



Uganda Project





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1. Identification of the Project

Pilot Project – Community Development through sustainability - Uganda

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2. Justificative

Be The Change establishes the link with initiatives and small organizations in order to contribute to sustainable development of remote communities. For the development work to be sustainable, the community participation is the key. Sustainability can only be achieved when the development process belongs to the local community and is managed by it, not depending on foreign aid. Therefore, the focus of our activities are through actions that help these initiatives to become self-sustaining financially.

The project in Uganda will promote actions that contribute to the sustainable development of the school/orphanage "Hope", which is located in Kirolo, a small village in the Kamuli District, Uganda. People in Kirolo live in situations of extreme social and economic vulnerability and among the main issues are:

- poor education and high incidence of truancy: in general, 50% of the children complete primary school. In Kirolo, about 1000 children have no access at all to education;
- Gender Issues: the lack of opportunities for women continues to be a major factor for the multiple deprivations faced by their children, often perpetuating an intergenerational cycle of poverty and inequality;
- Labor market: artisans suffer lack of support in the flow of their craft productions. There are young people who suffer from a lack of continuing education and courses to prepare them for economic empowerment and entrepreneurship;
- Environment and food security: More than 90% of the population depends on agriculture for their daily consumption and to generate employment. However, the monoculture cultivation and the dependence of the rainy season in agriculture, results in soil degradation and low productivity in the field.

For these challenges, the project aims to provide the necessary tools to strengthen economic autonomy, entrepreneurship and education of the residents of Kirolo. Through free workshops as a source of continuing education for youth and adults; the empowerment of women, with craft workshops and health and fostering entrepreneurship.

In Uganda, 57% of the total population are under 18 years old, suggesting that development policy should be strongly focused on children. The women face a wide range of challenges, including discrimination, low social status, lack of economic self-sufficiency and risk of infection by HIV / AIDS. In Uganda gender discrimination involves the submission of women to men and, in most cases, it drastically reduces its power to act independently, complete their studies and avoid poverty and / or escape from dependence on abusive men.

Therefore, the activities carried out in partnership with the Association Hope Danmark, will target: women, youth and children.



3. Impact

3.1 General Objective

Transform and impact a small village through the development of self management of an orphanage/school, so that it becomes a center for education and culture in the village of Kirolo.

3.2 Specific Objectives

In the school/orphanage

Investing in benefits in the school/orphanage such as:

3.2.1 recreational activities - Encourage the use of recreational activities such as learning tools. To play is a natural and spontaneous activity of the child and is beneficial for it focuses on pleasure, arouses emotions and feelings of well-being, free from anxieties and serves as outlet for negative emotions to help the child cope with feelings that are part of everydaylife. Playing, the child learns to deal with the world and shape his personality and experience basic feelings like love and fear;

3.2.2 Building a rainwater collecting- and storage system - Faced with the need that aims at ensuring a supply of sufficient quality and quantity of water for the school environment. This form of exploitation is a low cost alternative and effective in solving the problem of long-winded demand for water intended for human consumption;

3.2.3 Provide free workshops - Focused on education and the empowerment of individuals, especially youth, workshops will be given (open to the community) on: permaculture, recycling, nutrition and health. The goal is to train people that replicate the information.

3.2.4 Growing an organic garden - share agroecological knowledge, diversification of farming different crops, compost systems, rain water harvesting, use of organic waste to produce fertilizers, food diversity in school and strengthen the food and nutrition security, food and nutritional education. Furthermore, the cultivation of medicinal herbs, awareness of healthy eating habits, the use of community gardens as therapeutic spaces, recovery of self-esteem and social integration, quality of life and environmental sustainability;

3.2.5 Make a Christmas party for the children of the community.

In the Kirolo village

3.2.6 workshops;

3.2.7 Start a micro-credit system for women;

3.3 Beneficiaries

The project aims to directly benefit 310 children from the school. In the community, it is expected in the first phase of the project, about 1000 people are impacted by our actions, including children, youth and adults.



4. Expected Results

- Expand public policy in combating extreme poverty in the Kamuli region, especially in the village of Kirolo, through actions and investments in education, health, environment and entrepreneurship;
- Partnerships with other organizations and initiatives to accelerate the community and sustainable development in the region;
- Aid children, youth and women – the group that is more vulnerable to social exclusion.

5. Bugdet

All fundraising work is carried out previous to our trip. Each volunteer that is a part of Be the Change initiative pay for theirs own expenses, so all the money raised goes to the orphanage/school "Village of Hope" in Uganda. However, it is possible to make donations directly to the orphanage or even, specific donations for the expenses of volunteers.

5.1 Donations on Indiegogo

Indiegogo campaign (the campaign has not reached its goal, therefore, the company Indiegogo takes 9% of the amount collected):

Value: US\$ 1492,00 – 9% = US\$ 1.358,00

The funds received by the campaign will be directed:

Construction of a system for collecting and storing water

Value: US\$ 1.200,00

We are evaluating the possibility of starting a micro-credit system with this amount.

Value: US\$ 158,00

5.2 Spontaneous Donations

Value: US\$ 789,49

These donations from individual friends will be directed to improvements of the orphanage/school and the Christmas party, which will be open to the entire community.

Value: US\$ 693,00

This amount were raised from SkytteholmsSkolan and will be used to buy school material and the remainder goes to the school.

Donation of 20 laptops – which will be delivered directly to the school/orphanage. (This past week we received a request from another organization in Uganda <http://www.childrenofprisoners.se/> , so after we talk about this special request help, all of us involved in this donation decided to donate three of these laptops for this organization!

5.3 Crafts Sales

Value: US\$ 180,00

This value will be transfered to the orphanage.



6. Monitoring and Evaluation

The monitoring will be conducted by Be The Change initiative along with the orphanage. Through a continuous and integrated process, we intend to observe and assess the following indicators:

- Achieve the objectives and targets;
- Compliance with the processes necessary for the effectiveness of the project;
- Observance of deadlines for implementation of actions/activities;
- Rational use of financial resources;
- Assimilation of philosophy of work for social and multipliers;
- Number of partners committed and involved in the continuity of the Project;

7. Partnerships and Interfaces

Why Collaborate?

- The collaboration avoids duplication of effort resulting in waste of resources.
- Collaboration prevents that organizations compete with each other for resources and visibility.
- The collaboration allows organizations to multiply their resources: for example, speaking with one voice, better defending the interests of beneficiaries.
- The collaboration allows organizations to use the resources available in a complementary manner to achieve common objectives that neither could achieve alone.
- At the highest level ("full partnership"), collaboration allows organizations to create new resources and ideas that would not have been able to raise alone. Some of the elements that each organization can contribute to a functional relationship:
 - financial resources;
 - material resources;
 - Skills / knowledge;
 - ideas;
- relationships (influence) with communities, donors, governments or the private sector.