



TWAHIRAH ISLAMIC CHARITY ORGANISATION



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“Love, Share & Hope”

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Twahirah Islamic Charity Organisation serves needy people in different parts of the country and we are glad to report to you the projects that were carried out in the first quarter of the year 2023; January to March. Our determination keeps us in position to serve the under privileged with God's guidance and provision which has seen us work tirelessly towards creating an impact in the lives of the before underserved.

1.1 Introduction

Twahirah Islamic Charity Organisation (TICO) is a non-profit and indigenous organisation established out of patriotic spirit to contribute to the welfare of underprivileged children, youth, women, disabled and elderly with the focus on their health, social and economic development. It strives to provide educational support to the underprivileged children, and it also empowers youths and women through technical and practical skilling to enhance economic development and growth.

We are licensed to operate as an NGO; meaning we operate in the whole of Uganda with a registration number **INDR157054848NB**.

1.2 Vision

To overcome absolute poverty among vulnerable communities towards self-reliance.

1.3 Mission

To build and restore hope among vulnerable people through inspiration and support.

1.4 Objectives

- To improve livelihood among vulnerable, disabled and marginalize people through poverty relief developmental projects.
- To provide safe and clean water to all marginalized communities.
- To provide support and advice on health and social care to children, families and local communities through equipping them with assurance of safe and healthy life.
- To support children and single mothers through building and rising their self-esteem to fully exploit their potential.
- To promote and strengthen Islam across the world through devise and establishment of programs and facilities that preserve and relate to Islamic knowledge.
- To restore peace, love, faith and hope to vulnerable undeserving groups.

1.5 Core values

- **Social justice and Equity;** we exist to promote equality, dignity and unbiased society to the marginalized groups through empowering the disposed towards revealing their God given human potential.
- **Sincerity;** When responding to the suffering our efforts are driven by honesty to Allah and the need to fulfill our obligations to humanity.
- **Accountability and Transparency;** we hold ourselves accountable to the highest level of ethical behavior and responsibility for our actions while maintain integrity in our performance. All our actions and projects ensure credibility.
- **Respect;** In all what we do and even among the young generation we shall exhibit high levels of respect when performing activities.
- **Community oriented;** a sense of belonging is natured across all operation of the organ whereby all donors, volunteers, staff and other stakeholders feel part of the fields of life family.
- **Monotheism;** we highly believe in the oneness of Allah.

1.6 Our beneficiaries

A vulnerable person is he who is prone to risks which might not be of his or her causing. It is mostly due to negative factors which are outside one's control.

Poverty to a greater extent makes people vulnerable due to lack of resources which are crucial in provision of human basic needs.

The following among others are the vulnerable groups we serve;

- Orphans and vulnerable children.
- The Disabled
- Elderly
- Widows
- The homeless
- Those without food.
- Girl child
- Youths

1.7 Activities

- Providing support and advice on health, nutrition and social care to children, their families and wider community, through provision of multi-nutritious crops breeds to improve people's diet. We also have an aspect of promoting community Health and disease prevention programs through public health interventions and construction of modern public toilets in communities. Improving maternal health in marginalized areas is yet another area, through health advocacy, education and awareness programs and promoting skilled attendance at home and in Facilities.
- Providing quality education to vulnerable children through offering scholarships, sourcing for them bursaries from various education centers and institutions, availing them with scholastic materials and sanitary towels to girl-child to provide a foundation for a productive and happy future.
- Providing better and modern shelter to homeless families through construction of houses, rehabilitation and renovation of outdated homes so as for them to live a better life.

- Educating, training and sponsoring Muslims and new converts in learning religious obligations and Islamic faith through collaborations with other Islamic education centers. More still, constructing new and renovating old mosques and other Islamic centers like libraries and schools to marginalized communities to impart proper Islamic worship and knowledge to recreate pure divine presence on earth. We also support and empower Islamic leaders like imams and sheikhs in Muslim communities through organizing social and economic programs to empower, develop and refine their skills.
- Improving livelihood through provision of improved farming inputs like seeds, animal breeds, advisory services and pesticides to marginalized people in the community.
- Providing food relief to the most starving vulnerable and marginalized children, women and elderly during emergency and food scarcity periods and supplying the most nutritious food to promote healthier dietary behavior among young children.
- Empowering women and the girl child through vocational skills training, business mentoring and capacity building programs to enable them gain knowledge and practical skills for self-sustainability.
- Provision of safe, clean and affordable water supplies to the community through constructing of boreholes, water harvesting tanks in schools, mosques, as well as in other areas with water shortages.

