



# **DREAM HEART FOUNDATION**

## **(DHEF-UGANDA)**

**MASAKA, UGANDA**

## **Organizational Profile**

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## **Acronyms**

CBO - Community Based Organization

DHEF-Uganda - Dream Heart Foundation

AIDS - Acquired immune-deficiency syndrome

HIV - Human immune virus

PWD - People with disabilities

OVC - Orphans and vulnerable children

AYG - Young adolescent girls

## Organizational Profile

**Organization Name:** Dream Heart Foundation (DHEF -UGANDA)

**Registration Status:** A company limited by guarantee No: 80020003705164

**Organization Type:** Community Based Organization (CBO).

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## Introduction

The Dream Heart Foundation (DHEF-UGANDA) is a nonprofit Community based Organization (CBO) working with marginalized and disadvantaged groups. Founded in 2019 and we became fully registered as a CBO by the Masaka City Municipality in 2021 with the purpose of transforming the quality of life in communities and providing greater opportunities for future sustainable socio-economic development. To achieve our means we focus on community development, Education, Health and Agriculture. As a registered member of the Masaka City NGO Forum (MACINGOF), we are dedicated to transform lives. The dedication of our volunteers, staff members, and partners, we strive to help those in need. We pursue transformation through our thematic programmes, aiming to address the complexities of poverty and deprivation.

We work tirelessly to feed Children, house the Homeless and advocating for accessible education and healthcare. We depend on financial, material and technical assistance for our goals, objectives, activities and programs. We welcome and encourage unity and collective efforts of volunteers, partners and donors to help us make a difference that will change the lives of communities that can be felt by future generations.

## Background

The Dream Heart Foundation was created in 2019 by a small group of students at Kampala University who were conducting research of social challenges felt by local communities in Masaka. Key challenges observed included poor community welfare, limited education opportunities for orphans and vulnerable children as well as high unemployment rates amongst young people. Their decision to form an organisation to address these challenges and implement their shared drive and passion was the first step towards achieving community transformation and a brighter future.

We began our operations in a village called Kimaanya A, providing counselling, sanitary pad and school materials to the local community. Since then, the organization has grown, as of 2020 we have welcomed over 30 members and 20 volunteers. We became a registered CBO in 2021. To complete our registration, we underwent an identity shift transforming from the Dream Kings Foundation to the Dream Heart Foundation. We then became a company limited by guarantee (non-profit) in July 2022.

## Our Mission

To provide assistance to less privileged children and families, restore hope and advocate to community transformation.

## Our Vision

To become the leading organization in transforming lives and dreams of less privileged people in the community.

## Our Core Values

**Love and Care:** We care and do everything in love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

**Integrity and Transparency:** We work with a high level of integrity, trust and transparency at DHEF-Uganda. The value of integrity applies to all our organisational staff.

**Kindness:** We are kind to one another, tenderhearted and forgiving.

**Transformation and Change:** We focus on change and transformation of people in the communities.

**Compassion:** We are compassion driven.

**Sympathy:** We sympathize and value everyone's feelings.

**Excellence:** We deliver what we promise and exceeding expectations.

## Goal

We are dedicated to improve the living standards of the vulnerable communities through provision of basic needs, extending education to OVCs and advocating for socio-economic transformation.

## Strategy

We want to achieve our goals efficiently and sustainably. We have adopted a demand-driven approach that cohesively addresses the problem whilst optimising community engagement and utilising local resources. The program goal is made tangible due to the assistance we receive from philanthropists, members and donor agencies.

## Areas of Focus

We primarily focus on education and health in order to achieve our goals and objectives.

## Thematic Programme

1. *Education Program Aid (EPA):* Giving access to education through providing learning materials and tuition payments to underprivileged children.
2. *Street kids, Orphans and Vulnerable Children:* Supporting children in providing stable livelihoods, basic needs and security.
3. *Community Outreach Program:* Building relationships, upgrading infrastructure, protecting the natural environment and fostering sustainable development.

4. *Girl Child Program (GCP)*: Empowering women and girls in their health, education and their choices.

