

Fulaa means “waterfall” in the Madi language of the Sudanese people and signifies the abundant hope available through Jesus Christ, the living water.

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A Ministry of Compassion and Concern to the Persecuted People and Making a Difference in the Lives of Orphans in South Sudan through Christ

RE: GENERAL ANNUAL REPORT 2019

INITIATIVE: children’s home, school section, Health and sanitation department and administrative work.

BACKGROUND

FULAA LIFELINE INTERNATIONAL life line international is a Christian faith based organization founded on **5th march 1999** by group of concerned south Sudanese Christian humanitarian’s activists with the aim of providing charitable and developmental service to the vulnerable people of south Sudan. The organization works with the church especially **THE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCHES** to support vulnerable communities such as; orphans, war victims, refugees, displaced persons and other affected/distressed people and designs programs that facilitates relief, rehabilitation, education, health and development for the above targets in south Sudan since 1999 to date not until the changing security situation in the Republic of South Sudan

FLI Vision and Mission Statement

Vision:

“A ministry of compassion and concern to make a difference in the lives of orphans and disaster affected communities through Christ”.

Mission:

“Fulaa works to maintain concern to support disaster victims such as refugees, internally displaced persons and Christian charity workers through humanitarian aids such as emergency relief, rehabilitation and post disaster development”.

The general annual report below covers a period of January to December 2019, and is categorised into achievements, challenges and urgent needs. Below were the major activities achieved.

A) ACHIEVEMENTS:

1. Construction of the children’s home girls’ dormitory structure.

The official commissioning was done by officials’ from the district, members of the children’s home management committee, donors and the district officials from Adjumani district. The construction work went on for a period of five months from the start to finishing, say (March to July-2019). This was one of the major achievements that targeted accommodation for the children within cornerstone children’s home. Below are the photos.

Launching of the construction

construction work in progress, raising of the wall



The septic tank



dormitory structure



2. Submissive water pump

The community of cornerstone at the same time was blessed with a submissive water pump project aiming at extending and supplying clean and safe water to all people within and around in the nearby communities. This project was successfully achieved and officially opened by Rev. Samuel, Pr. Bill – the Board Members and officials from the district, department of health and social welfare office in March 2019. This was a great achievement and till date, the communities are benefitting from this project. Below are the photos.

Rev. Samuel officially opening the water taps

water storage tanks, and solar system



3. Scholarship program for all the children

Our general school programs for the year has always got three phases, say terms 1, 2 and 3 respectively where by children attend to their academics for mental spiritual, physical and psychosocial growth and development. This moves in line with provision of all scholastic materials, payment of school fees, school visitation programs, and payment of teachers' salaries- through the education grants, school development plans, co-curricular / recreation activities among others. We are so grateful for the support for this program, and our great achievement is that all the children performed well and have been promoted to the next classes. Below are the photos

Kids' scholastic materials- provided termly (for the children in cornerstone children's home)



Visitation program – secondary school kids, provided with text books, and always guided and counselled where they find difficulties in their respective performances. There after a lunch is shared with the team that goes for the visit.



School development plan- construction of the classroom structure for cornerstone nursery and primary school, provision of desks for learning, especially in cornerstone primary school, extension of the land to promote a good child friendly space during school activities.

Constructed classroom block learners

Desks- to promote comfortable seating places for the



Other school activities which include athletics, competitions for football, end of term activities like skits and graduation/ end of year's celebrations.



4. Recruitment program.

Our children's home management has contracted a social worker, who is now part of the children's home management committee and deals directly with the children. Her major role is overseeing the social and psychological welfare of all the children and staffs within the home. This is also one of the requirements by the ministry of gender labor and social development in Uganda, as a requirement for an approved home. Below are some of the activities carried out

Counseling and guidance- both the children and mothers.



Organizes trainings for staffs and social talks with the children



5. Drainage of the home latrines

This is one of the projects, for the promotion of clean and safe environment. This is a quarterly activity done under the supervision of the health and sanitation group, under the supervision of the district health officer.



6. Meetings

During the year, different meetings such as general staffs, meeting, management and administration meeting, family meetings- for the children, children's home management meetings, for the home management committee among others were organized to fulfill different roles such as drawing plans, decision making, guidance and appreciation of staffs for their works, review of roles and responsibilities and also spiritual growth and development.

Formation of the children's home management committee meeting



Children's home management committee meeting



Family meeting (staff and children at cornerstone home)

General staffs meeting.



