



November 15, 2021

**Dear Donors and Friends of the Masooli Project,**

As we continue our journey through the Covid 19 pandemic, I wanted to reach out to you to thank you for your continued support and to tap into your ongoing generosity for the coming year.

The clinic in Uganda is still being heavily impacted by Covid 19 and the strict government shutdowns that have been instituted. Some restrictions are being lifted gradually, but children are still not back in school. The impact on the clinic varied as staff grappled with these changes:

- Because of restricted movements, the local community sought out services at the clinic which resulted in increased outpatient service delivery beginning in late 2020 and continuing through 2021. For example:
  - ◊ Laboratory tests alone increased over 40% in the first two quarters of 2021.
  - ◊ Preventive vaccinations (non-Covid) increased over 25%.
- Administrative expenses have increased due to special travel requirements for staff and increased purchases of protective supplies.
- Staffing costs have also increased along with staffing shortages.
- Covid 19 rapid testing services have been implemented at the clinic and they are looking to further equip the laboratory to enhance diagnostic capacity.

In late July of this year, the clinic was able to engage in community outreach and deliver a package of food staples and wellness supplies to over 170 households. This effort was funded by a special one-time grant of \$2,000 from The Masooli Project. Attached is a flyer describing this well-received effort.

As I write this, I cannot help but note the stark difference in vaccine availability to us and the vaccine availability in Uganda. Currently less than 10% of Ugandans have been vaccinated and the rollout continues slowly. It is likely that communities will continue under pressure for the foreseeable future. During that time, the demands on the clinic will continue as the staff provides necessary services to an expanded patient base.

We were able to meet our \$12,000 quarterly grant obligations in 2021 because of committed donors like you. I urge you to donate generously so that we can support the important work the clinic will perform for the communities of Masooli and the surrounding area in 2022 and beyond.

You may donate by accessing our website, [www.masooliproject.org](http://www.masooliproject.org), or by mailing a check to The Masooli Project, Inc. at P.O. Box 1001, Simsbury, CT 06070. The Masooli Project, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization, and your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Best wishes for you and your families as we enter our season of Thanksgiving.

Kay Werk

**Chair, The Masooli Project, Inc.**

# Faith Mulira Health Care Center

## Covid-19 Relief Charity Event!



On July 31st, 2021, Faith Mulira Health Care Center (FMHCC) held a Covid-19 relief charity event of giving out food and household supplies to the most vulnerable members, who have been adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic government lockdown measures, around the Masooli, Kitetika and Lutete community.

The country had successfully repressed the first wave of the pandemic infection, but the second wave struck with devastating effects especially with the emergency of the highly transmissible Delta variant. Between late May and third week of June, the country reported the highest number of infections in a single day- 1,259 cases or 17 percent positivity rate. By the time of the second lockdown on June 18th, hospitals were teeming with Covid-19 patients, many in dire need of oxygen, which was very difficult to come by. Hospital beds, PPEs and masks for frontline staff became a big challenge.

The Masooli and surrounding communities were not spared of the brunt. FMHCC started registering high numbers of Covid-19 patients coming for treatment. The people were equally hard hit by the lockdown measures with many families going hungry because of lack of food.

With the generous support from the USA Board of FMHCC, and gesture done in memory of late Gordon Crouch and Late Faith Mulira, the founder of the center, money was raised for helping out the most vulnerable in the Masooli area. On the charity event day, over 170 families were beneficiaries of a Covid-19 relief hamper that comprised of 5kgs of maize floor (ugaali), 5kgs of beans, 3 pkts of table salt, 2kgs of sugar, 2 bars of washing soap and a dozen packet of safety matches.

It was a great day for FMHCC to serve its community. A special thanks to the US Board for mobilizing the funds and ultimately bringing a smile on the people of Masooli and the neighboring community in these difficult times. We continue to pray for the strength and courage for all members in the community and the country at large, that they be sustained and not lose hope in these tough times as we deal with the Covid-19 pandemic!



Staff and some Uganda Board members of FMHCC at the official launch of the Covid-19 relief charity event.



Some of the Uganda Board members at the charity event launch. L-R, Enoth Mbeine, Mariam Lutaakome, Peter Mugaga (Chairperson) and Irene Lwamafa.



Covid-19 food and household items relief packages being prepared for delivery.



Sheikh Magemule Sulaiman, the Imam of Masooli-Lutete Mosque receiving Covid-19 relief hampers on behalf of some vulnerable Muslim followers in the community



Haji Ismail Ssemakula, who lost his job as a driver due to the Covid-19 lockdown, and looks after seven children happily receives the Covid-19 relief hamper from a Uganda Board member of FMHCC.



Jjaja Noelene Nasaali who looks after seven grandchildren, and her food kiosk business was adversely affected by the lockdown, receives the Covid-19 relief hamper on behalf of her family.



Ms Deziranta Nakaketo, a single mother of 4, and a waste segregator at Kiteezi RCCA landfill whose daily UGX 5,000 earning was affected by the lockdown measures, receives the emergency relief hamper on behalf of her family.



Ms Esther Nansubuga, a mother of 4 and a casual laborer in Masooli area happily receives her family Covid-19 emergency relief hamper.



Jjaja Kalungi of Kitetika who takes care of 10 grandchildren on her own happily receives the emergency Covid-19 relief hamper.

# 2020-2021 Financial Overview

	FY 2020	YTD 2021 (thru 8/31/2021)
<b>Cash at Beginning of Period</b>	\$ 29,477	\$ 32,069
<b>Revenue</b>		
Individual Donations	\$ 36,869	\$ 22,266
Corporate Donations	14,223	9,022
Other Income	1,060	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 52,152</b>	<b>\$ 31,288</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Program Expenses		
<b>Quarterly Grants to Faith Mulira Health Care Centre</b>	<b>\$ 48,000</b>	<b>\$ 36,000*</b>
<b>Special Pandemic-related Food Grant</b>		<b>\$ 2,000</b>
Website/Donor Communications	875	810
Other Administrative Expenses	685	781
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 49,560</b>	<b>\$ 39,591</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>2,592</b>	<b>(8,303)</b>
<b>Cash at End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 32,069</b>	<b>\$23,766*</b>



\*Since September 1, we have fulfilled our 2021 funding commitment by sending a fourth quarter grant of \$12,000 to Faith Mulira Health Care Centre. Your support at this time is critical. Without it, our cash balance at year end 2021 will be under \$12,000, less than the amount needed to make our typical first quarter grant. This is a challenging time for the clinic. Please help us sustain the level of support we have been able to provide in recent years by making a generous donation today. Thank you!