5. *Entrepreneurial and Technical Skilling of Women, Young Mothers and People with Disabilities*: Giving disadvantaged communities economic empowerment and providing opportunities for financial self-sufficiency.

6. *Zero HIV/AIDS*: Provide support and opportunities for sufferers, educate communities on health and wellbeing, partner and network with other NGOs on the front-lines of the epidemic.

### **DHEF-UGANDA Objectives.**

The overall development objective of DHEF-UGANDA is enhanced ability in the target communities to tackle economic, social and environmental problems for sustainable community development.

1. To provide education aid to street children, orphans and other vulnerable children (OVCs) in the community through assisting them with scholastic materials and school fee/ tuition.
2. To provide assistance to less privileged families, restore hope and assist them undertake community based welfare and transformation.
3. To develop effective linkages with government line agencies, nongovernment organizations, and donor agencies working for community development.
4. To promote girl child education, enhance menstrual hygiene and Knowledge through GCP trainings
5. To enhance, impart skills to women and youths in the community.
6. To sensitize and create awareness about HIV/AIDs, emphasizing control measures among the youths to have a community with Zero HIV/AIDs.
7. Implementation of programmes aimed at basic health care services (preventive and curative) including maternal health, child health, safe drinking water, hygienic sanitation, management of waste disposal, population welfare, immunization, etc. leading towards reduced mortality.
8. To facilitate easy access to credit and motivate communities for group saving leading towards small enterprise development and income generating activities aimed at economic empowerment.
9. Promote Gender equality.
10. Implementation of women welfare and development programmes aimed at socio-economic empowerment of women through their participation in all developmental programmes.

### **Program Objectives**

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### **Donors and Partners**

- Masaka City NGO Forum
- The AFRIPads Foundation
- White Angels Single Mothers' Association, Uganda (WAKISIMA)
- Women in Action, Uganda (WINA)
- Vision of Hope, Uganda
- Kampala University, Masaka

### **Previous Activities**

#### **• A sanitary Pad Campaign**

In partnership with AFRIPads, we provided counselling about female reproductive health and distributed sanitary items to women and girls in Kimaanya Kyabakuza and Nyendo Mukungwe within the villages of Ssenyange and Kimaanya. This initiative was highly successful due to the challenges of affording safe menstrual products for low income households. We hope to distribute items and counselling sessions to more women and girls as well as to expand our geographical reach to alleviate instances of menstrual poverty.

#### **• Entrepreneurship training in Greater Masaka**

We worked directly with 10 groups of attendees composed of single mothers, HIV/AIDS sufferers, and disabled peoples in rural Masaka. We aim to empower vulnerable groups economically in providing them an opportunity to select a trade that has the potential to fund their livelihoods. Comprehensive training includes but not limited to: small scale agricultural skills, handicrafts, baking and cooking. In parallel, we also provide lessons on leadership, marketing and sales. We hope to expand our initiative in further diversifying the training we offer.

#### **• Community Clean-ups**

In Partnership with Ocean Mimic, Indonesia, we have hosted multiple community cleans-up events in Masaka, Nyendo and Kimaanya in order to promote environmental sustainability and community. These initiatives have always been successful and we have managed to collect over 10 tons worth of waste. We aim to build community pride and attentiveness for local ecosystems. We aim to expand our partnerships and volunteer engagements to host more clean-ups in more locations in the region.

- **Distribution of learning materials in Lwengo district**

The DHEF-UGANDA distributed scholastic materials in January 2022 to under privileged children in Lwengo district in Greater Masaka. These include notebooks, stationary, textbooks and interactive activities. We hope to host more distribution activities to enhance the personal development and literacy levels of local children and adolescents for them to have the support they need to reach their full potential.

### Global Goals: Our Commitment



DHEF-Uganda is determined to fulfill the UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030. We have selected the 7 following goal to guide our programs and activities:

- Goal 1** - No Poverty.
- Goal 2** - Zero Hunger
- Goal 3** - Good Health and Well- being
- Goal 4** - Quality Education
- Goal 5** - Gender Equality
- Goal 6** - Clean Water and Sanitation
- Goal 11** - Sustainable Cities and Communities



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