7. Tree planting and compound design program

Our children's home compound was also designed in a way that promotes good friendly space and environment, say pathways, sheds for recreation, flowers for beauty and also in the long run, fruits for the kid's health. In the compound, variety of fruits have been planted, as well as paths created to different destinations. Below are the photos



8. Sustainability plan.

Under our agriculture and livelihood, children and staffs joined hands in the preparation of land for agriculture, say planting of maize and groundnuts to supplement their feeding program. Out of that, groundnuts and maize were harvested and sored for consumption. Also the management took a step to plan for a vast land that will later be used for agriculture in order to sustain the home.

Harvested Groundnuts for the home

checking for vast lands





9. Clinic improvement

Our clinic is now empowered with solar batteries and panels that help in the proper functioning of the fridge and proper storage of the reagents. We are also grateful to the board who helped in availing the centrifuge machine, reagents, uniforms and name tags for the clinic department. Among all, they oversee the daily health and wellbeing of all the children in the home, through treatment of diseases, health and sanitation programs among others.

Reagents

Staff Uniforms



Solar installation
work

Fridge operation

Lab. Technician at his



Also under the health and sanitation, children's health and wellbeing was taken into concern, that is, through provision of Murkington sheets for the children's mattresses, provision of washable sanitary towels for the girls, clothes as well as hygiene packs (buckets, sponges, towels, soap, jellies, deodorants, toothpaste and brushes, slippers among others) for all, to help in the improvement of their general body hygiene.

Sawing of the Murkington sheets

hygiene packs for all the children



Sanitary towels/ always for the girls



clothes for children



10. Visiting teams

We are so grateful for the visitors that had time to visit cornerstone children's home and family in the whole year, for they brought blessings un to the whole family. Among these were the YWAM (Youth with a mission) from Arua side, Rev.Samuel and family, PR. Bill Keynes and friends, and their visit always bring hope to the orphans and the different activates with children promote spiritual growth and psychosocial healing.

Rev. Samuel, Pr. Bill Keynes and friends at cornerstone

Mama Esther's visit to the home



Bible teachings for the elderly kids

YWAM- performing playing activity with the children



11. The youth camp meeting

The youth camp was also carried out for several times for our EFCS church youth spiritual growth and developments. During the camp meetings, election of leader, spiritual war fares, presentations, and learning the word of God is also done. Facilitators are invited from different churches and pastors trainings to facilitate programs for the youth during these sessions. The recent one was carried out in cornerstone evangelical free church- Palanyau Adjumani district.



12. **Hydroelectricity power extension**

We have got the hope that the assessment for the extension of electricity to our children's home will also fully succeed, for the great developments in future. The power extension team visited our community for sensitization and assessment and only called upon us to cooperate as they extend these services to all people. With that, our compound has been marked too, for the poles planting as seen below.

Awareness program
planted

marked place for the pole to be



13. Appraisal for all the staffs.

As our human resource manual states, assessment of all the staffs work performance i.e. efficiency and effectiveness in performance of each individual roles, time management, relationships between the children, fellow staffs and the church as related to work. All the staffs had an appraisal exercise that marked the end of the year 2019. Appreciations were done for the best performants, while warnings and corrections were also passed for those whose mistakes were found. The departments included the administrators, the clinic, mothers, matrons, cooks and guards and later on to the teaching staff.

Lilian, one of the mother in the appraisal panel

Flora keje one of the matrons being appreciated.



The best performers were the mothers, matrons and the guards, who were awarded with certificates for good performance and special gifts as well. This acted as a motivation to the staffs

14. Christmas gifts and celebrations

We are so grateful for our friends over there who always remember us during the Christmas celebrations, through providing clothes, food and any other needs especially for the Christmas and festive season. Our celebrations were successful. Our children are really grateful, that even where we see there isn't any hope, God provides. Below are the photos.

Christmas clothes, and shoes for young children, both boys and girls



Christmas day church service- Sunday school kids during their presentation time.



