**Potters Heart Child Foundation program for 2021**

**Counseling and psychosocial**

We continue to provide counseling and psychosocial support to adolescents and young people who are engaged in substance and drug abuse, victims of gender based violence and violence against orphans and other vulnerable children. Our counseling and psychosocial support is also extended to people living and affected with HIV. This program is conducted at our Drop in Centre (DiC) and during community outreaches.

**Community HIV Testing Services**

We collaborate with District Health office to implement HIV Testing services (HTS) with the community through community outreaches and PHCF Drop in Centre. Our HTS targets key populations including sex workers, people who use drugs, fisher folks among other key populations.

In the new year’s plan, PHCF, is in negotiation with the Infectious Disease Institution, IDI – Makerere University to carry out household mapping targeting the families of the sex workers and found out their children affected and infected with HIV/AIDS.

**Child immunization**

Under the immunization program, PHCF in collaboration with the District Health Office through the Village Health teams continues to mobilize and immunize children at their Drop in Centre. This program is done on specific child days. PHCF role is to mobilize mothers and Village Health Teams and hosts the health teams to conduct immunization at its DiC.

**Sexual reproductive health for adolescents and young girls**

PHCF provides skilling for adolescent girls and young women into making pads for especially rural adolescents and young women in rural communities. We also advocate for Sexual and reproductive health and rights for adolescent girls and young women. This activity is conducted at both our drop in centre and within the communities.

**Environmental protection**

**Waste management / Charcoal Briquettes**

PHCF conducts activities aiming at managing waste in the environment. We mobilize adolescent girls and young women in urban centres and in rural communities and engage them in charcoal briquettes. We engage communities in collecting wastes and making products such as briquettes out of wastes/ home garbage. This is done at both drop in centre and within the communities. \

**Tree Planting**

This program supports local agro-forestry goals, which are to improve on the people’s livelihoods and restore the degraded land through tree growing and planting in communities of people living around the national parks. We will continue to establish tree nurseries, around Murchison falls national park in Kiryandongo.

**Bee keeping**

PHCF empowers refugee communities in bee keeping to promote co-existence of people and animals. We empower communities in bee keeping to earn a living, but also to promote co-existence of animals and people within communities around the Murchison Falls National Park.

**Water and sanitation**

PHCF conducts lobby and advocacy for establishment of safe and clean water to rural communities especially Luweero, Buhwejju and Kiryandongo. We lobby for bore halls in areas accessible by the communities.

**Enterprise skilling**

PHCF targets skilling young people especially adolescent girls and young women in different enterprises; Bakery, Chalk Making, Making Hair Shampoo, Bleach Detergent (commonly known as JIK), Mushroom Growing and bee keeping.

**Child sponsorship**

PHCF has supported the establishment of schools in Luweero and Kiryandongo Districts. We will continue to look for sponsorship to support education for the orphans and other vulnerable children within the established schools.