



St. Francis Health
Care Services

PROFILE

About us

St. Francis is an indigenous non-profit organization providing holistic human services in Eastern Uganda. In the initial years of St. Francis' inception, much of the focus was put to HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment. In the last twenty years, St. Francis has grown from a reactive facility for fragmentary HIV/AIDS treatment to a holistic center where prevention, health management, spiritual healing, economic empowerment and family development are the hinges of the organization.

St. Francis since inception has provided HIV/AIDS treatment services to over 28,000 individuals in Eastern Uganda.



Achievements

We have provided **primary Education** support to over **3,900 orphans** and other **vulnerable children**

The Maternity ward has delivered over **1,340 mothers** since **2014** with **zero HIV transmission** from **mother to child**.

The **Social welfare** section has supported **500 grandmothers** with **economic empowerment** engagements.

The **Omoana rehabilitation** center has cared for **307 children**, **146 (males)** and **161 (females)** and reintegrated them in their families.

15 in-patients every week

Under the Family development project, **402 Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW)** have been skilled in various fields.

70 young positive youths are involved in **conscientization** of the communities about **HIV/AIDS**

Averagely **140 out-patients** every week

Over **112 children immunized** every week

We provide **vocational training** to over **820 vulnerable youths**

30 pregnant women access Antenatal services every week



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To offer holistic care, we :

Offer care and treatment of HIV positive clients

Raise awareness of HIV and work to stop the stigma around HIV

Empower the grandmothers and their orphaned grandchildren

Support the most at risk communities

Empower young people to protect themselves from the HIV/AIDS epidemic

Take care of orphans and vulnerable children

Increase access to Comprehensive Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights Services

Address maternal and child health issues in our community



Vision

A healthy, socially and economically empowered community.

Mission

To provide equitable, inclusive and affordable quality health care, economic empowerment and social services to the community.

Values



Equity of access



Affordability



Effectiveness



Partnerships



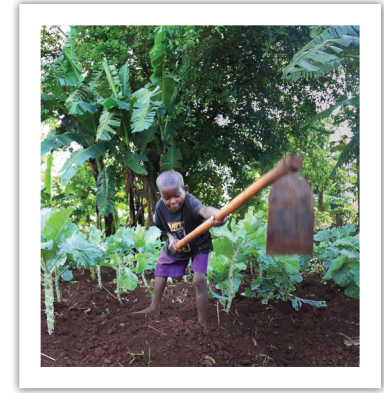
Efficiency and
Accountability



What we do



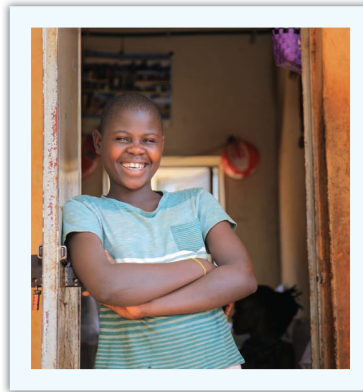
Family strengthening



Food security



Comprehensive and equitable health services



Child protection and youth empowerment



Economic empowerment



Comprehensive and equitable Health Services

At St.-Francis, we treat injuries due to accident as well as diseases such as malaria, diarrhea, typhoid fever, hepatitis etc.

Every week, more than 20 people are admitted to St.-Francis and cared for by our medical staff. We make sure to give comprehensive, quality and equitable health services to all of our clients.

Every day, people get tested for HIV at our clinic for free. We make sure to give them the psychosocial support they need in case their result is positive. In our maternity department, we prevent HIV by making sure to avoid mother-to-child transmission.

Key features of Comprehensive and equitable health services

- *HIV/AIDS Care and treatment*
- *Maternity/child health*
- *Outpatient services*
- *STI screening and management*
- *TB screening and management*
- *Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights Services*

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In the last 5 years, 100% of the babies delivered in our maternity ward are negative. We are proud to say that we are significantly contributing to the elimination of Mother-To-Child Transmission (Emtct) campaign.



Family strengthening

We empower households to enable them to get life skills, access sexual reproductive health services and other critical services. We train adolescent girls and young women in parenting skills and we provide home visits to the terminally ill patients and elderly.

Key features of Family strengthening

- *Life skills for grandmothers and adolescent girls and young women*
- *Home visits for the grandmothers*
- *Parenting*
- *Psycho-social support activities – counseling, sport, games*
- *Coordination meetings*
- *Mapping*
- *Needs assessments*
- *Community dialogues*
- *Mental health*
- *Validations meetings*





Child protection and youth empowerment

Our Child Protection interventions aim to strengthen social safety nets protecting children and youth from abuse and exploitation and increase access to legal support and civil restitution for vulnerable children and their households.



