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BRIEF HISTORY:

It was not until August 1997 when the late Doctor Xavier Mubiru conducted a one week HIV/AIDS awareness seminar at Katikamu SDA secondary school targeting religious and local leaders. Among the active attendants was Festus Bazira who was emotionally moved that he talked with Dr. Mubiru about the possibility and procedure about start some kind of HIV/AIDS support program .

With participation of TASO and Action Aid team a meeting was held on November 2nd 1997 at Nakaseke Secondary school, then in Luwero District, a Voluntary Services Trust Team (VOLSET) was formed.

A team of local members included: Mr Samuel Tuhairewe, Mukasa Joseph, Specioza Nabukenya, Mrs Hope Nyanzi, Veronica Mutaasa, the late Tom Serunjogi and Musisi Josephus, VOLSET was formed. The CBO registered registered with Luweero District. The following: Alhajj Abdu Nadduli as the first patron and the second was Hon Sydah Bbumba. Festus Bazira was the coordinator. Before he died Dr Mubiru was a strong support er and sponsored homecare services to HIV/AIDS affected and infected individuals and homes.

Thanks too to Action Aid and TASO who spearheaded the birth of VOLSET. Dr. Mubiru Xavier will long be remembered for compassionate and support.



Alhajj Abdu Nadduli
First Patron 1997-9



Hon. Sydah Bbumba
2nd Patron 199-2001



Festus Bazira
Coord. 1997-2001

SERVICES:

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VOLSET:

**ENVISIONS THE
RESTORATION
OF PEOPLE'S
HOPE THROUGH
IMPROVED
QUALITY OF LIFE**

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Main services offered included:

- i. Home Care**
- ii. Referral services**
- iii. Literature distribution**
- iv. Community Sensitization**
- v. Psychosocial support**

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OFFICE

VOLSET operated in a rented office in Nakaseke town



FUNDING

Volset has been funded by

Membership fees

DMO Luweero

AFXB

World Vision – Nakaseke

Peace Corps

Rose Charities

Aussie Friends of VOLSET

RATN - Kenya



Glenda from Canada

EXPANSION

There was a need to extend to *Leslie of Real Uganda and Idor from Israel* Branch under a new management which included Mrs Rebecca Nyanzi as the Director



VOLSET UGANDA

Like the volset Nakaseke, Volset Uganda started in a humble setting with almost the same activities. It was not until 2002 when it was registered as a CBO with Mukono District community office until 2020 when Covid-19 broke out and made all Volset operations go to a standstill. Schools were closed, projects dropped out and countrywide curfew became a blow to the CBO operations.

When Covid-19 issue ended there was less hope for volset picking up. Most sponsors gone, volunteers couldn't show up any more and all activities couldn't continue as used to.

Before Covid-19:

In 2003 a volunteer came to Volset in Mukono and this was none other than *Deen Merion Selwood* who became a blessing to the organization even after her untimed death. Deen and Mr Roger of Canada both developed a big support to both children and several developmental projects.



Main projects focus were:

- i. HIV/AIDS Outreach and support to PLWHAs.
- ii. Sponsorship to needy children
- iii. Economic support to women living with HIV/AIDS
- iv. Volunteer/ internship placement

Before Covid epidemic Volset registered great success. Over 80 children had gotten sponsors. More than 40 volunteers joined in. Thanks to the Real Uganda and Global volunteers who took lead.

18 sponsored children graduated from high school, college and university.

Some pictures



Jamira – now a teacher



Kids promoted to next class



Deen the first Volunteer



Smiling faces again



Idoh Shor from Israel



Volunteer with children



Community Outreach in session

NEED FOR A SCHOOL

It was realized that some sponsors could not keep to their commitment and yet more needy children were at an increase on Volset records

Festus Bazira and Lydia Nansukusa suggested the school should be made available to cater for the children in need. The suggestion was sold to Deen who approved it and pledged to make Volset be recognized internationally.

A 5-volunteer team, from TREO (Ireland) showed interest for a first construction. However land was a problem. Festus decided to purchase a land on which the initial construction was started.