Christmas Food and drinks



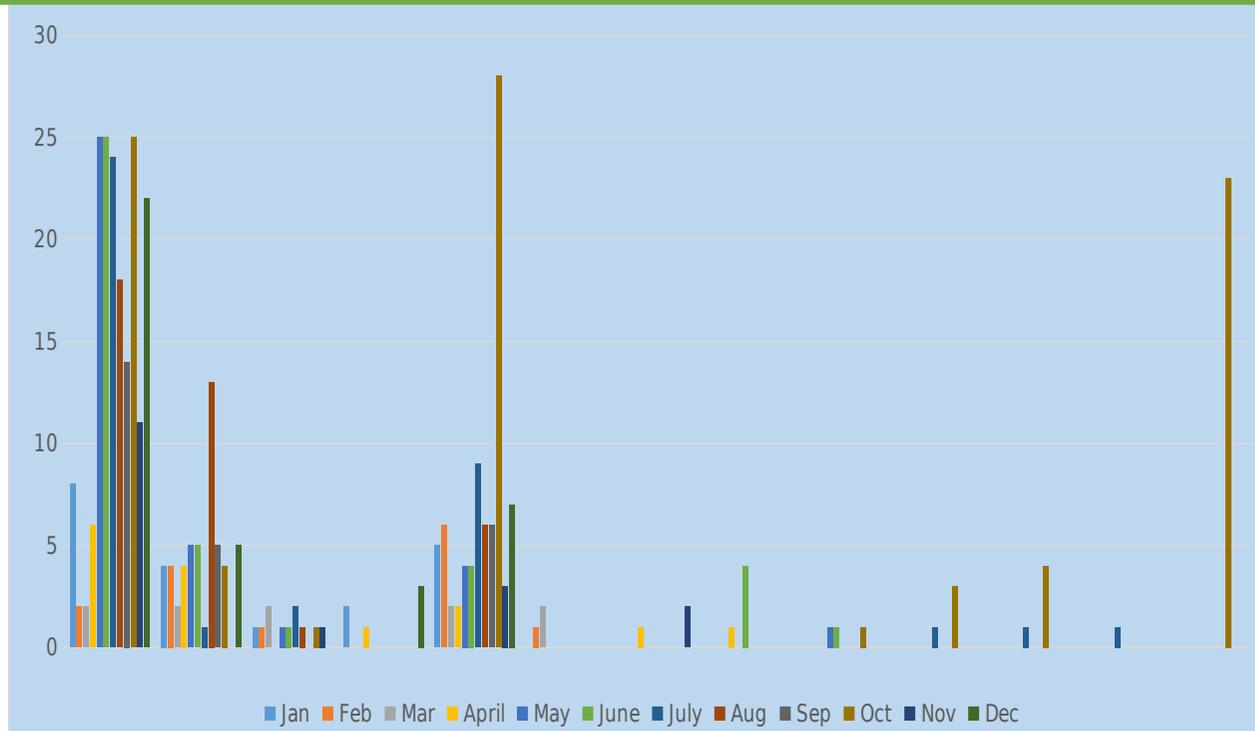
13. Kids general health and sanitation.

In the year 2019, our children both in the school and children's home have been taken care of well, general medical checkups were carried out termly, vaccinations, health parades during school activities, treatment of diseases, counselling and guidance, monitoring and follow-ups of the patients, admissions and a few referrals were also done. We appreciate the general support from all partners towards our health in cornerstone family. No deaths were registered.

The table below presents the general medical statistics as per the year 209

s/ no	Diseases	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	Malaria	8	2	2	6	25	25	24	18	14	25	11	22
2	Abscess and wounds	4	4	2	4	5	5	1	13	5	4		5
3	Urinary Tract Infections (UTI)	1	1	2		1	1	2	1		1	1	
4	Intestinal worm	2			1								3
5	Upper Respiratory Tract Inf. (URT)	5	6	2	2	4	4	9	6	6	28	3	7
6	Fungal Infections		1	2									
7	Tonsillitis				1							2	
8	Mumps				1		4						
9	Peptic ulcer disease					1	1				1		
10	Ringworms							1			3		
11	Scabies							1			4		
12	Snake bites							1					
13	Typhoid										23		

The bar chart below shows the different cases attended to both male and female against the months of the year.



B. CHALLENGES

The major challenges that affected proper progress within the year 2019 included;

1. The threats from the government of Uganda which is threats to close up the home due to not being fully registered and approved as a children's home to operate within Uganda. This is due to other factors that are not yet fulfilled such as the land for future sustainability, boys dormitory structure
2. Fluctuation in the daily weather conditions leading to outbreak of malaria and other conditions that normally affect the lives of children especially during their school times.

Urgent need/ prioritised- 2020, plan

1. Construction of the boys dormitory structure
2. Agriculture and livelihood project
3. Extension of the land – for more construction work
4. Construction of the clinic structure
5. Registration of the children's home
6. Support for children's activities

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