

**SI AAP** Celebrating  
**10** YEARS  
of Existence



**Ssese Islands African  
AIDS Project**

*Saving Life through Community Outreach*



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2005-2015

## **SSESE ISLANDS AFRICAN AIDS PROJECT, SIAAP**

The Ssesse Islands African AIDS Project (SIAAP) was registered in December 2004 as Nongovernmental Organization (NGO) in Uganda to cater mainly for HIV/AIDS. It is also incorporated both in Florida and California as nonprofit organization with a 501 (C ) 3 tax exempt status of the internal revenue service, IRS.

SIAAP HIV operations started in May, 2005 and hence the 10<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary in 2015:

**Background and Cause:** In 2004 while on emergency leave (AUG 2004) to visit his late mother Mauricia Najjuma in Ssesse Islands Uganda, Frank Musisi found out that about 50 - 60 percent of the people he grew up with in Ssesse Islands Lake Victoria, Uganda had died of HIV/AIDS. At the time there was no serious organization dealing with the HIV/AIDS problem in the Ssesse Islands. “

“They had a few drama organizations and their work was basically minimal with no impact tackling the HIV/AIDS problem in Ssesse Islands especially Kalangala district. My mother and other elders in the district told me that if nothing was done to address the trend of high levels of HIV/AIDS in the region, the future was not good. My late mother ( Mauricia Najjuma) asked me to do something about the HIV/AIDS problem because many brilliant young people had died and that I should save the people for the sake of humanity. I was so touched that I dedicated myself to save these poor people. While Deployed to Balad, Iraq with 31<sup>st</sup> Combat Support Hospital (CSH) from Fort Bliss, Texas. I asked some medics and doctors from the CSH on ideas to see how I could help. I also commissioned (\$500) for a feasibility study to see how best and the most effective way to address the problem. My late mother offered part of her home, two dedicated offices for us operate from and two rooms we operated from (2005 – 2008). Because we didn't have money and there were no building to operate from. She also offered to feed, and accommodate medics I would bring to do Health education”, says Mr. Musisi.

### **Phase: I (2004 – 2008)**

- Registration and Incorporation both in Uganda and the United States
- Health education & sensitization, (ABC, Abstinence, Be Faithful and Condom use)
- HCT (HIV/AIDS Counseling and testing), Generate variable HIV/AIDS data (non existed at the time)
- Condom distribution
- Supply of Septrin prophylaxis

### **Phase: II ( 2009 – 2011)**

- Health education & sensitization, (ABC, Abstinence, Be Faithful and Condom use)
- HCT (HIV/AIDS Counseling and testing), Generate variable HIV/AIDS data (non existed at the time)
- Condom distribution
- Supportive counseling
- Supply of septrin prophylaxis
- Condom distribution
- Referrals





SIAAP official opening in 2005 (Mr. John Seromba, Mr. Lugambwa, Maama Najjuma)



Furniture donated to SIAAP by Mr. John Seromba May 2005





**SIAAP opening in 2005**



**Ssibasajja Kabaka visits SIAAP in 2012**



### Phase: III ( 2011 – PRESENT )

- Health education & sensitization
- Supportive counseling
- HCT (HIV/AIDS Counseling and testing) at SIAAP center
- Client consultations/ general treatment (*malaria, sexually transmitted diseases, Respiratory tract infections, arthritis among others*)
- Outreaches
- Supply of septrin prophylaxis
- Condom distribution,
- Family Planning services
- Referrals
- Anti-Retroviral (ART) Services



Emmy Ssemakula SIAAP Project Supervisor conducts Sensitization



Treatment at SIAAP Headquarters





**Mr. Joel Kiwanuka conducting a sensitization Seminar at SIAAP original office, May 2005**



**SIAAP HIV AIDS world day celebration at SIAAP Headquarters in 2009**



## SUPPORT / STAFF OPERATIONS:

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### Phase: I (2004 – 2007)

