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Older persons living dignified and fulfilled lives

Annual Report 2017



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Word From **THE DIRECTOR**

It has been another year and another opportunity to fulfill our goal of ensuring that older persons under our care live dignified and fulfilled lives. Like the years before, it has been exciting to watch the ROTOM ministry blossom and bloom further into a worldwide ministry touching and impacting the lives of older persons one heart at a time.

This would have never been possible without our faithful friends, partner, different Board of directors in different nations, dedicated staff, volunteers and the donors who faithfully support us without wavering.

The ministry has grown, the number of seniors we support has grown so has the number of the grandchildren being supported through school.

Thank you for your prayers, your support and for your faith in entrusting us with the funds to serve our beloved seniors and their grandchildren.

I can hardly wait to see what the Lord leads us to do in the years to come.

Yours in Christ's service,



Edith Kazimba
Country Director
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Reach One Touch One Ministries (ROTOM) is a Christian Not-for-Profit /Non- Governmental Organization reaching out to **vulnerable older persons and their dependants** in Uganda. ROTOM started in 2003 and has grown to be become one of the most effective older persons' organizations in the country.

Vision

ROTOM envisions **“Older persons living dignified and fulfilled lives”**

Mission

ROTOM exists to empower older persons and their dependants through the love of Jesus Christ to attain a better life regardless of their faith.

Values

ROTOM is committed to upholding Christian faith and its principles of:

- ◇ **Love;** Christ centered service beyond self.
- ◇ **Evangelism and discipleship;** sharing the Good news of Christ and nurturing believers.
- ◇ **Honesty;** open and truthful in word and deed.
- ◇ **Justice;** fair treatment for all.
- ◇ **Respect;** Acknowledge, serve and honor all humanity.
- ◇ **Stewardship;** responsible and accountable to God and man for the use of resources entrusted to us.
- ◇ **Team work;** everybody's contribution is valued.

ROTOM's Strategic Objectives

- 1** **To promote the Christian faith** among older persons and those under their care
- 2** **To improve the overall health** of older persons' households.
- 3** **To lessen the burden of dependants on older persons** through education and health care.
- 4** **To increase the food and income security** of older person's households
- 5** **To increase awareness of rights and needs** of older persons
- 6** **To build an effective, sustainable and life-long learning organization.**

Capacity

Over the years, ROTOM has acquired capacity and experience that positions it well to reach vulnerable older persons. This capacity includes:

1. Strong governance structure made up of:
 - ◇ **Diverse, qualified and committed Boards of Directors and Trustees.**
 - ◇ **Area committees for each area of operation and project committees for each project.**
 - ◇ **Vibrant Management Team**
 - ◇ **Well laid out plans, policies and guidelines that include: Strategic plan, Board**
 - ◇ **Charter, Fundraising strategy, Finance and Accounting Manual, Human resource**
 - ◇ **Manual and Programs Manual.**
2. Professional, highly motivated, innovative, committed team of **41** staff and **12** volunteers.
3. Assets and equipment to facilitate work that include: own office premises, motor Vehicles, computers and other IT equipment.
4. Faithful partners in Uganda, Europe and North America who are committed to the vision of dignified and fulfilled lives of older persons. These include:

- ◇ **The Ministry of Gender Labor and Social Development**
- ◇ **Local Governments**
- ◇ **Religious leaders**
- ◇ **Uganda Reach The Aged Association**
- ◇ **Help Age International**
- ◇ **Stephen Lewis Foundation-Canada**
- ◇ **Missionswerk Frohe Botschaft eV - Germany**
- ◇ **ROTOM USA**
- ◇ **ROTOM Canada**
- ◇ **ROTOM UK**
- ◇ **ROTOM Ethiopia**
- ◇ **Beautiful World Foundation-Canada**
- ◇ **Children's Hope Chest**
- ◇ **Missionary Agriculture Resource Services**
- ◇ **H204All**
- ◇ **Palle Moeller Foundation**
- ◇ **Kyosiga Financial Ltd**
- ◇ **Malaysia Furnishing Centre and**
- ◇ **Various individual supporters**



What we do

1. To promote the Christian faith of older persons and those under their care

The ROTOM ministry began with just a couple of seniors meeting together with Kenneth Mugayehwenkyi, ROTOM's founder. To talk about their aches and hurts, their struggles and experience; to reminisce about their life's journey. Still today these gatherings of seniors have become the life force of hundreds of vulnerable older persons in two districts of Uganda. From the daily meetings to the bi-monthly fellowships, these meeting have continued to be the life support of seniors' ministry.