2.1 Spiritual guidance

For any individual to enjoy the fruits of life, he or she must be a believer in God who is the overall. In God all situations can change; given the fact that we serve the needy so as to improve on their welfare. We restore their hope through teaching them about God in whom they can find peace and ask anything they would need.

2.2 Home visits

In serving the needy, we visit our beneficiaries and conduct assessments in case we identify a needy family or even the people who come seeking for help. Our field officers visit sponsored children and other beneficiaries with gifts to restore their hope.



We visited Madam Hadijjah's family of seven children whose father abandoned his responsibilities and children ended up dropping out of school due to lack of school fees and other necessities.



Every person needs counselling at some point in time, when it comes to individuals and families we serve, they are always bothered by circumstances which are out of their control. Our professional team counsels the needy to restore their hope.

3.1 Education sponsorship

In today's world, we depend on the skills and knowledge we attain through formal and informal Education. This gives us an upper hand to tackle situations with knowledge and experience. It puts us in positions where we can compete favourably with everyone else for the scarce resources available.

At Twahirah Islamic Charity Organisation, we are able to help the vulnerable reach that level through different education interventions.

3.1.1 Scholastic materials distribution

Twahirah Islamic Charity Organisation issues scholastic materials to children from needy families whose parents cannot afford to buy them or even failing to buy materials of good quality. The pain such parents and children go through is reduced and at least their emphasis goes to provision of school fees.



On **Sunday 29th January 2023**, we conducted the scholastic materials distribution activity and we are glad to report that sixty-one (61) needy children were served with packages consisting books, pens, pencils, rulers, toilet papers, in the presence of the area chairperson Mr Seruwu Hanington Monday. The activity was conducted from 10am up to 1pm. These materials were to help these needy children throughout the First term of 2023. Distribution is routinely done before the start of every term. This is our second time to conduct such an activity.



Our beneficiaries smiling with their scholastic materials

We are grateful to our sponsors, partners and Team Twahirah Members for their continuous support. May God continue blessing them for their good heart.

3.1.2

School fees payment



We managed to pay school fees for all the four (4) sponsored children including all school requirements like school uniforms, lunch and medical fees which helped our children to concentrate at school not worrying about being sent back home due to lack of necessary resources.

3.1.3

School visitation



A feeling of being loved develops when a child is visited and given gifts. As TICO, we visit our sponsored children at their respective schools to assess how their education journey is going and also showing them that we are a family despite our differences and family backgrounds.



On **10th March 2023**, we visited all the four sponsored children at their respective schools.

Up is Mirembe Rihana and down is Amir Wamahuyu during the school visits.

3.2

Relief projects

According to Uganda Bureau of Statistics, 2021 41% of the Uganda's population live in absolute poverty and is below the poverty line of U.S. \$1.77 per person per day. These vulnerable families go through difficult situations given the circumstances surrounding them, for instance, many sleep on empty stomachs, emotional stress, and others are homeless among other problems. If no one comes forth to help these vulnerable people, their hopes become faint and with time, dies out.

As TICO, we put resources together to create a big impact in their lives through developmental and relief projects like providing food packages, clothing and building shelters to restore their hope.

3.2.1 Blankets donation



A person cannot sleep well if he or she does not have a blanket to have a warm night. Many families end up lacking beddings to sleep on due to poverty which gives them no chance to provide for themselves the different necessities.

TICO donates beddings to the needy families to help them have better sleep.



On **13th February 2023**, we donated six (6) blankets to Madam Hadijah's family of seven children at Kayunga district whose father abandoned and all the responsibility is in the hands of their mother. This family was so struggling to an extent that none of the children was in school until TICO intervened.

3.2.2 Clothes donation



We donated clothes and shoes to a needy family at Kayunga. This family struggles with finding food to eat and meeting other necessities of life.

3.3

Religious based projects

3.3.1

Ramadan Iftar Aid



This Ramadan 2023, we served four different mosques on four different Fridays with Iftar.



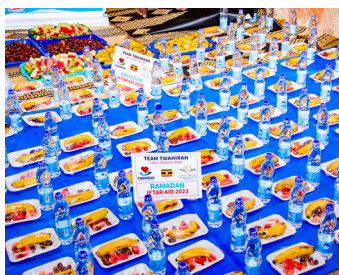
Many Muslims are caught up in circumstances beyond their control and are forced to forego the fasting period yet it is so critical in the Islamic religion. A number of them come from poor families thus are not able to afford food that can take them through the lent period. Such kind of Muslims, if not helped can easily be left out of fasting yet it is very important in the Islamic faith.

