



**2021**

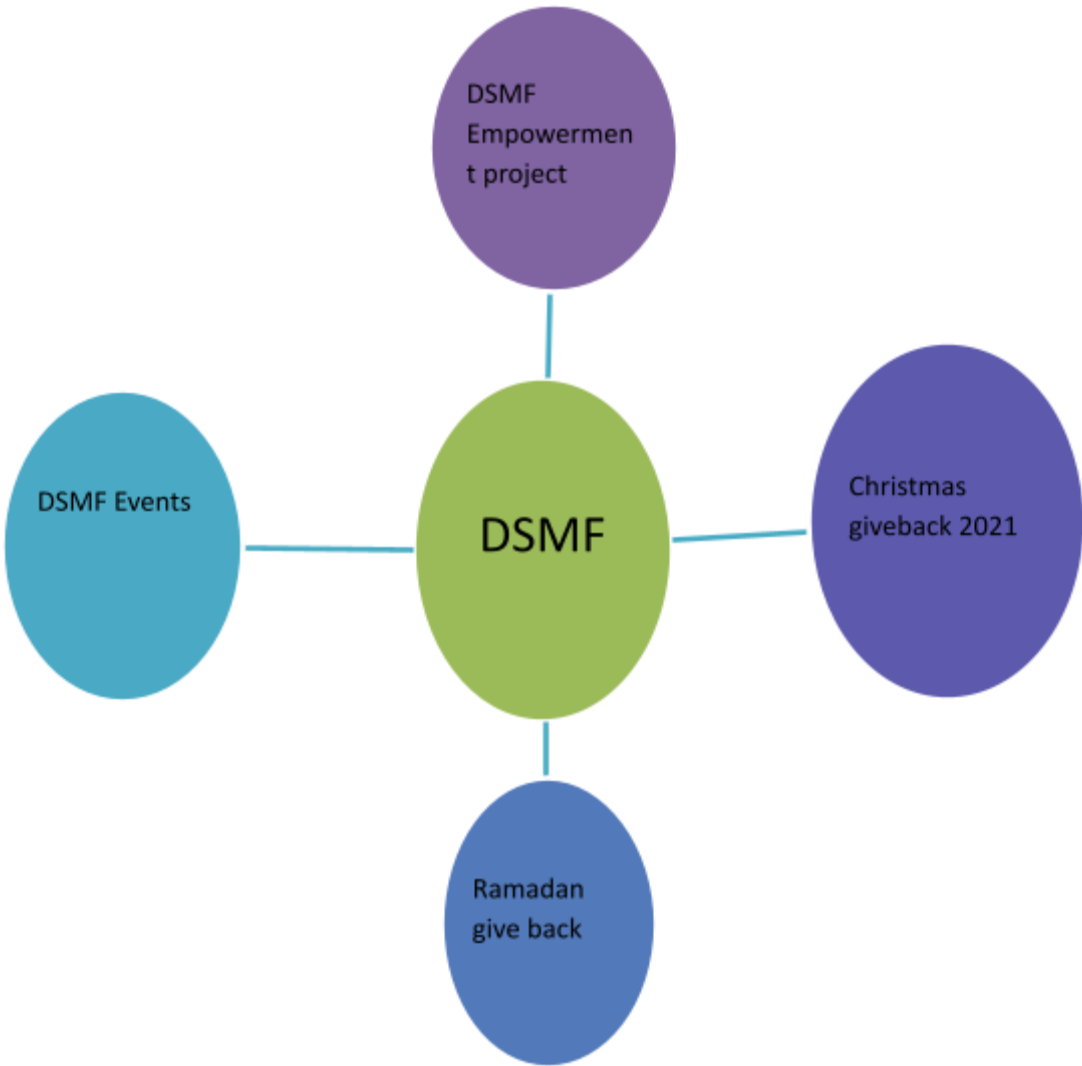
**ANNUAL REPORT**

**INTRODUCTION:**

This report is designed to give an update on the progress of activities carried out in the year 2021 at Dorah Single Mothers' Foundation.

It has been a Kaizen year with a lot of learning, engagement, feedback, and total reflection. We hope that 2022 will be a much busier year as the pace has already been set in the year 2021. Here is an overview of activities done in 2021

**Overview of activities**





In May 2021, DSMF with help of donating individuals gave out Ramadan packages to support single mothers and their families, mosques, and Islamic schools during the fasting period that was also negatively affected by the COVID19 pandemic.



