

“Kankobe Orphanage” Project

SECTION:
HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS

LOCAL PARTNER:
‘Kankobe Children Home’
LOCAL SUPERVISOR: Beatrice Nakibuule

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:
Fondazione Cantonuovo

BEGINNING OF THE PROJECT:
2012

COST OF THE PROJECT:
12.000 €

COUNTRY, CITY:
Uganda, Kankobe

THE STORY:

During their trip to Africa in 2005 Maurizio and Fabrizio Tiezzi, accompanied by their dear friend Father James Burasa of the ‘Holy Cross Congregation’, visited for the first time an orphanage in Kankobe, at about 85 km from Kampala, the capital of Uganda. For the Tiezzi brothers it was such a moving, unforgettable experience that in their following two visits to Uganda they returned to Kankobe carrying food supplies for the orphans. In October 2011 during their last visit there the director of the orphanage, Sister Beatrice Nakibuule (‘Good Samaritan Sisters’) explained them in detail the challenges the orphanage is facing and asked Fondazione Cantonuovo for financial support in order to continue to provide assistance to the orphans.

The ‘Kankobe Children Home’ is a non-profit Christian organization founded in 1989 by the missionary Father Payur under the patronage of the “Child Welfare and Adoption Society” of the Kampala Archdiocese. Although the orphanage could accommodate up to 100 orphans, at present it can only take care of 80 kids, abandoned, neglected, and vulnerable children who lost one or both parents. 36 boys and 44 girls between the age of 6 and 14 have found a home at the orphanage, whose major challenge is the lack of financial resources to provide adequate cares for a greater number of

children. In order to raise part of the necessary money the orphanage staff has developed some projects such as a “chair project” (600 plastic chairs and three tents for rent), an agricultural project, and a chicken farming project on its territory.

Although the problems of the orphanage are many indeed, the most urgent ones concern food and medicines (some of the children are HIV positive, while others suffer from various infections for which they need special medications for a total yearly amount of about € 12.000.

Fondazione Cantonuovo has decided to help the orphanage through “ad hoc” contributions. Those wishing to take part in this project can make donations that will be added to the sum collected for this purpose up to now.



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FOTO:



1) The arrival of Maurizio and Fabrizio Tiezzi at the orphanage in Kankobe



2) Fun and amusement at the orphanage



3) Relax in the dormitory



4) Scene of daily life: the washing



5) Praising the Lord



6) Simple daily activities