



Organization Name: _____ *Access For Action Uganda (ACFA Uganda)*

Tax exempt status: _____

Year organization was founded: *January 2009* _____ Date of application: *April 2011*

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Grant request: *US\$ 200,000* _____ Period grant will cover: *3Years* _

Type of request: *Project support*

Project title: *Vegetable Gardens for Food Security, Health Promotion and Economic Empowerment of Disabled People and their Families in Wakiso District of Uganda*

Total organizational budget (current year): *US\$ 550,000*

Starting date of fiscal year: *November*

Summarize the organization's mission (two to three sentences):

ACFA Uganda mission is to promote a practical inclusive development approach through lobbying for inclusive policies and practices; advocacy, networking, partnership development, information exchange, as well as inclusive programme implementation.

Summary of project or grant request (two to three sentences):

This requested grant will facilitate the implementation of the Vegetable Project which will greatly improve the conditions of lives especially for the hitherto marginalized communities.

Introduction and Background of Organization

Organization's History and Major Accomplishments.

ACFA-Uganda was founded by a group of disabled and non-disabled Community Development Workers to bring about practical inclusive development through promoting inclusive policies and practices. This was a result of informal discussions and sharing of experiences between disabled and non-disabled community development workers who then were attending a training course at the Institute of Adult and Community Education, Makerere University in 2008. The disabled participants testified to the extent the development effort had failed to respond to the development needs of the disabled community. In January 2009, a defining moment in the structuring of the ACFA Uganda was the establishment of the Working Group composed of representative members from the marginalized groups. Since the original initiative, ACFA Uganda has evolved into a legally registered Non-governmental organisation under the Non-governmental organization's Registration Statute 1989. And it is incorporated under the companies **Act, Cap. 110** as a company limited by Guarantee; to combat the social and economic exclusion and impoverishment of the marginalized groups in Uganda.

We have facilitated and supported the emergence of Nangabo Parents' Association for Children with Disabilities (NAPACD) to advocate for the rights of disabled children. NAPACD is the Umbrella Association; but below it are a number of "Sub-Associations" representing each 11 parishes in Nangabo Sub-county.

With some support from the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), ACFA Uganda is also implementing a one year project about the Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights for Persons with Disabilities in Uganda.

Current Programs and Activities.

The work of ACFA Uganda is currently divided into seven complementary and mutually supportive goals related to the primary means of action:

1. Institutional Development/Capacity Building
2. Knowledge Creation and sharing
3. Networking
4. Health
5. Education and Training
6. Agricultural improvement/Community Livelihood
7. Environmental protection.

ACFA Uganda Constituency

ACFA Uganda is a non-partisan, non-political non-governmental organisation promoting the development interests of the marginalized and vulnerable communities. These include; Persons with Disabilities, Orphans, and Disadvantaged children. The most effective strategy used by ACFA Uganda is Self-advocacy; where for example Persons with Disabilities are empowered to take a leading role in programme implementation; thereby affecting societal attitudes and practices.

ACFA Uganda is a national Organisation but still operating in a limited number of districts due to resource constraints. We pursue a twine track approach in project management and implementation where ACFA Uganda directly implements project activities with rural communities, but also provides possible support to established Community-Based-Organisations to implement inclusive programme/project activities. Currently, we are working with NAPACD in Wakiso District, and ESCEW (Efforts to Save Children and Empower Women) in Luwero District.

Problem statement

In 2000, world leaders committed themselves to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) especially "to reduce by half the proportion of people who suffer from hunger" by 2015. However, it is predicted that many

regions will not reach their MDG targets, particularly sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) where a third of the population is food insecure and there is an actual increase in the number of hungry people.