*On-going Ramadan giveback*

## **DSMF 2021 EVENTS**

In the year 2021, we had a series of events we organized but also attended. Among these was; the official opening event, Zoe Nakuya's book launch, community engagement event, and cohort one post evaluation.

### **The Official Opening event**

The DSMF official opening event was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 and brought together over 60 people. The purpose of this event was to create extended awareness of DSMF's vision, Mission, and activities.

Our guest of honor was a phenomenal and inspirational figure in our community Dr. Maggie Kigozi. And the event also brought together local leaders from both Kalule Zone and Jinja zone, religious leaders, program participants (DSMF single mothers), partners, media, friends, and well-wishers.

Feedback from attendees indicated that it was an inspiring, educative, interactive, enlightening, relatable, relevant, and informative event. The official opening event provided a good balance of speakers, interactions, entertainment, awarding, and feedback.

The event started at 11:00am and ended at 3:00pm



***Fig 1: Dr. Maggie Kigozi opening the offices***

**Remarks**

We had remarks from various people; local leaders of both Kalule zone and Kawempe A, a motivational speaker, Mr. Brian Yesigye, Cohort one participants, DSMF team, and Chair BOD.



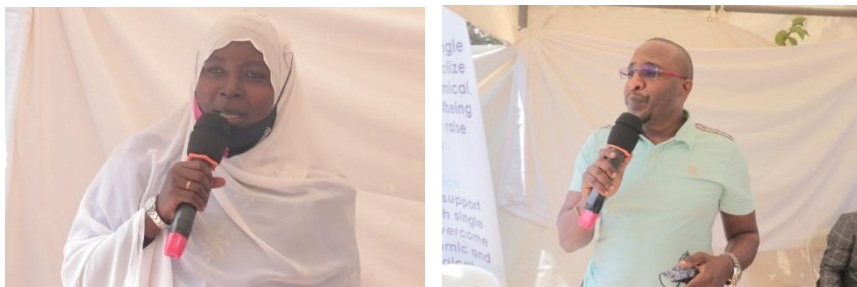
***Local leaders***



***DSMF Team***



***Cohort one participants***



***Mr. Brian Yesigye***

***Motivational speaker***



***Fig 10: Chairman BOD DSMF***

Our guest of honor was Dr. Maggie Kigozi. She talked about some of the challenges that single moms face i.e. stigma, lack of financial support, death of spouses, among others and also mentioned that being a single mom is never a choice for most women. Her advice was for all women and girls to work harder and have their resources and urged men and boys to be supportive.



**Fig 11: Guest of honor**

### **Awarding ceremony**

DSMF awarded Ms. Nshangeki Jovia 1,000,000Ugx and was dressed by Safina's collection.



**Awarding**



**Cake**

### **cutting**

After the event, our guests were served lunch.



**Lunch**

### **Zoe Nakuya's Book Launch**

Zoe Nakuya's official book launch was held on 06<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at Rumors restaurant Bukoto Old Kiira Road. The purpose of this event was to launch Zoe Nakuya's book titled CHOOSE TO LIVE HAPPILY EVEN AFTER The book launch started at 11 o'clock and ended at 3:30 pm

The team led by Niinah and Faridah represented DSMF at the book launch.



**Book launch**



## Post Evaluation findings

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of November, we conducted a post evaluation with participants from cohort one from Molly Kasule's residence the chairperson for women.

Overall, a total of 8 participants responded to the evaluation. All participants were from Kalule Zone Kawempe. The evaluation covered a total of 6 questions which aimed at helping us evaluate the impact of our shoemaking project

Statement	Responses
a) How have you benefited from the craft shoemaking project?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o I got a new skill</li><li>o I am able to train others</li><li>o I am able to make creative designs</li><li>o I am able to make sales and get some money which has enabled me to feed my children</li><li>o I am more knowledgeable</li><li>o Alleviated my financial status.</li><li>o It's my current source of income.</li><li>o I am able to at least cater for the well-being of my children</li></ul>
b) What went well during the training?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o I was a fast learner</li><li>o The trainer was good and supportive with our learning</li><li>o I acquired new skills</li><li>o I made new friends</li><li>o I have been able to train many other women</li><li>o I was able to support other women during the training having learnt the skill</li><li>o The materials were availed to us</li><li>o The training was at no cost</li><li>o The training time was convenient</li><li>o In between the training, we got Eid packages, thank you so much</li><li>o The training was good</li><li>o We were happy and well trained</li></ul>
c) What did not go well?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Limited time during the training</li><li>o The duration of the training was short</li><li>o After training, I expected working capital</li></ul>

