

# Presentation on Toro Babies Home

CELEBRATING THE GOLDEN JUBILEE

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## Background Information

- Toro Babies Home Is located in Fort Portal city along Kasese Road in western Uganda .
- The home was inaugurated on 19th of September 1970 . It was founded by the Diocese of Rwenzori Church of Uganda and the Catholic Diocese of Fort Portal.
- The two bishops of the two dioceses came up with the idea of founding this babies home.
- TBH is not for profit organisation and is legally registered with the ministry of gender
- To date over 9000 children have gone through this home. This figure is an estimate because during the earlier years, record keeping of the staff was not done well. Accurate records start from 1985. Many of these children have been adopted by families both in Uganda and abroad. Some of the children have been taken back or resettled to their relatives' homes while some have been reintegrated in other facilities e.g. SOS.

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## Map of Uganda



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## Founders

Bishop Magambo



Bishop Rwakaikara



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## Ownership of the home

The legal owners of Toro Babies home are the two dioceses i.e. the catholic Diocese of Fort Portal and the Diocese of Rwenzori (Church of Uganda (Protestant)). The bishops of the two dioceses are called the trustees of Toro babies home.

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## Management

- The trustees appoint aboard of Governors which oversees the activities of the home. The board meets four times in a year. They receive reports from management, appoint auditors and also report to the trustees .
- The personnel are headed by the matron who acts as manager. We currently have 18 members of staff whom the Matron is supervising
- Mothers take care of the children and babies, they babysit them, feed them and a nurse them. Each mother is entrusted with a given number of children whom she's mandated to take care of.
- The other workers are the gatekeeper, the compound man, one laundry mother, the cook, the accounts clerk, the driver, and 3 farm workers.
- Sometimes we also receive volunteers from abroad, e.g. Germany and Spain.

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The Trustees,  
Robert Muhhirwa



Reuben Kisembo



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## The Matron



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## Infrastructure

- Toro Babies home is lucky to be having a number of structures in place. We have 6 houses where children live and each house is under one mother . We have an office block which houses the matron's office, the reception area, the accounts' clerk office and other vacant offices. Adjacent to the office block, is the house for volunteers and staff with its kitchen. At the gate there is gatekeepers house
- Toro babies home is meant to accommodate 70 children

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## Partners some of the home

- Toro babies home was started with the help of the Boy Scouts and girl guides of Norway and the people Toro
- We have worked with the number of donors and partners who have been donating funds to run Toro babies home
- Our appreciation goes to all people of goodwill both in Uganda and abroad
- Currently we have regular donors from Norway, namely, children need parents and those from Germany mobilised by Mrs. Marina Meger i.e. Partnerschaft Gesunde Welt.

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## Children at Toro Babie Home

- The capacity of the home is meant to accommodate 70 children.
- We currently have 51 two children at the home 26 are female and another 25 are male children. Babies under six months are 11.
- Children above ten year are 5. Mary is 34 year, she has no family and she has physical and mental disability, Stephen is 17 years and has autism, Dorothy is 16 years and has mental and physical disability. Rachael is 11years and totally disabled. Annet is 12 years and totally disabled.
- When an abandoned child is found, she is brought here by the police and the probation officer
- Children with known relatives are resettled at 3 years.
- When an individual or family wants to adopt a children one goes through long court processes, starts by fostering here in Uganda, then adoption follows.

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## Income projects

- We have two pieces of land which the church donated.
- One is Kagote near town where we have a banana plantation and vegetables garden
- Another is 6 km way, with a banana plantation, two cows, potatoe gardens, cassava, irish potatoes and vegetables.

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## Gardens of vegetables and Plantations

- Our garden workers are very committed, they produce some food and supplement on our budget



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## Non-Functional Projects

- In Kagote there's a foundation of a 4 storied building for which we failed to get money to complete.
- We have a statonary tractor which was donated by the wife of the presidednt but it has proved to be expesive to maintain.

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## Challenges

- Our certifcate of registration allows us to keep the children for only 3 years. But we find ourselves illigagly staying with them for many years. Many have no homes or relative
- We have many overgrown children who are very hard to maintain because they are sick und disabled.
- High medical bills
- High utility costs (our solar is down completely)
- Fluctuations of food prices.
- The number of children is increasing every month and we need to create more room for them and the personnel to take care of the children

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# Children with Severe Disabilities

stephen, Rachael, Gift, Mary, Annet and Dorothy



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Our Journey with the children. An example is Evelyn



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## Gratitude

- We thank our donors
- Children need parents (Åge, Jack, Hilda and Ninna)
- Partnerschaft Gesunde Welt (Marina and her late husband)
- Local people from Fort Portal who donate food items.
- The spanish volunteers who have taken over paying school fees for some children and providing other essentials.
- Thanks to the Trustee and the Board.
- The staff
- The Physio therapists supported by Marina

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## In loving Memory of Jochen Meger

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- He had his heart and mind here in Toro Babies Home!  
May his soul rest in Peace

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## Future plans

- Proper celebration of the Golden Jubilee, when the lockdown is lifeteed, we shall expect vistors from abroad especially you our partners
- Bringing back the German Volunteers
- Completion of the House in Kagote for sustainability
- A children's village in Kasiisi witha vocational school
- Goat raring in Kasiisi

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The Mini Golden Jubilee  
on Saturday 19.09.2020



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The Trustees  
and the  
Board  
Members



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The Golden Jubilee Cake



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