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INTRODUCTION

Love Binti International is a charity based Christian organization recognized by the Non-Government Organization Bureau (Reg. No.FORR13735767NB). It was established in 2018. It's affiliated to Step 30 International Ministries. Love Binti International has been working in Uganda since April 2018. The organization was founded on Christian values, with purpose of supporting the poor and most vulnerable families, persons and communities have happy and better lives.

Based on the current needs in communities, Love Binti International aims at promoting the welfare of vulnerable Women and girl child as the major beneficiary groups as well vulnerable communities in Uganda. Using a Bottom-Up approach we offer services ranging from social-economic livelihood of people to providing safe and clean water through our WASH program. The organization is actively engaged in both spiritual and community empowerment initiatives and since establishment, the organization has been active across many districts in Uganda some of which include Kampala, Pallisa, Yumbe, Moroto, Kaberamaido, Nebbi, Jinja, Hoima, Mbale and Mukono districts among others.

Children, youth and women have been helped with necessary skills such as tailoring skills and entrepreneurship/business management skills as we address the strategic needs and necessities such as shoes, clothes and bags, we also address the practical needs.

The Love Binti Offices are located along Kabowa – Najjanankumbi off Entebbe Rd on wamala Rd Plot 30 near Home to Africa Travels.

Our Vision

Communities Free of Suffering, Sickness and Poverty in Uganda

Our Mission

To promote and provide Christian love manifested in our works towards improving the living conditions and spiritual welfare of orphans and vulnerable children, women, youth, poor families and communities in Uganda.

Our Approach:

We are committed to promote a right based, self-help, child centered approach. We also integrate humanitarian support as good Samaritans

1. Love Binti Women Empowerment

The Love Binti Women empowerment program seeks to elevate the standards of living of women through economic empowerment programs, and keep girls in school through menstrual health awareness and trainings on how to make reusable sanitary pads.

2. Shoes for life project

Shoes are always a necessity and urgent. This project therefore, provides a pair of shoes to school going children especially in the remote areas in Uganda where they cannot afford to buy them. Shoes help the children to be able to walk to school and to avoid Tungaiasis the jigger disease

3. Clean Water Supply

The Living Water Project helps people dig wells for clean water. This year has seen areas like Nebbi, Butalejja(Mbale) and Mukono receive atleast a borehole each for clean safe water.

4. Social enterprise

Social enterprises and assistance in order to encourage self-reliance to the extremely poor areas. Through shoes helping young people to build small scale business

5. Child Education

School Container Project provides children with education that could change their future.

6. Organic farming & Mukono Camping Site

Organic farming introduces to our communities the goodness in eating Healthy. Say no to chemical vegetables making it cheap and available to everyone.

Outreach

Currently, Love Binti International works with beneficiaries in several districts of Uganda such as Kampala, Nebbi, Lira, Kitgum, Jinja Mbale Kaberamaido, Mukono and others as mentioned in the background

Kampala District: At Makere University, Kabalagala slum, Kisugu and Namuwogo slum

Mukono District: Kyanzi village, Lulagwe parish – Mpunge sub county

Our Impact

This year 2019, Love Binti International directly reached out to several rural communities of Nebbi, Lira, Kitgum, Moroto, Mbale, Jinja, Kaberamaido and several hundreds of school going children including orphans and vulnerable children of Good Samaritan school in Mukono Kyazzi village of Lulaggwe community, these benefited through shoes, and clean water, pad training and menstrual hygiene education.

90,000 girls have attained the skill of making reusable sanitary pads, 327 women have been empowered with lifelong sewing skills for a better sustainable economically empowered livelihood, 20 widows bee projected has been uplifted to the state of the art Apiary with modern day equipment for a better improved yield,2272 bags of shoes sent from Taiwan empowered 9 church ministries that each received 250 bags for social enterprise

LOVE BINTI WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

Love Binti Program is geared towards empowering women and girls in communities with life skills for sustainability through training centers and keeping girls in school through pad training workshops and menstrual health and hygiene trainings.

