

# ADOPTAVILLAGE DEVELOPMENT NETWORK



Adopt a Village

Schenken mit Herz und Verstand

“A GIFT SENT WITH THE HEART AND MIND”



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## INTRODUCTION

**Adoptavillage Development Network (ADN)** was inaugurated in August 2016 as a Community Based Organization to conduct charitable and social support activities within the Wakiso District of Uganda.

**ADN** was founded by Ms. Yvonne Nannyonjo Odermatt. She lives and works in Switzerland. Yvonne shared the idea of supporting vulnerable pregnant mothers as well as other community members with a group of close friends and family in Uganda and abroad. So, the main source of funding are contributions from Yvonne and her network of like-minded friends in Uganda and abroad.

### **ADN's aims and objective are:**

1. To contribute towards the improvement of health service provision in semi-rural and rural areas of Wakiso District in Uganda;
2. To empower communities and vulnerable groups to take charge of their basic health care through a preventative model of health promotion; and
3. To empower rural communities to improve their living standards through a holistic Christian and Biblical worldview agenda that emphasizes effective engagement in gainful socio-economic initiatives with maximum utilization of locally available resources.

### **ADN's Management Structure:**

The organization is managed by a 5-member Committee that is responsible for the management and implementation of community-based activities.

The five positions include: Chairperson; Vice-Chairperson; General Secretary; Treasurer; and the Programs Coordinator. The names and contact details of the Committee Members are indicated in **Appendix A** at the end of this report.

**Current area of focus:** Bulabira, Najjera in Wakiso District

**Implementing partner:** Hosanna Pentecostal Church in Bulabira Zone, Najjera

The Lead Pastor of Hosanna Pentecostal Church leads the outreach activities in the locality and so helps to identify vulnerable, Pregnant Mothers through the network of Church Members in Bulabira Zone, Najjera.

This report summarizes the current accomplishments of ADN to date.

## OVERVIEW OF ADN ACTIVITIES

Adoptavillage Development Network (ADN) as a Community Based Organization is pro-actively involved in the promotion and uplifting of the quality of life of vulnerable people in the informal settlements or slum areas of Wakiso District bordering the Central district of Kampala. The broad objective is to strengthen family units by boosting their economic, social and spiritual welfare. The secondary objectives are to support poverty alleviation and health promotion to prevent disease/ill-health. In that way ADN hopes to lessen all forms of socio-economic and psycho-social barriers to the development of communities. ADN identified a suitable entry point by partnering with a Christian organization, namely Hosanna Pentecostal Church that is located within an informal settlement, namely Bulabira, Najjera.

In the last 7 years or so, ADN has provided support to socially and financially vulnerable, pregnant mothers who are attending antenatal services in the public health facilities but have limited funds to prepare adequately for the safe delivery of their babies. In collaboration with Hosanna Pentecostal Church, we identify vulnerable pregnant women and/or teenage age girls going to give birth for the first time and provide the basic items they require for a safe birth. Two-thirds of the recipients are young (15-24 years), and live in informal settlements or slum areas. More often than not the men responsible for their pregnancy are not able to

support their female partners throughout their pregnancy to a safe childbirth. The full description of support provided to Pregnant mothers is outlined in section A below. Furthermore, ADN provides, at the end of year, basic food items to families identified by Hosanna Pentecostal Church also described in section B below.

**A. Provision of essential maternity items to vulnerable Pregnant Mothers:**

- I. One **'Maama kit'** which is designed to help a pregnant woman in Uganda to deliver her baby safely & hygienically. Its contents include:
  - a. 2-meter piece of plastic sheet for a woman in labour to lie on;
  - b. Half meter of plastic sheet to provide clean surface for items being used;
  - c. 2 pairs of surgical gloves;
  - d. A piece of soap for washing hands;
  - e. A roll of cotton wool;
  - f. A new razor blade for cutting the baby's umbilical cord;
  - g. 2 pieces of thread or tape for tying the umbilical cord;
  - h. 2 packs of gauze for cleaning the Baby's eyes.
- II. Maternity pads for the mother.
- III. A Baby overall (to keep the Baby warm after birth).
- IV. A Baby basin.
- V. A pair of Baby sheets.
- VI. Each pregnant mother is also given **Uganda shillings 50,000 (approximately \$13)** to cover hospital bills at the time of giving birth.

