



## “Giving real optimism to ensuring a successful outcome to every pregnancy”

A UK led scheme involving Fountain of Peace Children’s Foundation and the Health Department in Kyenjojo District, Western Uganda. The main aim is to reduce Maternal and Neonatal Mortality in the greater Bufunjo Sub-County, Kyenjojo over 3 years initially, from 1st August 2023 to 30th August 2026. The scheme will be targeted at the poorest local rural communities where there are many early teen marriages/pregnancies, complicated and unwanted pregnancies, and very low referral rates to health facilities. It will focus on education and training of all parties from expectant mothers through to professional nursing and medical personnel, as well as the community in general.



It is well documented that maternal and neonatal mortality is associated with:

- 1) deciding to seek care at all
- 2) reaching a healthcare facility
- 3) receiving professional care

FOP is most grateful to funding bodies who have generously contributed to this project, which remains financially independent of Fountain of Peace. The scheme was officially launched on 8th August 2023 in the most remote village in Bufunjo, being attended by over 400 local village-folk, Regional Health and Government officials, and Political leaders from the Kyenjojo District. As well as officials from Fountain of Peace, Regional TV and Radio were also in attendance.



The official launch was a very successful event and the attendance by so many folk from different backgrounds and offices exemplified the wide interest and concern for this work. The support of the District officials and Health leaders in the Kyenjojo District has been an enormous encouragement and they were present in numbers to back up their commitment to making this project work. Likewise the local media channels have shown their commitment to supporting the work, and it is our intention to do regular broadcasts on local radio stations encouraging participation from all the stakeholders who really matter - the pregnant Mums.



Fountain of Peace Children's Foundation sees this as an integral part of its work in seeking to bring about a transformation, not only in the lives of the babies and children under its care, but also in bringing a sense of hope to those who are most vulnerable in the more far-flung communities who have little or no help at hand when most needed.

Please join us in working together with these communities; we would welcome your active participation, financially and prayerfully, as we build on this very encouraging beginning.

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