



## **GIFT WOMEN LINK FOUNDATION**

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### CHAIRPERSON MESSAGE

I first of all extend my gratitude to GWLF Staff (the implementing body), the project beneficiaries at community level, the health service providers and the local leaders in our areas of operation for uplifting the image of the organization and for the work well done. I however urge the secretariat to double their efforts 2016 because the prevalence and impact of poverty, corruption, inadequate skills, underdevelopment, domestic violence, diseases, HIV/AIDS continues to predominately affect women and the young generation especially in the age brackets 10-30 years. These if not addressed may have devastating effects on a whole generation in future. It is therefore imperative for the secretariat to design programs that focus on the women, rural areas, Disabled, OVC young generation to handle issues as well as engaging the women and young generation in more productive work, and providing them with information that will help them to prevent the above problems.

I wish to thank our partners, Kasese district local government, community members and local leaders in all our areas of operation for being so receptive throughout the year, without whom little would have been done.

We are grateful to Board Members for the financial support extended to **Gift Women Link Foundation** throughout the year and development partners for the support, advice and positive criticism that have kept us strong every other day.

We look forward increasing cooperation in the coming year 2017/18 as we struggle for a community with reduced poverty levels, development, transformation, human rights abuses and prevalence of diseases especially HIV/AIDS with help of volunteers and donors.

May God reward all abundantly

**Thank you**

**KABUGHO JULIET**

**Chairperson - GWLF**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Gift Women Link Foundation (GWLF) is a charitable, Women based, non-governmental and not for profit making organization. The foundation was established in 2008. The establishment of this foundation was to address women constraints and empowering women through innovative approaches in areas of Microcredit services, education, reproductive and child health, ICT, health, human rights, agriculture, Vocational services, HIV/AIDS, life skills and community development with a focus on poverty alleviation, economic empowerment and establishing a society where women and girls live happy, healthy, educated and free from all forms of violence under a conserved community.

*The foundation **main target population** includes; **Women, PWD, PLWHA, farmers and children.***

Gift Women Link Foundation non-political organization for under privileged, the poor, ultra-poor, vulnerable and marginalized people particularly the rural population who are deprived of today's modern facilities such as health care, education, safe drinking water, communication and so on. Gift Women Link Foundation It is located at Kidodo; Kasese is center development region of Uganda. Since our organization is in establishing phase, its office is not well equipped. It is governed by an executive board of 5 members consisting of a president, a vice-president, one secretary, one treasurer and one executive member. Out of which all are females.

Gift Women Link Foundation (GWLF) is a compact team of women having tremendous vigor to overcome the socio-cultural, economic and political barriers for overall positive change for humanity. Team members are from different walks of life having common objectives towards social welfare and are experienced in their field. Nevertheless, it is the first time the team approached for the big project after its establishment though team has successfully accomplished small-scale projects on their own mobilizing local resources and international grants. Team is now running adult literacy skills voluntarily in its home location.

## **ORGANIZATION LOCATION**

Gift women link foundation is located on Uzziah House room 1 in Kidodo cell, Railway ward, and Central Division Kasese municipality – Kasese Uganda.

## **MANDATE**

**GWL** is mandated to work hard to promote activities related to its current thematic area majorly

- Vocational education
- Health
- HIV/AIDS
- Education
- ICT
- Sustainable agriculture.
- Savings and credit
- Human rights advocacy
- Childhood development
- Community development. So as to achieve its objectives below.

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### **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

- I. Promote rural small scale agriculture in women communities
- II. To educate, support and care for the vulnerable women for education, medical care, food, scholarship, materials and the general welfare.
- III. To promote the need for protection of vulnerable women, to live in a peaceful and enjoyable environment
- IV. To empower women in vocational skill management to improve on their standards of living
- V. To conserve the environment so as to limit environmental Degradation
- VI. To facilitate inter-grated self-income generating and developmental initiatives through training so that skills and knowledge acquired remains resident with the people for self-reliance and sustainability.
- VII. To enable people to recognize the inter-relationship between health, nutrition, agriculture, income generation, human and community development.
- VIII. To facilitate and carry on HIV/AIDS awareness of the adolescent and women communities.
- IX. To train the rural population on natural resource management and conservation.

### **MISSION**

Empower women in rural communities from grass root through active participation for sustainable development.

### **VISION/GOAL**

To ensure Development excellence in technical sustainable and technology services for self-reliance of women in rural communities Kasese District.

