



TWAHIRAH

ISLAMIC CHARITY ORGANISATION

“Love, Share & Hope”

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Acronyms

LCI – Local Council One

NDPIII – National Development Plan 3

OVC – Orphans and Vulnerable Children

SDGs – Sustainable Development Goals

TIC – Twahirah Islamic Center

TICO – Twahirah Islamic Charity Organisation

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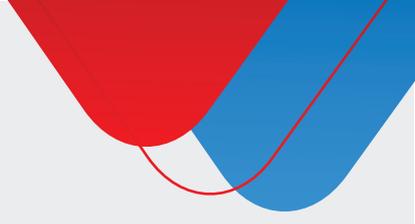
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Executive Summary

The year 2023 has been a period of significant growth and impactful service for Twahirah Islamic Charity Organisation (TICO). Our mission to uplift and support vulnerable communities has driven our efforts and successes over the past year. In terms of community support and development, TICO provided essential aid to 280 needy women and 1,595 children, and supported 150 vulnerable girls with educational and health resources. Our commitment to education was further demonstrated by funding school fees for four sponsored orphans and distributing scholastic materials to 111 children. Additionally, our provision of sanitary pads to 150 girls significantly improved their school attendance and overall well-being.

Our humanitarian relief initiatives included the distribution of food aid to 280 women, as well as the provision of blankets, clothes, and a wheelchair to individuals in need. During Ramadan, we provided iftar meals to 1,260 Muslims and distributed 150 Qurans and 1,100 Yassarnas to Islamic schools, reinforcing our support for spiritual and religious needs.

Despite our successes, we faced several challenges which among others included; financial constraints, lack of our own vehicle, limited equipment like computers and office furniture, huge rent amounts among others continue to pose significant obstacles. Our efforts to address these issues are ongoing, and we are committed to finding innovative solutions to overcome these challenges.

Moving forward, our focus will be on expanding our reach to more communities in need, enhancing the effectiveness of our programs through rigorous evaluation, and strengthening our partnerships to amplify our impact. Our alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), African Agenda 2063 and the National Development Plan 3 (NDP III) will guide our strategic initiatives. In conclusion, TICO is proud of the progress made in 2023 and optimistic about the future. We remain steadfast in our mission to build and restore hope, overcome absolute poverty, and foster self-reliance among vulnerable communities. Together, we will continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

TICO Offices



Twhairah Islamic Charity Organisation (TICO) head office is Located at **Plot 716 Gayaza - Kijabijjo, Wakiso District.**

We are 16 kilometres from Kampala on Gayaza - Kayunga Road opposite **AS Petrol Station.** Our head office is the centre of our day to day running of activities in serving the vulnerable communities around Uganda.

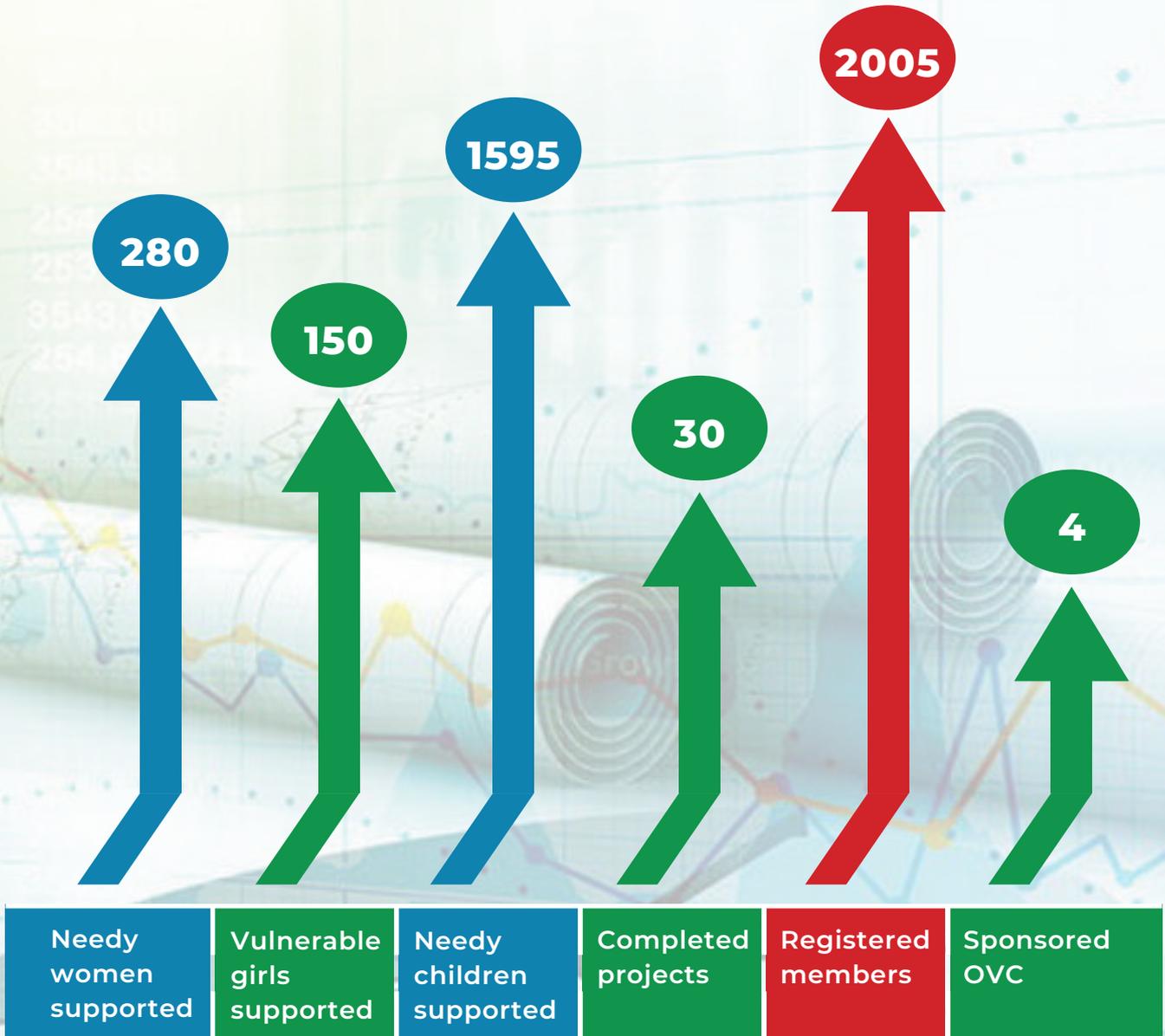


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**Background
Information**

1.1

Current Achievements



Contribution towards the Sustainable Development Goals



TICO plays a crucial role in advancing several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through its focused initiatives. By providing essential services such as education, healthcare, clean water access, and economic empowerment to vulnerable groups including orphans, women, and the disabled, TICO actively promotes Goal 1 which centers on No Poverty, Goal 2 calling for Zero hunger, Goal 3 that promotes Good Health and Well-being, Goal 4 for provision of Quality Education, Goal 5 for promoting Gender Equality, Goal 6 centering on Clean Water and Sanitation and Goal 10 that calls for Reduced Inequalities. Additionally, TICO's efforts in promoting Islamic values and community cohesion contribute to Goal 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) by fostering social justice and equity among marginalized communities. Through these integrated efforts, TICO strives to build sustainable pathways out of poverty and empower communities towards self-reliance, aligning its mission with the broader agenda of sustainable development.

