



**What a  
Reflecting &  
Inspiring  
2023 it was!**

# MRF annual report 2023

# Message from the Executive Director

**Dear Beneficiaries, Donor and Friends,**

As I reflect on the journey of Masaka Relief Foundation (MRF) since its inception in 2020, I am immensely proud of our achievements. Even more so, I am excited about the promising future in 2024. Over the years, we have successfully expanded our operations across Greater Masaka, evolving from addressing critical housing challenges to mobilizing community support and implementing strategies that promote social justice and overall community well-being.

It is truly gratifying to witness the unwavering support from our local government, dedicated staff, generous donors, and the entire community. This collective effort has enabled us to secure essential resources, forge meaningful partnerships, and launch impactful initiatives. As a result, we continue to provide families with access to safe and stable water sources, quality education, and making our youth more productive and resilient citizens.



At MRF, we are deeply committed to the holistic growth and development of children, empowering youth with the knowledge and skills they need to become responsible adults and achieve their life aspirations. We are also passionate about supporting mothers of childbearing age, ensuring they receive the care and opportunities they deserve.

One of MRF's greatest legacies in 2023 was the transformation we brought to children, mothers, and youth—empowering them to achieve social justice and fostering peace within households and communities. As we move forward, our vision, mission, and core values remain the driving force behind our efforts, guiding us to uphold excellence, accountability, and stewardship.

As we embark on 2024, we remain committed to fulfilling our mandate and achieving our planned objectives. We look forward to continued collaboration with you as we extend assistance and relief wherever it is needed.

Wishing you all the best in the year ahead.

**Madrine Namayengo**

*Executive Director*

# 2023 PROGRAMMES AT A GLANCE!

## Nourish Hope project

Project overview	How its done	Key achievements
<p>Nourish Hope project fights food insecurity, providing sustainable relief for orphaned households in Masaka.</p>	<p>Partnering with farmers, donors, and volunteers, we provide food, nutrition education, and backyard gardening support.</p>	<p><b>211</b> households reached with essential food supplies.</p> <p><b>464</b> Children and women directly impacted by improving their nutritional well-being.</p> <p>Introduced sustainable home gardening techniques.</p>



***Food relief: Empowering hope, nurturing stronger communities***

# Water for All: WASH Empowerment Initiative:

## Achievements in 2023:

### 1. Educational Outreach on WASH:

- Directly reached **3,256 beneficiaries** through comprehensive education sessions on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), empowering individuals and communities with vital knowledge on improving water usage, sanitation practices, and hygiene.



### 2. Borehole Completion in Bataya Village:

Successfully **finalized the second borehole in Bataya Village**, providing sustainable access to clean water for over **345 households**. This achievement has dramatically improved the community's access to safe drinking water and reduced waterborne diseases.



### 3. *Water Tank Distribution for Agriculture:*

- Expanded access to water for agricultural development by **installing 16 new water tanks for 16 households**, contributing to improved farming practices and greater agricultural productivity in the region.



#### ***Additional Impact:***

Through these initiatives, the "Water for All: WASH Empowerment Initiative" has not only enhanced access to safe drinking water but also fostered community resilience by enabling better hygiene practices and promoting sustainable agricultural development. We are committed to continuing our efforts to ensure every community has access to clean water, improved sanitation, and better health outcomes.



## Adolescent and Young People Empowerment program

This program supports both in-school and out-of-school adolescents and young people. For out-of-school youth, it identifies vulnerable beneficiaries using a risk and vulnerability screening tool, offering mentorship, psychosocial support, vocational training, and work placements. In partnership with various stakeholders, it empowered **121 youth** aged 15-30 with vital hard and soft skills for employment or self-employment. For in-school youth, the project provides career guidance sessions and life skills training.



## Sexual and Reproductive Health Services Program:

This program provides sexual and reproductive health services and education to both in-school and out-of-school adolescents and young people. Topics include HIV/AIDS, drug abuse, teenage pregnancy, and menstrual hygiene management. In 2023, the program successfully reached **562 young people** with these vital services.



## Annual performance plan 2024:

### MRF FY 2024 Focus Areas:

- ❖ **Child Protection:** Formation and training of child protection committees, community dialogue meetings, and support for community-led initiatives. Translation of key legal and policy documents into local languages, data collection on children's rights violations, and support for formal education of Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs) in Greater Masaka.
- ❖ **Livelihoods Support & Youth Employability:** Provision of sustainable livelihoods, training in income-generating activities (IGAs) and financial management. Focused support for OVCs, adolescent girls, and young women to acquire vocational skills, with the provision of basic start-up toolkits to enhance employability and self-reliance.
- ❖ **Advocacy:** MRF addresses cross-cutting issues through advocacy, generated via Parents Support Groups and Youth Support Groups meetings, ensuring key program messages are shared across communities.
- ❖ **Environmental Protection & Conservation:** Training of youth groups and formation of Environmental Protection and Conservation Clubs in schools. Establishment of a tree nursery and a demonstration garden, serving as a learning center for tree growers, students, and environmentalists, promoting sustainable environmental practices.
- ❖ **Emergency and Relief:** Provision of food aid and training in food security and agricultural rehabilitation to disadvantaged community groups, fostering resilience and self-sufficiency.
- ❖ **Reproductive Health:** Activities include Behavioral Change Communication (BCC), awareness and sensitization, counseling, HIV/AIDS testing, and community outreach. Formation of school peer health clubs to promote reproductive health education.
- ❖ **Education:** Support for **10 OVCs** through provision of scholastic materials, school fees, and basic resources. While many OVCs require support, MRF is limited by financial capacity but continues to focus on this critical need.
- ❖ **WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene):** Promotion of community-based handwashing through various media, provision of water tanks, and education on proper water management. Collaboration with schools and healthcare facilities to improve access to clean water, sanitation, and handwashing facilities. Advocacy and construction of secure menstrual health and hygiene facilities in schools where resources allow..

# THANK YOU NOTE

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and generosity towards **MRF's** mission of empowering children and young people and restoring hope in our communities. Your contributions have been essential in enabling us to continue our vital work, making a tangible difference in the lives of countless individuals.

Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to provide crucial support services, educational opportunities, and rehabilitation programs to young people facing various challenges. Your donations have not only offered practical assistance but have also served as a beacon of hope for those who may have felt marginalized or forgotten.

Your belief in our cause strengthens our determination to create positive change and brighter futures for the youth we serve. Together, we are making a profound impact, empowering young people to overcome adversity, unlock their potential, and pursue their dreams.

As we express our gratitude, we also reaffirm our commitment to transparency and accountability in how your donations are utilized. Your trust in us inspires us to uphold the highest standards of integrity and effectiveness in all our endeavors.

Once again, thank you for your invaluable support. Your kindness and generosity are truly changing lives and shaping a better tomorrow for generations to come.