

WELLS OF HOPE MINISTRIES

PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN OF PRISONERS



Project Name : School for Prisoners Children - Wells of Hope Academy

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Executive Summary

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Background

Wells of Hope Ministries since its commencement in 2002 has seen the devastating effects of crime and imprisonment on the community. The upsurge of offenders in Uganda is seriously rising and increasingly affecting the families of offenders.

Statistics show that Uganda has 28,507 people in prison as at February 2009, Female prisoners constitute **4.8%** of prison population, while Men constitute **95.2%**. This means there are more fathers in Prisons

To every person in prison, there is an average of 5 children that are affected and left vulnerable to the problems in society such as HIV/AIDS, prostitution, street children, rape, sexual abuse, child labour and manipulation. In most cases the wives of prisoners have remarried leaving children to relatives or to child headed homes, the family incomes have dwindled leading to child labour, increased rates of school drop outs, malnourished children and worse still HIV/AIDS whose prevalence rates are alarming.

1.2 Program Description

Problem Statement

With fast growing prison populations around the world, children are increasingly exposed to parental imprisonment.

Children of prisoners are often present at their parent's arrest. So Many times, children of prisoners are not told the truth about where their incarcerated parent is. This leaves children confused and questioning.

Children with parents in prison imagine all kinds of explanations and answers. They feel vulnerable, unprotected and at fault. When children blame themselves for the loss of a parent to jail or prison, they may rebel or withdraw. They are often afraid to talk to anyone about their situation, limiting the ability of others to understand and help.

Given the likely harms of parental imprisonment, intervention programs are needed to prevent adverse outcomes for children of prisoners. Separation because of parental imprisonment is particularly harmful for children because it is often unexpected, sometimes violent, often unexplained, and children are severely restricted in their contact with imprisoned parents (Bernstein, 2005; Poehlmann, 2005; Shaw, 1987).

Parental imprisonment can cause many problems for the family left behind, including difficulty organizing childcare, loss of family income, trouble maintaining contact with

the imprisoned parent, stigma, and home, school and neighbourhood moves. Children and parents can be distressed by the separation.

Children and spouses of prisoners are usually left in a vulnerable and worrying situation without any one to provide for them. Some children have been abandoned by their mothers/fathers/relatives upon arrest of their parents while others are left in the care of grandmothers who have nothing much to offer hence forcing these young children to drop out of school. With poverty biting many children of prisoners lack proper beddings, clothes, food and guidance. In the end, the children of the prisoners and their spouses are forced to engage in hazardous, exploitative child labour and sexually abusive work such as prostitution and engage in early marriages for survival exposing them to the risk of contracting HIV/AIDS.

Parental imprisonment does harm to children because of parent-child separation, policies for children of prisoners should aim to help children cope better with separation. Attachment theory suggests that children cope better when they are given clear and honest explanations about separations, when they have stable care arrangements during separations, and when they have confident expectations of their parent's availability if needed (Kobak, 1999; Poehlmann, 2005). Counseling also helps children cope with the loss during parental imprisonment. School-based therapies given to children experiencing parental imprisonment show small beneficial effects for children's well-being (Hetherington and Stanley-Hagan, 1999).

ii) Outline of Proposed Solutions

The project intends to address the plight of children of prisoners

We intend to do this by;

- by establishing a school for these children.
- Providing nutritional food to the children of prisoners
- Providing quality education to children of Prisoners .
- We will be Providing for the children of prisoners with mattresses, books, blankets, mosquito nets and clothings.
- Carrying out increased awareness about HIV/AIDS among the children.
- Develop and conduct programmes aimed at mitigating the problems faced by children of prisoners. And lessen the gap of the missing parents

1.3 The steps that we take to ensure beneficiary involvement

- Working hand in hand with Prisons department, the commissioner of prisons, the respective officers in charge, wardens, welfare officers, and the parents in prison .
- We will also hold meetings with our stake holders to sensitize them about the school of children of Prisoners .
- We will also maintain communication with their relatives outside the prison and involve them in the school programmes

1.4 Project Description

The Project Goal:

The overall goal of setting up this project is to significantly reach out to children of prisoners by providing them with quality education and protecting them from the evils of society thus reducing on their vulnerability and enabling them have the same rights like other children.

Specific Objectives

- The school will integrate Five intervention strategies to protect children from harmful effects of separation because of parental imprisonment:
- **Communication.** to provide honest and clear explanations about their parents
- **Placement.** To provide the children with stable care
- **Contact.** Increase children's opportunities to maintain contact with their imprisoned parent, in particular through more child friendly visiting arrangements in prisons.
- **Therapy.** Offer counseling and therapeutic services for children of prisoners to help them cope psychologically with the separation
- **Right to Education.** To offer quality education to children of prisoners

1.4.1 Objectives

Protecting Children of Prisoners and Improving the quality of their lives .