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Chairman Board Of Directors' statement



While celebrating our successes, we acknowledge the ongoing challenges such as poverty, educational disparities, and health inequities. Our future efforts will focus on expanding our reach to more communities in need, enhancing program effectiveness through rigorous evaluation, and strengthening partnerships to amplify our impact.

The Board extends its deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff, volunteers, partners, and donors. Your unwavering support and collaboration are the foundation of our success. In conclusion, the Board is inspired by the progress made in 2023 and optimistic about the future. We are committed to continuing our work with renewed vigor and dedication, striving to create a more equitable and compassionate world.

As we reflect on the past year, the Board of Directors of Twahirah Islamic Charity Organisation (TICO) is pleased to present the 2023 Annual Report. This report highlights our achievements, acknowledges the challenges faced, and outlines our vision for the future.

Our mission to overcome absolute poverty and foster self-reliance among vulnerable communities is closely aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the National Development Plan 3 (NDP III). We remain committed to building and restoring hope through targeted and effective programs.

With sincere thanks,

Sheikh Mugendera Abdulkarim
Chairman, Board of Directors
Twahirah Islamic Charity
Organisation (TICO)

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Executive Director's statement



As we close another transformative year at Twahirah Islamic Charity Organisation (TICO), I am filled with immense gratitude and pride for the progress we have achieved together. Our unwavering commitment to serving vulnerable communities across Uganda has yielded remarkable results, driven by the dedication of our staff, volunteers, partners, and generous donors.

Reflecting on 2023, several milestones stand out; Support for Needy Women and Children: We have significantly expanded our reach, providing support to 280 needy women and 1,595 needy children. Our programs continue to uplift and empower these groups, fostering resilience and self-reliance.

Education remains a cornerstone of our mission. This year, we paid school fees for four sponsored orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) and distributed scholastic materials to over 111 needy children. We also implemented girl child empowerment programs, including the distribution of sanitary pads to 150 girls, ensuring they can attend school regularly and with dignity.

Our relief efforts have provided essential support to those most in need. Through



our food distribution projects, delivering much-needed sustenance to families in Kijabijjo and surrounding areas. Additionally, we provided blankets, clothes, and a wheelchair to vulnerable individuals, improving their quality of life.

Religious Support and Community Engagement is yet another highlight. Our Ramadan Iftar Aid and Quran distribution projects have strengthened the spiritual foundation of our communities. We provided iftar meals to over 1,260 Muslims and distributed 150 Qurans and 1,100 Yassarnas to Islamic schools, enhancing access to religious education.

Our vision of overcoming absolute poverty among vulnerable communities towards self-reliance remains our guiding light. We strive to build and restore hope among vulnerable people through inspiration and support. Our commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the National Development Plan 3 (NDPIII) aligns our work with broader national and global objectives, ensuring that our efforts contribute meaningfully to social and economic progress. None of our achievements would be possible without the collective efforts of our dedicated team, partners, and supporters. I extend my heartfelt thanks to our staff, whose tireless work drives our mission forward; our volunteers, whose generosity of time and spirit is invaluable; our partners, whose collaboration amplifies our impact; and our donors, whose unwavering support fuels our programs.

In closing, I am inspired by the resilience and strength of the communities we serve. Together, we will continue to make a difference, one life at a time. As we move forward, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to justice, equity, and compassion, guided by the principles that define Twahirah Islamic Charity Organisation.

May Allah bless our endeavors and grant us success in all our efforts.

Yours in Service,



Damulila Faizal

Executive Director

Twahirah Islamic Charity Organisation (TICO)

1.5

Our Team



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Manager



Mr Mutebi Muniiru
Grants Manager



Mr Kkonde Badru
Membership
Coordinator

1.6

Background Information



Twahirah Islamic Charity Organisation (TICO) is a non-profit, indigenous organisation driven by a patriotic spirit to enhance the welfare of underprivileged children, youth, women, the disabled, and the elderly with focus on their health, social, and economic development. We are committed to providing educational support to underprivileged children and empowering youth and women through technical and practical skills training, thereby fostering economic development and growth.

We are a fully registered Non-Governmental Organization with Registration Number **INDRI157054848NB**, operating across Uganda.

1.7

Vision & Mission

Vision

To overcome absolute poverty among vulnerable communities towards self-reliance.

Mission

To build and restore hope among vulnerable people through inspiration and support.

1.8

Objectives

01

To improve livelihood among vulnerable, disabled and marginalize people through poverty relief developmental projects.

02

To provide safe and clean water to all marginalized communities.

03

To provide support and advice on health and social care to children, families and local communities through equipping them with assurance of safe and healthy life.

04

To support children and single mothers through building and rising their self-esteem to fully exploit their potential.

05

To promote and strengthen Islam across the world through devise and establishment of programs and facilities that preserve and relate to Islamic knowledge.

06

To restore peace, love, faith and hope to vulnerable undeserving groups.

Core values

Social justice and Equity;

We exist to promote equality, dignity and unbiased society to the marginalized groups through empowering the disposed towards revealing their God given human potential.

Accountability and Transparency;

We hold ourselves accountable to the highest level of ethical behavior and responsibility for our actions while maintain integrity in our performance. All our actions and projects ensure credibility.

Community oriented;

A sense of belonging is natured across all operation of the organ whereby all donors, volunteers, staff and other stakeholders feel part of the fields of life family.

Sincerity;

When responding to the suffering our efforts are driven by honesty to Allah and the need to fulfill our obligations to humanity.

Respect;

In all what we do and even among the young generation we shall exhibit high levels of respect when performing activities.

Monotheism;

We highly believe in the oneness of Allah.

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Our beneficiaries

A vulnerable person is he who is prone to risks which might not be of his or her causing. It is mostly due to negative factors which are outside one's control.

Poverty to a greater extent makes people vulnerable due to lack of resources which are crucial in provision of human basic needs.

The following among others are the vulnerable groups we serve;

- Orphans and vulnerable children.
- The Disabled
- Elderly
- Widows
- The homeless
- Those without food.
- Girl child
- Youths



Activities

Providing support and advice on health, nutrition and social care to children, their families and wider community, through provision of multi-nutritious crops breeds to improve people's diet. We also have an aspect of promoting community Health and disease prevention programs through public health interventions and construction of modern public toilets in communities. Improving maternal health in marginalized areas is yet another area, through health advocacy, education and awareness programs and promoting skilled attendance at home and in Facilities.

