**APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**

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| **Contact details for the purpose of this action** |
| Title of the action: | PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE ORGANIC FARMING FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION |
| Location(s) of the action: | Busiro South, Entebbe, East Africa |
| Name of the applicant | Families United for Development (FUD) |
| Nationality of the applicant | Ugandan  |
| Legal status | Registered  |
| **Contact person for this action:** | Mr. Vincent Kiwanuka Kalimire |
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| **Website of the Organization** | None |
| **Total eligible cost of the action (A)** | **US$9,911** |
| **Amount requested from QSA** | **US$9,299** |
| **Total duration of the action** | One year  |

1. **Summary:** Families United for Developmentwould like to promote sustainable organic farming o contribute to improved household incomes for the rural poor in Busiro South, Uganda.
2. **Project identification:** Through FUD’s outreach activities, the people of Buswa Village in Busiro South identified poverty, HIV/AIDS malnutrition and soil degradation as some of the problems affecting them. Through discussions, they identified a number of economic activities that they would meaningfully be able to engage in order to improve their livelihood. Most prominently, they identified piggery farming as it provides opportunity for its byproducts to be utilized as manure for vegetables and other crops, while at the same time attracting good prices in the market. In addition, pigs reproduce very first and produce many piglets at once, thus making it easier to benefit many members of the community. The Association will support the community to market their products.

Since the project was identified and approved a year ago, a member of the community has provided land where the training and demonstration site (model site) with four semi-permanent pigsties has been elected. The community and members of Families United for Development raised all the resources to establish the site. Some members were also inspired after touring St. Jude Family Projects in Masaka, managed by Josephine Kizza (Mrs).

1. **Background context:**

*Particular needs of the area:*About **87** percent of Uganda’s population depends on subsistence Agriculture. **61%** of Uganda’s population[[1]](#footnote-1) is classified as poor. Hence, those who are responsible for meeting their basic requirements are facing the pressures of low incomes and many are living in a state of absolute poverty (less than a dollar a day) that precludes meeting the basic necessities. The number of children dropping out of school is increasing as the ability of their parents and guardians to meet their basic needs including education, is dwindling tremendously.

Busiro South, where the project is located represents one of the typical remote and excluded areas of the country, bordering Lake Victoria. A majority of the youth are attracted to brick laying and fishing. This has contributed to food insecurity as productive labor is not fully engaged in agriculture as traditional systems do not make it attractive. The area has also become less productive as people depend on a few crops with no form of fertilizers.

**Target group:** Initially, the project will benefit 102 households; mainly composed of single parents (man or women but taking care of school going children); widows (with or without children) and persons living with HIV/AIDS.Again, the selection of the initial beneficiaries was participatory through FUD’s outreach activities. Beneficiaries are currently involved in mobilizing resources for feeds, participating in training and conducting family support to the initial beneficiaries of the piglets. The primary beneficiaries will be 102 households; while secondary beneficiaries are projected at 612 (a factor of six, which is the average members of household in Uganda).

1. **Project description**
	1. ***Project objectives:***
2. To promote sustainable agricultural development for improved incomes and improved livelihoods for rural communities in Busiro South.
3. To enable rural communities live productive lives through training in appropriate farming practices
4. To contribute to improved nutrition levels for communities within Busiro sub-county.
	1. **Activities:**

Families United for Development (FUD) is proposing to expand a multiplication center for hybrid pigs of pure breed as a means for alleviating poverty and promoting social economic welfare and development families with orphans and vulnerable children and their families in the project catchment area. This will work as a top-notch piggery production and demonstration centre of excellence that dully function as a piggery management instruction unit and distribution centre within the context of the local community. The piggery project is selected as our adopted strategy rather than any other to attain our gaols because pigs reproduce very first and produce many piglets at once. This will help the targeted groups in raising income through sale of the pigs which are produced and on high demand for pork at the local markets; while at the same time utilizing the bi-products for manure in the gardens.

The following specific activities will be carried out during the implementation of the project:-

* Train parents, guardians, orphans in appropriate farming practices and piggery management
* Expand and maintain a multiplication center for hybrid pigs of pure breed
* Distribute piglets to families with orphans and vulnerable children from the established multiplication centre among the targeted families.
* Monitor and support piggery management units at household level after distribution
* Construct a shelter to facilitate training
* Buy plastic 50 chairs for use during the training session
* Construct three additional pigsties (reception center, to keep piglets before they are distributed to the beneficiaries)
* Procure a 5000 liter tank (water reservoir. Water will be harvested from the available structures).

