sueta's Restland Africa, is a Ugandan native currently based in the United Kingdom. With over 20 years of experience in Social Work and Public Health Nursing, Irene possesses a deep commitment to assisting those in need within communities. She directly supports over 20 children and 5 families.

Her mission is community empowerment, a vision she realizes through strategic partnerships with religious leaders. Raised in a modest extended family with limited financial and emotional support from her parents, Irene aspires to reshape the destinies of underprivileged children in Uganda.

Prior to establishing Sueta's Restland Africa, Irene championed various transformative community projects in Uganda in collaboration with religious leaders. Irene Sanyu exemplifies the concept of leveraging available resources to make a positive impact on the world.

The Team



Tracy Mirembe
Finance & Administration



Pr. Shadia Nakitende
Social Worker



Pr Earnest Kajubi
Programs Coordinator



Andrew Muganzi
Media & Communications

Testimonials



Kajjuule Vian | Middle Class

Sueta Restland Africa Foundation has been my guiding light. Thanks to their support, I'm not just pursuing an education; I'm chasing my dreams. From school fees to books and uniforms, they've made it all possible. I want to be a doctor, and with their help, I believe I can.



Singwire Andrew | Primary 2

Sueta Restland Africa Foundation turned my life around. Before, I had given up on my dreams. But now, I'm on the path to success. They've provided me with the tools and opportunities I needed. I can't thank them enough.



Nansamba Mary | Primary 6

I'm the girl I am today because of Sueta Restland Africa Foundation. They didn't just provide me with an education; they provided me with hope. I'm studying to be an engineer now, and it's all thanks to their unwavering support.



Muyanja John Bosco | Primary 5

Sueta Restland Africa Foundation has been my lifeline. They've given me access to education and a future full of possibilities. With their support, I'm working hard to become a lawyer. I'm so grateful for their belief in me.

FORM B

Registration Number: 7268

INDR163315610NB

Regulation form 5 (2)

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS ACT, 2016

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

I CERTIFY that:

.....SUETA'S RESTLAND AFRICA, (An Indigenous NGO) of File No. MIA/NB/2023/04/5610.....

.....BALUMBU PARISH KASANJE SUB-COUNTY, ENTEBBE MUNICIPALITY, WAKISO DISTRICT.....

.....

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

Dated at Kampala, this .....05TH..... day of .....APRIL..... 20.....23.....

Okello Stephen

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Executive Director,
National Bureau for Non-Governmental Organisations

FORM E

Permit Number: 8643

INDP0005610NB

Regulation form 7(5)

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS ACT, 2016

PERMIT TO OPERATE AN ORGANISATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY

that .....SUETA'S RESTLAND AFRICA, (An Indigenous NGO) of File No. MIA/NB/2023/04/5610.....

.....BALUMBU PARISH KASANJE SUB-COUNTY, ENTEBBE MUNICIPALITY, WAKISO DISTRICT.....

has this .....05TH.....day of .....APRIL.....20.....23.....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 partnering with communities towards the care, feeding, and clothing for children, creating homes, training ministry church leaders, contributing towards educating of OVCs, providing a safe and loving environment for community children, empowering widows and orphans, and providing equal education to orphans.

(b) The organisation shall operate in Mukono and Wakiso districts.

(c) The Organisation shall operate in accordance with the NGO Act, 2016, NGO Regulations, 2017 and all other laws relevant to it's operations.

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

Okello Stephen

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Executive Director,
National Bureau for Non-Governmental Organisations



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