“Unless disabled people are brought into the development mainstream, it will be impossible to cut poverty in half by 2015”

James Wolfensohn, Former President of the World Bank, 2002

Combating poverty and advancing the fulfillment of the MDGs requires that marginalized groups be taken into account in economic development efforts. Hunger, poverty and disease are interlinked, with each contributing to the occurrence of the other two. The UN Standing Committee on Nutrition concluded that nutrition is an essential foundation for poverty alleviation, and for meeting MDGs related to education, gender equality, child mortality, maternal health and disease. In 2005, the UN Millennium Project Task Force on Hunger concluded that hunger can be halved by 2015, but only with concerted action; then recommended: creating an enabling environment (through policy reform); improving nutrition for the chronically hungry and vulnerable; increasing agricultural productivity of food-insecure farmers; reduce vulnerability of the acutely hungry with productive safety nets; make markets work for the poor; and conserve natural resources.

- Hunger and malnutrition and disability and poverty are inextricably intertwined. 50% of disability is preventable and 20% of impairments are caused by malnutrition (DFID 2000) <http://www.disabilitykar.net> - 20% of the world's poorest people are disabled (Elwan 1999)

Development practitioners are now calling for a quicker response for long term protection of chronically food insecure and vulnerable populations. The chronically ill or disabled people and their families are likely to become very productive given access to the right assets and resources.

Unfortunately, despite government's will and some degree of commitment to improve the situation facing People with disabilities and their families; manifested in the legal framework in Uganda, instances of institutional and cultural exclusion are pervasive. It is usual for programme implementers to suggest that time, energy and resources be devoted to non-disabled populations, with assumption that disabled populations will receive attention as soon as the problems with the non-disabled population are solved. But this is unacceptable: the lives of disabled people are no less valuable than the lives of those who are not disabled. There is no reason why the millions who live with a disability should delay or deny their needs and wait for an unspecified point in the future. This situation violates the human rights of the disabled people and frustrates their efforts to participate in democratic processes. Poverty alleviation in Uganda and the genuine progress toward achievement of the Millennium Development Goals will never be realised unless disabled people are actively and effectively participating in mainstream community economic and social development efforts.

This Project intends to mobilise People with disabilities and their families to initiate vegetable gardens that will respond to the prevailing food insecurity, provide nutritional food supplements for their health, and boost their economic status through selling the surplus production to the local markets.

Apart from the general operating support, we request funding for the agricultural programme; particularly for the Vegetable garden Project intended not only to increase access to food and higher agricultural production through involving disabled people and their families, but also to boost their economic empowerment which all greatly contribute to the achievement of the MDGs by 2015.

This project has been ongoing for the last one year: with multiple challenges though, especially related to inadequate resource capacity of the organisation (ACFA Uganda) to cope with the demand on the ground.



Project Goals:

Improving the Health and Socio-economic situation of People with Disabilities and their families through promoting their active participation in community efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger.

Objectives

- Mobilize People with Disabilities (PWDs) and their families to form associations/groups (Learning Communities) for mutual support and learning
- Sensitize communities in Wakiso district on the relationship between food insecurity, poverty and disability
- Support the establishment of a vegetable garden in at least every family among communities in Wakiso district.
- Create awareness among communities of Wakiso district on the importance of nutrition to fight hidden hunger and nutrition-related disabilities

No	Specific Activities	1 st Year				2 nd Year				3 rd Year			
		1 st Qt	2 nd Qt	3 rd Qt	4 th Qt	1 st Qt	2 nd Qt	3 rd Qt	4 th Qt	1 st Qt	2 nd Qt	3 rd Qt	4 th Qt
1	Sensitization on relationship b/n food insecurity, poverty, and disability												
2	PWDs & their families mobilised to form groups												
	Awareness raising on hidden hunger & nutrition-related disabilities												
3	Families supported to own at least a vegetable garden												
4	Technical knowledge and support for establishment of vegetable gardens												
5	Farm implements provided to families with practical challenges												
6	Monitoring												
7	Evaluation												
8	Reporting												