1.1 Pad Training Workshops



With our 30 seed teachers distributed in the North, Eastern and central part of Uganda, and 4 in Kitale Kenya, Through their hard work, this year, our reusable pad training workshops have registered 1796 trainings benefiting 90,000 women and girls.

Our pad trainings involve visiting schools and communities and teaching them the art of pad making and Menstrual hygiene, a very important factor in keeping girls in school.

Research undertaken has shown us that the schools and communities visited by Love Binti Intervention to menstrual issues has had a higher girl retention in school. The girls in the schools visited by Love Binti attend school more regularly because they now have pads and do not have to miss school because of periods.

The women in communities where Love Binti pad making workshops have been held assert that they can now save money since they have alternative solutions to menstruation. Mary of Jupukei Village narrated her ordeal with menstruation before the training workshops visited her her community. She mentioned that she can now freely continue with her daily errands without pressures related to lack of sanitary pads.



Figure 2A volunteer teaching a community how to make pads

The Figure below shows statistics of par training workshop

Reusable pad Training Workshops summaries 2019			
First Quarter (Jan- March) 2019			
workshops	No of seed teachers	Outings	No of trainees Jan-March
Kampala Slums	10	198	9,787
Kaberaido	10	180	9,717
Nebbi	10	180	9,355
kitale	4	25	1033
Totals	34	558	29,892
Second Quarter (April-June) 2019			
workshops	No of seed teachers	Outings	No of trainees April- June

Kampala Slums	10	23	1250
Kaberamaido	10	60	3065
Nebbi	10	60	3246
kitale	4	24	1075
Totals	34	167	8,636
Third Quarter (July-September) 2019			
workshops	No of seed teachers	Outings	No of trainees April- June
Kampala Slums	10	198	9,787
Kaberamaido	10	180	6,171
Nebbi	10	180	6,327
kitale	4	15	901
Totals	34	573	23,186
Fourth Quarter (Oct- Dec) 2019			
workshops	No of seed teachers	Outings	No of trainees April- June
Kampala Slums	10	178	8,844
Kaberamaido	10	180	9,185
Nebbi	10	121	6,208
kitale	4	19	768
Totals	34	498	25,005



1.2 Training Centers

The vision for the Love Binti Training centers is to rekindle dreams that were once trashed, empower women with skills that will enhance a more sustainable livelihood.

Love Binti Currently has three training centers with one Located at Makerere University Kampala serving the community around Makerere University, The other in Kabalagala

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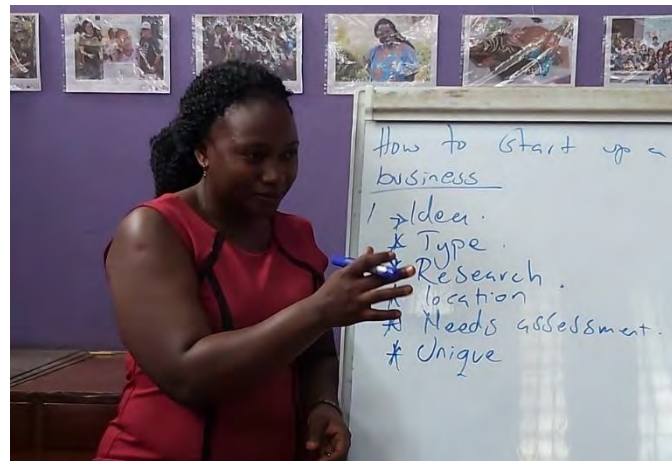
serving former prostitutes and drug addicts and another in Lira serving child mothers affected by the Insurgency in Northern Uganda.