With most of the seniors having lost their children, spouses, relatives and friends, their biggest problem is loneliness and disconnection. This leaves the older person in immense loneliness.

In the seniors' fellowships, these lonely souls get together, sing, dance, learn new things and share life experiences. Month after month, lonely and depressed souls begin to blossom. Sad faces are then wreathed in smiles all because they have found a safe place to talk about their lives and hear from fellow seniors living the same lives as them.

Maria Nakafeero Makulata is one of the many seniors supported by ROTOM in Mukono district. Her life tells a story similar to many vulnerable

seniors ROTOM supports. She was once married but she was unfortunately unable to have children. For many people in rural Africa, their children are their security in old age when they can no longer toil in the fields for their survival. For Maria, at **73** and disabled in the right leg, the odds were against her.

She shared in one of the fellowships that before she joined ROTOM, she was often tempted to commit suicide to end her suffering. When she began attending the ROTOM seniors' fellowships she experienced love and kindness of ROTOM and her fellow seniors. Over time she slowly began to notice life was once again worth living. In the fellowship, she heard from seniors who were facing the same challenges she had or worse and together they are forging a way through them. Maria realized that she was not alone anymore but was part of a big and loving circle of friends.

For the year 2017 in both Mukono and Muhanga, **379** fellowships were held, **41** cell groups were attended by **408** seniors, **75** senior to senior prayer partnerships were formed, **7,654** home visits were made to meet and pray with the seniors, 30 bible quizzes were held and **7** seniors made a commitment accepting Jesus and their Lord and savior.

Evangelism

The evangelism team both in Mukono and Kabale are committed to sharing the gospel of Jesus

with the seniors, staff and the communities around us. They do church outreaches, show Christian films, open air outreach, conferences, senior fellowships, home visitations, television ministry in the ROTOM Medical centers, school outreaches and staff bible study. In 2017, they conducted/carried out 4606 evangelical activities reaching **52,863** people and **383** people gave their lives to Christ.

2. To improve the overall health of older persons' households

Health care is an all-encompassing issue faced by all people of all ages and creed. While everyone is prone to health issues, older persons are more susceptible to experience poor health. Being financially vulnerable makes the situation even worse because when you combine advanced age with poor nutrition, poor housing and poor emotional health makes for a very unhealthy combo.

ROTOM with support from the friends and partner is combating this situation by providing free medical care to the seniors and people under their care.

Benaldo migrated from Rwanda to Uganda to find work as a laborer on farms in the 1960s and had no known family in Uganda. He did not have next of kin or traceable family. Alone he went on day by day till one day in 2006 no longer able to go on alone, Benaldo reached out to ROTOM for help.

FACTS & FIGURES

ON CHRISTIAN FAITH

FELLOWSHIPS IN MUKONO AND MUHANGA

379

CELL GROUPS ATTENDED

41 by 408 seniors,

SENIOR TO SENIOR PRAYER PARTNERSHIPS FORMED

75

PRAYER HOME VISITS

7,654

BIBLE QUIZZES

30

ACCEPTANCE OF JESUS AS THEIR LORD AND SAVIOR

7 seniors

"In 2006, an old man – Benaldo Kamanzi waited for me at the corner of the newly acquired ROTOM land. When I stopped he quickly removed his cap to show me the wounds that covered his whole head. For years, he had a skin diseases that had eaten away his scalp leaving nothing but sceptic wounds and flies all over on his head.

Once enrolled into ROTOM program, we found a Skin Specialist to attend to him and in a very short time, his wounds were healed.

He now had a vibrant social life taking an active part in a range of activities like regularly attending the ROTOM fellowships, his local church's other events and visiting with his community members. Benaldo even set up a little vegetable garden around the house ROTOM built for him. He always came by the office to visit us and it was such a great a joy to watch him thrive." Kenneth recalls.

Time came and his strength failed him. During this time, he would fall sick with different ailments which were always managed by ROTOM Health Workers and he would get back on his feet.

On Saturday 11th; went home to be with the Lord and ROTOM gave him a dignified farewell on Sunday November 12th 2017.

Many vulnerable seniors besides worrying about their ills and aches stay up at night wondering how they will die. Will they die alone to be buried in a pauper's grave?