Providing quality education to vulnerable children through offering scholarships, sourcing for them bursaries from various education centers and institutions, availing them with scholastic materials and sanitary towels to girl-child to provide a foundation for a productive and happy future.

Providing better and modern shelter to homeless families through construction of houses, rehabilitation and renovation of outdated homes so as for them to live a better life.

Educating, training and sponsoring Muslims and new converts in learning religious obligations and Islamic faith through collaborations with other Islamic education centers. More still, constructing new and renovating old mosques and other Islamic centers like libraries and schools to marginalized communities to impart proper Islamic worship and knowledge to recreate pure divine presence on earth. We also support and empower Islamic leaders like imams and sheikhs in Muslim communities through organizing social and economic programs to empower, develop and refine their skills.

Improving livelihood through provision of improved farming inputs like seeds, animal breeds, advisory services and pesticides to marginalized people in the community.

Providing food relief to the most starving vulnerable and marginalized children, women and elderly during emergency and food scarcity periods and supplying the most nutritious food to promote healthier dietary behavior among young children.

Empowering women and the girl child through vocational skills training, business mentoring and capacity building programs to enable them gain knowledge and practical skills for self-sustainability.

Provision of safe, clean and affordable water supplies to the community through constructing of boreholes, water harvesting tanks in schools, mosques, as well as in other areas with water shortages.



1.12

Some of our sponsored children



Kajjumba Vincent

Kajjumba, a double orphan, showed significant academic and social improvement and was promoted to **Primary Two (P.2)** with better grades. To ensure he continues to access quality education, we have enrolled him in the boarding section of a better school.



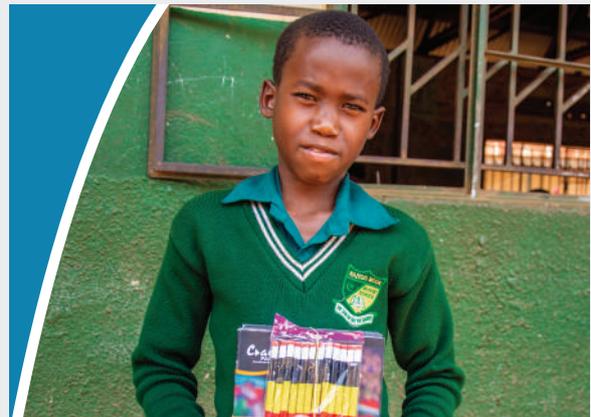
Kaweesa Sharif

Kaweesa is child abandoned by both his parents and had never attended school until the age of eight. Despite his challenging circumstances, he is now thriving in **Middle class**, displaying dedication and determination.



Mirembe Rihannah

Abandoned by her parents, Rihannah was raised by her grandmother. Thanks for the support, she is now a bright young girl in **Primary Three (P.3)**, excelling academically and growing into an intelligent individual.



Wamahuyu Amir

Amir's promotion to **Primary Two (P.2)** reflects the steady improvement in his living conditions. With his enrollment in the boarding section of his school, he can now focus more on his studies, laying the foundation for a better future.



2.0

**PSYCHOSOCIAL
SUPPORT AND
BASIC CARE**

2.1

Spiritual guidance



For any individual to enjoy the fruits of life, he or she must be a believer in God who is the overall. In God all situations can change; given the fact that we serve the needy so as to improve on their welfare. We restore their hope through teaching them about God in whom they can find peace and ask anything they would need.

2.2

Home visits



In serving the needy, we conduct assessments both during our visits to beneficiaries and for those who come seeking help. Our field officers visit sponsored children and other beneficiaries, bringing gifts to restore their hope.

In 2023, we carried out numerous visits, including one to Jajja Ssekadde's family. She is caring for her orphaned grandson, with no assistance from immediate relatives. Together, they take on petty jobs around the village to secure food and pay for Ssekadde's school fees, which often remain unpaid, resulting in substantial dues. Our visit to this family aimed to restore hope in their difficult circumstances.

2.3

Counselling



Every person needs counselling at some point in time, when it comes to individuals and families we serve, they are always bothered by circumstances which are out of their control. Our professional team counsels the needy to restore their hope.

2.4

Gifts



Gifts are given out to person as a kind gesture. The community of people we serve is needy thus it is with a loving heart that they should be treated. We share gifts with the four sponsored children and also some other needy we identify in the community.

These gifts make them develop a sense of being loved and at least forgetting their worries. In the long run it restores hope in their lives as they know that they are not alone.

2.5

Parent's Meeting



Parent's meetings always help us assess how we are performing as an organization and getting feedback from parents in regards to the education sponsorship program. This puts all the three parties; TICO, parents and supported children back on the right direction.

On 13th May 2023, we organized a meeting at our offices which was attended by both parents / guardians and children on our Education Sponsorship Program. We discussed more the policy governing the program, the parents signed off the policy and we went further to explain to them all the dos and don'ts for those we work with. The parents / guardians and the sponsored children got to know more about TICO and how we operate.

On 12th September 2023, we had a parent's meeting in which we discussed once again the education sponsorship policy to parents, reminding them their responsibility and how best we can serve the children.

The parents promised to change accordingly for the better.

We engage our beneficiaries so that we can improve on service delivery through a number of meetings we conduct.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Team Twahirah Members, Partners and all well-wishers for supporting the four sponsored children.

3.0

PROJECTS

3.1

Education Sponsorship



In today's world, we depend on the skills and knowledge we attain through formal and informal Education. This gives us an upper hand to tackle situations with knowledge and experience. It puts us in positions where we can compete favourably with everyone else for the scarce resources available.

At Twahirah Islamic Charity Organisation, we are able to help the vulnerable reach that level through different education interventions.

3.2

Scholastic materials distribution



Twahirah Islamic Charity Organisation issues scholastic materials to children from needy families whose parents cannot afford to buy them or even failing to buy materials of good quality. The pain such parents and children go through is reduced and at least their emphasis goes to provision of school fees.

On Sunday 29th January 2023, we conducted the scholastic materials distribution activity and we are glad to report that sixty-one (61) needy children were served with packages consisting books, pens, pencils, rulers, toilet papers, in the presence of the area chairperson Mr Seruwu Hanington Monday. The activity was conducted from 10am up to 1pm. These materials were to help these needy children through out the First term of 2023.

On 27th May, we conducted a scholastic materials distribution project at Ddundu, Kyampisi subcounty - Mukono district where we served fifty (50) needy children from needy families. These children's parents and guardians could not afford to provide such materials thus children could not produce promising results through school reports due to failure to have materials they use to study.

The materials donated to these children included books, geometry sets, pens, pencils, rolls of toilet paper, rulers and rubbers.

