

Vote of thanks

One main segment of the past year consisted of working together with Network-Partners within Uganda as well as getting to know new organizations. We are very thankful about the support of:

- "Red Chairities", comprising of financing treatments up to a sum of 13.200,00 EUR.
- Further support was given by the NGO "Children for a better world e.V.", summing up to 1.500,00 EUR. This donation is intended for appliances, such as wheelchairs or CP-chairs.
- Much appreciation also goes to GMMT we benefited much from the assistance they gave based in Namutamba. We are very grateful for the lasting friendship!
- We appreciate Neukirchener Mission for being on the fore front of supporting Namutamba RC. And your interest in its work is being seen. We are very grateful for the long-lasting support and assistance of the Neukirchner Mission in Germany! Without the backing from many German Staffs and carrying it together in prayer, this work would not have been possible.
- CBM : for the good cooperation and paying operation fees for children at CoRSU hospital.
- CoRSU Hospital: for close networking in the whole process of rehabilitation of clients.

- Katalemwa Cheshire Home : for cooperation.
- DHO's office Mityana District : for networking
- Lilian Foundation Netherlands : for supporting children in their rehabilitation and skills training.
- Child fund Kyankwanzi –Kiboga: for supporting clients you send here at NRC.
- Mityana Diocese: for good cooperation within Mityana Diocese.
- The individual donors like; Rev. Dodie from England, grateful for loving NRC and for bringing many people to support us.
- Mr. Frank Kabushenga: For loving NRC and your support.
- A chance For Children: For the good cooperation.
- We are also so appreciative of the German working group for all commitment to the success of the Center.
- NRC board: we are grateful for the strategic guidance.
- Christliche Fachkräfte International: Thank you for your cooperation

Challenges

- Resuming the governmental support for the Rehabilitation Center the Management team of the Center is working on regaining the support, which proves to be challenging. However, there is hope of getting it again.
- Infrastructural renovations demands. It is a need within and outside of the house of the Rehabilitation Center.
- Lack of a technical personnel for repairs and mending.
- Increasing cost of living

The following are planned for the coming year:

- Outreaches are planned. In addition, our VMs assist us in organizing self-help groups for parents with children whom are suffering from physical disabilities. Further more, these groups are encouraged to refer patients with medical needs to the Rehabilitation Center.
- Renovation of the rehabilitation Center: We will fundraise and implement renovation of the the building.
- They will mainly work on the guest room.
- Welcoming volunteers, some are already planned for like Helene Klanthe, she will come around July-August for one year. An Occupational Therapist from America may also come.
- The Management will be further optimized and trained.
- Networking and working together with NGOs in Uganda and worldwide will continue.
- New project money needs will be sought, the Rehabilitation Center also needs new donors to be able to continue this important work. This coming year will also be devoted to the search of new supporters for the Rehabilitation Center in order to finance our work. We are especially looking for long-term funding, so as to enable the continuity of our work from within Uganda and Internationally.
- Involving more of the board in the work of the Rehabilitation Center.
- Acquire some land for the projects.
- Public relational work

Contact information

Namutamba RC is Non Government and Non Profit organisation which depends donations to operate. It is therefore, our plea is that; if there is any way you can act, say; mobilizing resources and advocating for the children (especially with disabilities), it is highly recommendable. To be a blessing to children use the account below:

Account No. 9010603227. Centenary Bank, Mityana Name: Namutamba Rehabilitation Center. Namutamba Rehabilitation Center welcomes the partnership and any mutual cooperation with other organisation and we mainly encourage closer collaboration with organisation that help children and youth with disabilities.

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For more information about NRC visit our website: www.reha-uganda.org

Please continue to pray for the work on children with special needs in Uganda. Thank you very much for your support!

NAMUTAMBA REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR CHILDREN (NRC)

REPORT 2016

To us at NRC every child is special, it is therefore, a pride to see a positive change in each child's life, especially those God has entrusted us with at NRC. We so much want to create positivity in many other children with disabilities out there. We want to see them enjoying life God has given them by being accepted at least by;

1. Their families: we believe it all starts with the family, the community and then a society.
2. Raising their esteem so they may feel that it's worth to live and pursue the future like any other child or person.
3. Reduce or stop pain, some conditions cause painful-living which is over burdening the child. Stopping it is our goal
4. Restore or create abilities through correction of deformities and working on encouraging functional compensation.
5. Creating / reducing environmental barriers that affect their mobility through advocacy.