With your support, ROTOM was able to provide medical care for **1,599** seniors, physiotherapy to **155** seniors, **937** seniors received transport fare to go to hospitals, conduct **4** medical outreaches, hold **37** hygiene and sanitation talks with the

seniors, and also make over **7,694** home visits to seniors in their homes to see how they are doing. **21** seniors whose life's journey ended in 2017 were given a dignified send off to their eternal home.

ROTOM Medical Centers

ROTOM's two medical centers in Mukono and Muhanga are mainly focused on the needs of older persons and those under their care. It is open to the general public too and offers all health care services. In 2017, the medical centers saw **7,807** patients **5,796** of whom were older persons. A dental clinic was opened at the Muhanga Medical Center and

it was visited by **62** seniors. **1,331** patients received physiotherapy, 10266 received health education, and **147** talks on nutrition were held. **20** medical outreaches, **1** general screening were conducted and 380 received eye screening.

The ROTOM Medical Center also recruited a medical doctor to further improve the services provided at the Medical center.

3. To lessen the burden of dependents on older persons through education and health care

Many African grandparents can always be found with a child or several children under their care. Often times, these grandchildren's very survival depends on these grandparents.



It is an unwritten code, when children die and leave behind children, they are taken to their grandparents. Or when the parents are struggling to survive, they leave their children with their own parents with promises of sending support before disappearing into the urban centers. For Elivansoni Nakafeero, when her daughter died in childbirth, she lost a daughter and acquired a new born baby girl Justine. She has since been raising Justine in addition to another granddaughter and twin great granddaughters.

For 22 years, Elivansoni the only parent Justine has ever known. A widow herself, she has had to labour long and hard in the field to feed her young family, cloth them and send them to school. **'You never know how far a shilling can be stretched till you are an old woman, with no income but with young kids whose very survival depends on you'** says Elivansoni.

Months turned into years and still together with her grandmother, Justine dreamt of going to college. And like a candle that refuses to



be snuffed out by the storms she held onto her dreams. Then one day in January 2017, while working in the garden, grandmother and granddaughter received a visitor from ROTOM with news about a scholarship offered by Beautiful World Canada Foundation that was available for girls just like Justine.

The scholarship comes with full tuition, accommodation, meals and school books. For the first time in 22 years Elivansoni can simply be a dotting grandmother to her beloved granddaughter.

For many grandparents, their grandchildren's stories are their stories, their struggles and joy are interwoven. Many grandmothers can be seen keeping half of their food given to them at a fellowship to take home to their grandchildren. They are heard saying, '**How can I eat when my grandchildren are hungry back home?**' Little by little ROTOM is supporting these grandparents in their immense responsibilities in caring for their grandchildren.

ROTOM together with BWCF, Stephen Lewis Foundation, and Children Hope Chest has been able to support **276** grandchildren in school, mentorship for **44** grandchildren in Universities, make **1,114** home and school visits and provided **524** counselling sessions to the children. **6** children living with HIV/AIDS under the survival program received food supplements. **825** letters were exchanged with sponsors and hosted **29** sponsors to meet their sponsored children.

ROTOM together with the different partners is changing the lives of older persons by providing education, health care, leadership and skill development as well as spiritual, emotional and social help to their grandchildren.

4. To improve the food and income security of older persons' households

To increase food and income security of older persons' households ROTOM is empowering older persons with skills and tools they need to gain a degree of independence. Many have the capacity to engage in income generating projects, small scale farming and even trading.

Lwanyonyi seniors in Mukono now have a boar goat that is helping interbreed the local goats most seniors have. This will improve the quality



of their goats. Cross bred goats are also faster growing, bigger and their demand is higher than the local goats.

In Mukono, both Village Outreach Centers in Lwanyonyi and Magoggo have demo vegetable gardens which are used to teach seniors more about their vegetable gardens and also provide food for the seniors. The field assistants in Magoggo, Kakinzi and Nabalanga have gone further and planted a banana plantation at the Magoggo Village Outreach Centre (VOC) with the hope that when the bananas are ready for harvest, frail seniors under their care will enjoy the harvest at no cost to ROTOM.

In Kabale, village volunteers and field assistants attended community trainings on soil erosion and its management. Given the land tenure of Kabale, with rolling hills, soil erosion is high and has greatly affected the fertility of the land. These trainings are a great step towards helping the seniors manage their lands better for better farm yields.

