

DWELLING PLACES'
ORGANIZATIONAL
PROFILE

- What we do:

Rescue | Rehabilitation | Reconciliation

Resettlement Family Empowerment Advocacy

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## WHO WE ARE:

Dwelling Places (DP), started by Rita and William Nkemba, is a Christian NGO that envisions a society where every child has a chest to rest his head on and a place to call home, through provision of holistic care services to street-connected children, high-risk slum families and abandoned babies. We also support these children to acquire education, while their families are empowered economically and spiritually enriched in order to enhance sustainable resettlement. Since inception in 2002, over 1,767 children have received various forms of support from Dwelling Places including Rescue, Rehabilitation, Reconciliation, Resettlement, educational support, economic empowerment for their families, and provision of basic health care and psychosocial support; and over 7,000 vulnerable children and youth have been empowered through Child Rights Clubs, Camps, Debates, Quiz competitions, Music, dance and drama Competitions, and children's Parliament, among others to use their experiences to advocate and lobby for strengthened systems at community and national levels to protect children from all forms of abuse and exploitation, hence claiming their rights (As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019).

# **OUR VISION:**

The Vision of Dwelling Places is to see "A world where every child has a place to call home and is empowered to reach their full potential within a safe family and community setting"

# **OUR MISSION:**

Rescue, Rehabilitate, Reintegrate, educate and advocate for street connected children and abandoned babies to enable them reach their full potential.

## **OUR TARGET GROUP:**

Street-connected children, abandoned babies and high risk slum children who are 14 years and below

## **OUR SLOGAN:**

"Until every child has a chest to rest their head on and a place to call home"

### STRATEGIES:

- **Rescue:** We conduct a variety of activities to build relationships with street-connected children and rescue the vulnerable ones, (between 3 and 12 years old) for care and protection;
- **Rehabilitation:** We offer temporary accommodation, food, catch-up education, medical care, counseling, emotional and spiritual nourishment for the child;
- **Reconciliation:** We conduct family tracing and reconciliation to ensure every child finds a safe and loving environment to call home;
- Reintegration: This allows us to completely achieve our vision for the child to have a place to call home;
- Family Empowerment: We work with the resettled children and their families to ensure sustainability after resettlement trough provision of educational support and income generating activities to the most vulnerable families and children
- Advocacy: We organize/ partner with other CSOs and Private Sector in capacity building activities and organized media and public awareness campaigns to end child abuse, exploitation, trafficking and unsafe movement

# AREAS OF OPERATION:

• Dwelling Places has offices in Mutundwe - Kampala and Iriiri – Napak but working with beneficiaries from all districts within Uganda. Dwelling Places also owns two Transitional Rehabilitation Homes: In Mutundwe where the girls and boys aged 3-5 years live; and in Buloba where the older boys live during their time in rehabilitation.