As TICO, we aim at provision of Iftar to different Muslims around the country. When a Muslim supports a fellow Muslim go through Ramadhan, he or she gets the same reward as the other one who fasts. That particular person is rewarded by Allah and giving to those in need is part of Ramadhan.

3.3.1.1

Iftar Provision at Masjid Jamia-Gayaza

On 24th March 2023, we conducted an Iftar provision project to Muslims of Gayaza. Sheikh Akram led the Jummah prayers that day where he preached about the importance of learning the holy Quran, giving Sadaq and why important it is to fast during Ramadan. At the time of breaking the fast, over three hundred (300) Muslims attended and were all served with fruits, rice, meat sauce and water.



3.3.1.2

Iftar Provision at Masjid Atiiq - Mukono

The second Masjid to benefit from our Ramadan Iftar Aid Program 2023 was Masjid Atiiq-Mukono.

On 31st March 2023, as Twahirah Islamic Charity Organisation, we provided iftar to over three hundred seventy (370) Muslims of this Masjid.

We are grateful to Dembe Distributor Limited, Earth Packaged Drinking Water, Hajji Ssebatindira, Members of Team Twahirah and all supporters for their contribution towards the conduct of this project.



3.3.2

Ramadan food packages



Food packages for different families.

We managed to give out Ramadan food packages to ten (10) needy families to help them fast during the holy month. This package included rice, bread, beans, a carton of bottled drinking water, a pack of dates, cooking oil, milk, salt and a bar of soap.

3.3.3 Quran competitions



Being an Islamic based company with an aim of becoming the preferred organisation for Islamic knowledge in Uganda, we partner with Twahirah Islamic Center to teach Muslims of different ages in different courses which instill Islamic morals and values. In line with making sure the students taught learn well, we organize Quran competitions which are conducted online via zoom and streamed live on facebook every month of Ramadan.



Sixteen (16) competitors participated in this year's online Quran competition and it is from them that a winner came. The whole exercise had four stages which included; Preliminaries, Quarter finals, Semi-finals and grand finale.



TICO ensures access to safe and clean water in marginalised communities since water is life, through construction of water wells and distribution of water filters.

In this quarter, on 5th January 2023, we conducted an assessment at Iganga, Butandwe Village where the community lacks access to safe and clean water. We plan to construct a water well there whenever resources are available.

4.1**Administration****4.1.1****Volunteering**

One of the major ways to smoothly run the activities of TICO to serve the needy better is through volunteer ship. The fact that we are still a growing organization, we have limited resources thus implore use of volunteers who donate their time and get work done without depleting budgets.

When conducting each project, we consider calling for volunteers who respond positively with particular set of skills to perform given tasks.

We have majorly fifteen (15) volunteers who run day to day activities of the organization.

4.1.2**Meetings**

Meetings help an organization strategize on how activities and projects are ran for its development and growth.

We held meetings on a weekly basis in this case, every Wednesday. Our meetings in this quarter were majorly focusing on streamlining management, fundraising and projects.

Finance management is a critical aspect of running the organization as it embodies planning, organizing, controlling and monitoring financial resources in order to achieve set goals.

4.2.1

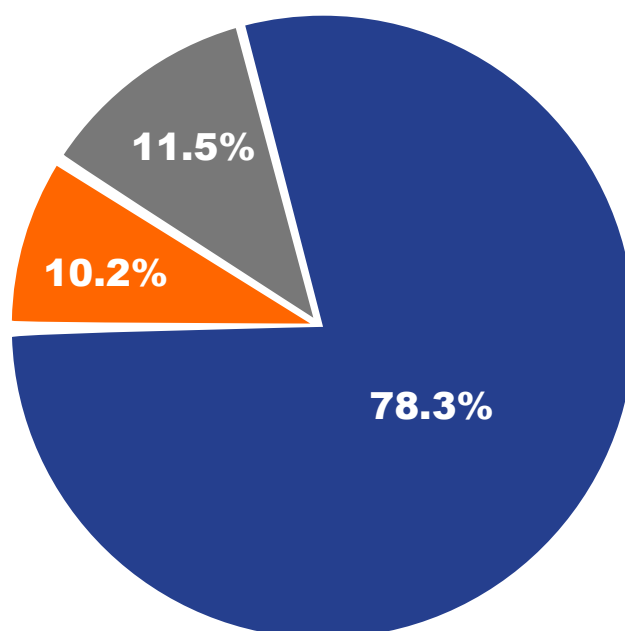
Sources of funding

As Twahirah Islamic Charity Organisation, these are the major sources of funding.

