

Farmers get help to grow more food and support their families



"I would like to sincerely thank all the KEA supporters for their generosity and solidarity to the whole humanity, particularly to those living in extreme poverty and other forms of vulnerability. I also call them to continue supporting our communities living in inhuman conditions, because of conflicts, violence, bad governance, HIV/AIDS, and we still have too many people in these conditions in Uganda."

Background.

As we give thanks for the first 6 years of KEA, we look forward to building on what has been achieved and to continuing to offer a helping hand to some of the neediest in the world. We will continue to rely on the support of our international friends and our other friends and we trust that this support will remain strong and that the younger generations will respond with equal generosity and enthusiasm. We are called to continually see all our brothers and sisters, especially the poorest, and we ask him to inspire our efforts to fulfill what he expects of us. Let us work with KEA then as we strive to do our duty in building a better and more just world with the purpose of education and training to improve capacities and capabilities so that rural people who will be able to use available natural resources to achieve sustainable livelihoods for themselves, their families and their communities with the reality that every person is a unique individual and each one has the right to an environment in which she/he can live life with dignity. This brings good news in a practical way to all people, especially the poor through story telling focusing on the economic, social, cultural, environmental, political and institutional factors required in order to achieve balanced, sustainable livelihoods for present and future generations. It also emphasizes the cross cutting issues affecting the farm family and community. Therefore the donations aim at improving the livelihood of the family depending on the farm through processes and strategies that ensure focus is rural communities at village, levels. Uganda's economy is anchored on agriculture as one of the drivers of the economy. Agriculture contributes approximately, 37% of Uganda's Gross Domestic Product and employs over 70% of Uganda's labour force. In 2014, KEA, together with the donors on the Global Giving platform entrust donations through in transforming the most vulnerable families in Kasejjere village. The overall goal of the of donations is primarily to create sustainable economic

Every day, we task ourselves with finding new ways to feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, and take in the stranger. As needs arise and challenges grow, we strive to realize our mission, reflecting on love through compassionate acts of humanitarian service. Climate-change Adaptation for Resilience & Empowerment These project have empowered families to farming technology and produce vegetables throughout the year hence to contributing towards resilience and household food security.

This:

- Increased knowledge and skills in modern agricultural technologies
- Improved access to sustainable supply of nutritious vegetable for food and for selling by the targeted

households through piloting the greenhouse technology

- Increased access to water from an improved water source by targeted beneficiaries.
- Train the youth in vegetable preparation and preservation methods
- Support linkage and collaboration with district production officer and agricultural research institute to provide technical support to the youth

Message from the Director

Poverty eradication, HIV/AIDS prevention, improving community livelihood, promoting good governance, enhance organizational development and peace building is central pivot to organizational work to foster sustainable



development solutions by working with and through local partners in identifying and address the root causes of poverty and injustice affecting their lives. Since its inception, of trust from donors, has always given a special concern to assistance to campaigns as regular flooding and drought which significantly impacts its agriculturally reliant economy. Donations have facilitated long term sustainable solutions for socio-economic development through micro-financing and promotion of agricultural skills to help local communities, open markets for them to display their agricultural produce and learn

technical advice from district agricultural officers and key development partners

Many opportunities to enhance employment opportunities in eradicating poverty In past two years or project implementation, the project has created employment for 36 household, two schools and 13 youth through formal and non- formal skills development. The number of families living on 1.25 USD per day has also reduced from 87.4% at baseline to 52%. As projected to 20 households by 2018. The importance of agriculture to the economic wellbeing of Ugandans cannot be over-emphasized. The increase in the number of household embracing agriculture. 20 of the house hold target has taken up agriculture followed by joint marketing. This makes the agribusiness component of the project the most popular among the households. While agriculture is the first line of employment for the majority of the families, it is still predominantly carried out on subsistence level. KEA and its partners through Global Giving have been working to change this trend through agricultural skilling and enterprise development.

Some of the key intervention areas that we have focused on include:

- Agricultural investment training and enterprises in skills.
- Promotion of peer to peer learning through coaching and mentoring of young model farmers who in turn mentor other families in agriculture
- value addition, and supply of quality agricultural inputs

Key to the success of KEA work is collaboration with the global partners would like to thank our partners for their contribution towards empowering the families in Kikandwa.

EDUCATION

KEA experience in basic education programming include: children life skills training and provision of scholastic materials for pupils/students; child sponsorships for needy children; supporting school feeding projects in schools; provision of adult literacy and vocational skills for youths and adults; construction/renovation of schools and provision WASH facilities; and engaging in advocacy for access to quality and equitable inclusive education.



We extend our faithful, generous and reliable supporter of the is helping to empower and build the capacity of young children ,leaders, especially girls, in the various, attention and support has been given in the areas of education, building, and care for the environment in schools, We are pleased and proud to be working together for a better world where more people may have access to justice and to live in a peaceful

WATER + HYGIENE + SANITATION

Thanks to 6 years of hard work, prayer and commitment from our supporters, volunteers, partners and staff, KEA has grown into one of the foremost international community development organisations in Uganda . We treasure what is unique about us – our deep roots within the community, our vibrant team of volunteers, our wonderful international friends, which never leaves its people, whatever the dangers. We seek to be an example of, standing alongside the poorest people to help them flourish. Our 6th anniversary is a milestone, but it is not a time for celebration. Widespread poverty and injustice are an affront to all of us, but they remain hallmarks of our world. One in nine people are still going hungry every day and a billion people remain stuck in inhuman circumstances. Climate change is already affecting the most marginalised communities, and its impact will only increase. The rising power of multinational businesses is not balanced by the effective rule of law in many countries. Growing inequality, together with social and economic injustice around the world mean we must continue to provide direct, practical help to people in the greatest need, and to work for an end to the causes of poverty. As we look at the world in 2019, there are many opportunities to work as a community to build a more just world – new overseas partners to work with, new people to engage with, new international negotiations on antipoverty goals, new climate change talks, and a growing sense of the important role the KEA can play to help achieve real human flourishing.