*Impact:*

Improved income and livelihoods of the beneficiaries; and productivity of the crops through increased use of manure.

1. **Activity schedule**

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| **Activity** | **1st Month**  | **2nd**  | **3rd** | **4th**  | **5th**  | **6th**  | **7th**  | **8** | **9** | **10** |
| Expansion of the training center | \* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Procurement of chairs | \* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Construction of pigsties  | \* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Procure Water Tank | \* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Training of beneficiaries |  |  | **\*** |  | **\*** | **\*** |  |  |  |  |
| Distribution of piglets |  |  |  |  | **\*** | **\*** |  |  |  |  |
| Monitoring and evaluation | **\*** | **\*** | **\*** | **\*** | **\*** | **\*** | **\*** | **\*** | **\*** | **\*** |

1. **Gender Considerations:** Womenand children are the most poor and have less control on household resources. Since this project was identified through participatory approach, all members are aware of the benefits of supporting the target beneficiaries. Thus, no conflict is anticipated as a result of this project. Equally important is that training will be open to all members of the community for increased adoption and sustainability.
2. **Inputs and costs (See detailed budget)**

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| **Activities** | **Items**  | **Quantity** | **Unit cost** | **Frequency** |  **Amount** |
| **1. Training cost** |   |   |   |   |
|       | Books (dozens) |  2  |  14,400  |  1  |  28,800  |
| Pens (Packets) |  2  |  5,000  |  1  |  10,000  |
| Subsistence |  50  |  6,500  |  3  |  975,000  |
|  Transport (Trips) |  1  |  250,000  |  2  |  500,000  |
| Professional fees |  1  |  150,000  |  5  |  750,000  |
| **Sub total** |   |   |   |   |  **2,263,800**  |
| **2. Construction of the pigsties** |   |   |   |   |
|         | Bags of Cement |  65  |  30,000  |  1  |  1,950,000  |
| Trips of lake sand |  5  |  100,000  |  1  |  500,000  |
| Trips of river sand  |  6  |  100,000  |  1  |  600,000  |
| Bricks |  15,000  |  150  |  1  |  2,250,000  |
| Trips of aggregated stones |  4  |  120,000  |  1  |  480,000  |
| Iron bars |  40  |  20,000  |  1  |  800,000  |
| Labour for construction | 1 |  1,200,000  | 1 |  1,200,000  |
| **Sub total** |  |  |  |  |  **7,780,000**  |
| **3. Materials for roofing** |   |   |   |   |
|          | Iron sheets |  150  |  20,000  |  1  |  3,000,000  |
| Nails assorted inches ( Kgs) |  40  |  3,500  |  1  |  140,000  |
| Roofing nails |  27  |  5,000  |  1  |  135,000  |
| Timber (2 by 4 inches) |  120  |  7,000  |  1  |  840,000  |
| Poles  |  30  |  3,000  |  1  |  90,000  |
| Gutters |  25  |  23,500  |  1  |  587,500  |
| Face board |  30  |  18,500  |  1  |  555,000  |
| Poly fibre tank for rain water harvesting (5000 Ltrs) |  1  |  2,555,000  |  1  |  2,555,000  |
|   | Labour  | 1 | 450000 | 1 |  450,000  |
| **Sub- total** |  |  |  |  |  **8,352,500**  |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |
| **4. Establishment of a piggery multiplication farm for Family Union for Development**  |   |
|   | Buy the parent stock of hybrid pigs of pure breed  | 5 | 650,000 | 1 | 3,250,000 |
|   | Animal feeds (kgs) |  2,000  | 1,200 | 1 | 2,400,000 |
|   | Deworming tabs (tin) | 2 | 65000 | 1 | 130,000 |
|   | Vetinary services | 1 | 50000 | 12 | 600,000 |
| **Sub- total** |   |   |   |   | **6,380,000** |
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| **Grand Total in Uganda shillings** |   |   |   |  **24,776,300**  |
| **Grand Total in USD** *(approximately UGX2500/1 US$)* |   |   |   |  **9,911**  |
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| Local contribution requested from the donor in Uganda shillings |   |  1,530,000  |
| **Local contribution requested from the donor in USD. This will be raised through membership contribution in UGX** |  |  **612**  |
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| Amount requested from the donor in Uganda Shillings |   |  23,246,300  |
| **Amount requested from the donor in USD** |  |  |   |  **9,299**  |
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1. **Risk and assessment:**

**Disease control:** Although farmers will be trained on how best to manage the breed, some of them may not be able to detect infections in time thus causing some animals to die prematurely. The Association will, at its own expense contract a veterinary Doctor to provide on-site support and regular assessments to treatment the pigs/piglets.