- Relied on Volunteers: Coordinator – ( Livingston Musoke / Robinah Nankinga ).
- Joel Kiwanuka – Secretary General and Overall Supervisor
- Medical Students from Makerere University (Weekends)
- Volunteers from the Entebbe Virus Institute sponsored by the Center of Disease Control

### Phase: II (2008 – 2009)

- Hired a paid Project Coordinator ( Nansimbe, Leila)
- Joel Kiwanuka – Secretary General and Overall Supervisor
- Medical Treatment Camps ( Weekends)
- Coordination with other NGOs
- Project Assessment of the entire operations by (Dr. Dan Bogere, MD) and (Mr. Emmy Ssemakula) (Volunteers)
- SIAAP President / Founder converted his country home into the Medical Center for SIAAP (2009)

### Phase: III (2010 – 2011)

- Project Coordinator (Carlos Mutakubwa)
- Hired a paid lab Technician ( Simon Kasiita)
- Joel Kiwanuka – Secretary General and Overall Supervisor Volunteer
- Recruited Project Head (Dr. Dan Bogere, Specialist Public Health, and Mr. Ssemakula (Project Supervisor) on a voluntary basis
- Advisory Committee formed (Volunteers)
- User Fee is introduced
- MOU (Memorandum of understanding) with AHF-Uganda Cares (HIV Testing Kits)
- MOU (Memorandum of understanding) with Marie Stopes Uganda, (Family Planning and women Healthcare support)

### Phase: IV (2012 – PRESENT)

- Project Coordinator (Carlos Mutakubwa/Kiwafu/Omoko Nicolas)
- Lab Technician ( Simon Kasiita)
- *Paid Accountant (Part Time) Musaazi, Tadewo*
- **Local Government Sponsored staff**
- *Joel Kiwanuka – Secretary General and Overall Supervisor Volunteer*
- *Project Head (Dr. Dan Bogere, Specialist Public Health, Mr. Ssemakula (Project Supervisor) Volunteer basis*

- Advisory Committee formed (Volunteers)
- User Fee is introduced
- MarieStopes Uganda (Family Planning)
- **Aids Healthcare Foundation (Small Grant)** Motorcycle, boat etc

### **SIAAP Current Partners:**

- AHF-Uganda Cares
- Marie-Stopes (Uganda)
- Kalangala Local Government

### **Challenges/ Urgent Needs:**

Funding for:

- Drugs/ Medicines and supplies for Health care and **human resources**, our need for regular and stable 'Finances for health'. Otherwise, without this we cannot afford the medicines and supplies for health care, human resources for health, community support programs and client follow up among others.
- Solar Energy Batteries (\$450 each and needed \$1800)
- Donations for project Vehicle/ Van/Ambulance and Motorcycles, medical supplies
- Laboratory needs a constant supply of various laboratory reagents, CBC (Cell Blood Count) machine, centrifuge machine, refrigerator, and CD 4 machine and X-ray machine



**Members of the Advisory meeting at SIAAP Headquarters**





Ssabasajja Kabaka visits SIAAP, OCT 2012



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**Ssabasajja Launches Bulungi Bwansi immunization at SIAAP Headquarters, OCT 2012**

**Financial contributions by the President on supporting the ( SIAAP ) Project:**

2008 (46 %)	2010 (63 %)	2011( 86 %)	2012 (97 %)	2013 ( 96 %)	2014 (47 %)
(6250/13,740)	(9600/15,250)	(15,156/17,656)	(16,186/16,636)	(18,663/19,443)	(15,196/32,384)

**Number of Clients Served:**

2006: Cared for 607 Persons  
 2007: Cared for 601 Persons  
 2008: Cared for 2,533 Persons  
 2009: Cared for 3,552 Persons  
 2010: Cared for 4, 583 Persons  
 2011: Cared for 5, 714 Persons  
 2012: Cared for 10, 014 Persons  
 2013: Cared for 13,671 Persons  
 2014: Cared for 20, 482 Persons

**Data on Kalangala District Ssesse Islands, Lake Victoria Uganda:**

- Kalangala population (Uganda national bureau of statistics 2014) – **53,406** individuals  
HIV prevalence Source (Ministry of health):
- National prevalence in **2005 was 6%** and currently **in 2014 was 7.3%**
- Kalangala prevalence **in 2005 was 27%** and most recent research **in 2013 was 22%**.





