



RWENZORI SPECIAL NEEDS FOUNDATION

Rwenzori Special Needs Foundation is a non profit making organisation, supporting children and youth with disabilities founded in 2010 with a friend from New Zealand called Dot Muir a retired special needs teacher in the Ministry of Education in New Zealand.

During her visit to Uganda 5 years ago, she told us about what she did in Invercargill as an Early Intervention Teacher where she worked with many families who had children with special needs. Daniel Baguma then requested her to help look for support to uplift the needy here.



Daniel requested her help in setting up a Foundation to support children with special needs in Uganda-Fort Portal and in particular remote villages where any kind of therapeutic support is practically non-existent.



In Fort Portal Uganda there are a few NGO's that provide support to children with other disabilities and their families through community support networks, income generating activities and support towards education but there is none that provides support children families with cleft lip and palates conditions as well as support after treatment , training programs and education to families and communities.

The RSNF team is making difference on a daily basis for these children and their families with assessments done by local doctors, leading to appropriate treatment such as physiotherapy, operations to correct eye issues or with the provision of aids such as hearing aids, spectacles, crutches or special supportive chairs.”

Our biggest goal is to have children with disability attain full rehabilitation of their conditions, for the past years we have been carrying out disability outreaches and surgery camps in the community, We have received large numbers of children with disability and most of them often need attention of medication and rehabilitation as well.



As a charity we coordinate with the medical doctors and place these children under medication; however our greatest challenge is on transport.

RSNF Appeal

Due to the above challenges we have explained, it is our wish and request to the people of New Zealand and the Anglican Mission Board -NZ to help RSNF-Uganda meet the demand of transport, and this will help in achieving our goals through transporting them to hospital for surgery and any other support



Through out, we take these children to get surgery to OURS in Mbarara and Corsu in Kampala, we have to hire a vehicle each time we do these activities and it is really costing us. Because parents of these children being from different places at times we have to spend extra hours than planned for, waiting to gather all of them, at times extra costs come up because we exceed the time planned.

We also mobilise children and adults with cleft lip and palate conditions and take them for surgery services at different health center iv within Kabarole and other Districts. During these days we work so hard till late at night.

But still our challenge is transport, staff has to move late at 12:00 pm when usually the last patient has come out of theatre and been taken care of, RSNF staff by this time have to also find their way to their places of residence and without a car, our lives are at a great risk if we use boarders, so by all means we hire a car



Also patients need to be picked and taken back to different stages as they come and go back after surgery, its much easier when we have a car to help them than using very many boda-bodas to transport them.

Weather problems, Kabarole is a region that experiences heavy rainfall commonly through out the year and our biggest work being field work it becomes quite difficult for staff to use boda-bodas to visit families of children supported by RSNF. However if we have a car as transport means this would make work easier. Even in bad weather condition.





Word of appreciation

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the people of New Zealand and RSNF-NZ Team for your love and support Lord God almighty award them abundantly.as an extra expense to meet the demands of our work.