



CHRISTIAN COMMUNICATION CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT ON ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT TO WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

BARLONYO AND ABERIDWOGO VILLAGES (ERUTE NORTH-LIRA DISTRICT)

2009 - 2010

Annual Report

Alternative Livelihood Support To Barlonyo Widows and Orphans, 2009-2010

Objectives:

- a) To supply 400 stems of fruit trees seedlings to 30 widows and 10 orphans to provide alternative source of livelihood support to improve their health, the environment and family income.
- b) To facilitate initiation of village rotational credit and savings scheme by formation of 40 self help group support of widows and orphans to strengthen income earning, saving culture and business enterprising development at family level.
- c) To support 4 self help groups with 45 KTB hives as starter capital investment for food and traditional medicine as source for alternative energy and income generation.
- d) To provide moral, social and spiritual support through preaching of the gospel to the community of Barlonyo and Aberidwogo villages.

Program Activities:

1. Through the funding support from Missions with Africa, Inc the following fruit trees seedlings was procured and supplied to the beneficiaries:-
 - a) 100 stems of mangoes.
 - b) 100 stems of grafted oranges.
 - c) 100 stems of pawpaw.



Fruits trees seedlings procured for the beneficiaries.



The seedlings being planted in the community garden



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2. With facilitation grant from Ogur Sub County 40 Self Help Group for widows and orphans was formed and provided capacity building training on groups dynamics, leadership skills, business management, networking and marketing skills.



Self help group members posed for photo.



Self help group members attending capacity building training.

3. With funding support from Ford Foundation Aluni Uganda 45 KTB hives was procured and supplied to 4 self help group members.



KTB hives provided being hanged with participation of group members.



Ford Foundation Aluni witnessed the hanging of the KTB hives.

4. Community gospel outreaches were conducted with participation of the Christian community of Barlonyo and Aberidwogo villages in Orit parish.



Revival service for IDPs in area of return at Community Chapel



Former LRA rebel lady attends baptismal service at the river side.



Lawnsome experiencing moments of praise & worship at Community Tent Church.



Open air gospel meetings with Lawnsome as minister.



Lawnsome sharing at one of the Revival meetings.

Achievements:

The project implementation contributed in the create capital assets for its beneficiaries in the following category of:-

- a) Natural capital - stock of bee colony, a place to keep them (modern bee hives), bio-diversification of environmental resources from community based forest favoring agro business enterprising in the project community;
- b) Human capital - acquiring knowledge and skills of organic farming with bee keeping and fruit trees planting for sustainable household income generation and marketing expertise to ensure sustainability;
- c) Physical capital - self help group provided human capital through group synergy for food production and home based marketing, KBT hives to source for honey harvesting, crops of honey, beeswax and other products, market opportunity for honey to village and urban traders, community based forest to improve on environment, soil conservation and better crop production with ensured soil moisture content within the project area;
- d) Social capital - community moral and spiritual transformation, available labour from families, friends and networks, membership of groups and access to a wider society and market information;

- e) Financial capital - assured cash earning from group savings, sales of farm produce, bee products, having regular savings and opportunity to access credits or grants from other sources to scale up bee keeping, organic farming and tree planting projects by the community.

Challenges:

There was drought in the North Eastern Lango Sub region from December, 2009 - May 2010 which affected farming activities in the project areas leaving many families with barely any food to survive on.

The majority of our beneficiaries are people living with HIV/AIDS who require home based care support with referral directives to access further management at fully established health units from other places. The orphans are youth who dropped out of school and they are heads of families that would need vocational guidance to choose right career path that would empower as well enrich them with rewarding income opportunities to provide sustainable support to their families.

The funding support provided was very limited to accommodate many vulnerable community groups with genuine needs for assistance and the majority funding was a one time support only.

Remarkable Benefits:

The project registered the following benefits:-

- a) Women and girls within the project area were greatly inspired about how to invest their time and energy in meaningful and gainful activities regardless of their prevailing conditions and situation.
- b) Provided the opportunity for productive and less labour intensive economic activity for women and girls who are often times marginalized or underserved by the traditional cultural ethnic groups and other actors.
- c) Enabled women and youth especially girls involved in income generation as preparatory effort to family or community leadership and inheritance management when they lose paternal parents.

Conclusion and Recommendations:

The activities were successfully implemented because of the level of commitment and participation of the local community.

Due to limited funding not all community members were able to access the support, which therefore calls for more support to expand the project coverage to reach many community groups.

The project envisages establishing community book café in the near future to provide learning opportunities to children and adults to improve level of their literacy and numeracy with access to computer and internet technology.

The community desperately needs safe water for domestic use and irrigation to support farming activities to generate enough food and more income.

The alarming needs for foster care and education support by orphans, calls for more support from the government, charity organizations and international donor communities who feel led to share their financial resources to ensure these young generations have a future.

The organization is planning to establish children village in the near future to help put many vulnerable children back at school.



Cover picture of livelihood of the community of Barlonyo and Aberidwogo villages.