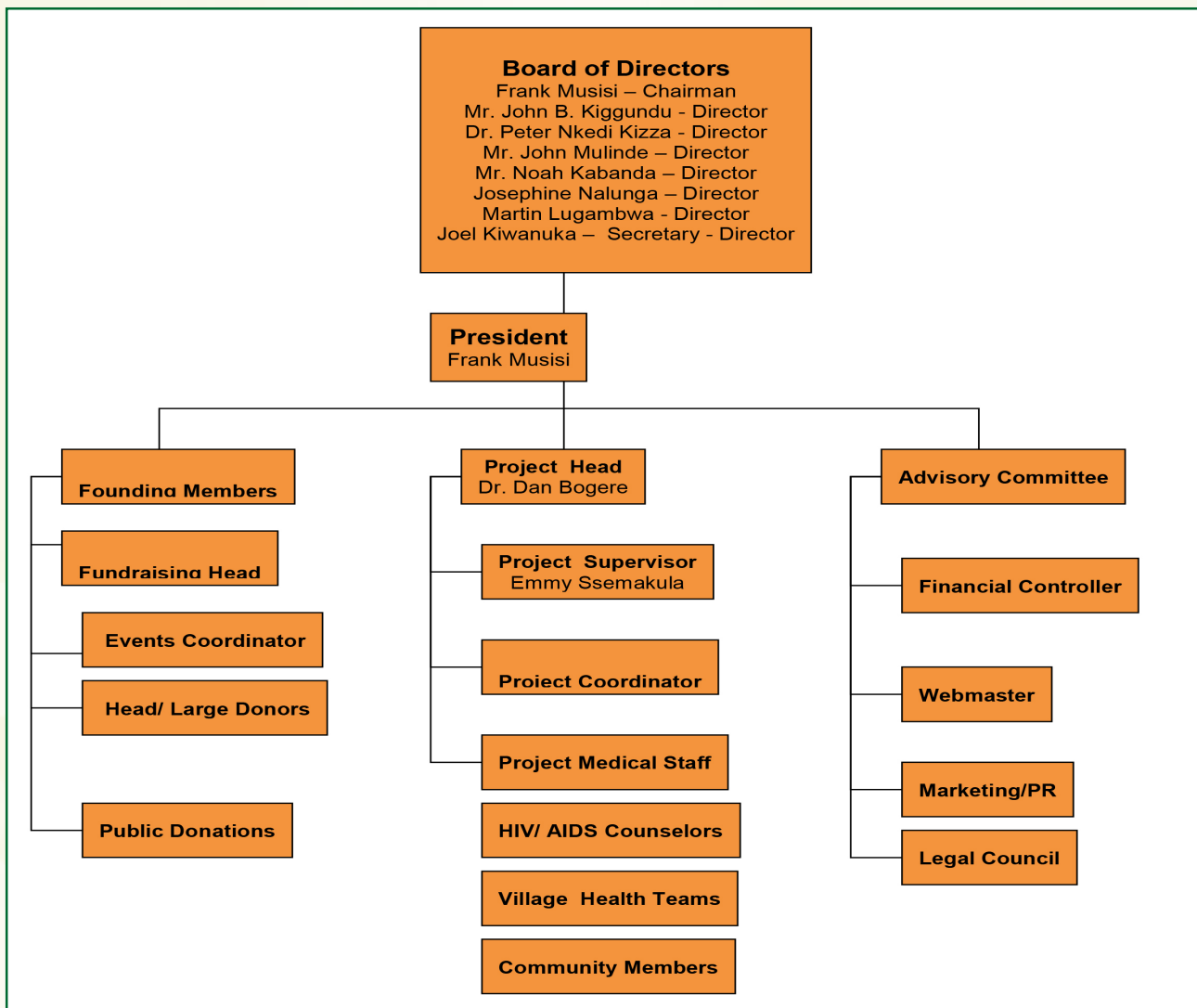
## SIAAP BOARD OF DIRECTORS/ TRUSTEES

### SIAAP Advisory Committee (AC):

- Mr Noah Kabanda, Chairman
- Mr. Joel Kiwanuka, Secretary
- Mrs Josephine Nalunga Bunjaazi, Member
- Dr. Dan Bogere, Member
- Mr. Martinn Lugambwa, Financial Controller
- Emmy Ssemakula, Ex Official

### SIAAP Personnel Volunteers (Medical Team):

- **SIAAP Project Head** Daniel Bogere, MD, PGD. M&E, MPH (Volunteer)  
Public Health Specialist, Antiretrovirotherapy (ART)  
US Mission, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Uganda  
Tel: +256-776 872 858, Alt. Email: [gbogere@yahoo.com](mailto:gbogere@yahoo.com)
- **SIAAP Supervisor:** Emmy Ssemakula (Othopaedic / HIV Clinic Officer) Volunteer
- **SIAAP Secretary General,** Joel Kiwanuka (Volunteer).



## **SIAAP STAFF AND QUALIFICATION INCLUDE Paid Staff)**

- Omoko Nicolas Angelo- Project Coordinator (Clinical Orthopedic officer)
- Kasiita Simon - Laboratory technician
- Najjuma Winnie- Nursing Midwife
- Kizza Margret - Nursing midwife
- Baluku Yosam- Enrolled Nurse
- Namayanja Rebecca- Enrolled nurse
- Tadeo Musaazi – Accountant
- Nakazibwe- Janat- Support Staff ( SIAAP- Beautification Officer)

## **Village Teams:**

- Lubwaama Gonzaga- Village health team (VHT)
- Sebuufu Steven- Peer Educator
- Namukasa Regis- Village health team( Traditional Birth attendant)
- Namaganda Florence- village health team member

## **Success Story:**

- 2012 King Ronald Mutebi of Buganda Kingdom in Uganda recognized our Facility and work Launched the Children immunization from our facility
