



MEMORY

2017-2019

"Lives change working together"

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INTRODUCTION FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was in December 2016 when I first landed in Uganda to work, through International Volunteering, with one of the Orphanage around Fort Portal town, about 100 km to the border of the Democratic Republic of Congo. In reality it was an experience of “Voluntourism”, not cooperation. For this experience, I am extremely grateful, as it has given me the opportunity to be here today.

This experience, lasted for three months, I shared with other wonderful volunteers, we became aware about the reality of how most families in the area are living, specifically in the poorest communities.

From the first moment of volunteering, I was aware of how much I had to do! This was only the beginning of how my life was going to change.



The connection with the children in the orphanage was immediate and more specifically for the two infants, Rose and Solomon, sister and brother, aged three and five years respectively that I literally fell love for. The suggestion of adoption came up and since then I have struggled to make this illusion, a reality. I can say, to this day, that I have succeeded.....now they are legally my children. There is no way to express my happiness. I was not aware, at that time, how this great initiative would be, and to what extent, it would drastically change my life!

During this stay I met other people that I shared and lived with in the orphanage and in the communities around Fort Portal. From that experience, we obviously needed to find means on how to improve and dignify the lives of all. The result came out in May 2017, our organization BE IN AFRICA NGO, was born.

Since then, I have been learning the meaning of the term “International Cooperation”, where Organizations from the “developed” countries with economic and humanitarian resources come/work together with local organisations, in “underdeveloped or developing countries”

In our case, BE IN AFRICA, connects or works with others field NGO's so as to ease and have the necessary information, to know at all times what is happening, having access to both Spanish and Ugandan human resources. On the other hand, having a more complex responsibility for the administration and management of both sides.

It was a very complicated process, right from the beginning, with the selection and official registration of the name, BORN IN AFRICA, for both organizations, to facilitate recognition as a single entity both in Spain and Uganda.



We went through multiple difficulties with in the process of registration (bureaucratic processes do not make these things easy), such as the identification of the name, registering of Internet Domains, thus making us obliged to change the name in Spain, opting for the current one..... BE IN AFRICA , that is legally recognized and able to operate since January 2019. I reiterate that it has been much series of action but with dedication, enthusiasm and persistence, everything is possible.

In Uganda the first step was the process of creating and registering as a CBO (Community Based Organization) where we find small organizations at the local level for social community development. We continued to work towards the recognition of the Entity as a "Company Limited by Guarantee", in order to finally become a non-profit, in this case to be rated "foreign", this happens when, at least one of the signatories, is a foreigner. This is how BORN IN AFRICA became an NGO on June 6 2018, with a renewable three year work permit.

This has been a long journey with great sponsors(friends), who have made this dream possible and helped us to reach where we are now, having the possibility of "LIVES CHANGE WORKING TOGETHER", not only for the beneficiaries, but for all those who are, have been in one way or another, and to those who will be linked to our organisation.

Right now it is time to look back and be grateful for the journey and continue learning from what still remains to be done and not lose our "Mission", HELP THE PEOPLE who need help most, with close and sincere work.

7th January de 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matilde", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Matilde Cano Llinares



2017-2018

The first contact of beneficiaries reside in the villages of Butebe, Mbuzi, Mugoma "A" and "B", plus Mukaburara, in Kabarole District. This occurred between May and August 2017, when we visited and selected the first 51 families, that formed part of "BURAHYA" program.

The reality analysis was made based on interviews(interface) and data collected about health status, hygiene habits, education level, type of diet, hobbies, relating to all of the family members. We analysed the environment (access to water and electricity), the condition of the houses, kitchens, showers and latrines. The assessments made, primarily detected poverty, lack of basic needs, no school fees and dues for minors of school going age, among others.



Mbuzi Community Children



Mugoma "A" village Family

The first direct contact with the families had its difficulties. Even there were families that refused to enter the program, It is very important to gain trust and confidence of the beneficiaries, this is a process that comes with time coupled with serious work done. Based on the data obtained, the actions and projects to follow in 2019 were prioritised: "ebirungi bijja mpora"... translated.."good things come slowly" or one at a time.

In addition, we asked for permission from all heads of families, to take their photographs, their homes and above all their minors, explaining how to use them solely to publicise the reality/situation they live or survive as aladder trying to change the situation.