Distribution was done twice in 2023 and over one hundred eleven (111) needy children benefited from this project implying that their parents were relieved in terms of resource provision before start of new terms.

We are grateful to our sponsors, partners and Team Twahirah Members for their continuous support. May God continue blessing them for their good heart.

3.3

School fees payment



We managed to pay school fees for all the four (4) sponsored children including all school requirements like school uniforms, lunch and medical fees which helped our children to concentrate at school not worrying about being sent back home due to lack of necessary resources.

3.4

School visitation



A feeling of being loved develops when a child is visited and given gifts. As TICO, we visit our sponsored children at their respective schools to assess how their education journey is going and also showing them that we are a family despite our differences and family backgrounds.

Our team visited all the four sponsored children at their respective schools at least twice a term to monitor and evaluate the children's performance.

3.5

Girl Child Empowerment

3.5.1

Sanitary Pads Distribution



Forty percent (40%) of girls majorly in rural settings are forced to be absent from school by menstruation and it makes them miss a lot of lessons and coverage because it takes girls from about 4 to 7 days experiencing this.

TICO, therefore, teaches girls about menstrual hygiene, re-usable sanitary pads making and proper usage. We also distribute sanitary pads to trained needy girls to because many cannot afford to buy them.

On 26th July 2023, we educated One hundred fifty (150) girls of Salam Muslim High School Ndese, about menstruation, menstrual hygiene, general body cleanliness and skilled them in making reusable sanitary pads. Every girl went away with three packets of sanitary pads which we presume can be used for a full term.

Our gratitude goes to Team Twahirah Members and all well-wishers for their support.

3.6

Relief Projects



According to Uganda Bureau of Statistics, 2021 41% of the Uganda's population live in absolute poverty and is below the poverty line of U.S. \$1.77 per person per day. These vulnerable families go through difficult situations given the circumstances surrounding them, for instance, many sleep on empty stomachs, emotional stress, and others are homeless among other problems. If no one comes forth to help these vulnerable people, their hopes become faint and with time, dies out.

As TICO, we put resources together to create a big impact in their lives through developmental and relief projects like providing food packages, clothing and building shelters to restore their hope.

3.6.1

Food Distribution

Food, if not the most essential need is one of the basic needs; a human being cannot survive without. It is disheartening that some people in villages can sleep on empty stomachs and others having less than two meals a day. It is on record in Uganda that some people from needy families do not believe that a person can even afford to have three meals a day.

Children in such families end up growing malnourished thus in the end contract diseases associated with lacking of some nutrients in the body.

In Uganda, in majorly needy homes, women are the back borne in their families. If these women are empowered, they can easily support their children and husbands who might be incapacitated by illnesses or even in absence of employment opportunities.

First phase



On 27th July 2023, we managed to distribute food packages to one hundred seventy (170) needy women of Kijabijjo and surrounding areas. These women come from majorly women headed families, some are disabled and others widowed. The food package included rice and maize flour.

Second phase



On Monday 11th September, more one hundred ten (110) women benefited from the food distribution project. We as TICO, resolved to conduct this project again due to the unending cases of malnourishment amongst the needy children within Kijabijjo community. This time round, the distribution took place at our offices.

3.6.2

Blankets donation



A person cannot sleep well if he or she does not have a blanket to have a warm night. Many families end up lacking beddings to sleep on due to poverty which gives them no chance to provide for themselves the different necessities.

TICO donates beddings to the needy families to help them have better sleep.

On 13th February 2023, we donated six (6) blankets to Madam Hadijjah's family of seven children at Kayunga district whose father abandoned and all the responsibility is in the hands of their mother. This family was so struggling to an extent that none of the children was in school until TICO intervened.

3.6.3

Clothes donation



Clothes are one of the most pressing basic needs. No sane human being can move out of his/her home without it.

Many vulnerable people in villages and most needy families' put-on worn-out clothes which lowers their self-esteem and deters them from associating with those who can afford better clothes. This disassociation comes with quite a number of issues ranging from missing out on opportunities, low self-esteem and poor mental health.

On 16th September 2023, TICO donated clothes to sixty (60) needy people of Ddundu, Mukono district. The clothes distributed included dresses, skirts, blouses, shoes, trousers, shirts and t-shirts. We also gave out bedding including bedsheets and blankets.

The clothes donation saw the needy self-esteem restored because they can now get to associate with other people in the community.

We donated clothes and shoes to a needy family at Kayunga. This family struggles with finding food to eat and meeting other necessities of life.

Happy children after receiving the clothes donation.

3.6.4

Wheelchair donation



According to the Uganda Bureau of Statistics Census Report (UBOS 2016), approximately 4.5 million Ugandans have a disability meaning 12.4% of the Ugandan population have some disability.

People with disabilities encounter many challenges in trying to relate with those without disabilities. Some of the challenges include; a physical environment that is not accessible, lack of relevant assistive technology (assistive, adaptive, and rehabilitative devices) and negative attitudes of people towards disability among others. These make the environment not suitable for the disabled and therefore must be assisted in arriving at their needs and wants.

On 5th December 2023, we were able to donate the wheel chair to Lubega Israel at Nakkoba, Ddundu, Mukono District. The donation was received by the whole family and they were so amazed by your generosity. We included a food package to help the family have enough food to eat for some time. Lubega is currently moved out daily and actively participates in the family's activities.

3.7

Religious Based Projects

3.7.1

Ramadan Iftar Aid



Many Muslims are caught up in circumstances beyond their control and are forced to forego the fasting period yet it is so critical in the Islamic religion. A number of them come from poor families thus are not able to afford food that can take them through the lent period. Such kind of Muslims, if not helped can easily be left out of fasting yet it is very important in the Islamic faith.

As TICO, we aim at provision of Iftar to different Muslims around the country.

When a Muslim supports a fellow Muslim go through Ramadhan, he or she gets the same reward as the other one who fasts. That particular person is rewarded by Allah and giving to those in need is part of Ramadhan.

This Ramadan 2023, we served four different mosques on four different Fridays with Iftar.

3.7.1.1

Iftar Provision at Masjid Jamia-Gayaza



On 24th March 2023, we conducted an Iftar provision project to Muslims of Gayaza. Sheikh Akram led the Jumma prayers that day where he preached about the importance of learning the holy Quran, giving Sadaq and why important it is to fast during Ramadan. At the time of breaking the fast, over three hundred (300) Muslims attended and were all served with fruits, rice, meat sauce and water.

3.7.1.2

Iftar Provision at Masjid Atiiq-Mukono



The second Masjid to benefit from our Ramadan Iftar Aid Program 2023 was Masjid Atiiq-Mukono.

On 31st March 2023, as Twahirah Islamic Charity Organisation, we provided iftar to over three hundred seventy (370) Muslims of this Masjid.

