

# 2018 Annual Report and 2019 Update



*Dear Friends and Donors,*

I am pleased to present our 2018 Annual Report for **The Masooli Project Inc.** We had a successful year providing support for Faith Mulira Health Care Centre in Masooli, Uganda. You helped make this possible through your generous financial support.

## **Notable accomplishments for 2018 include:**

- The **incidence of malaria in Masooli decreased** in 2018 due to the preventive measures promoted by the clinic.
- **HIV counseling and testing** through the clinic's outreach programs increased by 37%, reflecting improved efforts to reach the HIV community.
- The clinic's **vaccination program continues to be successful.** Over 6,000 vaccines were administered in 2018.
- **Normal deliveries of babies increased** from 32 in 2017 to 44 in 2018.
- A **successful trip to Uganda in June 2018** enabled us to gain a deeper relationship with the board and staff in Uganda and a better understanding of their accomplishments and challenges.

Longer term fundraising challenges remain that would allow expansion of the clinic's current capabilities to include an operating theater to enhance support of maternal care. This will be a focus for 2019 and ensuing years.

We share our pride in all that has been accomplished but there is still much to be done to sustainably support the health and well being of the people of Masooli. Together, we can continue to make a difference for those the clinic serves.

Thank you,

*Kay Werk*

*Chair, The Masooli Project, Inc.*

# Faith Mulira Health Care Centre

## 2018 Performance Highlights

### General Outpatient Services:

- 2,113 outpatients were treated at the clinic in 2018 ~ 1,830 new attendees and 283 returning patients. This is an overall decline of 17% in both new and returning patients from 2017 levels.
- 6,471 laboratory tests were carried out. This was a 21% reduction in the number of lab tests performed in 2017, but the drop is largely due to new Ministry of Health guidelines that now discourage patient self-referral for lab tests.
- The most prevalent health conditions treated on an outpatient basis at the clinic continue to be upper respiratory tract infections, urinary tract infections, bacterial infections, diarrhea, malaria and hypertension. There was some reduction in the number of malaria cases in 2018, attributable to a less heavy rainy season as well as greater use of preventive measures such as nets.



### Preventive Care Services:

- 128 patients received family planning services at the clinic or through community outreach efforts in 2018. These services were especially effective in attracting younger people, including adolescent girls and boys.
- Routine HIV counselling and testing ("HCT") services continued to be delivered through community outreach and at the clinic by a HIV focal person. Overall, 2,375 people received HCT services compared with 1,732 in 2017. The 37.1% increase reflects improved efforts to reach the HIV community.
- The clinic continued to implement an important HIV prevention program, maintaining a zero rate of mother-to-child transmission.
- 6,024 vaccines were administered, a 5% increase over 2017. The increase reflects availability of the rotavirus vaccine, now included on the government's 2018 immunization roster and supplied to the clinic at no cost.
- The clinic's continued provision of quality and accurate screening and diagnostic services have helped aid in the proper management of patients.



## The Masooli Project, Inc. Financial Highlights

### Statement of Activities

For Years Ending December 31, 2017 and 2018 and Year-to-Date 2019

	2017	2018	2019 Budget	2019 Actual (through July 31, 2019)
<b>Cash at Beginning of Year</b>	<b>\$ 43,378</b>	<b>\$ 29,284</b>	<b>\$ 27,821</b>	<b>\$ 27,821</b>
<b>Revenue</b>				
Individual Donations	\$ 23,503	\$ 38,927	\$ 38,500	\$ 16,524
Corporate Donations	14,902	14,200	12,500	11,378
Other Income	691	684	500	930
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 39,096</b>	<b>\$ 53,811</b>	<b>\$ 51,500</b>	<b>\$ 28,832</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Program Expenses				
Quarterly Grants to Faith Mulira Health Care Centre	\$ 48,000	\$ 48,000	\$ 48,000	\$ 36,000
Special Grants to Faith Mulira Health Care Centre	2,000	1,180	—	2,062
Administrative/Operating Expenses	3,190	6,094	2,656	3,550
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 53,190</b>	<b>\$ 55,274</b>	<b>\$ 50,656</b>	<b>\$ 41,612</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$ 14,094)</b>	<b>(\$ 1,463)</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>(\$ 12,780)</b>
<b>Cash at End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 29,284</b>	<b>\$ 27,821</b>	<b>\$ 28,665</b>	<b>\$ 15,041</b>