2019

IN UGANDA

"KUSOMA" PROJECT

After a difficult start, this project literally means "TO STUDY" in Rutooro, was launched consisting the payment of school fees for 54 children and youths, twenty-six girls and twenty eight boys i.e one child per family, exception of two cases with extreme needs, were two and three children/grandchildren got enrolled.

The list of the beneficiaries is delivered annually to the District Probation Officer and Community Development Officer, so as not duplicate aid with other organizations in the area thus making our work more effective.



During each of the school trimesters, different schools were visited twice (6 Nursery schools, 9 Primary, and 2 Secondary and one vocational Training), in order to monitor and evaluate the progress of all the scholarship pupils/students, as well as to understand their needs.

There have been two community meetings per school term with both parents and scholarship pupils/students in attendance. One towards the beginning of the school term to sign the acknowledgement and another at end of the term to collect a copy of reports. We take advantage of these meetings for general communication and to collect suggestions from the beneficiaries.

At the end of the school calendar, we concluded that If funds allow, the lunch meal will in future, be included in the scholarship, since many of the children eat once a day or not even eating.

We are also facing with a situation where some schools lack material resources. So for the next academic year 2020, some pupils/students will be shifted to good or better schools within the area.

We can consider that this first year, has been pretty positive with big achievements like:

- Mothers/ Grandmothers usual attending of meetings and following the progress of their children.
- Only three boys and four girls will be demoted and they will be given another scholarship chance the first term of 2020, since all had family/health problems, during the 2019 school calendar.



- The young man who completed the Professional Training in Motorcycle Mechanics is now working, in the garage where he trained.
- Increased trust and work have been established between the Community and the Organization.

DAY OF AN AFRICAN CHILD 2019



Day of an African Child

On June 16th, The Day Of an African Child is celebrated. Events organised by Kabarole District, under the theme “Humanitarian Action in Africa”, Children's Rights First”. These event happened throughout the week and the closer took place at Nyabweya Primary School, Kasenda Sub-County

We participated with several of our scholars, reciting the poem by Eku McGred, "I am an African Child". They also gave a speech on “The Rights and Responsibilities of Children”. It was a day of meeting with other Organizations, Schools and Institutions, where children were the main the characters



Day of an African Child

"OMUKAZI" PROJECT: HANDCRAFTS

We summoned women from the community who have crafts/handwork skills to produce the samples as we prepare the project to specifically empower women through their skills in 2020.

Currently a total of twenty one women, who make baskets, wallets, trays, bracelets, jewelry and many other items, using banana fibers and African fabrics ("kitenge") are interested. This project aims to give women an opportunity to earn an income for themselves to promote their economic stability. We are currently in the process of raising funds to start this.



"ENYIKARA" PROJECT: HEALTHY KITCHENS

As an Organization we designed the "Healthy Kitchens" a project of building forty eight kitchens to improve health and hygiene standards of the families.

This project happens to be two sided where community individuals involved in construction work can earn at the end of the day while the main beneficiaries have something to learn to improve on their health and hygiene through being sensitized on how to use these health kitchens among others related health habits (ENYIKARA = "How people live").



"Healthy Kitchens"

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING

During 2019 we received the collaboration of ten volunteers, who carried out their work on the ground. Four of them from the health sector, carrying out the health study of the children in the project. A study also being made of the health and hygiene needs of the families, in order to have all the necessary information, for upcoming Health Education Projects.

At the same time, all of them, together with other friends, who visited the project on site, understood the reality of the families and the projects, so as to preach and obtain funds for the sustainability and carrying out awareness upon their return to Spain.

Volunteers and friends that visited us collected material donations from Spain such as school items, clothing and footwear, optical and hygiene supplies among others that have been distributed to schools and among community members.



REQUESTS

We have received requests for school fees assistance from various individuals and institutions within the district areas, where to the best of our ability in 2019, we managed to cover two Primary Study Scholarships, in the last two terms of the school calendar.



IN SPAIN

MEMBERS AND COLLABORATORS

All of this would not be possible today, without the solidarity and selfless collaboration of all of our members, friends and volunteers, who have supported us from the beginning till date. Thanks to everyone for making this possible, No matter the amount.....one by one makes a big bundle.

AWARENES TALKS

In different Travel Bloggers meetings, as well as KLM "Sustainable Fly" days, our colleague Monica de Cossio, among others have given us visibility, spread our work and obtained various collaborators for our projects.