- 2014 Uganda Parliament gave SIAAP President and SIAAP (Medical Facility) the highest recognition(Parliamentary Resolution) given to private citizen for contributions in HIV/AIDS in Uganda.

**Average Cost of Operations are currently at \$2000 per month.**

## **Current Operations:**

SIAAP has now been transformed into an all inclusive Medical Facility that not only care for HIV/AIDS but also other general Treatment. Our services today include mainly:

- Health education & sensitization
- Supportive counseling
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- Anti-Retroviral Theraphy (ART)





SIAAP staff and volunteers with SIAAP President.



Sensitization at SIAAP Headquarters





SIAAP HIV Community Outreach



SIAAP Community Outreach at site the fish landing in Kalangala





Hon Namayanja, MP Nakaseke chats with SIAAP President during SIAAP AGM May 2014



Counseling at SIAAP Headquarters





**Simon Kasiita SIAAP's longest staff member at SIAAP Headquarters.**



**SIAAP's Project Coordinator Omoko Nicolas conducting sensitization at SIAAP Mar 2015**





HIV Counseling at SIAAP Headquarters January 2015





**Hon Namayanja, MP Nakaseke hands over a Certificate to the SIAAP President during SIAAP AGM May 2014.**



**A cross-section of the SIAAP Staff.**





A cross-section of the SIAAP Volunteers



SIAAP carry out Field Outreach Activities to monitor HIV Clients.





**Clients registering for HCT at an outreach**



**Child Immunisation at SIAAP**





Treatment at SIAAP