Throughout 2017, **500** kitchen gardens were planted, **882** seniors received planting material, **375** received small animals, **171**

FACTS & FIGURES

ON HEALTH CENTERS

VISITS

7,807 Patients

DENTAL CLNNIC OPENED

62 seniors,

HEALTH EDUCATION

10,266

TALKS ON NUTRITION

147

GENERAL SCREENING

1

EYE SCREENING

380

received chicken, **20** chicken coops were constructed for seniors who needed them, **358** seniors were trained in kitchen vegetable farming and chicken keepings. **27** trainings were held to teach seniors about saving and **4,375** field visits were made by the staff and volunteers to monitor seniors and their projects both in Mukono and Kabale.

5. To increase awareness of rights and needs of older persons

ROTOM being an older persons' ministry is very passionate about the rights and needs of older persons. To increase the awareness to this cause, ROTOM has had **2** radio talk shows on Voice of Kigezi and a televised talk show on TV West in Mbarara, **4** campaigns and advocacy meetings, and **3** gatherings and public talks with leaders in the community.

Our partner organization Stephen Lewis Foundation published a book Powered by Love on the plight of grandmothers in Africa, ROTOM grandmother from Muhanga Evelyn Bakenyaga attended the launch and promotion of the book in Canada.

Senior Sponsor relation

Senior-sponsor relations is another very important aspect of the ROTOM work. This involves facilitating the correspondence between sponsors, beneficiaries and attending to donor queries. **2,641** letters were exchanged between seniors and their sponsors, **29** sponsors were hosted in Uganda, **736** update reports, **48** donor reports and **37** new senior profiles were shared. **3** volunteer trainings were conducted and **57** volunteers were trained. **206** seniors received special donations from their sponsors.

Special Projects

Special projects are those projects which help ROTOM to maximize their outreach to seniors. They help to cover what the monthly support is unable to take care of. These are done according to the need and also according to the funds available.

The prolonged drought which affected the whole of Uganda in 2017 was one of those times when ROTOM needed special need to ensure the wellbeing of the seniors under our care. With support from our partners, under the Emergency Food Relief project, seniors received

FACTS & FIGURES

ON FOOD SUPPLIES

CORN FLOUR

23,610 kg

BEANS

11,795 kg

RICE

407 kg

GROUND NUTS

541 kg

HIGH PROTEIN PORRIDGE FLOUR

550 kg

MILLET FLOUR (CEREALS GRAIN

50 kg

SILVER FISH

128 kg



enough food to take them through the drought.

A total of **958** seniors received maize flour and beans in the months of April and June 2017.

As a sustainability plan, there was also distribution of planting materials to the seniors in addition to food given out. This was to help support the seniors to grow and have food in their homes after the long drought. The following planting materials were distributed to the seniors:

- ◇ **1,474 kg of Maize seeds**
- ◇ **1,475 kg Bean seeds**
- ◇ **818 beneficiaries received planting materials.**

The emergency food relief project reduced the malnutrition levels of many seniors who were starving. There is increased food security and productivity among the supported seniors with the availability of rains and provision of planting materials, improvement in the health of the supported seniors. And improved the emotional well-being of the seniors as many were relieved off the food stress.

In addition to the emergency food relief, **4** seniors had new houses constructed for them while **12** seniors' houses which were badly depilated were renovated.

Many seniors have no shelter in which to prepare their meals and some find themselves



cooking in their often cramped houses while others cook out in the open. Cooking in the open leaves them at the mercy of the weather while cooking in their houses is very bad for their health and a fire hazard. Fortunately, ROTOM was able to build **9** kitchen shelters in 2017 for those seniors who needed them most.

In a bid to improve the sanitation and hygiene of our supported seniors, ROTOM was able to construct **20** pit latrines for the seniors in 2017.

6. To build an effective, sustainable and life-long learning organization

ROTOM Uganda has dynamic Board of Directors. The chairman of the board of directors of ROTOM Uganda Dr. John Kimbe retired at the close of 2017 and Dr. Conrad Ntaate took over the leadership.

ROTOM was also able to recruit a medical doctor for the medical center in Mukono Dr. Irene Katumba and she now leads the dynamic team of medical staff at the ROTOM medical centers.