ORIGIN SPORT - MUNDIALITO OF FOOTBALL

Through our Board of Directors, the collaboration of the organization of Sports Events in Alicante "Origen Sport", was obtained, giving us the opportunity to be present during the final phase of the "Junior Mundialito", of the clubs from the Province of Alicante, last June 2019.

Thank you for giving us visibility and adding "solidarity" to your events.



TRIP-DROP. TRAVEL AND HELP

Trip Drop is a social project that publishes, through its website, documented and updated needs (non-monetary) of groups around the world (Schools, orphanages, communities and NGOs).

From this year, our ENYIKARA project, has had a place on this platform.

We are infinitely grateful to Carla Llamas y Daniel Losada. Sustainability and Cooperation among all.



ARREA MAJO FESTIVAL 2019



The organization of this “different” Rock Festival, held in Ciruelos de Coca (Segovia), last July 2019, chose us as a solidarity project, donating the benefits obtained at the festival, to us.

Our motto came true... LIVES CHANGE WORKING TOGETHER.

CINCO PALABRAS

In August 2019, we were able to benefit from the Association of Solidarity Writers, “Cinco Palabras” (Five Words). Through that month they gave us visibility, making their financial contribution for the maintenance of the Organization. That happened to be the beginning of our association that we expect to expand in 2020.



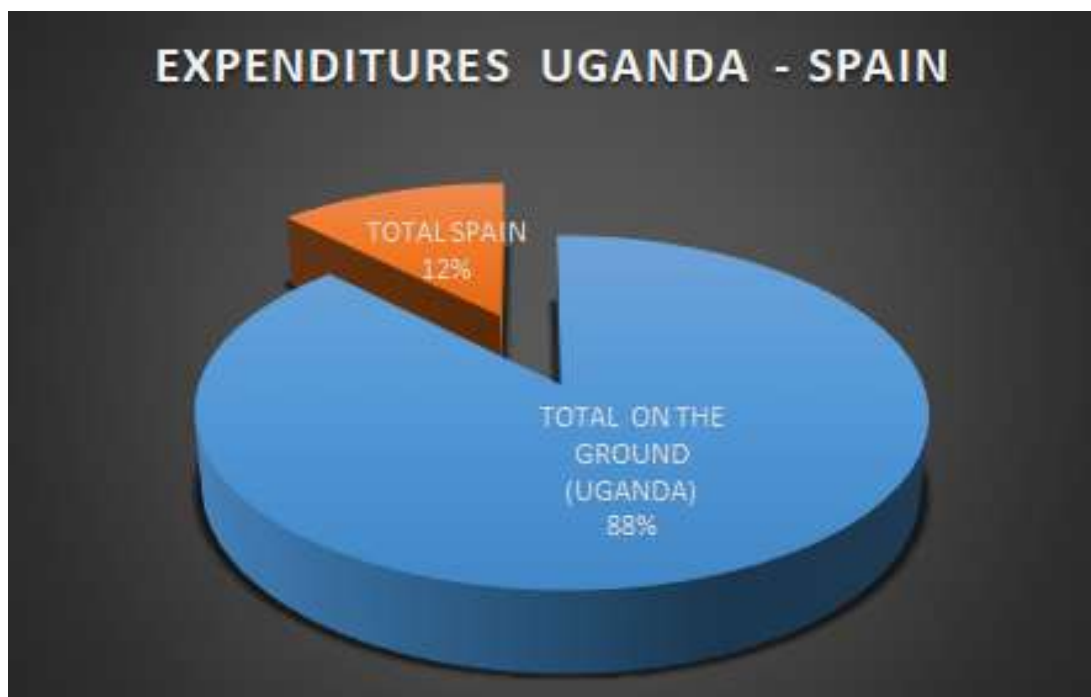
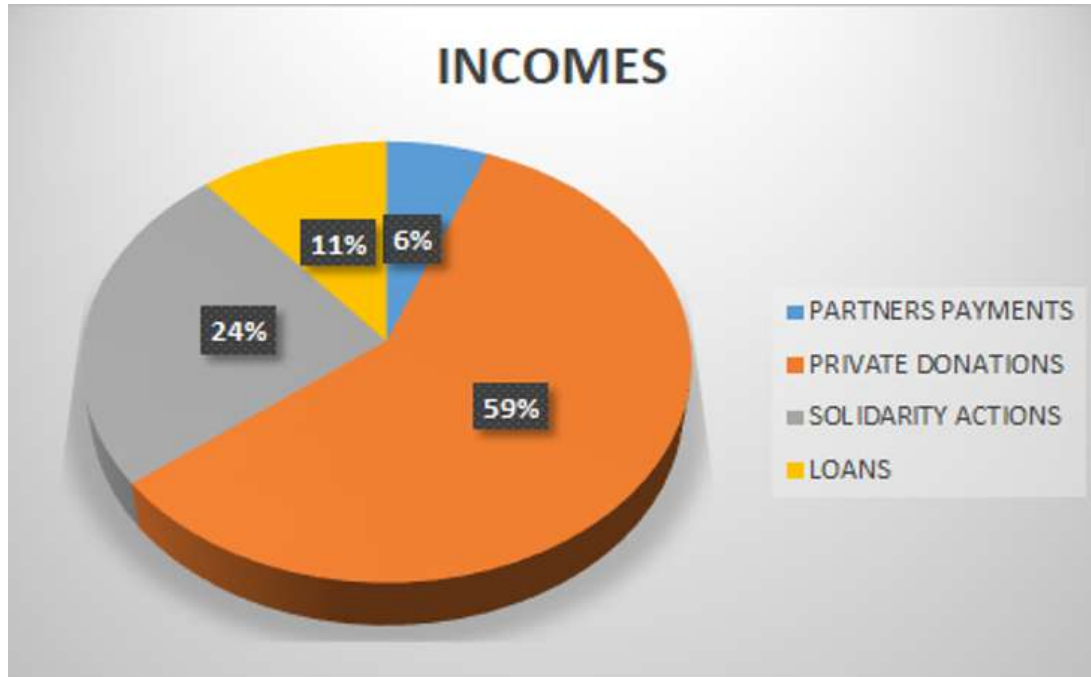
ECONOMIC TRANSPARENCY