We are grateful to Dembe Distributor Limited, Earth Packaged Drinking Water, Hajji Ssebatindira, Members of Team Twahirah and all supporters for their contribution towards the conduct of this project.

3.7.1.3

Masjid Muhammad Ali- Sembabule



On Friday 7th April 2023, we managed to provide iftar to over two hundred ninety (290) fasting Muslims of Masjid Muhammad Ali at Sembabule district.

This was our third mosque to benefit from our Ramadan Iftar Aid Program 2023.

We are grateful to Earth Packaged Drinking Water, Dembe Distributors Limited, members of Team Twahirah and all supporters. May Allah bless them and put ease in whatever they do.

3.7.1.4

Masjid Abubakar-Kagoma



Provision of Iftar to fasting Muslims of Masjid Abubakar Kagoma, Wakiso district on 14th April 2023 marked the end of our Iftar Project this year. We are so appreciative to Team Twahirah members and all well-wishers who supported this project.

3.7.2

Ramadan food packages



We managed to give out Ramadan food packages to ten (10) needy families to help them fast during the holy month. This package included rice, bread, beans, a carton of bottled drinking water, a pack of dates, cooking oil, milk, salt and a bar of soap.

3.7.3

Quran competitions



Being an Islamic based company with an aim of becoming the preferred organisation for Islamic knowledge in Uganda, we partner with Twahirah Islamic Center to teach Muslims of different ages in different courses which instill Islamic morals and values. In line with making sure the students taught learn well, we organize Quran competitions which are conducted online via zoom and streamed live on facebook every month of Ramadan.

Sixteen (16) competitors participated in this year's online Quran competition and it is from them that a winner came. The whole exercise had four stages which included; Preliminaries, Quarter finals, Semi-finals and grand finale.

This year's finals were conducted physically at Masjid Abubakar-Kagoma on 16th April 2023 during the Twahirah Ramadan Seminar 2023 and **Swafiyah Twaha Nabuuma won the 2nd Students' Quran Online Competition 2023.**

3.7.4

Ramadan Seminar



Seminars are good avenues to spread and promote Islamic teachings to both Muslims and non-Muslims through religious festivities, lectures and symposium.

More still, seminars bring us towards morality through learning and participating in activities which draw us closer to God when we practice laws and values as He commands thus in the end strengthening one's own faith.

This year on 16th April 2023, TICO in partnership with Twahirah Islamic Centre Online school (TIC) held a Ramadan Seminar at Masjid Abubakar-Kagoma, Wakiso district where a number of well learned sheikhs presented on a number of issues.

Over one thousand two hundred (1200) people attended from different parts of the country. The different presentations from Sheikhs equipped attendees with knowledge about Islam and social life in general.

3.7.5

Qurban Project 2023



Dhuhia is known as the Feast of Sacrifice. This is because it honours the famous story of the willingness of the prophet Ibrahim to sacrifice his son as an act of obedience to Allah's command. In that respect, Muslims all over the world slaughter animals like cattle, sheep and goats.

On Eid Al- Adhuha the 28th day of June 2023, we slaughtered 50 cattle which meat was distributed to over one thousand two hundred (1,200) needy people of Kijabijjo and the surrounding areas. Each beneficiary went home with at least three (3) kilograms which put smiles on their faces.

On the second day (29th June 2023) of conducting the Qurban Project, we slaughtered thirteen (13) goats at our

office which meat was shared amongst needy neighbors. These are the people with whom we stay and we could not miss sharing with them. They enjoyed their day as they were able to cook enough food on that day, thirty (30) people benefited from this project.

On the 30th day of June 2023, we slaughtered seventy (70) sheep. This mutton was served still at Kijabijjo Primary School playground. This meat was distributed to Muslims and non-Muslims. Mosques around Kijabijjo received cards which they distributed benefit to beneficiaries of this particular project.

3.7.6

Quran and Yassarna Distribution project



According to the Uganda Bureau of Statistics, 14 percent of Ugandans are Muslims making them 9.1 million in the forty-five million Ugandans. Learning about Allah is always a privilege to those who get a chance. Many of our fellow Moslems in Uganda do not have access to the Holy Quran, Quran teachers and other books needed to help them understand Islam.

It is always disheartening for a believer's faith to deteriorate just because he or she does not have access to Allah's word. It is from such a background, in bridging the gap that Twahirah Islamic Charity Organisation (TICO) distributes Qurans and Yassarna to different mosques, Quran memorization centers and individuals to bring Allah's word closer to vulnerable Moslems who cannot afford to buy such materials.

In 2023, TICO donated one hundred fifty (150) Qurans and one thousand one hundred (1,100) Yassarnas to four different Islamic schools which books are now being accessed by needy children from needy families thus learning their deen. This is such tremendous relief to them because their parents / guardians can not afford to buy those materials yet they are required by schools and also very instrumental in learning Islamic morals and Allah's word.

The table below shows the number of Qurans and Yassarnas donated to schools in 2023.

S/N	SCHOOL	DISTRICT	NUMBER OF QURANS	NUMBER OF YASSARNAS
1	Mutagayika Memorial Islamic School	Wakiso district	50	300
2	Sweet Valley Islamic Nursery and Primary School	Luweero district	20	300
3	Lady Mariam Islamic Nursery and Primary School	Mityana district	30	200
4	Mayirikiti Muslim Day and Boarding Primary School	Wakiso district	50	300
	Total		150	1,100

3.8

Kamuli Assessment



In a bid to expand our services to other communities, we held a community meeting at Bunangwe Buyuka zone, Kitayunjwa subcounty, Kamuli District where we introduced the organization to this community and the programs through which we serve the needy. We interacted with the community in to assess which programs and eventually projects the community can benefit from.

Our relief program has a number of projects we can carry out in this village immediately.

As TICO, we are currently mobilizing resources which we will extend to this community through a number of projects.

3.9

Water and Sanitation

3.9.1

Water well Assessments



TICO ensures access to safe and clean water in marginalized communities since water is life, through construction of water wells and distribution of water filters.

In this quarter, on 5th January 2023, we conducted an assessment at Iganga, Butandwe Village where the community lacks access to safe and clean water. We plan to construct a water well there whenever resources are available.

3.10

Sustainability Program



The Agricultural Sector continues to be the most important sector in Uganda; it employs approximately 72% of the population and contributed about 32% to the GDP. However, Productivity is limited by reliance on natural weather conditions and the widespread use of traditional methods and equipment.

The fact that food is one of the most pressing needs, no human being can survive for long without it. No one can bypass eating; be it the neediest or those who can afford it. This implies that there is ready market for any food item produce as long as it is of good quality.

As TICO, the donations and different forms of support we attain from different individuals and companies cannot sustain the different projects conducted and to help us fully serve the big number of needy people. We therefore aim at venturing into projects which can help us arrive at sustainability in the near future and conducting extensive agriculture is one of them. The food we are to grow will be donated to vulnerable people we serve and the rest will be sold to earn an income which we will eventually use to finance other projects.

