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Report of Destiny Ahiyan's Predicament and procedres.

I greet you Dr. Amandua and thank you for your service to Our Country. We appreciate. I write to inform you of the full count of the above patient under my custody but not Under Our Organisation.

Introduction.

Destiny is now one year and 3 months old, he is the only Son of his father and mother at the moment. They live 11kms out of the city center Kampala in a Slum called Katooke. Destiny's father works on a sewing machine that patches holes (stiches) into spoilt cloths. The mother (before this report) was a housewife. None of Destiny's parents is educated until today (i took Destiny's father back to school to study a certificate in journalism)

Destiny was diagnosed with Brain Atrophy with support from the Korean team and their friends from Korea. The fund for this process was raised online on a platform called indiegogo and was deposited to my personal Equity Bank Account Number 1042100632164 on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2018 at 04:00PM. This money was used slowly as required and reports where delayed so that we could be able to file a comprehensive report on procedures to your office and this is a full account of what transpired to date.

PLEASE NOTE: Baby Destiny will need your interventions as we do not have money to continue with the doctors recommendations, we don't have the legal capacity to hold his parents accountable and we may not be able to facilitate the scheduled surgery as explained in the report.

How the Team Met baby Destiny.

You are aware that Real Health Uganda (where I am the Director) supports your efforts to improve access to health care services especially for people who are poor, and which is the majority of Ugandans. In fact in December of 2018, you named Us as the second leading influencers of Professional Health care in rural Uganda and we thank you.

While doing this work with a Korean Team of Volunteers who come to visit Our institution Every year with gifts and presents for poor people, we visited to donate drugs and supplies to your health facility at Maganjo B Sabawaali named Maganjo Health center II. Here we were met with surprise a baby with an

expanded head and we were concerned. We asked the mother a few questions and took down her contacts in case we resolved to help her. This was Destiny's mother and her baby Ahiyan Destiny.

How We Reached a decision to help the baby.

When the team left Uganda (they normally spend a week here before they travel around the world to take similar help to countries that need it) I was contacted through our platform called Kakao talk to organize a fundraiser to help the baby and I did. This was uploaded on a platform called indiegogo. It took about 90 days for the funds to finally be organized and another two weeks for us to receive the funds.

PLEASE NOTE:

Although we raised up to \$7155 on the platform, we were charged a lot for this service by this platform and ended up receiving \$5463 in total through the Central bank of Uganda which also charged us UGX 847200 and then finally to my Bank that charged me UGX 175000.

When Did We start Treatment?

Destiny had been getting sick (at least I had been receiving reports of him being sick from his parents) and I was personally sending money to them because I had no time since I had to organize a report for your office and my funders on the activities we had done together at the end of June on top of running personal businesses to ensure continuity of life. In total, I sent UGX 962,000 through the Mobile Money platforms (MTN Uganda and Airtel Uganda) without mobile money charges to the parents, and 319000 through cash money. During the process of fundraising I also hosted the duo to two lunches to discuss issues of their child and explain to them that we do not take any responsibility apart from paying hospital bills of baby Destiny and that taking care of their child is their responsibility. I also had to explain to them that in case the baby had received surgery it didn't mean that the condition would get cured but the Korean team was just trying to help the baby in any way possible.

On October 23<sup>rd</sup> the father of baby Destiny visited my Kisaasi home where I was called to find him in tear saying that his child needed my help or he was to die. I had to rush and see the baby who I immediately rushed to Kampala Hospital in the morning of 24<sup>th</sup> for treatment. Baby Destiny was diagnosed with Malaria and he was hypertensive (which is normal for kids with hydrocephalus). With recommendations from the paediatrics doctor (Dr. Nansubuga) baby destiny was recommended for admission and was discharged after 3 days, and asked to be returned to the hospital after 2 days but was returned after 2 days and was referred to Cure Hospital in Mbale. A total of UGX 1,453,000 was deposited by my Card to cover the hospital bills.