ACFA Uganda promotes diversity in a sense that we work with people from different social backgrounds and highly regard the strategy of self-advocacy so that we empower the hitherto marginalized groups to stand up and claim for their share of the community resources. We promote the same philosophy (inclusive policies and practices) to the larger society. The social change we are trying to achieve is that where all humanity gain equal access to community resources and development tools for self –actualization. This we are trying to achieve through empowerment of the marginalized groups to raise their voices as they claim for their rights (social recognition)

Evaluation

The monitoring system will be inbuilt where diversions will be identified as soon as they occur. Monitoring tools such as reporting, monthly meetings, project visits and advisory meetings will be held regularly and information will be channelized to review the progress of the project with all stakeholders including the primary beneficiaries and the donor. Further, a deliberate effort will be made to make reports every after six month about the progress of the project, and these will be shared among project stakeholders especially our funders and supporters. The Director, assisted by the Project Coordinator and volunteer staff will undertake the evaluation. Data will be collected, analyzed and presented using operational and performance indicator. Operational indicators will be used to record the project activities and enable ACFA Uganda to assess progress. Performance indicators will be used to analyze the project activities for effectiveness and efficiency. This will help ACFA Uganda to address problems, recommend changes in output, resources and administration, modification of objectives and other pertinent data.

Organizational Structure/Administration

ACFA Uganda is a growing community based, Non-governmental organization with a total of five fulltime volunteer staff residing and working in Bbamba-Kiteezi Parish in Nangabo Sub-County Wakiso District. There are also seven regular part-time volunteers. Still other volunteers and technical experts participate as needed. The Board of Directors is made up of seven people who constitute an executive committee headed by the Executive Chairperson. The Executive Committee is the supreme decision making body of the organization. In addition, there is an Organisation Patron carefully selected by the General Assembly on the basis of moral standards and good repute in Society. The Patron oversees the work of the organization, and provides support to ACFA-Uganda Secretariat. The Executive Director oversees and works hand in hand with the organization staff at the Secretariat. The group works as a team

to conduct projects with staff members taking on many related roles such as financial management, proposal writing and community outreach. Decisions are primarily made by the staff and Executive Director through a consensus process: where the group reach unanimous decisions on matters pertaining to projects. The Executive Committee is called on if the staff of the organization is unable to come to consensus or if the staff needs other support. Executive meetings are conducted quarterly or as needed.

BUDGET BY ACTIVITY IN USDOLLARS (US\$)

