

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



CENTER FOR REHABILITATION OF SURVIVORS OF
ACID BURNS VIOLENCE

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This report summarizes our work in 2023, and milestones accomplished together with our partners that have supported CERESAV in implementing her work plan.

As you read this report may you e inspired and feel part of this family because we would not make it this far without you. We appreciate you for walking this journey with us!

LIST OF ACCRONYMS

CERESAV	-	Center for Rehabilitation of Survivors of Acid burns Violence
CSO's	-	Civil Society Organizations
UNNA	-	Uganda North American Association

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FOUNDER'S FOREWORD (Chairman Board would suit here better)



On behalf of the board, we are very grateful to the people that we serve, the team we work with especially the board that is very passionate about the work that we do, and development partners who have continued to believe in us and trust us to coordinate resources for the good of the communities and people of serve.

We are committed to advocating and lobbying for spaces for Survivors of Acid attack Violence whose impact is demonstrated through life-saving medical support, surgical care, psychosocial support, rehabilitation, economic reintegration of survivors back into the community, and follow-up home visits to monitor how best they are coping with life following the attacks.

We continue to work towards building a strong resilient Acid Attack Survivor movement not only locally, but also globally through advocacy, coordination, and capacity building.

We aspire to be creative and innovative in our work with both state and non-state actors while adapting creative long-term sustainability approaches that are responsive to the actual needs of Acid Attack Survivors.

HANIFA NAKIRYOWA
FOUNDER

1. INTRODUCTION

This Annual Report presents key milestones of the Center for Rehabilitation of Survivors of Acid Attack Violence's activities and interventions for 2023. We work with Acid Attack Survivors through awareness-raising and public sensitization initiatives, Education fund for Acid Attack Survivors and their Children, GBV trainings, and follow-up meetings, to monitor how best they are coping with life following the acid attack. These initiatives follow the strategic processes that we have as an organization for the holistic support for and with the people we serve.

Our Mission and Vision

VISION

A world where all people live a dignified life free from violence.

MISSION

To raise awareness of and prevent acid attacks and other forms of gender-based violence in Uganda, empower survivors by providing them support in their recovery and rehabilitation, confidence in their physical appearance, and hope for the future, by working with an integrated approach using a replicable holistic model which engages national and international stakeholders and is backed by research and evidence.

2. PROGRAM DELIVERY AND ACHIEVEMENT

2.1: Medical Support, Surgical Care, Psychosocial Support (Social Good Fund)

CERESAV with funding from Face Forward International received a pro bono reconstructive surgery and mental health support for Rebecca Ayebazibwe an Acid Attack Survivor from Uganda who has been undergoing treatment since 2018 the year when she got attacked. The main aim of this travel was to undergo crafting that would reduce her visible scars, improve her physical mobility, and find possibilities for restoration of her vision. This was to be achieved after a series of specialist acular tests and surgeries (cartilage Nasal reconstruction). Also, another objective of this activity was to build Rebecca's Confidence and resilience through therapy by a mental health specialist.



The entire process was very successful with support from Dr. Alessi's team of surgeons at Face Forward International Beverly Hills and Doctor Ben a dentist who replaced Rebeca's tooth she had lost during the Acid Attack.

Figure 2, Doctor Alessi, Dentist Ben and the team with Rebecca after several reconstructive Surgeries and took replacement.



2.2: Development of the 5-year Strategic Plan

The CERESAV Executive Director with support and guidance from the founding director as she was undergoing surgery and recovery carried out multiple roles that resulted in the development of CERESAV'S 5-year strategic Plan that mainly focuses on organizational strengthening to effectively and efficiently create policies and program that are responsive to the actual needs of the people we serve. They both played a pivotal role in shaping our organization's future where their insights, strategic thinking, and ability to align CERESAV's goals with the broader mission were invaluable. Hanifa's dedication of immense planning and attention to detail has with no doubt assured that our strategic plan is not only ambitious but also actionable for the people we serve.

2.3: Active Participation in the UNAA Conferences

The Executive Director leveraged on Rebecca's (Acid Survivor) medical travel to be creative together with the founding director and had very active engagements throughout the **UNAA** conferences. The conferences showcased the executive director's commitment to global issues and ability to represent CERESAV effectively on international platforms. These conferences allowed CERESAV to network with different stakeholders and create awareness of CERESAV'S work over work towards transforming the lives of Acid Attack Survivors. The UNAA conferences also provided CERESAV a platform to share best practices, and contribute to meaningful discussions and engagements on critical global challenges.

These active engagements not only advanced CERESAV's goals but also demonstrated commitment to our mission and vision.



Figure 3. Hanifa (founding Director), UNAAN representative and Jalia (ED) during the UNAA conference engagements

2.4: Jessie Board Member Visit (University Activities and Contributions)

CERESAV was privileged to receive an invitation from Jessie a CERESAV board member to the University of Texas to offer a presentation on Acid Attack. This opportunity gave CERESAV a platform to express its commitment to Education and youth development. CERESAV's participation in the Texas university events and activities not only enhanced our organization's visibility within the academic circles but also fostered valuable potential partnerships.

One of the most remarkable displays of the Texas University Executive Director was her compassion and commitment to treatment and recovery. She tremendously supported Hanifa the



CERESAV founding director with surgery and post-operative care that she required at the moment. The Executive Director facilitated Hanifa's access to the necessary medical services and also supported her throughout the surgery and recovery process while taking care of her children too. Her presence provided emotional support to Hanifa and her family, all showcasing our organization's dedication to the well-being of the children we serve.

2.5: Post Ugandan North American Association Conference Follow up Activities.