1. **Sustainability:** The piggery production initiative expects to generate substantial financial returns from the market sale of pigs (50 – 60kgs weight) within the Wakiso-Nakulabye Kampala market nexus. As the project expands, grows and consolidates its position, it will construct a modern swine abattoir of its own where it can slaughter, chill and sell hygienic and price – competitive pork to a range of consumers. This will mean that the project will have to install insulated and temperature controlled pork storage and display facilities at the most suitable site in Busiro Constituency for the pig abattoir to function as a fully fledged pork production enterprise.

The performance and positive out-turn of the project will ultimately depend on the up take of the piggery out grower production scheme set. Out growers shall always be there as a source of swine supply to the project for allocation of other farmers in the school community and market sale to sustain the project’s operations and programmes as well as maintaining the overall economic viability of the enterprise.

The benefiting families will be encouraged by the project management team to set up a community chest to assist new entrants to the programme with piggery production inputs on a revolving basis. The project will work out pre-determined contracts supply process with the out-growers piggery producers to safe guard against sudden dips and surges in pig producer prices in the market. The financial resource in flows accruing from the sale of pigs will be promptly ploughed back by the small-holder farmers into their farming enterprise to enable them grow the size of their piggery production, raise their output, and deepen their knowledge base and degree of specialisation and competitiveness of their products on the market.

In addition, the profits so generated from the market sale of the pigs by individual farmers will consequently be prudently re-invested to sustain their piggery farming project leading to wholesale changes in the social-economic benchmark indicators of community and the subsequent alleviation of the pervasive poverty. This Project will be greatly self-sustained through the market sale of agricultural outputs produced by the project farming community using the composite packages of agricultural resource inputs, production enhancement techniques and marketing support provided by the project. As the project expands, grows and consolidates, it will establish a piggery abattoir of its own where it can slaughter, chill and sell hygienic and price driven competitive pork to a range of consumers. This will mean that the project will have to install insulated and temperature controlled pork storage and display facilities at the most suitable site in and outside the school community, and the district for the pig abattoir to function as a fully fledged pork production enterprise.

1. **Implementing Agency:**

Families United for Development (FUD) was founded in February 2009 and is duly registered as Voluntary non-governmental organization. It was founded by Ugandans with a mission of pooling resources at hand both material, and physical to help the poor, HIV/AIDS affected households and persons; and other vulnerable members, most especially women and children.

FUD is non-political and non-profit making but with a focus on developing its individual members and communities to develop themselves through capacity building initiatives (training, exposure, outreach, etc).

Since its inception, the organization working in collaboration with its partners (Partners for Rural Development – PRD) has been involved in organizing and formulation of community groups, Health camps, providing psycho-social support, conducting out needs assessment among the community and offering capacity building/life skills training to several HIV/AIDS Women and youth groups in the community.

Organization’s major sources of funding for its past activities have mainly been member contributions/annual subscription (35%) and voluntary contributions in addition to subscription. The organization relies on voluntary support of its members, the profile of which include, Priests, Doctors, Social Scientists, Communication Specialists, IT Specialists, among others.

FUD is under a democratically elected management as clearly stated in its Constitution. The Annual General Meeting is the Supreme Body charged with the responsibility of making all organization policies. There is a Board of Directors (BOD), which is the executive composed of the Chairperson as its Head, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and five (5) other members. The B.O.D is responsible for implementing all the policies as directed by the Annual General Meeting. There is also one-officio, the Patron of the Organization, who is Priest of the Roman Catholic Church with over 30 years in service. The Patron provides guidance to the Board of Directors.

The contact person for this project is the Secretary. However, the overall responsibility for reporting rests in the Chairperson. Thus, all correspondences should be copied to the Chairperson.

1. **Project Management and Monitors**

**Edward Kasirye** (MA Human Resources, BA Development Studies): Responsible for monitoring of all FUD activities.He will prepare progress reports on a quarterly basis. At the end of the project, FUD shall provide to the donor a detailed project report, consisting of the financial, narrative and pictures of all activities undertaken.

**Banking details:**

Name : Families United for Development

A/C No. : 01213370003

 Bank Name : Bank of Africa – Uganda

**Signatories:** Chairman (Principal); Treasurer or Secretary

1. Ugandan’s current population is estimated at 35 million people [↑](#footnote-ref-1)