To maximize productivity, TICO will implore usage of modern farming techniques and tools as guided by technical experts in the field of Agriculture.

3.10.1

Land tour and **assessment**



In March 2023, after a meeting with Hajji Kitaka Kavulu about the offer, the TICO team toured land at Bwamulamira Village, Kayunga District. We managed to mark where we were going to conduct our agriculture project the following season.

3.10.2

Soil **sampling**



On 19th December, the TICO team with our agricultural consultant went to Bwamulamira village in Kayunga District to carryout a soil sampling exercise to ascertain which crops/plants will be suitable to grow well on land.

The activity went on well and all the necessary soil samples were taken successfully and the results will eventually be helpful in the sowing / planting season.

4.0

**ADMISTRATION
AND FINANCE**

4.1

Administration

4.1.1

Staffing

We continued to have a number of volunteers join us during projects to serve the needy due to limited resources. Most likely, we shall employ staff in the coming months.

4.1.2

Meetings

Meetings help the staff to strategize on how to go about the tasks assigned to them and also getting the way forward in case challenges are encountered.

We continued to sit weekly and monthly general meetings both on departmental and management levels.

4.1.3

Management workshop



In August, the administration was trained for a full week in human resource management, projects planning and management, donor retention and how best policies can be set and enforced. This equipped the management with skills needed to manage staff and also venture in avenues that can bring in resources.

4.1.4

Membership zoom meeting

The membership program is one of the sources of funding we have as TICO, so, we organize zoom meetings where we present financial and project reports to members. This shows transparency and develops a spirit of accountability to donors.

On 26th August, TICO management presented the second quarter 2023 report where we discussed the projects conducted, pending ones and the members views plus reaching conclusions together.

4.1.5

Assets Management

All TICO assets were labelled for easy identification, assigned to a specific volunteer to use thus everyone is liable for what he or she received. This will in the end save the organisation's resources because anyone who poorly uses the asset, they must compensate for its repair.

4.2

Finance

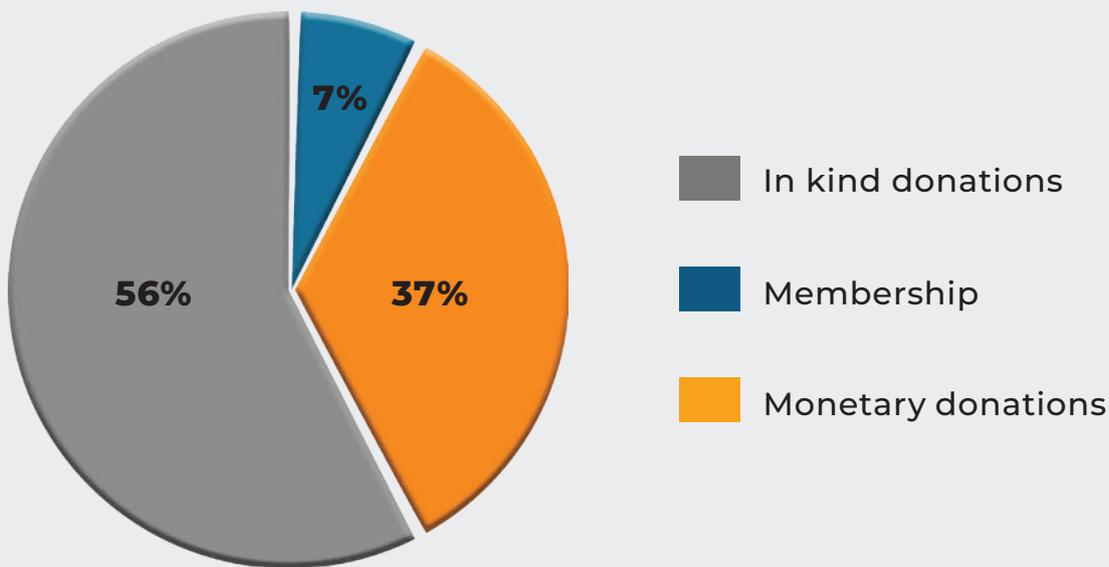
Finance management is a critical aspect of running the organization as it embodies planning, organizing, controlling and monitoring financial resources in order to achieve set goals. Below is a glimpse of what transpired in this department.

Sources of funding

In 2023, these are the major sources of funding.

S/N	SOURCE	PERCENTAGE
1	Membership	7%
2	Monetary donations	37%
3	In kind donations	56%

Figure 1: Showing sources of funds

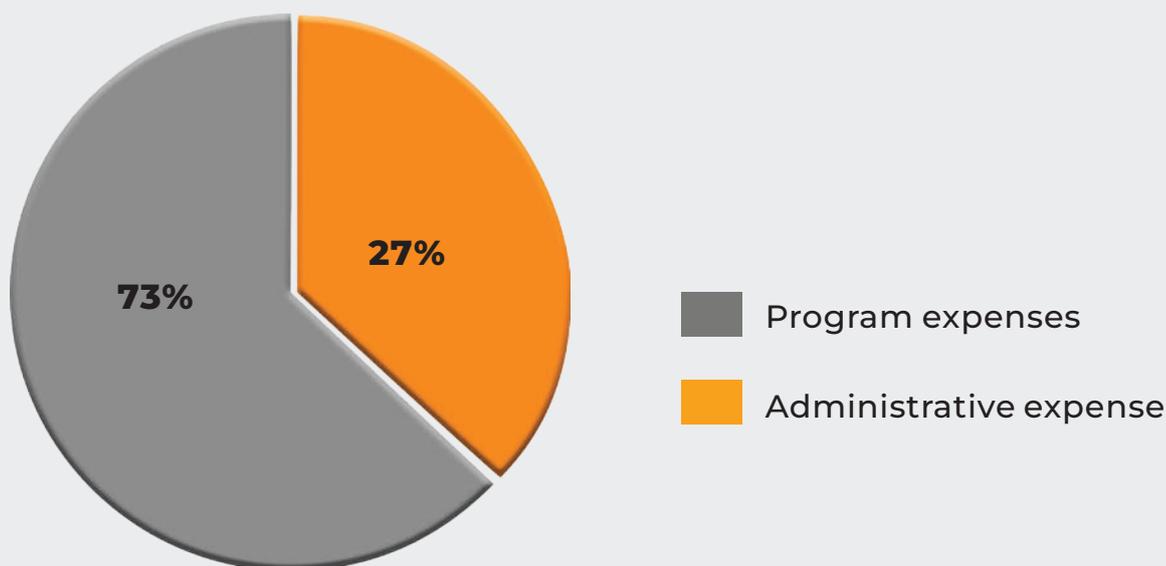


Expenses

Expenses in an NGO are the costs that the organization incurs to carry out its mission and activities. For TICO, the biggest ones are seen in projects which directly impact lives of the needy.

