

Little Denmark - Shelter for people afflicted with leprosy and polio” is required to relocate in Kampala.

When “Lisacare Association” started in 1994 in Uganda, it was a small grass root movement started by Lisbeth Bach Sorensen, with the intention to make a difference in a developing country like Uganda and done in a transparent way for all to see how the money was spent.

The association developed and became involved in several projects, from construction of two schools for 150 and 1000 students to mobile clinics giving free treatment for street children and homeless adults. Further the Association supported “Suyno Babies Home” and provided support to improve conditions in a youth prison for 280 children. The association also created a school programme for 50 street children in a five years period. Presently the association has a school programme for 43 children in Lira district.

I 1999 the association opened the shelter “Little Denmark” in Kamwokya / Kyebando in one of the worst slum areas of Kampala. Presently more than 50 children and adults are living here, that before stayed for years on a platform at the old Taxi Park in Kampala. They all come from the north of Uganda where the armed conflict between the Government and LRA displaced many people. Several of the residents had arms, hands, fingers and feet amputated by the LRA so they couldn't provide any resistance to LRA, and further so they became a burden for the local population, which was also part of the terror strategy.

People living with leprosy and polio are generally ostracized by the local communities. They have all been exposed to reactions like verbal abuse, being thrown stones at and chased from their homes as well as ostracized by their families. It was not possible for them to work in the fields, markets etc. due to their disabilities and only alternative for them was begging in the streets of the bigger cities.

When the Shelter opened in 1999, the plot was leased for 99 years which is a normal procedure for acquiring land in towns. The Shelter has been regularly expanded and renovated, i.e. last year half the buildings got new roofs to cope with the heavy rains.

The Shelter has undergone regular extensions and annual renovations of walls and foundations, since the buildings were built in 1994. In the area, the neighbors have since built on a higher level than our buildings, so that the rainy season does not flood those properties, which makes the water run down to us, giving us sever problems every rainy session, flooding several times a year.

It is time to raise the foundation of the courtyard and all the buildings, plus to build a new building with 6 extra rooms to carter for the lack of room for residents.

We have 9 families currently and some are without roof over their heads, therefore, we are looking for donations for put up extra rooms for these families. The shelter has no electricity and runny water, in these projects where we are looking for funds to be able to install these facilities in the near future.

The estimated cost to construct these buildings inclusive electricity and water from the local waterworks will amount to \$ 25,000.



This picture is from October. 2017 after a night with heavy rain.



I am here seen with two of the men that are part of the Shelter, and right now lacking housing.