TO ALL OUR FRIENDS, DONORS, SPONSORS AND PARTNERS,

It is with great pleasure that M-LISADA send to you our quarter Newsletter. Through this publication, we hope to share with you information about the programs we run which are supported by different donors and well-wishers. The information in this newsletter include our new building at M-LISADA, the work with children in the community, support of children living in disabled homes, the project working with children located in hard to reach areas (on islands found at Lake Victoria), and the work with children living in conflict with the law. The aim of all these projects is to work towards ensuring protection, development and well being of vulnerable young people.

I wish to thank our donors, partners, volunteers, local leaders and the entire management of M-LISADA for supporting the projects.
Thank you and enjoy reading!
Bosco Segawa.
Executive Director

M-LISADA OPENS A NEW BUILDING!
(By M-LISADA Management)
It was a time of music and dancing, joy and happiness when we were thrilled to officially open a wonderful new building at M-LISADA home. The building was funded by Chellaston Academy from UK who sent a team of students to help build it. It was fantastic having them visit us and we were all so excited to see the building completed.
The building includes two new boy’s dormitories, a kitchen, sick bay and a band store.

We are thankful to the staff and students of Chellaston Academy and the Junior Joint Committee for working together with us to help improve the lives of children at M-LISADA.
We cannot wait to see Chellaston Academy next year.

HARVEST!
Nutritious food contributes to proper growth, a healthy mind increases concentration. This is why we recognize how important it is for children at M-LISADA to eat nutritious foods.

In light of this we encourage our children to help with agricultural work and gardening at our land in Bombo and the small vegetable garden at M-LISADA. We believe this will be a great way for them to learn farming skills, increase on sustainability.

This season we harvested ten sacks of maize, and planted vegetables including cabbages, tomatoes, sukuma wichi, egg plants and onions.

The harvested maize from our garden in Bombo and the planted vegetables.
**SUPPORTING EDUCATION**

With Joint support from our Supporters and donors, the Organization has been able to support 300 vulnerable children in the community by enabling them to attend school. This has had a very positive impact for both the individual children but has also increased the visibility of M-LISADA in the community. Masomo has also supported children in the fishing community of Kalangala (a hard to reach area on the island of Lake Victoria) through M-LISADA in the Education sector, providing uniforms and meals for the vulnerable children.

By Mary Ajambo

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**M-LISADA HOSTS THE BRITISH DEPUTY AMBASSADOR**

We were extremely privileged to host the British Deputy Ambassador as our chief guest to mark the closure of our two-week music instructor-training course at the Texas Club Conference Hall.

This activity was coordinated by M-LISADA and supported by Brass For Africa, who conducted two weeks of music instructor’s workshops and training with the aim of empowering and educating new brass band music teachers. 12 junior music instructors benefitted from this workshop facilitated by professional music teachers from the UK. Our partners from One Heart Orphanage home in Kenya also attended the workshop.

A memorable music concert performance was held for the British Deputy Ambassador and other delegates who attended to mark the closure of the course.

By Mboira Godfrey.

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**MESSAGE FROM VOLUNTEER JACK VAN COOTEN**

Hey everybody!

I am currently sitting in cold and rainy autumnal Holland as I write my master’s thesis, which is giving me ample time to stare out of the window and reflect on my wonderful time spent in Uganda, with M-LISADA.

I spent two months with the organization for my thesis research, where I was exploring how brass band music can stimulate the agency of former street children, child inmates, and orphans.

In that time, I got to know many of the staff and children as friends, which made the research process so much smoother and more comfortable because I was made to feel so welcome from the very outset. I interviewed many of the staff and band members and went with the band to numerous performances around Kampala, and it was great to see the kids in their element, entertaining crowds with their talents.