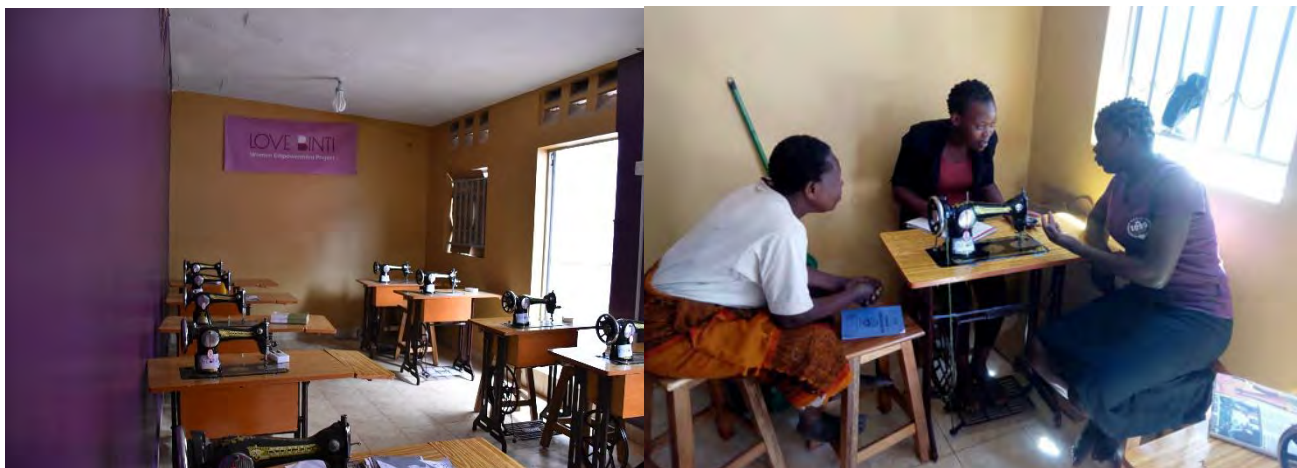
The Love Binti training centers ran for a period of three months and the women are taught the basics of tailoring, business entrepreneurship, Health education and they are told about Jesus and his love for mankind.

This year 2019, Love Binti has empowered 337 women and girls with sustainable skills in Tailoring, Business management and health education. The 337 people graduated and were given certificates.

HOW ENROLLMENTS ARE DONE:

For every pad training done in a community, the women are told about the training services offered by Love Binti and many a time, the women are interested they get enrolled, they under go orientation and then start their three months training.





LOVE BINTI Skills Training

We Design Dream

3 Months Tailoring course with Reusable Pad making skills
Health Education
Life Skills
Entrepreneurship Skills

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HARVEST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

LOVE BINTI TRAINING CENTER ACCUMULATION 2018-2019				
YEAR	MARINA CENTER	MAK CENTER	HARVEST CENTER	TOTAL PER YEAR
2018	95	96	0	191
2019	83	187	67	337
Total per center	178	283	67	528

A figure showing statistics At our training centers 2018 to 2019

The Hive Project



Figure 5 An apiray in Gulu

Innitiated in 2019, the Hive project is designed to identify and support and equip local bee keepers with better equipment, supplies and trainings.

In Uganda, Bee keeping is a common venture in many rural communities in the Northern part of the country. Bee keeping is a fertile ground for supporting women and community economic empowerment, However, Traditional methods of bee keeping are still predominant in Uganda where it remains an important seasonal activity in many regions. Rural people have a good knowledge of bees, plants and places favored by bees but hives



are usually destroyed and colonies often killed in the process of collecting honey. Contamination and fermentation of honey is also common.

After identifying the struggles women face in bee keeping, Love Binti has come up with initiatives to support these bee keepers by providing Modern Bee hives and supplying equipment and facilities for bee keeping and honey processing.

In Nebbi, a group of 20 widows under the fountains of Hope ministry who lost their husbands during the way and due to HIV have been doing bee keeping as an economic activity to enable them sustain their lives and families.

A modern bee house that will accommodate 72 bee hives has been constructed for the widows with the vision to improve the quantity and quality of the honey supply from the widows.





1.4 Adolescent Mentoring Clubs

“It is not poverty that we should fear but the lack of opportunity or away to make a change”, and empowering a girl child is a great way of transforming all spheres of life as well as transformation the generations a head of her. As the main objective of love binti is to keep all girls in school and non should miss as a result of menstruation challenges through teaching them how to make their reusable sanitary pads, this got it take up all the available opportunities to see that it works with both the mother and the child to ensure that development can be achieved as per the 17 SDGs requires.

