

## REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE CHILD CARE PROJECT AT PPDR UGANDA

### Introduction:



### *Children performing different games to entertain guests during the ceremony to end the first term at PPDR Uganda*

Since April 2013 children sat for their exams for the end of the first term. A total number of 97 children did the exams, others failed to do the exams for various reasons as they were sick, were taken to different offices for refugee determination process or their parents had shifted to a long distance and had no money to pay for their transport to the school. The performance in the four classes was very good except in primary three where pupils performed poorly.



*Children with their parents during the end of first term ceremony at PPDR*

The children are coming back to school on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 and we are focusing on the following:

We want to register fifty (50) more children by the end of this month in order to make a total number of 150 children.



*She was born out of rape. Her mother was raped in D R Congo and became pregnant and now there are refugees in Uganda. She is among the target group of children who should access education at PPDR.*

Announcements have been made and from May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 they will be posted in different refugee concentrated areas in Kampala and other activities like home visits are taking place through the support from the four interns who are involved in the programme currently.





*We are targeting the teenage mothers and their children, our interns visiting some teenage mothers and their families during a field work in May 2013 in Kisenyi which is one among the refugee concentrated areas in Kampala.*

We have bought ten (10) books which are teaching guide and grammar books for the teachers and have also acquired one black board.

We have managed to recruit one teacher and now they are making a total on four (4) teachers.

We have built up another class on the side of the veranda at the office and this will help to divide the last class into two and now we shall have P3 and P4 separate right from May 27<sup>th</sup> when the children report back.

We have also started a counseling programme for children and young people especially for those who have traumatic situations. This is currently being run by two interns from Uganda Christian University, they are also looking at giving information to young people about the Income Generating Activities, especially the teenage mothers. These two interns will be at PPDR up to end August 2013. The teenage mothers who are also covered by this programme have received two interns from the Netherlands who are with them up to June 2013 who are looking for different ways to reduce stigma which these people are facing. On this we have managed to

make a partnership with the organization called Enlightened Youth for Empowerment to provide skills to the teenage mothers and other young people. The trainings are not totally free, there are very little money attached to them and we are looking forward what we can do as an organization.



*Sometimes people just to feel that they are loved, this family has been victim of stigma in the community, this home visit has been a source of their joy today which they did not think. From today they know that PPDR cares for them.*

Currently we become part of the focus group which is working on the policy issue for the education in emergency where refugee children are the main target. The focus group brings together the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) the Ministry of Education and the Forum for Education and NGOs in Uganda (FENU) and other organization working on the education to refugees.

PPDR has managed to come up with a position paper about the education to refugees which we have already sent to FENU. This position paper is the third report which were posting on this Global Giving website by the end of this week. Still PPDR has organized one meeting bringing together Seven (7) refugees grass root organizations in order to come up with one voice during the FENU meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.

## **Challenges**

The major challenges we are facing now are the following:

Not paying the landlord on time because of the lack of funds, we are to pay him from April up to June 2013 we hope that most of the money we raised for the Global Giving Open Challenge will be invested in the rent for the school. Currently we have to pay 550\$ USA each single month.

Not proving regular allowances to teachers, teachers have not been paid their allowances since April 2013 and this is a big problem as some may be tempted to resign,

Offering medical treatment to children who are sick both at home and the parents cannot afford their treatment or at school when the parents are not there.

These are the major problems which are spending a lot of money from the programme.

**Thanks**