At NRC, we never stop thinking about ways to improve the wellbeing of a child with disability. Therefore, the journey still continues.... During the year 2016 we were able to asses children through our different programmes and we were able to give them service , however , we limited the number of children on admission because of different reasons including; staffing number, space, varying needsto our offers , basically we have to balance between our resources and the population.

This work is enabled by a number of donors who donate through Neukirchener Mission; the mission has been supporting financially and has also been sending volunteers to manage the Finance and operation of the Center. Due to current changes in the government policies and the NGO board, a decision was made to strengthen the Uganda-leadership; therefore a transfer of leadership was implemented. In this change, a gap for the new "NRC leadership" coach was identified and bridged. Our desire is to see a sustainable Center where children with disabilities with their parents/caregivers can continuously seek help and find it, and an entity which is a community's pride; a source of positivity to the community.



Message from the Board chair person



The year 2016 marked a lot of changes in the organization especially the administration and the entire structure of the Center. I must say that we are in a transition stage; we are

transiting the NGO from total foreign dependency to a local concern. It is time to convince our mind to release all God given talents and potential so as to discover available possibilities for this cause to run and keep sustained. I wish to appreciate Neukirchener Mission for the continuous support even in this transition, Sincere appreciation also go to Christian services international for the interest you have to support NRC in our transition stage. God is the one who started this work and I am sure He will accomplish it and all His will will be done as we keep on Him as a branch keeps itself on the tree to survive. Many thanks to the former leader of NRC, Miss Lydia Lehmann. It was a big contribution she made to the survival of the organisation. I also sincerely appreciate the management and the Board of the Center for all your support during the year 2016. I hope we will continue working together in the same spirit even in 2017. May God bless you all.

Rev. Mwesigwa

Major High lights for 2016

This last year was marked by many changes in human resource. Main change consisted of the handing over the headship to Betty Nakafunvu. After five loyal years of leadership, Lydia Lehman officially handed over the management of the Center to another loyal and qualified person in June. In addition, Daniel Höyneck and his family joined the Center in July. He is sent by the German organization "Christliche Fachkräfte International" and will partake coaching and working together with the Management Team of the Center. The handing over of the Rehabilitation Center into Ugandan hands has hereby commenced, and this is termed as 'a big step forward'.

....."It is 6 months ago since Miss. Lydia Lehmann left and I took over the leadership. The experience has been a bit challenging but also building. To forget a challenge is so simple, it just takes a reap; therefore, my greatest joy is when I see a positive change in a child and that is the "reap". I hereby presenting to you some major highlights for the year 2016 below as they occurred;

February

- Alex Kasigazi was employed as a new Cattle Shepherd as well as a farmer for the Rehabilitation Center. He is a quiet and conscientious employee and very much cherished by our children.

- We held capacity building meetings to health workers of Mityana and Mubende. Emphasis was on how to handle treatment of different Epileptic patients.

- Pastor Dodie and her team from England visited the Center in Namutamba. Her visit belonged to the climax of the past year, as she always prepares a feast for our children and brings along many donations in kind.

March

- We visited three schools in Mityana district; this is termed as disability screening trainings on the proper handling of children with special needs as well as to identify new patients. We often hear from other children about children with disabilities who are neglected or even locked in.

- Part of our land was planted with eucalyptus trees, in order to provide firewood resources for the Center

- We received a special donation from within Uganda by Mr. Kabushenga

April.

- Irene Nakirugu was employed as our new nurse. She had a very good start and is a reliable person. Apart from her occupation she also shows her talent at radio quizzes, where she answers questions about the bible with success.

- We visited six other schools in Mityana District, offering teachings as well as engaging in valuable conversations.

May

- Treatment of Epilepsy patients was officially taken over by the government and private facilities. The Rehabilitation Center still offers advice to the governmental and other private health facilities on dealing with Epileptic patients.

June

- Betty Nakafunvu was officially inaugurated into leadership of the Rehabilitation Center. Many guests attended the handing-over ceremony. Special guest included; church leaders, community leaders and delegates from Germany as mentioned; Mr. Thomas Maurer and Dr.

