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BI- ANNUAL PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

JANUARY TO JUNE 2021- MUKONO AREA

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INTRODUCTION

We give glory to God for the half a year we have covered so far in serving grannies in the Mukono area though we have been hit by the second wave COVID 19. I am also grateful for the support we received and are still receiving from the USA and support friends. This report aims to narrate how we have been able to implement activities in the seniors' communities to improve their lives and children under their care through the love of Jesus Christ.

We have implemented all activities following the strategic objectives of ROTOM. In this report, we are going to talk about each objective, the achievements, and the challenges encountered from January to June.

Number of Beneficiaries

The table below explains the numbers of beneficiaries we have served from January to June 2021

No	Category	Females	Males	Totals
1.	Current number of supported seniors by June 2021	164	78	242
2.	Number of deaths from Jan to June 2021	8	5	13
3.	Number of departed seniors from Jan to June 2021	5	2	7
4.	Number of grandchildren supported from Jan to June 2021	5	2	7
5.	None supported village volunteers	18	4	22
6.	Total beneficiaries supported from Jan to June 2021	200	91	291

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OBJECTIVES

Specific Objective 1. To promote Christian faith among older persons and those under

Activity 1. Bi-weekly fellowship and Home visits



Seniors of the Kabulo group were having a meal at the fellowship meeting day.

This activity was not fully implemented because of COVID 19 epidemic. Following all standard Operating procedures (SOPs), seniors fellowship meetings were opened in May and seniors

were very happy to see each other, hear the gospel, sing, and dance and eat a well-prepared meal. Later in June fellowship meetings were closed and the country went back into lockdown due to the second wave of COVID 19 that hit Uganda.

- **12** fellowship groups were able to meet two times. This gave each senior a chance to hear the word of God, share testimonies, and eat hot nutritious meals.
 - **789** attendances were made by seniors in the two fellowship meetings.
 - **789** plates of food were served to seniors who were able to attend fellowship
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meetings. 18 plates were by village volunteers to seniors who were not able to attend due to weakness and sickness.

- **87** were supported with transport to attend fellowship meetings. This enabled them to get a chance to hear the word of God and interact with fellow seniors.
- **3** monthly volunteer and field assistants' support group meetings were conducted by the ROTOM evangelist. Through these meetings, the evangelist equipped the volunteers, field assistants, and field workers with the techniques of presenting the gospel of Christ to seniors and their household members. This boosted the confidence in sharing the word of God.
- **4212** times visits were made in the seniors' homes. In this period of lockdown, closure of places of worship and gatherings, volunteers and field assistants using the skill learned from support group meetings have been able to reach out to seniors' households with a word of God and prayer. This has given many seniors hope and continue trusting in God.

16 seniors gave their lives to Christ after hearing the Good news of Jesus Christ through the above activities. Among these include;

Esther Byansi Byakuleka, Jane Namuyirya, Maria Babirye Nabukenya, Kigongo Gaetano, Joseph Kabagalizo, Regina Tibankunda, Joseph Mayanja, Eseza Namitala, Luzinda Livingstone, Dorothy Namatovu, Kiyemba Steven, Oliva Naluwooza, Kasim Rubayiza, Firingina Amusugutu, Dorothy Nanteza, and Mudesta Katooko.

Hallelujah!

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Objective 2: Improving Physical and Emotional health of seniors

Activity 1. Provision of medical treatment



Jane, the field Nurse attending to Dezilanta Nagawa in her home

Apart from the ROTOM health center, we partnered with other health centers to provide medical treatment to seniors. These are located in villages where our seniors reside. This has made it easy for beneficiaries to access treatment even when public transport was closed. The field nurse has also played a big role to do home visits to check on the health of seniors.

- **4470** seniors received medical treatment; **4394** were treated at ROTOM health center,
- **76** were treated in partner health centers.
- **169** times were made in the seniors' homes by field nurses to check on their health and sensitize them about COVID 19 prevention practices.
- All seniors received face masks to protect them against COVID 19

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- **217** seniors got the first dose of the COVID 19 vaccine.
- **5** Frail seniors were fully cared for at Village Outreach center Lwanyonyi for: Clementine, Filister, Sauda, Matiya, Dimintiria.
- **10** temperature guns were purchased and given to fellowship groups. These guns were used to check the temperature of seniors during fellowship meetings.
- **13** blood pressure machines were purchased and given to Field Assistants and volunteers to use checking the blood pressure of seniors and note down the results and send them to ROTOM medical team for analysis.
- **3** monthly volunteer and field Assistants' support group meetings were conducted by the Field nurse. She aimed at equipping them with the SOPs which they later passed on to seniors and their caregivers, how to use a BP machine and how to use the temperature guns.
- We lost **13** seniors and their last reports were sent; Tereza Kyazike, Arajabu Bikwalira, Maria Bwesige, Matiya Yahenye, Jovani Babyuza, Maria Kilagala, Aisha Nakazzi, Namuli Faliosi, George William Zziwa, Josephine Namusoke, Banna Nantume, and George Zziwa, and Specioza Namyalo.

