## LITTLE SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



## **USA-Mission**

## **Mission Cooperative Plan – Participation 2025**

## Introduction

The Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi (LSOSF) were founded in 1923 in Uganda by Mother Mary Kevin Kearney (Servant of God), a Franciscan Missionary Sister from Ireland. Since our founding, the LSOSF Institute has grown and now the sisters witness and do ministry in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and a few sisters in the US-Mission and Germany. There are about 820 members in the LSOSF Institute serving in diverse countries.

The *Mission* of the LSOSF is to reach out with compassion to the poor and marginalized of our society, following in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi and Mother Kevin our Foundress. The LSOSF are involved in diverse ministries in areas of Education, Healthcare, Social work, and Pastoral Services especially in rural villages and among the urban poor whom we are called to love and serve.

We are kindly appealing for your support for our ministries especially our programs for the vulnerable children we care for in East Africa: the homeless street children, the orphans, children with diverse disabilities and our feeding programs for the children from poor families that struggle to provide food and other basic needs to their children. The challenges of our time are many and global and continue to affect us all differently. From the global pandemic that affected us all, to the rising costs of food and necessities, high cost of living, lack of rains and food insecurity, prolonged droughts, effects of war and inflation, all these and many others have increased our challenges and have led to an increase in poverty globally. Our programs for the most vulnerable that we serve in Africa are more vital now more than ever as through these ministries, we can bring hope and witness to God's love with those God has entrusted to our care.

We request for your prayers and financial support to enable us to continue our service to the people entrusted to our care. Please know that no donation is too small to make a difference. God bless you all abundantly.

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