July:

- Daniel and Lilli Höyneck (with Tirza, Gideon and Jemima) were received festively and with much love by the Rehabilitation Center.



- After one year of devoted assistance, Marie-Sophie Otto left, she went for further studies. She was a great volunteer.

- Another difficult parting took place for the Center: Lydia Lehmann was also bid farewell in a very loving and appreciating ceremony. We are very thankful for her remarkable achievements.

August:

- Due to a generous donation we were able to purchase new solar-batteries. We appreciate the Donor (names withheld) so much. It was hard especially during longer Hydro-power cuts.

- The search for a new Social Worker ended: Nelson Ssentongo joined the Center. He took his employment with much joy and enthusiasm and has a great heart for our children.

- A Symposium concerning child rights took place in Mityana. The presentation of the Center was set at a preferred position of the program, professionally and inspiringly presented by Betty Nakafunvu.

October:

- Again we received a visit from Pastor Dodie and her British group. We were overwhelmed by the love they showed us!

December:

- One of the highlights within this year was our Christmas celebration.

The intensive preparations were really worth the cause, it was a wonderful feast. The presents from Germany to the children, which were packed with much love, were received joyfully. The happy children unpacking and cherishing their gifts will remain in our memories. We appreciate all diligent supporters from Germany! It was really great.

- Ute Rüdiger combined her travels with a visit to Namutamba in order to give advice to the Rehabilitation Center. She also represented the Working Team of the Rehabilitation Center, which consists of very involved people in Germany, who carry the work of the Rehabilitation Center in their heart and support it. We appreciate her valuable contribution!

- Christina Mehri, a volunteer of the Ugandan NGO "Vision for Africa" visited the Rehabilitation Center after Christmas and was actively involved in the Center's work voluntarily. Such support is very meaningful to the Rehabilitation Center, especially the children.

BABIRYE'S SUCCESS STORY

Babirye Catherine was 9 year with knock knees when her mother brought her at NRC to seek some advice because of her then worsening condition, they came from Kyabayima-Manyogaseka subcounty in Mubende district. Looking at a joyful/celebrating mother of Cathy, we demanded her experience with her child's former condition. She seemed so motivated to unveil the cause of her joy and here are her narrations. "I got Cathy as a healthy baby and I was glad to have a baby girl but later when my child was starting to walk, I realised that my child's movements were being encumbered by a disabling condition. Legs kept knocking each other and she often fell or failed to do some activities. It became worse and worse. Some people from the community started staring at her and nick naming her certain names, this always hurt me but I had nothing to do. I was often advised on what to do from the different herbalists, but it didn't work out. But now seeing her able to stand straight and walk normally, I feel relieved. Even as she went through pain to achieve this, it worth it! Cathy got several surgeries with the help from Namutamba RC and she was cared for well for the long time we have been here.

Thank you to all who support **Namutamba RC.**



Babirye's Before



After

Special Achievement (to our cause)

The sums below gives the details of our services; many of these came more times hereafter, to continue with treatment. In total we organized for 74 operations which were done in our partner-hospital "CoRSU".

Table 1: No. of patients Treated

Group	No of clients
Surgeries during the year	74
Total inpatient during the year	233
Total outpatient	1366
First time attendance	332

Table 2: Conditions in new client 2016

Condition	No. of children
Cerebral Palsy	126
Epilepsy	30
Osteomyelitis	18
CTEV	20
PIP	21
Deformities(born with)	20
Post burn contractures	7
Hydrocephalus	9
Cleft lip palate	11
Others	70

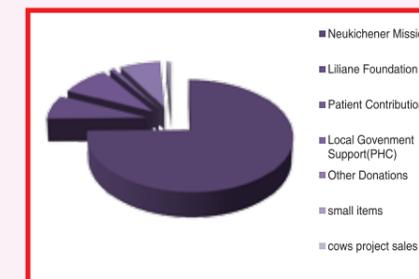
-NRC was exempted from Income Tax and the said arrears were waived.

-There was less staff turnover and was a good working climate, the Staff was well engaged. We introduced a new recreational meeting of all Staffs, to show acknowledgement and to support socializing within the team. These meetings take place on a monthly basis.



Children at Namutamba

The income



Financial information

The expense:

