**INITIATIVE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFORMANTION (IRUDET)-HUB**

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 ***Introduction/ Back ground***

Initiative for Rural Development (IRUDET)-Hub is a local Ugandan based not-for profit

Organization established in 2015 and registered in 2016 to support initiatives that improve the livelihoods of communities in Buikwe and Mukono District. Our work targets the entire community with specific focus on children in and out of school, youths, elderly, and women.

IRUDET **envisions** a poverty free community where people access basic rights and transparent governance systems. The m***ission*** is to support communities to overcome socio-economic barriers and injustice. In order to achieve the set mission and vision, IRUDET is currently implementing core programs in social behavior change communication, Gender, livelihood and food security: vocational training and skills development, Human Rights, Access to Justice and accountability, Reproductive health, HIV/AIDS among others.

***Goal***

To support communities in attaining improved standards of living and access socio-economic justice through empowerment, networking and alliance building

***Strategic Objectives***

1. To empower vulnerable households to overcome poverty and address food security through sustainable and inclusive production technologies.
2. To support communities to overcome barriers to gainful employment through skills enhancement, secure tenure and access to capital among young people and women
3. To increase availability and access to safer sexual and reproductive health services among Adolescents and Young people at facility, community and household level
4. Support Communities to adapt to climate change through exposure to climate smart practices
5. To empower ordinary citizens to undertake policy analysis and social accountability for equitable, accessible and accountable services

**PURPOSE OF THE ORGANISATION**

To reduce poverty levels among the vulnerable households

To reduce food security and poor nutrition among the children through sustainable and inclusive production technologies.

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***Vision***

Initiative for Rural Development (IRUDET) visualizes a Buikwe/Mukono District free of ill-governance issues, free of poverty and with its people having access to basic rights and transparent public (Government) systems.

***Mission***

Initiative for Rural Development (IRUDET) mission is to serve as a development nonprofit organization, working to enlighten communities on basic causes of poverty such as ignorance, naivety and lack of work effort/enthusiasm. IRUDET supports talent discovery and enrichment as well as working tirelessly to coordinate youth and women groups in to start up various enterprises

***Goal***

* To establish a well-run platform for rural communities, professionals, and service provider networks aimed at social, environmental, and economic empowerment, self-reliance, and sustainability.

***Objectives***

1. To enlighten communities on avoiding the poverty trap.

2. To mobilize resources for empowering youth, women and leaders in various ICT, talents and household endeavors.

3. To establish a fundamental system for identifying, and analyzing basic needs for local communities.

4. To network with national and international agencies for local community empowerment.

5. To support community initiatives which promote a culture of conserving and protecting the environment, improving productivity and helping humans to live in harmony with nature.

 **STRATEGIC INTERVENTION**

* + 1. Livelihood and VOCATION
		2. Gender equality children and women rights
		3. Environment
		4. HIV/AIDS
		5. WASH
		6. Democracy and Good Governance
		7. Environment and Climate Change
		8. Youth Empowerment**.**

Information Communication Technology (ICT) as an amalgamation to the rest of the

***Target group***

Our work targets the entire community however, children, youths, and women both in and

out of school are given special attention. Elderly, young mothers, local leaders, employees

of various service institution, CBOs, groups, and associations are equally targeted.

***Achievements***

**IRUDET-Hub *has*** *achieved the following;*

**Sustainable development programme**

Building a strong relationship with different community groups through capacity

development and subscribing a total of 50 groups

that are partaking in various activities such as

entrepreneurship training, handcraft

production and training, training in group

dynamics, book binding(making),

village savings and loans schemes (VSLA), poultry

farming, vegetable production among others.

***ICT programme***

**IRUDET** has a community based ICT center promoting ICT skills among youths, women

and local leaders with a subscription of over 200 youths and 50

adults.

The center collaborates with three community schools of which

one is a primary, the second one is a secondary and the third one

is a tertiary institution, linking students and teachers to our I.C.T

facilities.

**Youths and children talents programme**

**IRUDET-HUB** has a team of 40 children and youths who were trained

and equipped to offer band and drummer educational entertainment

services to communities in a view to mobilize resources for their

education and to uplift their talents.

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**Challenges**

1. Limited resources to facilitate planned activities on time

2. Over expectation for support by the community.

3. Government interference in CSO intervention services especially on democracy,

governance, human rights, and accountability.

**Way forward**

1. Strengthen collaboration and partnership with state and non-state actors in areas of

improving services delivery.

2. Scaling up organizational capacity to strengthen services delivery to further communities.

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