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**Project title:** Caring for children with chronic and incurable diseases in Kasese district.

**The issue:** [Kasese district](#) being a rural area does not attract medical specialists to offer expertise medical care to the area residents. Kasese district is one of the most populated districts in Uganda. The public primary healthcare system itself is almost dysfunctional due to lack of medical supplies, and well trained personnel. Poverty in the area can not attract any *mediprenuer* to provide commercialized medical services to the people. This has created a big challenge to children with chronic diseases who go through a lot of suffering as their parents grieve for a child's lifetime in this part of Uganda where expertise pediatric care is unavailable.

With high prevalence rates of HIV/ADS in Kasese district, and environmental pollution from mining activities in the area, there are now increasing cases of children being born with HIV, cancer, Hirchisprungs disease, cerebral palsy and many other chronic diseases. Children with these diseases need a life-long care and support which cannot be affordable to parents in this rural area. [Kinyamaseke Medical Centre](#)'s Nursing home provides care to needy children who are in a dare need of palliative care and supportive treatment at the center. The nursing facility is overwhelmed in most cases by the numbers of pediatric patients with conditions that warrants long term hospitalization at the facility. The nursing facility has only eight (8) nurses and one doctor, this small man power cannot meet the healthcare demands of these young children who need long term hospitalization; also those who are hospitalized often lack basic essential needs like adequate feeding, and clothing. This situation has created misery and suffering in the lives of young kids born to poor parents.

**The organization:** The Allied Initiative for Community Development (AFICOD) is an indigenous not-for-profit, non-governmental organization that works with marginalized communities and the youth in Uganda to improve their quality of life.

*Vision:* A strengthened and enlightened healthy society that is free from disease, with the power and strength to advocate for equitable use of resources in a sustainable manner with respect of human rights and environmental sustainability.

*Mission:* To empower the youth and grass root communities in Uganda to understand, implement and challenge issues of reproductive health, human rights and equal opportunities, environmental conservation and equitably utilize resources in a sustainable manner.

**Project main goal:** To contribute to the provision of adequate medical and psychosocial care to children with chronic and incurable diseases.

**Project purpose:** To increase the accessibility and availability of expertise medical and social care to children with chronic and incurable diseases.

Project's specific objectives:

- I. Provide feeding clothing and other forms of social care to 38 admitted children on long term care within the next 12 months.
- II. Support the Nursing centre to have sufficient palliative care medications, consumables, and other supplies to cater for the 38 needy and sick children within the next 12 months.
- III. Facilitate 24 periodic visits to the Nursing centre for a consultant oncologist, Neurologist, and paediatrician on a periodic basis within the next 12 months.

**Project activities:**

- a) Specialized medical care: Ailing children will be provided with the much needed specialized medical care by a team of specialist doctors at the medical centre.
- b) Supportive feeding: All admitted children shall be provided with nutritious meals that are adequate to sustain their lives in a better state; while those that come at the outpatient clinic shall be given enough food rations on a monthly basis.
- c) Clothing and other forms of psychosocial care: All children with chronic and incurable diseases shall be given enough clothing, psychosocial counselling, and many other forms of supportive care.
- d) Provision of medical and sanitary consumables: project funds shall also be used equip the medical centre with all the essential medical supplies and drugs.

**Project outcomes:** Increase the capacity of the Nursing center to offer good palliative care services to the community as a whole. - Reduce suffering and avert near death for the targeted 24 children; and provide courage to their families for continuous care. -Extend high quality and expertise medical care to rural children in Kasese district.

**Project 2013 budget:** US \$ 50,000

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## PROFILE PHOTOS



Above: Children being brought at the young child clinic



Above: Happy Leilla after overcoming malaria at the medical centre



Above: Mothers line up for immunization



Above: Child health outreach session



Above: Mothers bringing kids at the medical centre



Above: Mothers with their kids in the waiting area of the medical centre.



Above: A child is receiving a vaccine



Above: Expectant mothers at the medical centre



Above: The dental clinic staff doing what he knows best



Above: The centre's laboratory technician doing her work



A man arrives at the out patients' clinic



Our happy staff members