| S/N | SOURCE | PERCENTAGE |
|-----|-------------------|------------|
| 1 | Membership | 10.2% |
| 2 | Cash donations | 78.3% |
| 3 | In kind donations | 11.5% |

Figure 1: Showing sources of funds

SOURCES OF FUNDS



Membership

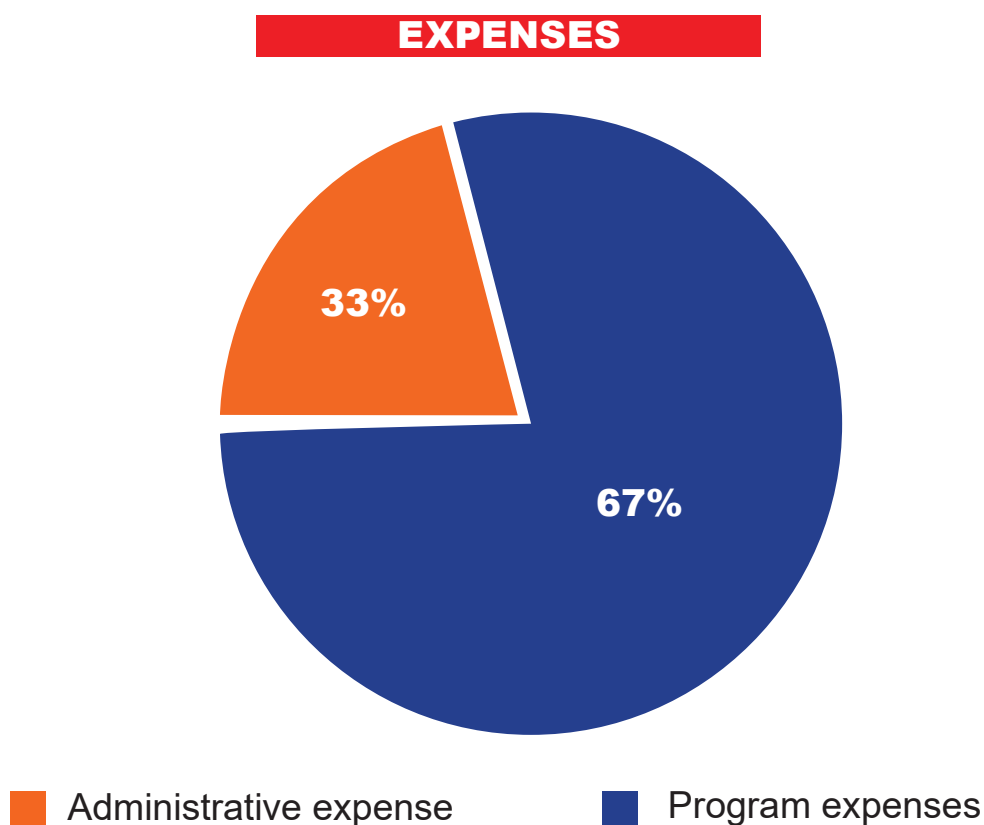
In kind donation

Cash donation

Expenses in an NGO are the costs that the organization incurs to carry out its mission and activities. For TICO, the biggest ones are seen in projects which directly impact lives of the needy.

| S/N | EXPENSE | PERCENTAGE |
|-----|------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Program expenses | 67% |
| 2 | Administrative expense | 33% |

Figure 2: Showing expenses in this quarter



5.1 Challenges

- Limited resources to conduct the many activities planned.
- Un cooperative nature of some community coordinators.
- Difficulty in transportation. Since we lacked our own vehicle, transporting materials and volunteers was always challenging since we had to invest in a lot of money.
- Many beneficiaries' expectations are more than what we as an organization can offer.
- Limited partners, members and donors yet we planned to conduct a number of projects.

5.2 Recommendations

- We should search for more partners and members.
- During project assessments, possible beneficiaries should be explained to, to what extent TICO can go in providing to them.
- Explaining to coordinators before giving them any responsibilities.

5.3 Conclusion

In conclusion, as TICO, we were able to conduct a number of projects and other activities. A very big difference is seen in lives of the needy as their welfare is getting better.

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