

“A Child’s Right to Life”



Give children their Basic Right, their Right to Life...

A child should not be denied their right to live because they are born into poverty. Yet this happens every day in Uganda. Almost 192 children per 1,000 live births* die every year because their basic needs are not met.

Please help us to provide not just the medical and physical but also the crucial emotional needs to vulnerable and disadvantaged children in Kampala. With your support CAI can ensure that, through the ‘MotherCare’ programme, over 60 children a year and more in Kampala are no longer denied their basic right to motherly love and medical care and that they leave Mulago as healthier and happier children.

For just £115, you can keep the MotherCare team employed for a week to ensure that these children receive the adequate start in life that everyone deserves.

* Under-5 years mortality rate in Uganda 2005 - 191.8 out of every 1,000 live births, Human Development Report, 2005

The Charity

CAI (Child Advocacy International) is a small charity set up to help improve healthcare for children around the world. Our special role is helping poor countries build medical capacity for the future, which we do by supporting and educating local doctors and nurses as well as the provision of essential and appropriate equipment. We have a team of volunteer doctors from all of the UK who help us in our mission.

Mulago Hospital, Kampala

Mulago is Uganda's main Children's Hospital and supports the many abandoned babies and children that arrive on its doorstep having often been rescued from rubbish tips and pit latrines in extremely poor conditions. Due to poverty and other factors, orphaned and abandoned babies are a relatively common occurrence in many developing countries and Uganda is no exception. Prior to the MotherCare programme, low staff capacity and an under-resourced environment within Mulago meant that the needs of many children and babies were left unmet as staff struggled to do their best for the large influx of children needing vital medical and emotional care.



Without your help, these babies would be alone and forgotten, they would not be here today

The MotherCare Programme

CAI has been working with Mulago Hospital on its 'MotherCare' programme since 2000 by employing, training and supporting specialist care workers to care for these babies and children. Virtually every baby brought into the MotherCare project during the first year of operation was in desperate need of medical and emotional care. The hospital does not have enough staff to feed and change these babies let alone cuddle them. It has been clearly demonstrated that babies need affection as well as physical care. Initially, 3 women were appointed and trained as MotherCare workers and it is evident that children who receive this care are now healthier, happier and better adjusted than before.

CAI needs your help to continue with this project, to carry on providing the care and protection for these desperate children and to ensure that they are not neglected or forgotten. In this next phase, CAI would like to take the programme forward to increase care cover to 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, improving follow-up of children in their new homes once they have left the hospital, facilitating group play and interaction for early child development and developing the role of MotherCare workers as informal teachers of good practise and support to parents which has already proven to have a great impact on persuading parents to reconsider leaving their child.

How much does this cost?

Just £115 will provide maternal love and vital healthcare for many desperate children in Kampala for one week

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