# HOPE FOR HUMANS

The only non-profit bringing hope to children and communities afflicted by Nodding Syndrome





# Success: We are serving the most children in the history of our organization – and we will open our second facility later this year!

Our Odek original facility now serves nearly 50 children day-to-day and approximately 55 NS households in the community are being monitored by Hope for Humans Community Outreach teams. These teams are also serving 225 children through visits and distribution of monthly medications. And in 2016, we will open the doors to our second facility serving the Kitgum District of Northern Uganda.



# **Success:** The improved health of the children we serve has allowed many to re-enter into mainstream school.

We are proud to report that 13 NS children have been recommended to go back to the mainstream primary schools while 8 have been recommended for vocational skills training in 2015. Further honored to report, through the special needs education curriculum the children's knowledge in English in Math has greatly improved with some close to being placed in local primary school. The children can now read and write, speak simple English words, can spell and write their names. The children understand and can recite the four rules of numbers (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division).



## **Success:** The successful implementation of our art and music therapy program has greatly changed the lives of our children.

Our team has reported vast improvements in cognitive functioning and learning within the classroom and in their day-to-day lives. The children have increased ability to follow directions, a greater capacity for memory, a higher level of energy and overall physical strength, the desire to learn and be creative, a growing interest in overall academic activities with enhanced concentration and ability during class hours.



### Success: We continue to lead the way in research, knowledge and vision for finding a cure for Nodding Syndrome – as seen in a recent International Conference.

We are still the only NGO working in with the NS communities in Northern Uganda. In July of 2015, Hope for Humans facilitated the second annual nodding syndrome conference in Uganda. The "Nodding Syndrome Etiology and Treatment Outcomes to Date" brought together researchers from all over the world. The conference attracted attendees and visitors from Europe, America, Asia and parts of Africa. For example, Cameroon, D.R.Congo and South Sudan was organized by Gulu University in partnership with Hope for Humans and Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, Oregon.

There is no known cure or cause of NS and through you we continue our vision of researching for a cure.



### "Nodding Syndrome is a problem of humanity; therefore, must not be left to an individual".

 Hope for Humans Country Director, speaking on the impact of Nodding Syndrome to the community of Northern Uganda attending the conference.