Living with Hope and Dignity

We achieve this through:

- *Mobilizing communities and increase their awareness around child protection.*
- *Empowering vulnerable households to access protection and legal services;*
- *Youth mentoring reaching youths in schools, in the community and at the facility. Using their youth friendly spaces, youth share ideas and learn new ways on how to live a purposeful adolescent life. They also have free access to youth friendly services including sexual reproductive health services; Youth living with HIV/AIDS are being supported to overcome challenges of living with and growing up with HIV and AIDS, through dance, drama, theater and performing arts and testimonies.*
- *Omoana House, a rehabilitation centre for HIV positive children*

Child protection and youth empowerment

- *Omoana House Rehabilitation Center*
- *Mapping of formal and informal child protection structures*
- *Capacity building for the identified gaps under formal and informal structures*
- *Conducting of child friendly activities in the identified schools*
- *Interactive learning sessions*
- *Home visits*
- *Legal support/clinics*
- *Birth Certificate registration*

Omoana House

Omoana House is a rehabilitation center where children with HIV/AIDS and/or severe malnutrition are given special care during a period of 3 months to one year. They are taken care of by a medical team as well as social workers that offer them psycho-social support. Once their condition has been stabilized, they are reintegrated in their communities. We continue to monitor them and help pay their school fees in a long term.

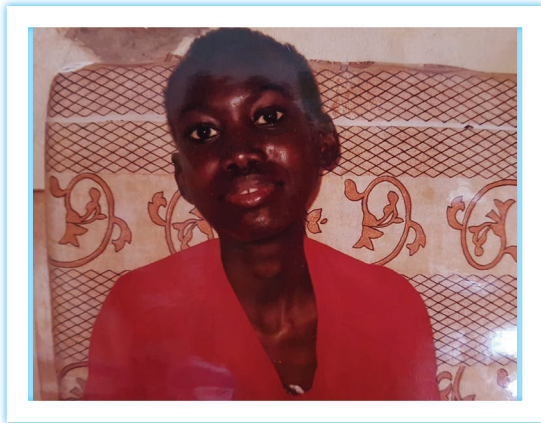


Success story of Mugomba Moses

“ My name is Mugomba Moses from Omoana House.

I am 23 years old. I joined Omoana in 2010 when I was very sick. I had drug resistant tuberculosis;

I couldn't walk or even stand on my own. At one point, I was even unconscious. I had tubes through the nose to help me feed and other tubes through the chest to help me breathe. I had been neglected by my family members (guardians). Then Omoana cared for me and treated all the illnesses I had. They took me back to school. I studied and joined University and as I talk now, I am in my final year doing a diploma in medical lab technology. I am very proud and I thank Omoana for the love and care they gave me. Thank you, thank you, thank you Omoana.”



BEFORE
Mugomba Moses
very sick.



AFTER
Mugomba Moses very
happy and healthy

Food Security

St. Francis will strive to ensure that communities and households have access to enough food to meet their nutritional needs in order to live a productive and healthy life. We want to make sure that family can be sustainable and have at least 2 meals per day. To do so :

- *We train them to create and take care of their own farm and/or their own backyard garden.*
- *We promote proper nutrition practices through nutrition dialogues and cooking demonstration.*
- *We assess children in homes. If we note that they suffer from malnutrition, we do counseling to the family, and we refer them to our Omoana program, who has the capacity of taking good care of them.*



Key features of Food security

- *Farmer field schools training*
- *Urban horticulture/Backyard gardening*
- *Cooking demonstrations*
- *Nutrition screening and assessment*



Economic empowerment

At St. Francis, we support communities and households to improve their socioeconomic status. To reach this goal, we created village savings and loans association. We train the group to save money together and to use their loan intelligently, in order to increase the sustainability of their families. We help them select a business and guide them on how to plan and manage it properly. We offer short-term training to provide practical skills and knowledge to people with low income. We offer long-term training to individuals, so they can learn a new profession.

Key features of Economic empowerment

- *Village savings and loans association*
- *Selection business planning and management*
- *Financially literacy*
- *Community skills*
- *Apprenticeship*



Big Thanks to all our Partners, You make Us Strong

Partners

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- Renewable resources meet
- Nonrenewable resources
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