FORWARD
You are all welcome to the M-lisada November to December Newsletter. I would like to thank all people who have worked together with us to make the work of taking care and ensuring the well being of vulnerable children possible. This newsletter intends to share with you the happenings of the organization in the past months. I encourage all our partners to communicate back to us and tell what you think about our ideas. It is my hope that you find this newsletter inspiring as we look forward to the betterment of the vulnerable children.

DIRECTOR, M-LISADA

FINANCE
The Organization incurred expenses in repairing and buying of equipment. We spent 1,807,300/= on these expenses. M–Lisada received support for its organizational programs through the PEPFAR grant that was endowed to us to promote and finance some of M–Lisada’s activities with marginalized children.

M-LISADA EVENTS
M–Lisada Organization held a concert on the 2nd September, 2012 at their premises in Nsambya with the Uganda Super Acrobatics. The purpose of this event was:
• To launch the first young super acrobatics event in Uganda.
• To entertain the audience by displaying the gymnastic skills learned from their trainers.
• To show the audience that girls can participate in acrobatics too.

Many people attended the concert from the Community and cooperating organizations. M–Lisada’s major focus has always been gender balance in all its activities and has encouraged girls to join the acrobatics team. The girls participated in the concert and everyone was amazed to see how talented they are while performing in the yoga skills. The local and international media crew from different companies attended the concert.

Girls perform yoga with the member of the YSA at the concert

and graced the occasion. They came from prominent companies like NBS, Bukedde, and the Danish T.V.

EDUCATION
Out of 128 children in school and sponsored by M–Lisada, we have a total of 17 children in the candidate classes. 14 primary pupils will be sitting for the Primary Living Examination on the 5th November 2012. Three students are sitting for UNEB to promote them to high school next year.

School Visit
The M–Lisada Organization staffs visit children in their respective schools with the aim of finding out the children’s progress in class. They work hand in hand with teachers for fruitful results. During these school visits we found out that there are a number of challenges. These include payment of school requirements, tuition, and other expenses in a timely manner. This has been so because of the insufficient funds in the education department. We are looking for possible ways to have the funding necessary to educate these marginalized children, and to solve the above problem.

The M-Lisada social worker with one of the volunteers during the school visit program

HEALTH
M–Lisada Organization carried out a health sensitization program in the community, disseminating information on how to prevent and combat unhygienic diseases like cholera, diarrhea, malaria and others. At M–Lisada, the common diseases were chicken pox, cough and malaria. The number of sick children reduced from 24 to 12, and cost the organization $10 U.S. to treat one child from chicken pox and malaria.

DONATIONS
The organization receives any kind of donation given to it. Through donations, our organization carries out periodic renovations. We received a donation of 1000 pounds from Yves Beas, and this donation was used on the repairs and improvement of the drainage system. We also renovated the stage that is used for cultural dances and concerts. Thank you Yves Beas for this donation.

Bringing joy to street children
We received visitors from the local mass media called Bukedde. The purpose of their visit was to give back to the community through helping street children. They donated
jelly, soap and clothes. This donation brought happiness and joy to the children. Thank you Bukedde T.V for your kind donation.

The mass media interviews the M-Lisada leaders

FOOD AND NUTRITION
M-Lisada children are fed a balanced diet which includes matooke, posho, rice, beans, fish and ground nuts every weekend. This has allowed our children to stay in good health.

Children prepare their meal

Maize from the garden

CHILDREN’S SAVING
The Organization introduced a saving culture to children with the purpose of encouraging and motivating them to get involved in the activities. 75% of the boys get their savings from band activities and 25% of the girls get their incomes from the cultural dance activity. The more performances the organization receives, the more savings for a child. This year, 2012, the savings were low compared to last year’s savings, because we had fewer functions. Even though only a little money was raised, Makumbi Ashiraf and Namwanje Edith were recognized as the year’s best savers. Edith and Ashiraf are the best savers

FUTURE PLANS
M-Lisada will build a new home on our farmland in Bombo (in Mpande) that can accommodate 150 children. We will keep poultry, cattle, and pigs on the land.

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