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Activity 2. Water and hygiene and sanitation.



a very happy Nassanga Federesi with her 1000-liter water tank installed in her home

- All seniors were visited in their homes to check on their hygiene and sanitation and delivering hygiene items. Our checks focused on washing hands with soap and water.
- **3** pit latrines were constructed.
- **3** seniors got 1000-liter water tanks. This has saved these families from having to walk long distances to access clean water.



Muzare and his wife Rose Mary received new beddings; A bedframe, a blanket, bedsheets and a water proof mattress

- every month, we gave each senior a bar of soap. This has improved the hygiene and sanitation standards in the seniors' households.
- We have given out skin oil to all seniors every quarter.
- **22** seniors were supported with a bedding item that she or he needed. **11** bedframes, **11** blankets, **12** bedsheets, and **9** mattresses. However, the need for beddings is still big because many seniors have none or barely adequate beddings.

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Activity 3. House Construction and Renovations



Samuel Wamala standing in front of his new pit latrine

was paid by ROTOM.

- Disani Katende a new one-roomed house
- **3** seniors with deteriorating mental abilities were supported with solar lamps. These seniors' houses were at a high risk of getting burnt by the kerosene lamps and candles they were using.
- **2** seniors; Gabriel, Odidi their house rent was paid by ROTOM.
- **3** seniors' solar systems were repaired. We bought new bulbs and batteries and they were all fixed and seniors we happy to get light again in their houses.
- Wilson Zziwa was supported with shutters for his new house
- John Mukasa added another room to his house. He used the special donation money he received from his supporting friends to make an extension on his one-roomed house. He now has two rooms which he shares with his grandchildren.

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Objective 3: Improving food and income security of seniors

- **92** seniors were supported with monthly food packages. Packages include Cornmeal flour, Beans, Peanut paste, Sugar, millet flour, salt, and Matches.
- **3** seniors received small animals to keep. 2 piglets and a kid.
- **42** seniors got vegetable seeds.
- **28** seniors who keep animals were all supported with veterinary services for their animals.



Samuel Wamala in his vegetable garden. He grows egg plants among other things. Harvests from his vegetable garden provide him with extra nutrients to supplement his other foods.

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Objective 4: Support seniors bring up children under their care

7 grandchildren were supported with school fees. 4 are in senior secondary, and **3** are doing vocational courses. All these grandchildren's learning has been greatly affected by the coronavirus pandemic which has left schools in Uganda closed on and off for close to 16 months. We are not even certain of when the schools will be opened again.



Fahad lives with his grandmother Juliat Nakintu in a small village of Nabalanga. He is one of the more than 15 grandchildren under Juliat's care.

Luckily, ROTOM is supporting him to acquire skills as a mechanical engineer to give him a chance for a better future and also give him means to support his grandmother.

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Objective 5: Improving the relationship between seniors and their Friends



A happy Catherine Nakabugo with the groceries she bought with the extra special donation sent from her supporting friends. For Catherine and her special needs grandson Junior, Special donations like these means a blessed certainty of their next meal, secured school needs for Junior and more.

- **233** annual updates were processed.
- **202** Schedule letters processed
- **36** letters sent by the sponsors to their seniors
- **39** sponsors letters replied and thank you letters were sent
- **17** seniors' profiles sent to donors
- **3** training sessions were held on letter writing
- **6** donor reports were compiled and sent
- **41** seniors who received special donations
- **5** senior stories sent to donors
- **8** seniors whose health updates were sent to donors

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Challenges:

As we continue to reach and touch the lives of the seniors under our care, we remain focused on the handling the challenges we face daily. For instance;

- Some seniors' caregivers refused to let their seniors get the COVID 19 vaccine.
- **126** seniors' households lack proper pit latrines
- **158** seniors' houses lack proper lighting in their houses
- **107** seniors have poor beddings.
- COVID 19 has hindered the implementation of a big number of our activities



CONCLUSION:

WE thank God for the remarkable Increase in the number of seniors who can read the bible, pray and share the word of God. This growth is mainly due to the increased support of the ROTOM evangelism team.

- Seniors' household also show an Improvement in their hygiene and sanitation due to the provision of monthly soap supply to all ROTOM seniors.

Thank You

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