- o During the training, the trainer didn't give a chance to the slow learners
- o I found the trainer busy and materials were over
- o Lack of money to buy materials after the training

## **Community Engagement**

On 25th November 2021, the team headed out to Upland Nursery School for a community engagement activity. This activity was meant to introduce our programs to the women in Kawempe A ahead of our projects of 2022.

It was organized by the DSMF team with support from the local leaders of Kawempe A; the chairperson for women Ms. Sekabira Esther, the defense Mr. Nyombi Ivan, and the information & publicity personnel Mr. Ddamulira Derrick.

In attendance, we had 95 ladies, 7 DSMF members, 2 leaders from Jinja Kawempe LC1.



***Kawempe A community engagement***

## **Christmas Giveback**

The 2021 Christmas giveback was coordinated in partnership with five organizations i.e. Dorah Single Mothers' Foundation, Bravo Shoes, Stress-Free, Operation one project, and Pelletier Teenage Mothers' Foundation.

DSMF mobilized women from both Kawempe A and Kalule zone. In total, we distributed 100 packages to our single mothers. These items were in form of foodstuff i.e. blue band, posho, rice, beans, salt, and washing soap among others.

They were grateful and thankful. This giveback could not have happened without the generous contributions and donations made by our supportive friends and partners.



**Xmas giveback**



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### Donations and contributions.

The organisation entirely depends on donations that we receive from individuals and organizations to run intended programa that benefit our community. We thank you so much for your generosity and kindness that you have extended to us in the year 2021.

DSMF appreciates the endless support given by founder Ms. Dorah Lubega, BOD, friends, and well-wishers. All the support you have given us monetary and non-monetary has enabled us to run our activities well in 2021.

DSMF extends appreciation to Hajj. Bulwadda Hassan for the generous donation of one acre of land to single mothers. The land is located in Singo block 111 plot 241, Busunju. Mityana District.

DSMF would like to recognize the individuals below for the financial contributions of Uganda shs. 300 000 and above in the year 2021. Thank you so much.

1. Ms. Nalutaya Joweria
2. Ms. Natugasha Mackie
3. Hajj & Mrs. Sulaiman Ntegge
4. Mr.& Mrs. Jimmy OChan
5. Mr. Cecilio Richard & Merlyn
4. Mr. Nana Osei
5. Mrs. Semwogerere Hamida
6. Mr. Matovu Simeo Yiga
7. Mr. Yesigye Brian ( Bravo shoes)
8. Hajjat Zaujja Ndifuna
9. Ms. Mirembe Fatuma
10. Mr. Byimana Leonce

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### **2021 Milestones Achieved**

- o We purchased our home in Kawempe A
- o We launched our office new premises with an attendance of over 60 guests
- o We introduced DSMF to the new community i.e. Kawempe A
- o We increased our staff team to 3 members and occasional volunteers.
- o We conducted an evaluation with cohort one participants
- o We held our first-ever Ramadan give back and it was successful.

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- o We held a successful Xmas giveback distributing hampers to 100 single mothers from Kawempe A and Kalule zone.
- o We engaged various partners from different organization i.e. Sexual Reproductive Health Rights Alliance, Akina Mama Wa Afrika, UWONET, Marie Stopes Uganda, Project Girls4Girls, Single parents Association Uganda, Private Sector Foundation Uganda among others.
- o We represented DSMF at a book launch by Dr. Zoe Nakuya.
- o We increased the visibility of DSMF to the public through newspapers, TV stations, social media platforms among others
- o We launched our new website
- o We applied for the 1<sup>st</sup> ever grant for the foundation from USADF and waiting for a response.

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion, Dorah Single Mothers' Foundation has seen tremendous growth in the year 2021 and has impacted more single mothers directly and indirectly through various activities. 2021 was a good year and we hope that 2022 will be much better.

Onwards and Upwards! DSMF.....WE CARE