The First block for staff quarters was put in place by the TREOs

In 2010 Deen Selwood visit and was impressed with the idea. But due the untimed death, the family (Roger Huyghe) constructed a 3 classroom block in her memory



Block constructed in Memory of Deen



***This was the first temporarily
3 classroom structure year 2009***

**Kristen Bauer from USA fundraised for
the construction of the girls dormitory**



Funded by Ms Kristen Bauer friends

Staff Block constructed by the TREOs

It was discovered that children and teachers needed hall for recreation and meetings. So it was fundraised by several volunteers and donors where Doctor Kathy (Australia) and Roger (Canada) took lead.



Hands-on volunteers (main Hall)



Main Hall under construction



At last the main hall was done

The Nursery children (age 3 to 5) needed their own classrooms. So Lydia, Festus and Hassan put funds together and behold the first two classrooms were built.



The age 3 to 4 classroom block

Boys had it hard to reside at school so a dormitory was constructed with help from Roger and other volunteers.



Boys' dormitory

Year five children also got a separate classroom



VOLSET ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Successfully founded 1997 as a CBO
2. Community Health promoted
3. Child support (over 80 children supported)
4. More than 300 clients tested and referred (PLWHAs)
5. Volunteers and Internship Placement was a real achievement for both VOLSET and community served. Over 60 international and local volunteers recruited
6. VOLSET upgraded to national level and awarded with both operational and NGOs certificates



FORM B
Registration Number: 6526 Regulation form 5 (2)
INDR160305225NB

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS ACT, 2016
CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

I CERTIFY that:
VOLSET UGANDA LTD, (An indigenous NGO) of File No. MIA/NB/2024/15/11/5225
P.O Box 15234 MUKONO,NTENJERU TOWN,MPATA ROAD, MUKONO DISTRICT

has been registered with National Bureau for Non-Governmental Organisations.

Dated at Kampala, this **15TH** day of **NOVEMBER** 20**24**.

Okello Stephen
Executive Director,
National Bureau for Non-Governmental Organisations

FORM E
Permit Number: 7814 Regulation form 7(5)
INDP0005225NB

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS ACT, 2016
PERMIT TO OPERATE AN ORGANISATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY
that **VOLSET UGANDA LTD, (An indigenous NGO) of File No. MIA/NB/2024/15/11/5225**
P.O Box 15234 MUKONO,NTENJERU TOWN,MPATA ROAD, MUKONO DISTRICT
has this **15TH** day of **NOVEMBER** 20**24** been issued with a permit to operate in
Uganda under the Non-Governmental Organisations Act.

This permit is subject to the following conditions:
(a) The organisation shall carry out its community health-based activities through healthy related drama, seminars and video shows, supplement of government effort in...
combating HIV/AIDS and other healthy threatening epidemics, continued support to the less fortunate children by lobbying for educational and support material, put
emphasis to the rehabilitation of difficult children through counselling and friendly approach.
(b) The organisation shall operate countrywide
(c) The organisation shall operate in accordance with the NGO Act, 2016, NGO Regulations, 2017 and all other laws relevant to its operations.

This permit shall be valid for **60 Months** from the date of issue.

Okello Stephen
Executive Director,
National Bureau for Non-Governmental Organisations

CHALLENGES

1. Covid-19 affected both volunteers and funding program
2. Education system affected staffing in the school
3. Lack of active Website has been a big blow too
4. Classrooms at the school and ground need renovation
5. Reorganizing management

STRATEGY

1. Through an active website, the organization will be easily found for volunteers
2. Encouraging available staff to upgrade
3. Lobbying for funding to solve this renovation issue
4. Working with Red Earth (Robert) this issue can be solved

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- **Luweero District Medical and Community offices**
- **Nakaseke Hospital**
- **Local and International volunteers/supporters**
- **The Real Uganda and GVN**
- **Aussie Friends of Volset**
- **The Roger Family**
- **Rose Charities**
- **Kojja Health Centre-Mukono**
- **Treos (Ireland)**
- **The Uganda Team for Malaria control**
- **UNACOH –Uganda**
- **World Vision – Nakaseke and AFXB Luweero**
- **Individuals: The late Deen Selwood, Kelley Kope and Jeff, Larsen Cooper family, Jim Shafer, Lydia and Hassan, the late Wandera and Kabeera, Musisi Gavah, Mrs Rebecca Nyanzi, Tuhairwe Samuel, Joseph Mukasa, Abraham Egesa, the late Tom Serunjogi, The late Dr. Xavier Mubiru.....**

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