This year, Love binti carried out a research among adolescent girls aged 12 years and above on Menstrual health and hygiene and how the using of reusable sanitary pads have impacted on the lives of girls in terms behavior, knowledge and attitude in rural areas and the sample was Katosi a village in Mukono district. While conducting the above research,

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4 schools were identified each having 50 girls that suited our category and trainings started, which lasted for a period of 8 weeks and it involved a lot of activities with the children.

Among the activities that we had included *team building, self-esteem building, learning about our bodies, self-defense, leadership values, talent identifications, pad making, among others.*

By the end of the 8 week's intervention, we saw a lot of things changing among our binti girls and was registered as an achievement given the fact that their attitudes towards the view of life had improved

We formed a club of adolescent girls within each school that would see and ensure that the knowledge learnt can be transferred to the young ones with the help of their teachers





1.5 Love Binti 3rd and 4th Graduations

This year 2019, Love binti has been able to host its 3rd and 4th mega graduations that have seen over 337 women from different communities graduate and attain a certificate of qualification in the above mentioned courses. During the graduation many testimonies



were shared from the Alumni of the project who are busy making wonders in the field and encouraged the graduands not to take the skills they have attained lightly as it is their break through to success. People really appreciated the impact love binti has caused in their lives as they can now be able to use the little they have and grow it bigger as community leaders also vowed to highly collaborate and encourage more of their people to come up and the skills. Having fathers and mothers getting involved in the cultural and socio-economic development programs, we highly believe that their attitudes towards a girl child can change for effective results.

Never the less, we believe that change is on the way. Let us walk the last miles hand in hand making steady progress towards the SDGs and stepping towards a future without poverty.



1.6 BEE WAX WRAPS PROJECT



Bee wax wraps are eco friendly food covers that are made out of 100% natural bee wax and other ingredients like pine resin, coconut oil among others. This intends to fight and reduce the use of plastic foils on food which expose our lives to dangers of diseases. In the effort to save the environment, Love binti joined the race through

making of reusable food wraps out of beeswax. However, this has not yet been a success

as it is still into the research process trying out on different fabrics to see that the best quality wraps comes out and we become the leading producers of African fabric food wraps in the world. We believe that slowly we shall reach and achieve our goal.



Challenges encountered in this project

As we endeavor to be the leading producers of the African print bees wax wraps, it hasn't been easy to really see this come to pass as all the materials we try out are not suitable for the product.

Also some ingredients that are needed for the success of the products are very hard and tricky to find which at times hinders the progress of the work.

Challenges faced By Love Binti Program

- 1 The Pad training workshops require a lot of reporting but most of our seed teachers no not know how to use smart phones. This makes it channeging for report GPS locations.
- 2 High taxes imposed on Communication such as data is a challenge. Most data expire before the seed teachers are able to share pictures or videos.

- 3 Most of the used phones received from Taiwan are in a bad shape. They either drain batteries very fast, heat up so fast or just stop functioning.
- 4 Materials used in pad trainings are expensive and get depleted very fast yet the organization does not have enough funds.
- 5 The need for empowering women in Uganda is greater than the available resources.
- 6 The poor road infrastructure has affected trainings in some parts of the country.

Way forward

- 1 In 2020, to reach out to different communities such as Kitgum in Northern Uganda, Namayingo in Eastern Uganda and Hoima in Western Uganda.
- 2 Set up new training centers in Soroti, Yumbe and Hoima to enable more rural women attain financial independence through the knowledge and skill they will attain at the three months trainings at the center.
- 3 Identify and support women initiated apiaries as a way to raise and elevate the lives of women through creating financial independence.

