

anything between Ugx 5,000 and above on a monthly basis taken from their accounts either annually, or quarterly, or monthly.

2. Childcare and Emergency Relief Program dinners:

Every year Caritas Uganda shall organize a dinner which will focus on raising funds for the Childcare and Emergency Relief program (CERP). The event shall take place in the 2nd Week of November every year.

3. Childcare and Emergency Relief Program (CERP) Run:

Every year, in the month of on the Sunday preceding the World Humanitarian Day which occurs on August 19th, Caritas Uganda shall organize the CERP run. Kits shall be sold in all Dioceses, Parishes, and Villages. The funds from the sell of the CERP Run kits shall benefit CERP.

4. Lenten Collection Mission:

Every year, during Lent, Caritas shall share information and Lenten Mission Collection bags for CERP. These bags shall be given to individuals to make their Lenten savings from Ash-Wednesday to Palm Sunday. All these bags shall be brought to the Parishes/ Outstations on Palm Sunday and placed into the big Collection bags at the Parishes/ Outstations. The big bags shall be presented to the Diocesan Caritas Offices for counting and depositing the funds on the Account of CERP. The CERP-Caritas Uganda team shall calculate the 60% and remit it to the Diocese to benefit the Charity Office in the Diocese, and the 40% shall remain to benefit the Charity Office at the National level.

5. Direct Children's Sponsorship: Individuals, Schools, Parishes, Businesses, and well-wishers are welcome to sponsor a child.

Children MUST be Orphaned, or with no family able to support them in their education. Sponsorship is given to children after LCI recommendation, Catechists recommendation, Parish Priests' recommendation and Tertiary and University students will need their Bishop's recommendation on top of the others. An average of Ugx 1,050,000 shall be required per child per year (Ugx 87,500 monthly or 350,000 per term). This covers both school fees and all requirements. Diocesan Caritas organization shall be responsible for implanting this part of the program on behalf of Caritas Uganda.

6. Emergency appeals: When national or regional disasters arise, Caritas Uganda shall do countrywide collections to respond to the emergencies.

Accounts for CERP:

ACCOUNT 1:

ACCOUNT NAME: CARITAS EMERGENCY RELIEF AND CHILDCARE PLUS PROGRAM

ACCOUNT NO. 3100105128

BANKER: CENTENARY BANK

ACCOUNT 2:

ACCOUNT NAME: UEC -CARITAS EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

ACCOUNT NO. 2320597743

BANKER: KCB

NOTE: All accounts are in Uganda Shillings

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Introduction:

The global economic outlook remains fragile amidst a highly challenging environment and uncertainties. The wars in Ukraine, Gaza, Myanmar, Sudan, and many other parts of the world, coupled with pandemics like COVID-19, and recurrent epidemics like Ebola, (Center for Disaster Philanthropy 2024), the increasing state of HIV/AIDS of which globally 38 million people are still living with HIV, 25.4 million people are now on treatment and 12.6 million people still waiting (UN, 2020), the new waves of natural disasters including floods, earthquakes, cyclones, droughts (www. Reliefweb.int/disasters,2024) have reversed years of global progress across many years of sustainable development including poverty, healthcare and education affecting particularly women and children in developing countries (United Nations, Inter-agency Task Force on Financing for Development, Financing for Sustainable Development Report 2023: Financing Sustainable Transformations). A new report by the World Bank found that in 2020 alone, the global extreme poverty rate rose from 8.4 per cent to 9.3 per cent as the pandemic drove 70 million more people into extreme poverty (Kathleen Grantham, 'Mapping Gender Data Gaps: An SDG Era Update' (data2x0, March 2020).

The situation of Uganda:

The recent study by UNICEF (2023), reveals that Uganda is home to over 900,000 child refugees and asylum seekers who have fled conflict or persecution from South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Burundi (UNICEF, 2023). A report by UNHCR (2023) reveals that hunger killed 2,207 people in Karamoja region as a result of long dry spells that led to acute

famine. Uganda continues to face major challenges in providing quality and accessible basic education to children and adolescents. According to UNICEF (2023), only 1 of 4 children who start Primary School attends Secondary school.

Uganda is also reported as one of the highly aid-dependent countries (ODA, 2018). Development organizations, including Caritas Uganda, which is the social services development and charitable arm of the Catholic Church in Uganda, depends almost 100% on external donors, and have no back up plans when donors leave.

In his study, Paul Clolery (2023), cites a decrease in both the number of donors and dollars given across all donor types during the first quarter of 2023, with major donors causing an outsized drop in both dollars and donor retention. Clolery further noted that Donor participation dropped 10.8%. He however advised institutions that are highly dependent on donors that "a swift adoption of diversified fundraising strategies and broad engagement of grassroots givers can help ensure stability while creating a stronger base for future cultivation."

The Caritas Uganda New Local Fundraising Strategy:

The management of Caritas Uganda's new strategy is to introduce a program known as CHILDCARE AND EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM (CERP). This program will help Caritas Uganda remain relevant to its mission and mandate of caring for the needy members of the community (Acts 2:44-45), (Acts 6:3-4), (Mat 25:35-40), (James 2:17-18), (Gal 5:6). Childcare and Emergency Relief Program creates flexible funding to help Caritas Uganda respond to the food, education and health needs of the Orphaned and vulnerable children, adolescent youths, the sick

and the elderly and offer real time response to the emergencies that occur in Uganda like famine, floods, wars, and the like. This program offers an opportunity each and every person or organization in Uganda and outside Uganda, with an interest of supporting children and emergencies in Uganda to make a free contribution to this cause.

Goal:

Provide immediate and effective response to natural disaster and war.

CERP Program areas:

1. Education of the orphaned and vulnerable children
2. Food Emergency and relief response to children in families hit by natural calamities & war
3. Children and teens spiritual and psycho-social support/animation
4. Nutrition for children and breastfeeding mothers
5. Relief for children living with disabilities
6. Skilling children living with disabilities and their caretakers
7. Health care for orphaned and vulnerable children
8. Child protection and Safeguarding

Fundraising Strategies:

1. **Planned Giving:** All people interested in making a Direct bank standing order will fill a form which will be taken to the bank so that the bank makes a direct monthly deduction of an amount they would like to contribute to the Childcare and Emergency Relief Program (CERP). We are therefore looking for people who would like to give