### **THEMATIC AREAS/ACTIVITIES**

The foundation thematic areas/activities are as below;

- I. Vocational education
- II. Health
- III. HIV/AIDS
- IV. Education
- V. ICT
- VI. Sustainable agriculture.
- VII. Savings and credit
- VIII. Human rights advocacy
- IX. Childhood development
- X. Community development.

### **CORE VALUES**

- Equity
- Commitment to Excellency
- Integrity
- Cooperation/team work
- Transparency and accountability
- Self-sustainability

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- Good governance
- Community involvement and
- Compassion
- Respect for all.

### **IN 2016**

Our foundation **Achievements 2016;**

Registered success as for GWLF Kasese is as follows:

#### **Education:**

1 plot of land was purchased in Kidodo village for the construction of Vulnerable Children Digital Centre Project.

The Centre will offer ICT training to community target group. Currently we use rented buildings for GWLF training within the Municipality.

**Health Facility:** Currently GWLF implementing health care services, education, HIV/AIDS prevention, immunization, emergency cases, laboratory services and also we provide care and support for most vulnerable children living in risky environment in Kasese and kabarole districts.

These services are fully accessed at our **newly health outreach Centre** in Kabonero Sub County.

**Women Vocational Skills Empowerment Project:** To reduce youth poverty in Kasese municipality we already introduced tailoring project in which most youth and those most vulnerable children are undertaking secretarial, embroidery, arts and design skills, and tailoring training including promotion of manufactured clothing fashion marketing products.

This project was funded by Tools With A mission UK Within this project the GWLF is involved in capacity building of rural poor women and youth group and we need extension of vocational services and startup capital or Revolving fund to them also. We help the poor rural communities help themselves with the mission to empower and improve the poor people's opportunities to access skills to eradicate the root causes of poverty on local communities so as to enable them attain self-reliance sustainability through setting up their individual viable/profitable micro business to generate income for their families. Formal credit institutions e.g. commercial bank deem these rural poor women credit risks because they lack collateral consequently they have no access to the business loan to help their self-employed activities grow.

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We plan to provide services to poor, low income women, youth and children especially rural clients lacking access to services and other financial institution.

So we have a distinct commitment to reaching the rural poor.

### **Capacity building**

- 1) 1 youth empowerment project is launched that has youth vocational and technical business skills on how to manage business in conjunction with Act Women Foundation Kasese.
- 2) Training on computer maintenance and repair, electronics equipment's repair, Graphic design (adobe illustrator, adobe Photoshop, publisher and cover of books design) with African Ark College of management sciences.
- 3) More than 20 GWLF members were organized
- 4) 24hr Community health education and healthcare services accessibility at our newly health outreach Centre.
- 5) 2 community mobilization workshops were conducted.
- 6) Vocational skills training for orphans and vulnerable youth (carpentry, metal fabrication, welding, tailoring and carpentry).
- 7) Community development activities (ICT).

### **PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2017 - 2018.**

- Identifying structures, partners to work with
- General office management
- Lobbying for volunteers towards foundation development
- Fundraising through proposal writing, Volunteers, Donor and partners
- Implementation of Projects worldwide
- Registering with NGO board and other networks
- Accomplishing the remaining project activities
- Conducting the end of project evaluation for projects
- Setup and Servicing computers and other equipment's
- Formation of new strategic plans and projects for community transformation

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### OUR PARTNERS 2016

- ✓ Tools With A Mission (TWAM) UK
- ✓ Kasese District Local Government
- ✓ African Ark College of Management Sciences
- ✓ Kyanya Women's Trust

### OUR REQUEST

We encourage our local community and international partners, NGOs, CBOs, Individuals and other organizations to work with us and help us for expanding this organization to national and international level 2017 – 2021

### GWLF's CAPABILITY TO HANDLE PROGRAMS

**GWLF** has the mandate and capacity to any partnership with any development partner to implement any program that lies within its mandate. This is justified by existence of well trained staff, evidences of successfully implemented projects, well laid administration structure, and a strategic Plan which gives **GWLF** a direction in all her undertakings.

With all this, **No** development partner would **regret** partnering with **GWLF**.

Hope for support towards our development

Thank you

**Mr. Bwambale Rwamanyonyi**  
**Secretary Board**  
**Gift Women Link Foundation**

**Mrs. Kabugho Juliet**  
**Chairperson Board**  
**Gift Women Link Foundation**

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