SHOES FOR LIFE PROJECT

Project Description

In outlying poverty-stricken areas where people have no shoes to wear, Tunga penetrants, also known as jiggers or sand fleas, can burrow into human skin to lay eggs, causing swelling, ulcers, and even fatal injuries. This disease is called Tungiasis. Although the disease can be easily cured by removing the fleas or applying specific solution to kill them, people will be infected again once their feet touch the ground. This has therefore prompted Love Binti to give a solution by providing a pair of shoes to these vulnerable communities.

This project receives bags and shoes from Taiwan as donations to Uganda to provide a pair of shoes to school going children especially in the remote parts of the country where children walk bare footed because they can't afford to buy a pair and are suffering from jiggers' disease.

Distribution of Shoes

This is the process of delivering shoes to the identified beneficiary groups in accordance to the project plan



Three containers from Taiwan were received this year for donations in Uganda containing items such as used clothes, shoes and bags, that is, in February, August and October.

Month	Items received	no. of bags of items received
February	bags of shoes	
	bags of clothes	
August	bags of shoes	
	bags of bags	
October	bags of shoes	
	bags of bags	

	Total	
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Beneficiary Groups

The project beneficiaries receive items in groups not individuals, and through these groups individuals are reached. There were eight (8) active groups which received each at least 250 bags of items for the whole year out of the total number of bags for the year’s donations.

Contribution of the shoes for life project in 2019

The contribution of the project this year is undeniable by the fact that there has been a steady improvement of the livelihood of beneficiaries compared to the previous years. This is because more items have been donated thus widening our scope of operation to reach many people and also sustainably boost those that are helped through our social enterprise under the shoes for life project.

Our shoe beneficiary groups 2019

- The Nodding disease syndrome victims and poverty stricken community in Kitgum
- Fountains of hope Ministries in Nebbi
- Harvest Church Fellowship in central and eastern region
- Victory Family Centre, Jinja, Kakira
- The People of Buyaga, Kamuli
- Harvest Vision Ministries in South Sudan
- The community of Bugema, Mbale
- The community of remote rural Alebtong, northern Uganda
- Karamoja and Yumbe



Success/Achievements

Though jiggers are complex problems, the solution with Love Binti are simple and can change a person's life forever.

Most of the beneficiaries received at least 250 bags of the items received this year.

Challenges

The size of the shoes has been a challenge because most Ugandans wear large sizes of up to 46 yet most of the shoes are below size 40. The challenge of taxes charged by the government on the container and the cost of transport from Mombasa to Kampala. Another challenge has been on the way items are packed whereby sometimes the containers come when they are not filled to their fully capacity and also the sacks not being completely full yet taxes are high.

Damaged shoes



Way forward

The size of the shoes remains a challenge as many people are with bigger feet size and so if there is room to have bigger size of the shoes is better.

Following the outcry of people on small sizes, the shoes are being considered for children and young youths yet we have a reason population of adults who need to be considered in the project as beneficiaries

LIVING WATER PROJECT

Living water project is one of our pride project where we provide clean water especially drinking water to communities and schools.

This year 2019 we have provided bore hole to areas such as Butalejja (Mbale), Muvo fishing village in Mukono and another one in Nebbi is still under construction.

3.1 LIVING WATER IN BUTALEJJA

In Butalejja we managed to drill a bore hole and completed to provide clean water to over 1000 households in Nampologoma. In this areas majority of the people could get water from the nearby swamps, a distance of averagely 2km for the households.



Figure 6 Former water source in Nampologoma



Figure 7 A completed borehole in Nampologoma

3.2 LIVING WATER IN MUVO FISH VILLAGE

A bore hole in Muvo fishing village was constructed to supply water to over 200 households in that area. People in this area used to access lake water which is not healthy and clean because the inhabitants use the lake as dumping grounds for wastes.





3.3 LIVING WATER IN NEBBI

Love Binti is drilling a borehole in Arara sub county in Aswera village. The ongoing drilling process of the borehole in Nebbi is most likely to be completed before the end of this year. The bore hole is estimated to serve a minimum of 1500 people in the area.

Clean Water Project Achievements

This year we have been able to build new bore holes, one a hand pump borehole in Nampologoma in Butalejja which was started last year had its completion this year and a solar pump bore hole in Mukono in Muvo fishing village.