During the UNAA conferences, CERESAV through networking sparked interest from a potential partner Pharmbiotrac Foundation an organization in Mbarara Uganda that works towards building a critical mass of specialized and skilled human resource that can advance traditional medicine and Pharm-Biotechnology for socio-economic development of Africa. They were so

much interested in our approaches of supporting Survivors of Acid Attack mainly expressing interest of partnerships on mutual benefit in regarding the health sector as we both operate in the same line hence potential effective future collaboration.

At the moment we are in the process of extending our interest of developing an MOU with them and discuss how effectively we can work together towards goal while responding to the actual needs of the people we serve.



Figure 4 *Julia and the Pharmbiotrac foundationTeam and the CERESAV team during their meeting for potential partnership*

During this October period, we were also able to follow up on how to pursue ways of getting tax exempted as we had gotten some insight from Pharmbiotrac Foundation. The Executive Director got in touch with the National Council for Disability and discussions are ongoing with the permanent Secretary Ministry on how this can be achieved with support from the government.

2.6: Success Stories from Our Clients. (I would need to know if we have a success story from Rebecca that was operated from the US).

Dear Inspired Women,

On behalf of the CERESAV Team, and families of the survivor's children we serve. We are privileged and humbled for your continuous support towards **Anita Ninsiima**, with her education fund. We are so fortunate to have you and we can never thank you enough for all the support you've rendered which has brought confidence in her appearance at school as well as hope for her studies. Your genuine care, concern, and understanding, have meant more than you will ever know. We were able to provide the best quality of education each child can ever get in life. Once again, we are extremely thankful for your support and commitment to our cause. it is truly appreciated.

Below is the current photo for **Anita Ninsiima** and her report grades promoted her to Senior .3.

ST JOSEPH OF NAZARETH HIGH SCHOOL
EDUCATION FOR LIFE

Level End of Year Report
NAME: **NINSIIMA ANITA** ADMISSION NUMBER: **23/F/00772**
CLASS: **S.2 NORTH** TERM: **III** YEAR: **2023**

Subject	Competency	Score	Descriptor	Gr. p. no. (out of 100)	Gr. p. no. (out of 100)	THRESHOLD	Generic Skills	General Remarks	Teacher	
527	Agriculture	2.7	Outstanding	94	75	95	A	Critical thinking and problem-solving, Communication	All LO's achieved with ease	M.S
553	Biology	2.7	Outstanding	88	70	85	A	Problem solving, creativity, co-operation and learning	Most LO's achieved	K.R
223	C.R.E	2.7	Outstanding	61	50	66	C	Critical Thinking, Communication and Co-operation	Most LO's achieved	B.A.M
545	Chemistry	2.4	Moderate	62	50	64	C	Mathematical, computational, critical thinking and problem solving, creativity and innovation	Most LO's achieved	K.L
840	Computer Studies	3.0	Outstanding	86	69	88	A	Critical thinking and problem solving skills, communication	All LO's achieved with ease	O.C
112	English	2.7	Outstanding	58	54	72	B	Critical Thinking, Communication and Co-operation	All LO's achieved with ease	N.D
845	Entrepreneurship Education	2.4	Moderate	16	83	82	A	Co-operation and Learning, Creativity and Innovation	Most LO's achieved	L.G
273	Geography	2.7	Outstanding	16	66	69	C	Calculations, Creativity and Innovation	Most LO's achieved	N.S
241	History	2.7	Outstanding	17	96	77	94	Co-operation and Learning, Creativity and Innovation	Most LO's achieved	S.M

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110	Arabic	2.0	Outstanding	19	90	69	80	Critical Thinking, Communication and Co-operation	All LO's achieved with ease	A.B
436	Mathematics	2.4	Moderate	19	90	73	91	Calculations, Creativity and Innovation	All LO's achieved with ease	L.F
100	Moral Training	2.4	Moderate	18	85	68	85	Calculations, Creativity and Innovation	All LO's achieved with ease	T.L
100	Physical Education	2.1	Moderate	13	78	62	75	Communication, critical thinking, co-operation and Creativity	Some LO's achieved	K.H
339	Physics	3.0	Outstanding	19	92	74	93	Calculations, Creativity and Innovation	All LO's achieved with ease	M.J
Total Score 143.1						1149		Average Score 82.1		
Identifier 3 Outstanding. Most or all LO's achieved for overall achievement. Outstanding										
Stream Position: ... 28 th - Out of ... 125 - Class Position: ... 28 th - Out of ... 334 - Promoted to S.3										
Class Teacher's comment: Good performance keep it up.										
Headteacher's comment: Maintain the good performance.										
Next Term: Opens on Saturday 27 th January, 2024.										
Closes on Friday 3 rd March 2024.										
Key words used / Description of terms										
Identifier	Score Range	Descriptor								
3	2.50 - 3.00	Outstanding Most or all LOs achieved for overall achievement								
2	1.50 - 2.49	Moderate Many LOs achieved, enough for overall achievement								
1	0.90 - 1.49	Basic Few LOs achieved, but not sufficient for overall achievement								
Mark Range	0 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 - 59	60 - 69	70 - 79	80 - 89	90 - 100		
Grade	G	F	E	D	C	B	A	A+		
* Invalid without school Stamp										
This report has been issued without any alteration.										



2023 IN NUMBERS

In 2023 CERESAV reached about 20,000 people through the activities that were implemented by the organization and conference attended to raise awareness about the work we do and acid attack violence.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Face Forward International	An international organization that was founded on the principle that Survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and cruel acts should have access to surgical care and emotional counseling regardless of their level of income.
The University of Texas (Jessie)	I need support here and mention any other partners

OUR TEAM



Executive Director
Justine Mpagi Ssekamatte