Key Activities

- Provision of Quality and affordable education to the children of prisoners through education services at the established school.
- Provision of feeding, clothing and shelter to the children of prisoners as well as providing a well fare package to the children of prisoners which includes blankets and mosquito nets .
- Provision of christian based counseling and therapeutic services for children of prisoners to help them cope psychologically .
- Conduct programmes for these children that will help them cope with having a parent in prison.

1.4.2 ANTICIPATED RESULTS:

- the vulnerability of The children will be lessened
- There will impact on the growing number of vulnerable young people and out of school children who are denied the opportunity to continue their education and develop their fundamental skills, because a parent has been imprisoned.

- Because of the quality education we will offer to the children of prisoners, the performance of the children in class is anticipated to improve. We hope that we will reduce on the rate at which prisoners children are dropping out of school.
- By providing a balance diet, the children's health will improve and they will be able to grow normally like other children .
- We hope through giving proper care ,medical care and welfare to children, their health will improve
- To increase the bond between us and the children, we hope to show them love , This will give these children a sense of belonging and uplift their self esteem.
- The children will be able to identify with other children who have similar predicaments.
- There will be Reduced cases of children falling sick as a result of malaria. Children who had never used blankets and mosquito nets will now have their own. There will be reduced opportunistic infections especially for the children who are living with HIV/Aids. The risk of children being attacked by various opportunistic infections such as Malaria, pneumonia among others will be reduced since they will now be protected from mosquito bites ,jiggers and coldness in the night when they sleep.
- Through Wells of Hope intervention, the community will become more aware of the plight of prisoners children and respond by helping them
- We will Explore the children's talents especially through Music dance and drama, we will strengthen the children's choir which will help to advocate for them selves and express the plight of prisoners' children. Besides this,the choir will help to fundraise for these children.
- We will offer parental guidance to cover the gap of their separation from their parents.

1.4.3 Coverage and Target population

Project targets children of prisoners in the following districts; Kampala, Wakiso, Mukono, Jinja, Iganga, Kamuli, Kaliro, Kayunga, Soroti, Mbale, Budaka, Pallisa and Kumi. We will cover other districts as years go by .

1.4.4 Intended Beneficiaries

Current beneficiaries

- Children of prisoners and ex-prisoners living with HIV/AIDS who are 120 in number .These children are already in our care, we have been going to their homes and helping them from there.

2.0 NAME AND LOCATION OF THE SCHOOL

The school will be called **Wells of Hope Academy**. The name given is based on its activities: to care, protect, nurture and bring up the children into responsible citizens, to give them hope and love so that the gap of the missing parent is lessened. It will initially have a primary section, but eventually will have secondary and vocational

skills institute. it will be located at Naluvule in Wakiso district in Central Uganda. This school will also become home for children who are at risk and rejected in the community.

2.1_PROBLEM/CHALLENGES

Although Wells of Hope is eager to establish the school and educate children of prisoners as well as care for them, we lack funds to do so, for this reason, Wells of Hope has proposed a request for funds to assist in establishing the school.

2.2 SCHOOL NEEDS

Classrooms:

Desks, Tables, and Chalkboard.Chairs

Dormitory

Beds Mattresses, Basins, Jureycans, Fire Extinguishers, Brooms, Soap etc

Kitchen

Food, saucepans Plates, Cups, Firewood, Buckets, Knives, Platestand, Flasks, Dishes, Trays Spoons and forks.

Scholastic Materials

Stationary pens, books, pencil sets, chalks, textbooks, Boxfiles etc

School Renovation

This will be done on rooms, which will be in need before the beginning of the school

Materials For Children To Use

This will involve giving out things like Clothes, Shoes Stocks, toothpest, vaseline , soap, toilet papers tooth brush

Office

It will require Computers, Printer, Scanner, and Photocopier .

Salary Of The Teaching And Non-Teaching Staff

This will be done at the end of every month.

3.1 _MONITORING AND EVALUATION PLAN

Monitoring and evaluation will establish whether the school is being run as planned, expected and whether the performance indicators are achieving the intended objectives.

Monitoring will assist track major events and accomplishments. The project tools for monitoring program activities will focus on performance indicators.

3.2 Evaluation

The organization will assess the extent to which it has achieved the specific objectives of the project through reports from the prisons department, the well fare officers, the caregivers of the children, the teachers and the children themselves

-Data collected from questionnaires and interviews will be analysed and the progress and impact assessed.

