

PROFILE

Preamble

Living Green Foundation is a grass root reaching, non government organization. Our thrust is improving communities well being through activities that revolve around promotion of sustainability. Our philosophy is that by sharing love, our knowledge and wealth with the less privileged people in rural Uganda one community at a time, we can indeed transform the country and improve the standards of living. We are striving to equip the poor with skills and tools that will emancipate them economically and enable them live sustainably providing for themselves and caring for the environment. "Live green". Through our activities we will more than improve rural folks' incomes because we will also create jobs and incomes for freshly out of school professionals that include, veterinary Specialists, technicians, agriculturalists, environmentalists, butchers, pork processors to mention only a few

Vision

Living Green Foundation envisions hosts of rural communities in Uganda, living sustainably above the poverty line, actively protecting their local environment in abundance of love for one another.

Mission

To have reached and transformed the lives of 100,000 families in our areas of operations with our vision by the year 2015.

What we do

Community Economic Empowerment

We aim at empowering communities in Africa, Uganda in particular to become economically self sustaining. Through a program we call "rare it for the community", we give free of charge, pigs to rural families through farming groups. Families form groups and we give each group five pigs. When the pigs deliver piglets. They are shared among the group members. The cycle will continue until each family has its own pig farm. Each family is accountable to its group. It can only sell or slaughter any of its pigs, after consent of other group members. This ensures that families don't, extravagantly deplete the population of pigs on their farms. Each family will maintain a population of at least fifty pigs annually and should be able to sell a pig each week.



Living Green CEO, Ronnie Ntambi handling over piglets to a women's group in Kayunga district.

This will provide each family an income of approximately 200 \$ a month, an astronomical figure compared to the average 30USD that they currently earn.

Such an endeavor can not succeed without assurance of key input such as feeds, veterinary services and market. At Living Green we have and continue to create strategic alliances with relevant stakeholders every where we work.

In under taking this program we not only increase people's incomes, we also create hundreds of jobs for young people working in linkage services such as butchers, veterinary services, marketing and the animal feeds industry.

Community Capacity building

An old Chinese proverb goes," **Give a man** a **fish** and you feed **him** for a day. **Teach** a **man** to **fish** and you feed **him** for a lifetime. Wherever we work, capacity building precedes and supplements any other of our activities

At Living Green we believe in building the capacity of our communities so that they are able to forever make the correct choices. Through this program, we train and equip communities with skills that they have previously not been exposed to. We have seen these skills improve people's ability to make choices in their lives.



A cross section of a Living Green training session in Nakaseke district.

Through this program rural farming families are trained and equipped with various skills that include, environment and personal hygiene, group formation, group dynamics, conflict resolution, saving and investing, entrepreneurship, modern crop and animal husbandry, ethics and integrity among others. All trainings are conducted after thorough training needs assessment of the communities.

Environment Conservation

At Living Green we are passionate about safe guarding the environment for future generations. We are also aware that domestic air pollution is a major health hazards to millions of people in the developing nations, especially women who cook their family meals and light their homes using wood fuel. The UN estimates that in less developed countries 90% of energy consumption is for domestic needs which is lighting and cooking. This is one of the causes of rapid deforestation. To eradicate this problem Living Green, will construct bio digesters for farming families in our areas of operation.

Biogas is formed through anaerobic digestion of agricultural and animal waste. It's a mixture of methane and Carbon dioxide useable for combustion in cooking and lighting appliances.

The slurry residue from the bio digesters will later be applied to the soils as fertilizers. The bio digesters are constructed for the farmers on loan and they pay over a period of 5 or more years. This enables them to attach value to them.

Love and Care.

In less developed nations, the existence of government in the basic lives of people living in the rural areas hardly exists. It is no wonder facilities that make life easy aren't available, if they are, they are lacking. Facilities include such as clean water fully fledged health centers, well equipped schools, community centers, youth after school centers among others. Under this program Living Green working with global friends, partners and donors can facilitate the establishment of such centers in the communities where we work.

Living Green Founder Ronnie Ntambi says "If love were to rain across the entire planet earth, all nations would be filled with endless laughter, joy and peace. Our passion is to spend our time loving people, Each one of us cherishes a comfortable lifestyle. At Living Green, each day we strive to take that to our people in areas of operation".

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