TOTAL INCOMES	
DETAILS	AMOUNT
MEMBERS PAYMENTS	€ 1,496.00
PRIVATE DONATIONS	€ 14,820.00
SOLIDARITY ACTIONS	€ 6,188.08
LOANS	€ 2,800.00
TOTAL INCOMES	€ 25,304.08

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	
DETAILS	AMOUNT
COUNTERPART BORN IN AFRICA UGANDA	
DIRECT COSTS OF PROGRAMS & PROJECTS	€ 13,979.66
INDIRECTS ORGANIZATION COST	€ 7,887.45
TOTAL UGANDA (ON THE GROUND)	€ 21,867.11
BE IN AFRICA SPAIN	
FOUND ACCOUNTING	€ 1,731.72
CIVIL RESPONSABILITY ANNUAL INSURANCE	€ 212.30
MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION	€ 193.75
VAT	€ 347.91
EDUCATION	€ 586.00
COOPERATION DONATIONS	€ 12.00
TOTAL SPAIN	€ 3,083.68
TOTAL COSTS	€ 24,950.79

RESULTING BALANCES	€ 353.29
PAYMENT OF LOANS PENDING FOR 2020	€ 2,800.00

ECONOMIC TRANSPARENCY



FOR 2020

IN UGANDA

- “KUSOMA” project scholarships. We expect to expand to Seventy, including four scholarships for girls in Secondary - Boarding Section. One with Special needs and two at the University.
- Launch of the project for Empowerment of Women through Handicrafts: “OMUKAZI” Project.
- Construction of the first Healthy Kitchens. “ENYIKARA” Project.
- Launch of the “CHILD DAY OUT” project, through monthly meetings for children and young people from the community and the music school, promoting their growth and the exchange of ideas.
- Strengthening and expanding our team on the ground.

IN SPAIN

- Creation of a fair trade network, to distribute the craft wares and products of the “OMUKAZI” project.
- Expand talks and awareness activities.
- Instigate the procedures for registering the Organization in the Registry of Non- Governmental Development Organizations. (NGDOs)
- Strengthen the structure of the Organization, to ensure its sustainability.
- Extend our network of contacts with Associations, Foundations and Departments of Social Responsibility Corporative, to finance our programs and projects.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION/ CONTACT

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