## The Masooli Project, Inc. Financial Highlights

The Statement of Activities on page 3 reflects summary financial data for The Masooli Project, Inc. for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2018 and our 2019 budget and actual results through July 31, 2019. As shown in the summary, total revenue for 2017 was insufficient to cover our quarterly grants—a clearly unsustainable position. To address this shortfall, the Board held a fundraising dinner in November of 2018. This event was a success, generating enough additional support to enable us to almost break even in 2018. Several donors made three-year pledge commitments that, when fulfilled, will enable us to essentially break even in the short-term (2019 through 2021), as reflected in the 2019 budget. The Board remains committed to increasing our funding level, subject to additional donor support, in order to help Faith Mulira Health Care Centre achieve its goal of delivering additional essential services to the Masooli community.

Administrative and operating expenses for The Masooli Project have typically run at approximately 6% of total expenses, including grants to the clinic. They were higher (11% of total expenses) in 2018 due to the costs of our fundraising dinner. However, the Board views this as money well spent, as these additional costs were more than offset by the additional revenue generated by this successful event. In 2019 the Board approved additional non-budgeted expenses as a result of sponsoring a trip to Masooli by one of our Directors. This trip was designed to help the Board deepen its understanding of the clinic's needs and to explore new ways of improving delivery of services to the community, such as by partnering with other organizations or through volunteer service projects. The Board views these efforts as necessary steps toward building the clinic's long-term sustainability.

We have provided \$48,000 in grants to FMHCC each year over the past three years, plus special grants funded by restricted gifts of \$2,000 in 2017, \$1,180 in 2018 and \$2,062 in 2019.



# Faith Mulira Health Care Centre

## 2018 Performance Highlights (continued from page 2)

### Maternal and Child Health Services:

- 44 normal deliveries were carried out compared to 32 in 2017 ~ a 37.5% increase.
- 153 mothers attended antenatal visits, compared with only 78 in 2017.
- 9 mothers had to be referred to other facilities for C-sections, underscoring the clinic's need for facilities to carry out this procedure.
- Postnatal visits declined by 21.5%; however, the clinic now records data only on mothers who come for immunization of their babies of 6 weeks or more and those who deliver at the clinic. Some of this reduction also is attributable to the use of family planning methods, which has helped lower the rate of pregnancy of clinic users.
- 149 pregnant women received sonography services, comprising 53% of all patients who received radiography services in 2018. Although radiography services declined overall in 2018, a change in the sonographer position from full-time to part-time accounted for some of this decline.



### Community Outreach Services:

- To maintain the clinic's already strong community connections, the staff works with Village Health Teams ("VHTs"), consisting of trained volunteers, to conduct patient follow-ups through home visits. In 2018, these visits focused on those with chronic and infectious diseases, such as HIV. Efforts include monitoring drug adherence, minimizing patients' abandonment of follow-up care, and general palliative support. The VHT partnerships play an important role in community relations and mobilizing patients to visit the clinic.
- Community outreach events were conducted each quarter, and included events organized by the Rotary Club of Kasangati. These events not only deliver much needed preventive services but raise awareness of the clinic's broader health care capabilities.



### Special Gift from St. Thomas the Apostle School:

A generous gift from the students of St. Thomas the Apostle School in West Hartford, CT, enabled the clinic to purchase a new delivery bed in 2018. The donated funds also were used to buy a new TV screen that will be used at the clinic to help with patient health education and awareness.

## About Us

**The Masooli Project** began when like-minded people came together, determined to make a difference in the health of village residents in Uganda. The late Faith Mulira, born in Masooli, Uganda, urged her friends and family at home and in the U.S. to build a modern clinic in her home village.

Faith Mulira Healthcare Centre opened in 2010. As a licensed outpatient facility it offers general outpatient and preventive services as well as lab, pharmacy, maternal and child health care services and community health fairs. For more information, visit our website and look for the Masooli Project home page on Facebook!

To donate, go to:

[www.masooliproject.org](http://www.masooliproject.org)

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**The Masooli Project, Inc.**

**P.O. Box 1001**

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## OUR 2018 DONORS

We are so grateful to all who have supported our mission of helping to provide quality health care to the people of Masooli, Uganda. Whether you are a new donor or a longtime partner in this Project, we appreciate your continued generosity. Every effort has been made to accurately acknowledge all of our 2018 donors. We apologize for any omissions or errors.

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