One bore hole in Nebbi is still under construction in Arara sub county, Aswera village, to be completed before the end of this year.

We have also been able to repair a bore hole in Buleebi in Mukono near Muvo fishing village and its currently functioning.



A field survey was conducted in Nansanga in Budaka district and still looking forward to opportunity of availing the village with borehole water

Clean Water Project Challenges

Different soil formation in the country in different areas this makes budgeting for bore holes hard since different soil formation affect the budget differently some soil formation requires more casing and other inputs than the other.

Delays from the contractor coupled with poor communication by the contractors

Way Forward

Invest in hydro related knowledge, work closely with hired expertise to learn by apprentice relevant knowledge related to water drilling and the geography of borehole.

Making study surveys on the potential locations will help solve the challenge of different soil formation.

Following a clear procurement procedure to eliminate the challenges of incompetent contractors.

4. SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Social Enterprise is an attempt to improve on the financial status of young men and women in any identified rural or limited opportunity areas.

Young ladies and gentlemen, single mothers and father who are not employed or jobless and can't make ends meet or struggle a lot to make a living are identified, picked and given shoes and bags and can use them to make a living through selling them within their communities at relatively low prices that are affordable by the community.

A few people in Bugema in Hoima, Mbale; Kakira in Jinja, Alebtong, Nebbi and in one of the biggest slums in Kampala have been helped to start up some small scale business selling shoes and bags at a very affordable rate to their communities.

One of the One of the social enterprise beneficiaries



Figure 12 : Alfred in Hoima doing social enterprise thus improving his livelihood

5. MUKONO camp site

Located at the Island of Lake Victoria is a model village that has been created by the Love Binti/Step 30 team. In the model Village, we are creating a sustainable system where a village depends on its own food, shelter, water, electricity etc.

The Mukono campsite located in Lulagwe Village in Mpunge sub county has in 2019 become more sustainable and dependent on her self.

Bellow are highlights of sub projects running in Mukono.

5.1 Organic Farming

The organic farming project aims at creating an all season farm that is not dependent on season or fertilizer. We have included and trained over 25 people from the neighboring communities through our model gardens. As a result, we have had better relationships with the community, constant supply of vegetables at the camp and helped the community reduce diseases such as malaria and malnutrition.



5.2 Rabbit Farming Project

In order to improve the income status of the house holds surrounding Mukono camp, Rabbit farming is one way to engage the community in this economic venture. With the readily available market for rabbit meat in Kampala, the community is expected to receive trainings on rabbit keeping and once the yields multiply, Love Binti shall buy the rabbits back from the community and supply the meat to business individuals and companies.

To ran this project, we started a demo farm at the camp site where 10 people from the community were taken through vigorous trainings in rabbit rearing. After the training, 4 participants are now rearing rabbits by themselves in their own homes.

Rabbit farming has also played a great role in improving the organic farming project because the Rabbit wastes are very good fertilizer for the crops in the organic farm.



5.3 Bricks making

Brick making is the newest project at the camp site. This project is aimed at creating as many bricks as possible that will be used at the site for the various constructions going on at the camp site and at the school.

With the help of the brick making machine, this project shall be a social enterprise that will raise some funds that will help facilitate the camp site management and administrative needs.



5.4 GOOD SAMARITAN School support

This year, the good Samaritan school where the Mukono camp side resides has been supported with 10 Solar lights to help with vision at night, a proper rain collection/water harvesting system to avoid water wastage during the raining seasons, and support from student volunteers who have provided knowledge and expertise in different areas.



5.4 Bio-toilet community project

In bid to improve soil fertility and put good use of human waste, Bio toilets are relevant. A sample bio toilet was set up at Good Samaritan school by the volunteers in the mid of the year.



7 CONCLUSION

The year 2019 has been a fruitful and yielding year. Most of our targets have been met by 90%.

The communities we have worked with have been empowered and their lives transformed.

We are grateful to God for the opportunity to serve through Love Binti and pray for a more impacting, empowering and uplifting 2020.