-A networking and referral graph will indicate the various support provided to the children and satisfaction form which will be acknowledged by the children and their parents in prison

-In the twelve months, a random sample study will be carried out to determine how aware the prisoners are on the project and their satisfaction level with it.

-twice a year meetings will be held with the stake holders, the beneficiaries and the staff to review the extent to which the objectives have been achieved and the impact of the project at the end of the year.

4.1 Organizational Past Performance, Management and Personnel

We are a non-profit making Christian organization (Faith Based), CBO and NGO based in Kampala-Uganda. We are involved in outreach to people especially children affected by adverse situations, and those who need help, our key concern being people affected by crime such as prisoners, ex-prisoners and families of people in prison especially the children of prisoners. We help people regardless of their religious belief, ethnicity and, race.

How we began: Francis Ssuubi in Murchison Bay Prison-Luzira, Kampala founded Wells of Hope Ministries in 2002, where he was an inmate on remand for 68 days.

He was motivated to begin this organization after seeing the overwhelming needs of the prisoners especially their families.

Our Mandate;

To be compassionate by responding to deeper needs of our society.

Our Vision:

To create and establish an opportunity for people who are regarded as outcasts in society experience a transformation in their lives.

Our Mission:

To create and maintain regeneration by addressing the needs of our society today.

Our Goal:

To be a leading charity in Africa that reaches out to needy people.

Our Values

1. We are Christian.
2. We are committed to the oppressed and poor.
3. We are compassionate driven but passion motivated.
4. We value people regardless of a person's religion, gender, race, ethnicity, age or tribe.
5. We are committed to being resourceful, dedicated and professional
6. We are partners with our Volunteers, partners, beneficiaries and wells wishers
7. We are accountable and we want any body giving towards our outreaches to know that his/her money is put to proper use. We are also accountable in our actions.

Past Performance :Wells Of Hope Ministries work with people who have been affected by crime has enabled us to score the following achievements :

- We have been able to significantly change the lives of 120 children with quality and affordable education by paying school fees and provision of basic needs like blankets, mosquito nets, school uniform, scholastic material, lunch at school, shoes and clothes .We have also Carried out programmes aimed at handling HIV/AIDS amongst such children.
- we have helped over 400 prisoners who are living with HIV/AIDS,through provision of food –High protein maize flour.
- we are helping caretakers of Children of prisoners with start up capital for income generating activities, among other programs.

Where we work : We are centrally located on Sir Apollo Kaggwa Road and the key prisons we reach out to include : Luzira Complex Prison and Jinja Prison.with the kind of people we help in the Prisons, who have families far away from Kampala we have managed to Help Children and caretakers of these Children in Jinja,Mayuge,Palisa,Mbale ,Soroti , Kamuli ,Kumi and Kampala Districts in Uganda .

4.2 Management and Personnel

Governance

At the Helm of the organization is the **General assembly, who elect** the members on the executive board, then we have the **Board of Trustees** who are founders/promoters, legal custodians of the properties of the organization; they give comprehensive guidance on formation and direction of the organization. We have the **Board of Directors** in whose hands is the decision and policy making, next we have

the **Staff** who are recruited by the Executive board, it is in charge of the day today running of the organization.

Board of Directors:

- Ssuubi Francis - Chairman
- Okumu Kenneth – Finance sub-committee chairman
- Ellen Eva Ssuubi-Member Human resource and Programme sub committee
- Rashida Kateregga –Secretary& Human Resource sub-committee Chairperson
- Patrick Mutimba –Member finance sub committee
- Aloci Sam -Programme Development sub committee Chairman
- Annette Nakakande – Member Human resource sub committee

Wells of Hope has a team of volunteers at the secretariat who formulate the staff and these include:

- 1)Executive Coordinator
- 2)Accountant /Administration Officer
- 4) Family Outreach Coordinator
- 4) Assistant Family Outreach 1
- 6) Family Outreach Assistant 2
- 7) Office Aide (2 persons)

Wells of Hope Academy Staff:

Wells of Hope Academy will have six teachers, one headmaster/mistress and two support staff.

4.3 Bank Account:

Wells of hope operates three bank accounts, and three of the board members are signatories.

1. Barclays bank Account name: Wells of Hope. account number 6000489474
2. Barclays bank Account name: Wells of Hope. account number 5800017434
3. Global Trust bank Account name: Wells of Hope, account number 0322000027

Financial Policy : We have a financial document which has all the guidelines followed when handling funds at Wells of Hope