**B. Food distribution to Families/Individuals in the community**

At the end of each year during the Christmas season, Adoptavillage provides basic food packs for vulnerable families/individuals. The food packs include:

1. 2 Kilograms of rice
2. 1 (one) Kilogram of sugar
3. 500 grams of cooking salt
4. A 250ml or 500ml packet of cooking oil

**C. Distribution of donations from ADN members & well-wishers:**

These include assorted baby, toddler and adult clothing (including overalls, jackets, sweaters, bedsheets, towels, light duvets, shoes & bags) that have been distributed to the vulnerable during the 27 outreaches implemented to date.

ADN caters for the administrative and logistical costs involved in the sourcing, purchasing, delivery and distribution of the items and donations to the identified beneficiaries. The Hosanna Pentecostal Church premises/compound in Bulabira is the main venue for the handover of the items to the beneficiaries.

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## **DESCRIPTION OF ADN ACTIVITIES**

Approximately every 3 months, after contributions have been consolidated, the Chairperson prompts the Pastor of Hosanna Pentecostal Church to reach out in the community for Mothers who are pregnant. The Pastor utilizes the social network he and his Church members have built to identify potential mothers. The Pastor visits each mother and offers support and if they agree their details are written down and they are informed of the date for the distribution of the items, which is referred to as an 'Outreach'.

On the Outreach Day, normally a Saturday afternoon, the Chairperson delivers the donations to the Hosanna Pentecostal Church premises for distribution to the gathered recipients. The Pastor leads the distribution confirming the names of the identified Mothers as they receive their items. Some pictures of the recipients and the items they receive are shared in the photo gallery in **Appendix B**. There have been, so far, twenty-two (22) outreaches that have catered to Pregnant mothers exclusively.



Once a year, usually in December, ADN does provide food packages shortly before Christmas day to families and/or individuals identified by the Pastor and his team. The food distribution, concurrently, may or may not include vulnerable pregnant mothers, depending on the resources at hand.

Generally, 3 out of 4 outreaches, in a typical year, have been dedicated to the provision of essential maternity items to vulnerable pregnant mothers. The number of Outreaches conducted in a year has been heavily dependent on the financial contributions received /collected from ADN supporters. The Chief mobilizer of the funding has been the ADN Founder.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

This report covers the period 1<sup>ST</sup> December 2016 to 31<sup>ST</sup> March 2023.

<b>Total number of outreach activities</b>	<b>27 (TWENTY – SEVEN) *</b>
<b>Outreaches to vulnerable pregnant mothers</b>	<b>22 (TWENTY – TWO)</b>
<b>Number of Beneficiaries to Date</b>	
<b>Category of recipients/items</b>	Number
1. Vulnerable Pregnant mothers	<b>291</b>
2. Families/Individuals	<b>923</b>
3. Clothing distributed (pieces)	<b>432</b>

\*The 27 outreaches are a combination of activities targeting vulnerable pregnant mothers and families/individuals in the community. So out of the 27 outreaches, the majority, that is to say 22, targeted vulnerable pregnant mothers.

## CHALLENGES AND LIMITATIONS

### **I. Low funding levels limiting the scope of activities implemented**

**ADN** has implemented a limited range of activities or programs than otherwise planned due to limited financial resources. With regard to Objective 1 (one), we have only been able to support the promotion of safer child birth and motherhood among the vulnerable women who are in informal relationships and face the dilemma of unplanned pregnancy. With regard to Objectives 2 and 3, significant funding streams are required and current contribution volumes have not added up to the required level to sustain program level activities.

### **II. Incapacity to recruit qualified, full-time staff/professionals to conduct regular programs**

Furthermore, ADN is currently limited in its capacity to employ professional staff and maintain offices that would ensure a steady stream of programs in the target population. Through our partnership with Hosanna Pentecostal Church, only intermittent activities can be implemented. Hence, the schedule of activities can only be implemented at quarterly intervals to manage the costs of purchasing the safe motherhood items and covering administrative expenditures of the outreach activities.

### **III. Limited capacity to expand into new target areas**

The limited resource envelope implies that ADN cannot expand its activities outside the current focal area of Bulabira, Najjera, Wakiso District. Vulnerable mothers and vulnerable families are found in the numerous informal settlements/slums in Wakiso district, that has the largest urban areas of Uganda.

