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The Secretary

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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO RE-ALLOCATE 96 PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS WHO WERE AFFECTED WHEN OPEN AIR NURSERY SCHOOL COLLAPSED BY KAMPALA CITY COUNCIL LANDFILL AT KITEEZI

We humbly submit our request for UK£668.65 (UGX 3,136,032/=) to re-allocate 96 pupils of Open Air Nursery School formerly located at Kiteezi which was destroyed by the garbage landfill that collapsed on Saturday morning of 10th August 2024 leaving the pre-primary school building and furniture destroyed beyond repair. The landfill is the waste dumping area for the Kampala Capital City Authority where garbage collected from the five divisions of the city has been dumped for over 15 years.

In 2020, Open Air Campaigners Uganda together with the community members established a Kindergarten school (locally known as Nursery schools) to cater for the education of young children aged 3-5 years who are living in poor families in communities around the waste dumping area. The 3 classroom building was housing offices, the baby class, middle and top classes with a total of 105 pupils. Though the building was destroyed beyond repair, it is very fortunate that the incident happened on Saturday when the children don't come to school otherwise the pupils' lives would have been in extreme danger.

The issue at hand is how best we can relocate these children to continue their third term education as we make plans to build another school about one kilometer away from the scene. In this case we have approached the Blessed Nursery School which is the nearby nursery school to admit our pupils to be able to start their third term on 16th September 2024. The school administration has granted us an offer to pay UGX 32,667/= per child instead of UGX 108,000/= payable by each pupil for fees per term. This offer was made as a consolation because the pupils open air campaigners Uganda caters for their education are orphans. Secondly, the organization suffered much loss of property when our classroom building and offices were all destroyed and the project where used to get money to care the orphan pupils was also destroyed. Although we have been granted that offer, it is unfortunate that we can't afford to raise that amount to enable the young children to get enrolled in that school because our income generating project was also affected in the tragedy. We now humbly appeal to the trustees to support this noble cause by granting us €668.65 to clear the school charges for these orphans. We are very hopeful that by next year a new school for these children will be ready and they continue their education normally. We are therefore making this emergency appeal to help us to bridge up the third term gap so that the children don't miss this promotional term.

Since Kiteezi became a waste dumping place for the Capital City of Uganda, low income people bought small plots of land, built medium houses by collecting rubbish and selling it for recycling. There's some little money to make there, and Kampala Capital City Authority reportedly charges an annual fee and even issues operation permits for those who work there. This made the communities around to get densely populated living in congested small houses built without proper planning. All the women living in the surrounding communities were engaged in the plastic and polythene collection and selling business. Those with young children below the age of 6 years used to come with them to do their work which was not healthy for these young children to stay in rubbish all day long. It was on this ground that the Open Air Campaigners Uganda together with the low income people decided to put up a Kindergarten school where those young children could get nursery education until they reach the age of 6 years which is by law of the Uganda government allowed to start primary education. Since this place has become a threat to human life, we have decided to relocate the school 2 kilometers away but still serving the same people within the surrounding communities.

A Good Samaritan has offered a piece of land where we can put the 3 classroom building for the kindergarten school. As you can see from the attached photo showing the collapsed building, we have some materials which we shall take from the destroyed structure and reuse them to construct the new classrooms. The Iron sheets are in a reusable state and the roofing timbers. We have picked 3000 burnt blocks which are not broken and shall be used on the new construction. The pre-primary schools which cater for young children aged 3-5 years are entirely run by individuals who charge very high school fees. In a poor community such schools are not available and as such the poor children in this category don't get chance to attain that foundation education. In this regard, these children find it very difficult to cope up when they start their primary education in primary one after missing the pre-primary education. Uganda's absence of free pre-primary education causes lifelong negative consequences. Fees for private pre-schools for children ages 3-5 create an insurmountable barrier for most families, particularly those in rural areas, and those with little income.

The landfill collapse was believed to have been triggered by heavy rainfall. The precise details of what happened as stated by the city authority said there was a "structural failure in waste mass".

The Kiteezi landfill is on a steep slope in an impoverished part of the city. Women and children who scavenge plastic waste for income frequently gather there, and some homes have been built close to the landfill.

Recent heavy rains cause part of the landfill to break off early 1st August 2024, covering multiple houses in the area and over 35 people lost their lives. Response operations are ongoing, and an unconfirmed number of people may still be trapped in the rubble.

The event occurred early on Saturday morning, leading to severe casualties and widespread destruction.

The organization

Open Air Campaigners Uganda is a Non-Governmental Organization registered with government of Uganda under the Non-Governmental Organizations Registration. The Organization was formed mainly to focus on rural community children and the people who provide care to the orphans in various aspects. The Organization is based in Wakiso District.

Our goal as Open Air Campaigners Uganda is to work with the community members in Nangabo ward where we have a very strong goal of improving the quality of life of the vulnerable children and orphans through providing education, giving care, love and support.

Details of the Collapse

The Kiteezi landfill, situated approximately 10 kilometers north of Kampala's city center, has been a major waste disposal site for the capital since its establishment. The collapse occurred around 3:00 a.m. local time, when a large section of the landfill, which had been steadily accumulating waste for years, gave way. The failure resulted in a massive landslide of refuse that engulfed nearby areas, including residential zones and informal settlements.

Initial reports indicate that the landslide buried several homes under tons of debris. Emergency services and rescue teams have been working tirelessly to locate and assist survivors, but the scale of the disaster has made operations challenging. Preliminary estimates suggest that at least 30 people have been confirmed dead, with dozens more injured or missing.

Funding requested

We are requesting for UK£668.65 (UGX 3,136,032/=) to support the orphans care for by Open Air Pre-primary School to be reallocated to Blessed Nursery school. While this amount is urgently required to ensure that children get a school to use by the third term, we also bear it in mind that such amount of money can be difficult to be raised in one lump sum by the donor. We shall therefore appreciate any kind of contribution that you can be able to donate to this cause which shall do a tremendous work to this project to help the open air pre-primary school to continue serving the disadvantaged children.

As we are in are in a very critical moment we shall appreciate any amount of donation coming our way because we want our children to start the third term classes on 16th September 2024.

For any financial support that you can afford to grant to this noble cause, we will appreciate when it is remitted through our bank account as follows.

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Intermediary/Correspondent Bank Details	Bank Name	SPARKASSE AACHEN
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	SWIFT CODE	AACSDE33
Beneficiary Bank Details	Name of Bank	POST BANK UGANDA LTD
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	Country	UGANDA
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	Account Number	927206243
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Beneficiary/Receiver's Details	Full Account Names of Organization	OPEN AIR CAMPAIGNERS UGANDA
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We attach herewith the photo showing the extent of destruction of our school building.

We shall be very grateful for your generous support towards our request.

Yours faithfully,

Melane Kalyowa

DIRECTOR

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