S/N	EXPENSE	PERCENTAGE
1	Program expenses	73%
2	Administrative expense	27%

Figure 2: Showing expenses in 2023



CHALLENGES, RECOMMENDATIONS AND LESSONS LEARNT

Challenges:

- Limited resources to conduct the many activities planned.
- Un cooperative nature of some community coordinators.
- Difficulty in transportation since we lacked our own vehicle, transporting materials and volunteers was always challenging since we had to invest in a lot of money.
- Many beneficiaries' expectations are more than what we as an organization can offer.
- Limited partners, members and donors yet we planned to conduct a number of projects.

Lessons Learnt:

- We learnt that having many partners gives organisation a bigger resource mobilization base.
- Planned budgets must be strictly followed to properly manage finances is another lesson.
- All policies must be drafted and explained to all stake holders to avoid any deviant behavior.
- Having enough volunteers provide a big work force which is cost saving.
- It was realized that meetings are so important that they help organisations to engage partners and members more.
- Serving taught us a lesson that social work practices need more of monitoring and evaluation to create more impact.
- We learnt that producing timely reports is important.

Recommendations:

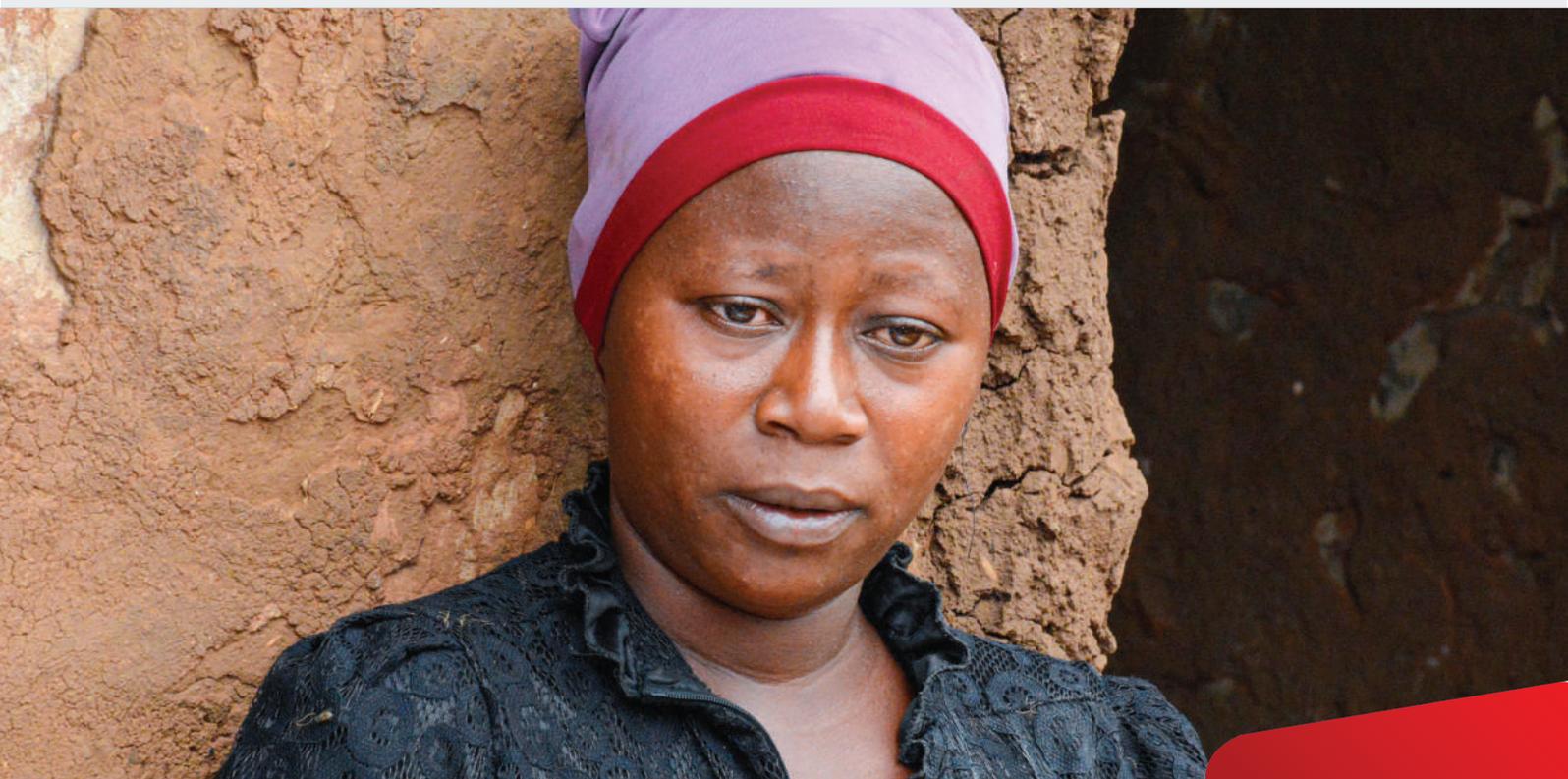
- We should search for more partners and members to mobilize more resources.
- During project assessments, possible beneficiaries should be explained, to what extent TICO can go in providing services to them.
- Explaining well to coordinators before giving them any responsibilities.
- TICO should buy its own vehicle that can carry heavy loads or even partnering with companies or individuals with such to reduce on transport expenses.
- A service provider should not be paid before a service is provided.
- Everyone is responsible for TICO equipment while in the field to make sure we safe guard them.
- Team Twahirah members should be engaged in a timely manner about future projects.
- We should work directly with local leaders.

SUCCESS STORIES

Beacon Of Hope

Village life as a single mother with several toddlers is incredibly challenging, as countless needs arise daily with very limited resources to meet them. Madam Hadijjah Nakakaawa, who resides in Kigobero, Kayunga District, heads a family of seven children. Their father abandoned them, leaving all the responsibilities of taking care of the family in the mother's hands. She must provide everything; food, clothes, medical care, and school fees without a job, relying solely on farming a very small piece of land for food. This often leaves many needs unmet, with the children frequently going to bed hungry.

The dire situation prompted Twahirah Islamic Charity Organisation (TICO) to intervene in this struggling family's life. TICO brought hope and restoration by sponsoring Wamahuyu Amir's education, which had become jeopardized when COVID 19 struck, and by providing food, clothing, and bedding for the entire family. Amir's promotion to Primary Two (P.2) is a clear indication that the previously unpleasant living conditions are steadily improving.



Madam Nakakaawa Hadijah's Gratitude



"I am exceptionally grateful for the social and financial improvements in my once-troubled family. Amir's enrolment in TICO's Education Sponsorship Program, where all his schooling expenses are covered, was a huge relief. It allowed me to use the limited resources available to better the lives of my other six children. The small income I earn as a casual laborer has helped me pay for their school fees.