## PROJECT EXPENDITURE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

COST DESCRIPTION	UGX	USD*	%
Project expenses on beneficiaries	<b>39,416,700</b>	<b>10,575.98</b>	<b>87.9%</b>
Administrative overheads & expenses	<b>5,425,392</b>	<b>1,455.70</b>	<b>12.1%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44,842,092</b>	<b>12,031.69</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

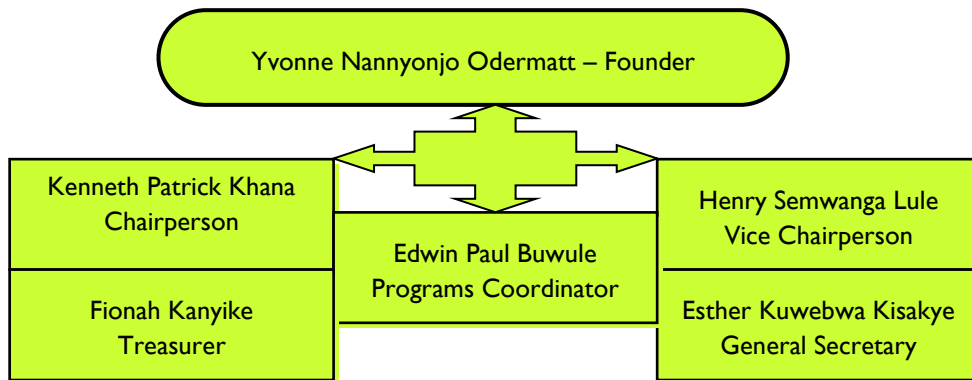
\* The Dollar rate to the Ugandan Shilling at time of reporting was UGX 3,710 to 1(one) U.S. Dollar.

### MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY EXPENDITURE OVERVIEWS

Year/Month	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	QUARTERLY
<b>JANUARY</b>	-	-	-	2,175,000	-	-	-	-	<b>8,764,800</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	-	-	750,000	-	-	1,331,800	-	1,875,000	
<b>MARCH</b>	-	-	-	-	983,000	-	1,650,000	-	
<b>APRIL</b>	-	847,000	-	1,207,332	-	1,960,560	-	-	<b>5,255,892</b>
<b>MAY</b>	-	788,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>JUNE</b>	-	-	453,000	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>JULY</b>	-	766,000	-	476,000	1,442,000	-	3,355,000	-	<b>9,302,000</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	-	-	-	-	-	1,445,000	-	-	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	-	568,000	1,250,000	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>OCTOBER</b>	-	-	-	-	1,360,000	6,695,500	-	-	<b>21,519,400</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>DECEMBER</b>	1,225,900	2,526,000	-	2,627,000	1,558,000	3,603,000	1,924,000	-	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,225,900</b>	<b>5,495,000</b>	<b>2,453,000</b>	<b>6,485,332</b>	<b>5,343,000</b>	<b>15,035,860</b>	<b>6,929,000</b>	<b>1,875,000</b>	<b>44,842,092</b>

## APPENDICES

### APPENDIX A: ADOPTAVILLAGE DEVELOPMENT NETWORK ORGANOGRAM



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**APPENDIX B: PHOTO GALLERY**



Maternity Package for Pregnant Mothers



Food Package: Rice, Sugar, Salt & Cooking oil



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Distribution of Food Packages – December 2016



Yvonne Odermatt serves new mothers 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 while on a visit to the project





Distribution of Food Packages – 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017



Food items bought in bulk (right) and then packaged for distribution (left)



A new mother shares her experience



Mothers pose with ADN Founder, Yvonne





Mother presented with Baby Care items on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017



Mothers served on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017



Mothers served 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017





Pregnant Mothers' Outreach on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2018



Pregnant Mothers' Outreach on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2018



Pregnant Mothers' Outreach on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2018





Food Distribution on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in Nyawino, Kiryandongo



Food Distribution on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in Nyawino, Kiryandongo



Food Distribution on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in Nyawino, Kiryandongo





Mothers served 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019 including extra baby clothes donated by well-wishers.



Displaying Baby clothing donated by well-wishers.



Baby footwear



A group photo with Chairperson ADN.





Pregnant Mothers served on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019



On 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019 the mothers also received clothing for themselves



On 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Mothers also received clothing donated by well-wishers from abroad





7<sup>th</sup> March 2020



Some of the Pregnant Mothers served on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020 through home visits



18<sup>th</sup> July 2020





Pregnant Mothers served 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020



Outreach on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 combining Food and Maternity Package distribution



Outreach on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 combining Food and Maternity Package distribution





Pregnant Mothers served 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021



Pregnant Mothers served 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021



Pregnant Mothers served 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021





Pregnant Mothers served 21<sup>st</sup> August 2021



50 Mothers were served on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2021



23<sup>rd</sup> October 2021





Food Distribution on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021



22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021



200 Families/Individuals were served





Pregnant Mothers served 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022



40 Pregnant Mothers were served on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022



Some of the 40 Mothers served 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022





Pregnant Mothers served 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023



Pregnant Mothers served 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023



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