



**Maria Foundation**

*Peace begins with me*

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## **BRIEF PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANIZATION MARIA FOUNDATION**

In accordance to laws and guidelines of their Republic from Uganda, Face with the suffering of vulnerable refugees (women, orphaned children, young people, widows, elderly people and people living with disabilities) who are in most cases rejected, stigmatized and marginalized, we then took the option of creating this association, he east created in date of **February 22, 2019** , by Jean Baptiste Songolo Lulinda, a young refugee from Democratic Republic of Congo, I am an entrepreneur, peace ambassador, after experiencing the life of refugees since 2017, a non-profit association called “**Maria Foundation**” “**MF Asbl**” based on the supervision of young people, women and refugee children, is committed to promoting the social and professional inclusion of young people and women, governed by these statutes and by the NGO Act (Cap 2007) and other relevant statutory regulations or legal instruments. It was officially registered by the local government under number 2105. In the district Isingiro Uganda, under the name Maria Foundation.

**Maria Foundation’s** overall objective is to contribute to the promotion of a culture of peace, there cohabitation peaceful, there promotion of gender and improvement of the social conditions of refugees.

**For reach this aim, the association se fixed THE goals specific below:**

- A). Strengthen the knowledge and skills of young people on peace education, entrepreneurship, reproductive health and public hygiene and prevention mechanisms for STIs, HIV/AIDS, Leadership and sexual violence;
- B). Contribute to the promotion of local cultural values, bring out and stimulate the talents of young people and children through cultural, sporting (football) and artistic activities (theater, cinema, music, etc.).
- E) Bring together all structures that reproduce the characteristics of peace and freedom and encourage young people to value rights through non- violent struggle.

## ASSIGNMENT

The association, **MARIA FOUNDATION**, has the mission of mobilizing, consolidating and supporting the energies of young people, children and refugee women through the “**OUR VOICE**” approach. » for the improvement of their social, cultural, economic and sporting well-being.

### Vision

MARIA FOUNDATION, a non-profit association, has the vision of involving young people in promoting the culture of peace and integral development within communities.

### HEAD OFFICE □

MARIA FOUNDATION is located at Nakivale Refugees settlement, Base camp, Kashojwa A, Isingiro District, South West region of Uganda; nevertheless, he may be transferred to any other national territory of the Republic of Uganda by decision of 2/3 of the full members gathered in the Assembly General.

A) He East however allowed has create others offices in others Camps of the refugees inside and outside Uganda.

B) The association has duration of unlimited life.

## VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

- Integrity, honesty, Transparency, Responsibility
- Neutrality, Impartiality, Respectful, Universal Humanity
- Dignity, Independence and Team Spirit

## OUR PROGRAMS

**Maria Foundation regroupes its Activities in 5 following main programs**

N0	PROGRAM'S	Description	ACTIVITES
01	<b>PROGRAM FOR THE PROMOTION OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH</b>	This program carries out activities aimed at the adoption by children and young people of lower risk behaviors in matters of sexuality and public hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Management of the information and documentation circle on reproductive health,</li> <li>✓ Prevention against sexually transmitted offenses and VIH/AIDS and sexual violence</li> <li>✓ Inter-municipal awareness rising on public hygiene.</li> <li>✓ Organization of international health days.</li> </ul>
02	<b>PROGRAM FOR THE PROMOTION OF CULTURE AND PEACE</b>	<p>This program is designed to carry out activities aimed at promoting cultural values, the emergence and stimulation of the talents of young people, women and children.</p> <p>The activities of this program will also encourage communities (young people, children and women) to seek and consolidate peace, thus defending their rights, through their own expression.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Organization of youth clubs and children's parliament and youth center,</li> <li>✓ Organization of sporting and cultural activity(music, folk dances, theaters, poetry, schooling, cinema, intercommunity competition, and interschool different recreation games),</li> <li>✓ Organization of campaigns for young people, children and women on behavior change,</li> <li>✓ Community sensitization and seminars on conflict resolution, peaceful cohabitation, in everyday life skills.</li> </ul>
04	<b>GENGER PROMOTION AND</b>	This program carries out specific activities aimed at promoting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Management of women's empowerment groups</li> </ul>

	<b>CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM</b>	women's rights and children's rights (gender equality and female leadership, economic capacity) capable of bringing about a positive change in the consideration of women and respect for the right of the child within the community (society).	(GAF), <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Defense and protection of the rights of women and children,</li> <li>✓ Organize the 16 Days of activism campaign and the international women's Days,</li> <li>✓ Adult Education (leadership, English, etc...),</li> <li>✓ Support for women or men victims of sexual violence,</li> <li>✓ Organization of the international children's Days,</li> <li>✓ School support for vulnerable children and young people.</li> </ul>
04	<b>SOCIAL-ECONOMIC REHABILITATION PROGRAM</b>	This program carried out activities aimed at improving the social and economic situation of vulnerable communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Vocational training: cutting and sewing, liquid and bar soap making, Business skills, Life skills lessons, Computer skills, golden bread, electricity, miniseries, embroidery, etc...</li> <li>✓ Driving and repair of bicycles, motorcycles and generators, etc...</li> <li>✓ Supervision of young people and women in agro-pastoral production,</li> <li>✓ Organization of solidarity groups for young people or companies,</li> <li>✓ Building links between local agro-pastoral producers to major clients.</li> </ul>
05	<b>PERMACULTURE PROGRAM</b>	This permaculture program aims to create sustainable, productive human environments in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Permaculture design:</b> - designing gardens, farms, or plots of land to maximize biodiversity and</li> </ul>

		<p>harmony with nature in self-regenerating ecosystems, while creating sustainable abundance for refugees.</p>	<p>energy efficiency while reducing waste,  - using techniques such as forest gardens, polyculture systems, design zones (zones 0-5), and integrated design principles.</p> <p>✓ <b>Sustainable gardening and Agriculture :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Environmentally friendly growing techniques such as intercropping, crop rotations, and the use of perennial plants,</li> <li>- Creating self-sufficient food production systems without the use of industrial chemicals.</li> </ul> <p>✓ <b>Community life and Education :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organizing workshops, courses, and trainings to teach permaculture techniques,</li> <li>- Developing local communities that share resources, skills and food production</li> </ul>
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