Activity ID	Activity Title	Activity Description	1 st Year	2 nd Year	3 rd Year	Sub-total
1		Sensitization on R/ship btn Food insecurity, Poverty & Disability				
Activities		Venue x \$250x1dayx2trainings @ Month x6 Months	3000	3000	3000	9000
		Communication x \$50 x 2trainings x 6 months	600	600	600	1800
		Facilitators' costs x \$100 x2Facilitators x 2trainings x 6months	2400	2400	2400	7200
		Lunch & Refreshments x 30members x \$4 x 2trainings x 6month	1440	1440	1440	4320
		Stationery x 2trainings x 6 months x \$100	1200	1200	1200	3600
		Learning Materials x 2 x6 months x \$100	1200	1200	1200	3600
		Transport refund for participants x 30mbrs x 2trainings 6 x \$5	1800	1800	1800	5400
		Staff transport x2 staff x 2trainings x 6 months x \$10	240	240	240	720
		Staff Subsistence x 2staff x 2trainigs x 6 months x \$25	600	600	600	1800
		Documentation & sharing of best practices x 2 x 6 x \$150	1800	1800	1800	5400
Sub-total			14280	14280	14280	42840
2		PWDs & their familiesgroups/ Capacity building leadership				
Activities		Venue x \$250x1dayx2trainings @ Month x3 Months	1500	1500	1500	4500
		Communication x \$50 x 2trainings x 3 months	300	300	300	900
		Facilitators' costs x \$100 x2Facilitators x 2trainings x 3months	1200	1200	1200	3600
		Lunch & refreshments x 25 members x \$4 x 2trainings x 3month	600	600	600	1800
		Learning materials x 2 x3 months x \$100	600	600	600	1800
		Stationary x 2trainings x 3 months x \$100	600	600	600	1800
		Transport refund for participants x 25mbrs x 2trainings 3x \$5	750	750	750	2250
		Staff transport x2 staff x 2trainings x 3 months x \$10	120	120	120	360
		Staff Subsistence x 2staff x 2trainigs x 3 months x \$25	300	300	300	900
		Legal advice x1x2 training groups x 3 x \$200	1200	1200	1200	3600
		Documentation & sharing of best practices x 2 x 3 x \$150	900	900	900	2700
Sub-total			8070	8070	8070	24210
3		Families supported to own at least a vegetable garden				
Activities		Procurement of seeds & seedlings x 100mbrs x \$25	2500	2500	2500	7500
		Basic farm input tools x 100mbrs x \$25	2500	2500	2500	7500
Sub-total			5000	5000	5000	15000
4		Training on Vegetable gardening				
Activities		Venue x \$250x1dayx2trainings @ Month x6 Months	3000	3000	3000	9000
		Communication x \$50 x 2trainings x 6 months	600	600	600	1800
		Facilitators' costs x \$100 x2Facilitators x 2trainings x 6months	2400	2400	2400	7200
		Lunch & refreshments x 30members x \$4 x 2trainings x 6month	1440	1440	1440	4320
		Learning materials x 2trainings x 6 months x \$100	1200	1200	1200	3600
		Stationary x 2trainings x 6 months x \$100	1200	1200	1200	3600
		Transport refund for participants x 30mbrs x 2trainings 6 x \$5	1800	1800	1800	5400
		Staff transport x2 staff x 2trainings x 6 months x \$10	240	240	240	720
		Staff Subsistence x 2staff x 2trainigs x 6 months x \$25	600	600	600	1800
		Documentation & sharing of best practices x 2 x 6 x \$150	1800	1800	1800	5400
		Exposure visits x 100mbrs x \$25	2500	2500	2500	7500
Sub-total			16780	16780	16780	50340
5		Awareness raising on hidden hunger & nutrition-related disabilities				
Activities		Venue x \$250x1dayx2trainings @ Month x6 Months	3000	3000	3000	9000
		Communication x \$50 x 2trainings x 6 months	600	600	600	1800
		Facilitators' costs x \$100 x2Facilitators x 2trainings x 6months	2400	2400	2400	7200
		Lunch & refreshments x 30members x \$4 x 2trainings x 6month	1440	1440	1440	4320
		Learning materials x 2trainings x 6 months x \$100	1200	1200	1200	3600

		Stationary x 2trainings x 6 months x \$100	1200	1200	1200	3600
		Transport refund for participants x 30mbrs x 2trainings 6 x \$5	1800	1800	1800	5400
		Staff transport x2 staff x 2trainings x 6 months x \$10	240	240	240	720
		Staff Subsistence x 2staff x 2trainings x 6 months x \$25	600	600	600	1800
		Documentation & sharing of best practices x 2 x 6 x \$150	1800	1800	1800	5400
Sub-total			14280	14280	14280	42840
6		Coordination/ Employee Cost				
Activities		Project Manager x1x450x12	5400	5400	5400	16200
		Field Officers x2 x300 x12	7200	7200	7200	21600
		Accountantx1x300x12	3600	3600	3600	10800
		Support Staff x2 x200 x12	4800	4800	4800	14400
Sub-total			21000	21000	21000	63000
7		Auditing (Internal & External) x 425	425	425	425	1275
Sub-total			425	425	425	1275
8		Project Equipments				
1		Computer/Laptop x 2 x \$1000	2000	000.0	000.0	2000
2		Projector x1 x \$1000	1000	000.0	000.0	1000
3		Scanner x1 x \$600	600	000.0	000.0	600
4		Digital Camera x 1 x \$450	450	000.0	000.0	450
5		Printer x1 x \$400	400	000.0	000.0	400
Sub-total			4450			4450
Grand-total			84285	79835	79835	243955