Although the funds raised had not been received, a colleague of mine from South Korea (Dr. Noh Bonggeun had trusted me with \$2000 that he sent through Western union and this went a long way in the initial treatment of baby destiny.

It is this money that we used to pay for treatment at Kampala hospital and also to pay for initial diagnostics at Cure Hospital. We used fuel (Petro tank) of up to UGX 411,000 in the initial movements from the baby's home to the hospital in Kampala and to Mbale for the first time. I take responsibility for not accounting for fuel the routes that followed after we returned to Kampala from Mbale the first time. This is due to massive commitments I had with Real Health Uganda, The national Non-communicable

Diseases Committee where I work as a consultant, My Foundation, and other clinical and managerial work that I do with hospitals, the Uganda Communications Commission and the Ministry Of ICT. I had to sometimes just drive my own vehicle (diesel Tank, Nissan Navara 2008 3.0CC V9X) and could not charge fuel for vehicle. But in total, more than UGX 650,000 was used.

Tests and scans were done on 31<sup>st</sup> October, and we expected results in a couple of days, but we were told there could be delay. Since the hospital is crowded as you are aware it is the only specialized hospital, we stayed in the hospital under paid admission for eleven (11) days under clinical observation and treatment until the 8<sup>th</sup> of November when we were returned to the Scan and referred to Katalamwa children's clinic (Cure Hospital's Branch in Kampala) where we were to meet with the physiotherapists that were recommended. We paid a total of UGX 9,643,000 (3000 being a bank charge) for the scans, admission and some treatment and a total of UGX 6,008,500 for physiotherapy sessions for baby destiny (UGX 5,500 being for program registration and 3000 for bank charge) respectively to cure hospital. We also paid 3 extra nights at a local lodging place to wait for results.

PLEASE NOTE THAT we did not leave Cure Hospital Until 12<sup>th</sup> November and we were charged another UGX 400000 for baby's bed since we were waiting for the final results of the scan and couldn't return to Kampala without results considering the distance. The results returned confirming the initial diagnosis of Brain atrophy and another one showing that there was a stain of blood in his head.

Also a very Special thing to NOTE is that, We were asked by the hospitals to respect baby Destiny and not to share any of his information, or take pictures of him to share with any family member or well-wisher. Although there could be pictures of Destiny at the Hospitals, these do not disclose him undergoing treatment and this was done with utmost respect.

On November 20<sup>th</sup> Destiny starts physiotherapy and continues through the therapy every fortnight. And on December 3<sup>rd</sup> the Physiotherapists suggests that surgery could occur end of January but this did not happen. On 31<sup>st</sup> December baby destiny shows great improvement and very healthy, making movements and showing positive reaction to physiotherapy and treatment that had been offered.

PLEASE NOTE THAT on January 11<sup>th</sup>, the platform claimed UGX 7,854,000 off of my account with claims that one of the supporters had requested it be returned. We went through the process and the Bank confirmed this had to be taken back.

On 14<sup>th</sup> January we meet the physiotherapist and the surgeon and we are given 14<sup>th</sup> March as the day for surgery (remember all the fund is exhausted because the money is taken out by the credit card company) but we are hopeful that by that time we will have some money in place.

On the same day (January 14<sup>th</sup>) we are asked to take baby Destiny to Cure on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February for the final scan to see what has changed and if the blood that was found in his brain in the first scans has disappeared. If this was confirmed to have disappeared, then the date for surgery would remain.

The charge for baby Destiny's surgery was set at UGX 17,263,000.

Physiotherapy sessions have continued but as I write, baby Destiny has not returned to Hospital for Scan. I am doing everything in my power to make sure that the scan is done and that I have enough to pay for his surgery when the date comes, however, he is still receiving physiotherapy at the Chachaya Clinic.

What is next.?

I am hoping to have baby Destiny Operated, however I would like to inform your office my financial year tax returns may be higher than usual due to this process and I pray that you guide the revenue authority on why this issue is so. My TIN is 1002525667.

Any advice on proceedings will highly be appreciated.

Thank you.

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