Amir has become a social boy who no longer isolates himself to grieve about his miserable life. I am hopeful that

education will model him into a better person, enabling him to secure a decent job and sustain himself. I also believe he will extend a helping hand to his brothers and sisters in the future.

My gratitude goes to all the philanthropists who donate to support my son's education and assist my family. May God richly reward you."

What Members Say ?

Bakaaki Nasur's Story



For the time I have been with Twahirah charity organization, we have engaged in a number of charity events such as; providing food relief to the underprivileged, Dhuhia project in dhul Hijja, donation of wheel chairs to the disabled, generating fees for orphans, to mention but a few. Subsequently, we have been consistently creating an increasing positive difference in our societies.

Nevertheless, it is never an easy effort especially in a resource limited world. Thus, I request more members to join this selfless team of Twahirah Charity organization such that we can create more hope and positive change especially in our underprivileged societies.

Thank you once again and may the Almighty Allah accept from members of Twahirah Charity organization and all those that give without stint to the underprivileged.

Assalam alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuhu,

My name is Nasur Bakaaki, currently a resident of Garuga, Entebbe. It's now one year since I joined Twahirah Islamic Charity Organisation (TICO) as a member, a Non-government Organisation. In it, I found a team of determined and selfless members. TICO is guided by principles of accountability and transparency in serving the underprivileged to create a positive impact in society.

Wamala Sarah's Story



Assalam Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh,

As a resident of Kijabijjo village and a proud member of TICO, I am fortunate to have benefited from the incredible projects conducted by our organization. The design and implementation of these projects are top-notch, yielding remarkable results for the vulnerable communities we serve.

From providing food, clothing, and educational support to underserved individuals and communities to promoting Islamic values, the TICO team has excelled in their mission. I have witnessed firsthand how lives from hopeless backgrounds have improved significantly.

My heartfelt gratitude goes out to my fellow members, partners, donors, volunteers, and staff for their unwavering efforts in restoring hope to the lives of the needy.

May Allah bless you all.



**FUTURE
PLANS**

Education Sponsorship



Being able to access education in many parts of the country is a privilege to some people who can afford to. Those who can access education in marginalized communities go to poor schools which according to their capacities cannot afford to avail all quality services needed by the bigger numbers of students. Many children on the other hand are forced to stay at home or even being regularly sent back home for school fees since their parents cannot afford to pay. Such children come from needy families where it is even hard for them to have enough food, beddings or even clean water for home consumption. Poverty, orphan hood, unemployment among other inconsistencies makes parents unable to cater for their families' needs.

As TICO, we improve the lives of these children through sponsoring them from primary level to at least their first degree through attaining good quality education thus reducing the burden of school fees payment from vulnerable parents or guardians.

Orphans and vulnerable children benefit from this program in mostly three ways-provision of school fees, scholastic materials, school visits and assessments.

Family visits and issuing of food packages, clothes, and bedding can be done in case of availability of resources. Sponsor a child at UGX 110,000 (USD 30) a month. It caters for school fees, scholastic materials and a family food package every holiday. Your support will see a vulnerable child's future prepared for because he or she will have knowledge and skills to survive in this competitive world.

Twahirah School Project (Purchasing Land)

According to the UNICEF (2020), Uganda has over two million orphans. One out of seven children in Uganda is an orphan making them 15% of the 60% total youths in the country. Children become orphaned due to a number of reasons including HIV, accidents, wars and ethnic uprisings among others which take their parents' lives leaving their traumatized and impoverished children behind.

Being orphaned without supportive relatives and friends leaves children in an unsure life; there is no food to eat, no shelter, no education, drained with child labour, child abuse and health issues are also left hanging among other unfulfilled needs. This in the end forces children to end up on streets in trying to fend for themselves where they encounter a lot of problems beyond their control.

As Twahirah Islamic Charity Organisation (TICO), we aim at purchasing land where we shall establish the Twahirah School Project. This school shall support orphans and other most vulnerable children to build a better future for them thus becoming better citizens. To make this school more enabling to all orphans, it will have different sections as elaborated below;



- This project will have a section of a Primary School for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC). This school will teach secular and theology syllabuses plus Quran Memorisation to all needy children on our sponsorship program.
- Another section will be for Skills training of the vulnerable children and young adults. Among the skills we intend to train are bakery and cookery, tailoring, hair dressing, candle making, welding and carpentry.
- The other section will be a Sports Centre for different games to help the needy children and young adults in grooming and promoting talents.

Basing on the above motive, we need to raise two hundred forty (240) million Ugandan shillings (USD 62,844) to purchase two (2) acres of land in Wakiso District.

Therefore, Twahirah Islamic Charity Organisation, on behalf of the vulnerable children, calls for your support to restore hope in their lives through the services we ought to provide to them. Join us today.

Consequently therefore, all supported vulnerable children will have access to better education, capacities built and made better citizens who will extend help to those in need in the future.

Membership

Twahirah Islamic Charity Organisation members are crucial in the day today running of the organisation's activities plus projects. It is from these members' contributions through pieces of advice, in kind donations, volunteering and financial support that we are able to serve vulnerable people and communities. By the end of 2023, more than one thousand four hundred twenty-one **(1421)** members had joined the cause of resource mobilization to bail the needy out of their underprivileged lives.

Every philanthropist, be it an individual or an organisation is we come to join our team that strives to restore hope in lives of the needy.

Join Twahirah Islamic Charity Organisation as a member in two (2) Simple Steps

Tico Induction

With Induction, you are oriented about the membership program and TICO projects.

Registration

Lastly, you're requested to fill in the membership form, your details are captured and then a unique charity number is sent to you.

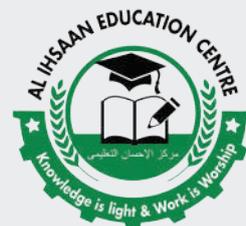
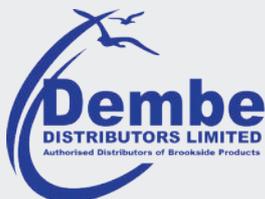
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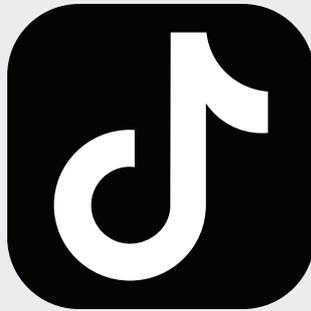


Resource mobilization is paramount to the running of TICO's activities which is normally a daily practice to allow continuity.

Our team met Hajji Kiyimba the Principal of Sweet Valley Islamic Nursery and Primary School to ideate about how best we can strengthen our partnership. We agreed on the terms to be followed by either side. The P.R.O issued a package of gifts to him as a token of appreciation for all the support towards our projects.



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