I will be arguing that the ability to play music provides the children with numerous other positive skills and attitudes that they can apply to other areas in their lives: from improvements in confidence and self-esteem, to the awareness that they can achieve something tangible in the future. The overall wellbeing of the children at M-LISADA, many of which have lived on the streets themselves, is in stark contrast to those in the Kampiringisa rehabilitation center (a young children’s detention Centre where M-LISADA have recently began to undertake a new outreach programme), or indeed, those children who unfortunately remain on the streets.

Overall, I would definitely say that my expectations were definitely met. Not only did I obtain some innovative and vibrant data, but I made some great friends along the way.

Thanks again for all of your help, MLISADA.

Jack Van Cooten.
CELEBRATIONS!
CELEBRATING YOUTH DAY
The International Youth Day (IYD) is the brainchild of the United Nations, and was first celebrated on 12th August 2000, after the UN General Assembly passed a resolution accepting the recommendation made by the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in Lisbon in 1998. The day is used to draw public awareness to problems surrounding particular global, regional and country contemporary issues and their contributions.

Since M-LISADA works for and with young people, this year we participated in the youth day celebrations. The day’s celebrations were organized by M-LISADA with support from Brass for Africa and took place on the 14th August 2014 at Kampiringisa National Rehabilitation Center (a juvenile detention Centre). The celebrations drew young people from Good Shepherd and Bethlehem homes (which care for young people with disabilities), incarcerated juveniles at Kampiringisa Rehabilitation Center and M-LISADA youth. For the first time all the groups supported by M-LISADA and Brass for Africa came together to meet and to learn from each other through music, sports and games. The day was perfectly concluded with a match between the M-LISADA football team and Kampiringisa team.

By David Bateganya.

OUTREACH TO STREET CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY
M-LISADA is committed to changing the lives of vulnerable children on the streets and developing their natural talents to shine in this challenging world. We have enrolled 32 children from the streets of Kampala to benefit from peer-to-peer project funded by INTERKULTURA.e.V aiming at empowering them with practical life skills, rehabilitate them and build their capacity to become change makers of tomorrow.

We have been providing these children with psychosocial support and educating them about hygiene and sanitation. We are delighted that involving them in music programs has painted a smile on their faces, which we hope facilitates inner healing. As the project goes on we anticipate role models ready to change the lives of others.

By Happy Nakabugo

APEAL FOR SPONSORSHIP.
Dear everybody,
My name is Amessa
and I am 8 years old.
I was born in Congo and I enjoy coming to M-LISADA everyday to play, read books and eat healthy food. Next year my dream is to start school. We are desperately looking for sponsors and donors to enable Amessa to make her dream reality. Please send us an email to find out more about how you can sponsor Melisa.
Email: m-lisada-xstreet@hotmail.com

M-LISADA ACQUIRES 50 MOSQUITO NETS!
We are so thankful to Uzima Initiative with whom we recently joined hands to fight malaria. They donated 50 mosquito nets to us, which will be used by the children at M-LISADA.
By Nurse Magdalene.

TESTIMONY FROM JAMADA
“My life has tremendously changed ever since I joined part of the Kampiringisa Brass Band. I am now confident and proud when I play music alongside my friends. I love what M-LISADA teach us in the Brass Band and in the future I would love to learn a trombone because it sounds perfect to me!”
Jamada. From Kampiringisa Brass Band.

SPORTS NEWS
M-LISADA Bright Sports Academy Football Team won the under-17 football competition on Independence Day in Entebbe with a 2-1 victory.

Amazing girls win Chellaston Academy in netball 22-7

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Christmas Party for the children of M-LISADA (26th Dec 2014)
End of Year Concert (14th Dec 2014).
Soccer Gala 26/Dec/2014.
OUR FRIENDS OVER THERE, CHRISTMAS IS A SESSION OF GIFT SHARING AND A JOYFUL MOMENT. KINDLY SHARE WITH THE CHILDREN AT M-LISADA ANY DONATION IN KIND TO BRING JOY AND HAPPINESS TO THEM ON X-MAS.