More staff have been able to upgrade in school; Edith Kazimba is pursuing her Bachelor's degree at Uganda Christian University, Justine Nagawa a master's degree in the USA, and Ronald Sebaana Kizito, a diploma in clinical medicine.

In August, we held our annual staff retreat where **30** staff participated in team building



activities and have a good time together.

The ROTOM Uganda office in Mukono was also refurbished with new floors, a new ceiling and it was repainted in December 2017. The Team House in Kabale was also completed and teams are already using it.

The finance team was also able to send the quarterly financial reports to the different donor countries and also successful conduct the ROTOM Uganda audit.



Journey for Change

This program gives people a chance to have a firsthand experience of the ministry and work of ROTOM in Uganda. In 2017, **21** teams from over 6 different countries visited ROTOM some on mission trips, medical teams' visits, senior visits, sanitation and water projects, field work and to train ROTOM staff in leadership.

HOW TO PARTNER WITH US

Support an older person for a month at only USD35, CND35, €25 or UGX80,000 and allow them have access to:

- ▶ Medical care
- ▶ Nutritious meals.
- ▶ Regular home visits from volunteers, staff and counsellors.
- ▶ Skills that improve their lives.
- ▶ Secure, safer and healthier housing.
- ▶ Improved food and income security in their homes
- ▶ A well-presented gospel of the good news of Jesus Christ.
- ▶ Participate in bible study and group fellowships with fellow seniors.

5.0 Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2017

	Notes	2017 Shs	2016 Shs
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Property and equipment	9.3	1,758,162,129	1,705,892,181
Total non-current assets		1,758,162,129	1,705,892,181
Current assets			
Receivables	9.4	102,862,460	99,652,446
Advances	9.5	1,664,600	1,981,532
Cash and cash equivalents	9.6	618,184,301	628,282,612
Total current assets		722,711,361	729,916,589
Total assets		2,480,873,490	2,435,808,771
Equity and liabilities			
Equity and reserves			
Capital fund		1,758,162,130	1,705,892,181
Restricted fund balance		331,847,353	676,667,572
Designated funds		162,874,043	176,329,409
General fund		(27,793,227)	(158,833,955)
		2,225,090,299	2,400,055,207
Current liabilities			
Payables	9.7	150,668,814	-
Accruals	9.8	105,114,377	35,753,564
		255,783,191	35,753,564
Total equity, reserves and liabilities		2,480,873,490	2,435,808,771

The notes and appendices set out on pages 15 to 22 form an integral part of the financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors of the Reach One Touch One Ministries on and signed on its behalf by:


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Chairperson


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Treasurer


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Country Director

**6.0 Statement of Profit or Loss and other Comprehensive Income for the year ended
31 December 2017**

	Notes	2017 Shs	2016 Shs
Income			
ROTOM USA	9.9	1,162,735,468	1,317,471,544
ROTOM administration	9.9	397,991,593	354,818,328
ROTOM medical services	9.9	314,871,701	356,980,032
ROTOM BWCF	9.9	259,930,623	136,116,342
ROTOM MFB	9.9	236,927,100	205,751,722
ROTOM SLF	9.9	216,459,188	160,183,440
<i>ROTOM Katuba</i>	9.9	194,109,750	101,545,450
ROTOM Canada	9.9	145,265,661	113,436,895
ROTOM UK	9.9	115,274,362	69,263,709
ROTOM Uganda	9.9	89,668,646	178,588,947
ROTOM Fellowship	9.9	59,727,702	-
Total income		3,192,961,794	2,994,156,409
Expenditure			
Senior friendship support	9.10	(1,562,008,639)	(1,531,163,034)
Personnel costs - administrative	9.11	(397,596,229)	(249,758,126)
Administrative expenses	9.12	(511,268,402)	(402,512,751)
Governance	9.13	(73,962,181)	(22,968,500)
ROTOM SLF Grandmother	9.14	(224,830,854)	(188,192,008)
ROTOM Champions BWCF	9.15	(202,988,541)	(147,557,879)
ROTOM KATUBA care point	9.16	(197,519,700)	(100,870,100)
Total expenditure		(3,170,174,546)	(2,643,022,398)
Taxation	9.17	-	-
Surplus		22,787,248	351,134,011
Transferred to restricted fund balance		142,046,829	432,941,940
Transferred to general fund balance		(119,259,581)	(81,807,929)
		22,787,248	351,134,011



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