### **Dwelling Places' Theory of Change** Vision A Society where every child has a chest to rest their head on and a place to call home **Private Sector CSOs** actively Children and Government Families are Communities actively contributes to the youths claim self-sustainable develops & enacts advocate for protect children from protection of their rights and children's rights and and actively abuse, exploitation child friendly & Outcome protect them from children from acquire relevant protect children and trafficking sensitive laws/ abuse, exploitation abuse, exploitation skills for enforces policies to from abuse & through protection and trafficking sustainability and trafficking exploitation and parenting hinder abuse Communities: CSOs: Children & Families: Government: Private Sector: Youths: Are actively Hold government, Support Enacts/ Develop & involved in Develop children's effectively communities, enforce human communal implements private sector & resource policies academically. access to protection & other CSOs that discourage professionally education; laws & policies parenting; accountable for Report child that protect child exploitation psychologically abuse cases or **Enact & enforce** street the protection of in line with UN laws, policies, in an age children: risks to duty connected guidelines; social norms, children from Actively advocate appropriate bearers; Adopt a code of beliefs & for the enactment Commit to any form of way; conduct for their practices that abuse, with & enforcement of Report cases of being staff that protects protect children abuse and empowered adequate policies that children from exploitation or from abuse, budget ensure children's and supported abuse and **Pathways** exploitation & allocation; basic interests are risks to duty to meet their exploitation; trafficking; bearers; children's basic Recognize street met: Commit to Commit to Report cases of connected **Facilitate** needs and use cooperate in the leaving the empowerment abuse, children as dialogues on protection of exploitation & streets & going resources as equal citizens family, children from trafficking or with a right to community and back to school intended; abuse & risks to duty national levels on Understand the access health to acquire exploitation; bearers (formal knowledge & rights of and social child rights and Understand the or informal); services; protection); skills; children in their plight of street Commit to care & their Understand the Understand the **Understand** connected cooperating with plight of the plight of street their rights and responsibility in children & **Dwelling Places** act as agents of ensuring these street connected provide equal and other CSOs children & connected change on rights are met. opportunities to child rights. in the protection children. advocate for their them. of children. rights. Rescue; Rehabilitate; Reconciliation Resettlement; Family & Advocacy & Community Networking; We conduct We provide This allows us to We place the **Empowerment;** street temporary resolve whatever child in a loving We engage policy outreaches to accommodation. issues forced the and caring We provide makers and brokers build rapport food, catch-up child to leave home. We help educational about the rights of with children on education, home in the first the child support services to children; collaborate the streets, medical care. place; reconcile integrate well resettled children, with other CSOs, **Strategies** assess needs & counseling, the child with with family and economic development offer referral or emotional and their family, thereby empowerment for partners & private rescue the most spiritual communities and completely their families based Sector in organized vulnerable nourishment for with God. We achieving our on the livelihoods advocacy actions to (within our

eligibility criteria) for care

& protection;

the child as a conduit to rebuilding a holistic child in preparation for reconciliation & resettlement

conduct family tracing, reconciliation and households livelihoods assessments

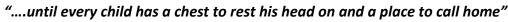
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assessments results for sustainable resettlement and prevention of unnecessary family separation

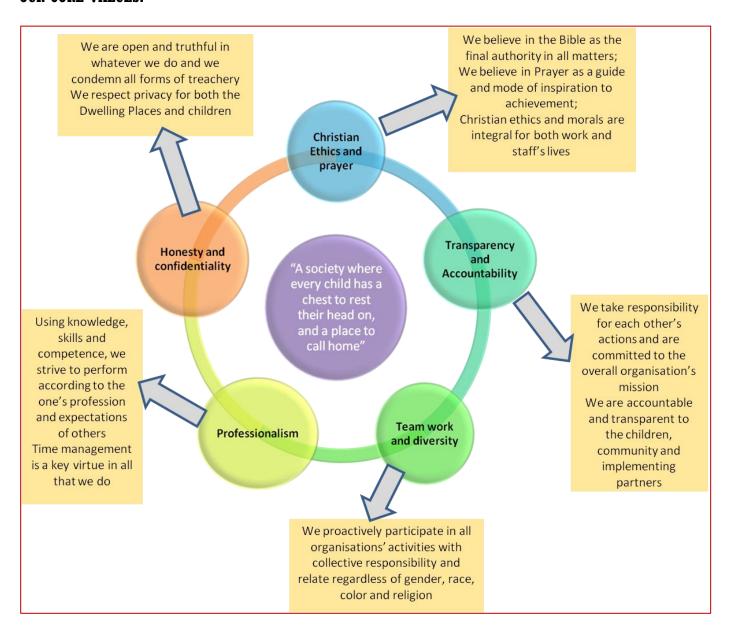
strengthen capacity & systems at all levels to prevent violence & exploitation against children

**Problem** 

Children living on the streets are exploited through child labor, sexual abuse and exploitation, and child trafficking for selfish adult economic gains. They are also exposed to risks of poor health, substance abuse and early child marriages, among other things



## **OUR CORE VALUES:**



# **Our Partners**

Dwelling Places is fortunate enough to have partners who support us throughout the year, through fundraising, donations, sending volunteers or other means.