Health is at the very core of much of the Uganda's poverty and suffering. Deadly diseases leave parents without children, and children with no families must fend for themselves. We work in partnership communities on improving and sustaining health. We adopt a community-level approach to address unique needs of populations, including capacity building of health professionals, increasing access to health information and health facilities, and improving the quality of health resources. Beyond the community-level, our work strengthens health systems by supporting district and national-level facilities and staff. Water is a basic human need, yet millions of people still lack access to clean water. Frequently, accessible water is contaminated, infecting people with waterborne diseases. Children are the most vulnerable: 90 percent of deaths caused by the diarrheal disease are of children under the age of 5.

We have been addressing these issues for last 3 years, cleaning wells, construction of hand dug wells to bring clean non contaminated water, digging wells, Our initiatives also educate communities about sanitation and the fatal danger of waterborne diseases. The cycle of poverty is strong and many regions of Uganda. Some of KEA biggest tools to fight poverty and hunger come in tiny packages. Chicks, goats, or lambs from an animal bank, as well as seeds and agricultural training, play a part in our disaster risk reduction programs and can set a household or farm up for success that can last generations. Women, in particular, feel the effects of entering a marketplace previously closed to them, providing dependable income and self-reliance to them and their children. Mainly in empowering communities and farmers' groups through training in sanitation and appropriate technologies as well to builds the capacity of communities to responding to disasters and related to water and sanitation as communities water is increasing on demand from 40 liters per house hold to 100 liters per day for irrigation, animal, home use etc

Mixing farming and trading

most of our parents can not afford to continue supporting us in school. We have turned our efforts to farming. The Shs 50,000 Ugx (\$30) school fee per a term at is such a prohibitive figure for peasant farmers. Through the organization we were given support of \$30. We started farming. We grew tomatoes but we never made any money out of his efforts. He counted losses and drowned in sadness. We hit a dead end with academic journey and now, farming too.

We were 8 picked by the KEA as youth to benefit from the training, We were eager to learn and pick skills that would help him improve.

“Ever since we got training from the KEA, We feel our life more fruitfully than before. We now know what to do as a farmer,” said in a tone that could be mistaken for boasting. From the first season, we planted beans on an acre from which he harvested 7 sacks priced at Shs200, 000 (each. For the second season, we harvested 10 sacks.)



The second season fetched less harvest because of the dry spell that hit the gardens. But his spirit was not shaken. We are looking forward to the next season., However, the profits from farming have enabled us set open larger land and go to school.

We have joined Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA). With 16 other members, each saves Shs2, 000 every week. This money can be borrowed at low interest rates when one needs more capital.

“Also, we have realised the benefit of keeping records because that way we can take stock and know how to calculate the profit. This has been possible after support through Global Giving project,”

Innovation taking Young Model Farmer,

5 people under his mentorship of household has helped them maintain good farming practices so that they get the most out of their efforts in gardens. All the 5 mentees were beneficiaries of the training to reduce poverty by creating sustainable entrepreneurial opportunities for the house holds end of 2018.

Many households have turned their children drop out of school we appreciates how the project has changed t fortunes for the better. *“Before the project, we used to grapple with agriculture because we would do things the rudimentary way; planting crops anyhow and waiting for harvests, which disappointed us a lot,”* we recalled. When chosen as model household farmers with the Project, he realised the need for technical knowledge in farming. *“I was taught that a nursery bed is relevant if one is to realise good crops. We learnt how to prepare it,”* The 5 acre of cabbages we planted after the training fetched us whooping Shs



450,000 per acre. The cabbages were sold in the markets of Kamapala capital city, local markets and individual has created a bigger market for produce. To save money on transportation costs, we became innovative, interested fellow farmers in the collective transportation instead of hiring a truck on his own. We were charged collectively Shs150, 000

“I now how collective marketing helps save money and can send our children to schools,” a farmer revealed. *“When I was harvesting, I called on my brothers to offer labour since they are part of the beneficiaries from the gains of farming,”* he explained his low cost strategy. From the sales, I have been able to buy a cows each at Shs600, 000 and plant maize, cassava, and bananas. We have also set up a demonstration cabbage farm of 1000 crops near the main road. *“I am going to plant 25,000 cabbage seedlings this season,”* With a cabbage

costing a minimum of Shs1000, we may end up earning over Shs25m in just three months.

"Next time you visit, we will be in a better house to borrow save as group we must live a better life now,"

Conclusion

Homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points? This is a case of exclusion. Can we continue to stand by when food is thrown away while people are starving? This is a case



of inequality. Today everything comes under the laws of competition and the survival, where the powerful feed upon the powerless. As a consequence, masses of people find themselves excluded and marginalised: without work, without possibilities, without any means of escape.” That year, we joined other partners to celebrate for the “*Enough Food for Everyone*”. aimed to focus the minds of humans coming to think of the needs of the poorest people. Together, we ensured the issues of land grabs and corruption got on the agenda hit

community needs. Our supporters’ generous donations would give over 200 people clean water, medical care and schooling for refugee children. With generous donations from our supporters, we were able to send our director to international meetings recent in Katowic Poland UNFCCC to challenge the structures of poverty and engage with the global decision-making processes which can do so much to address the root causes of inequality.

Wishing you a prosperous new year 2019 as we extended the gift of life to you beloved ones, families, neighbor in having a free hunger community educated empowered girl child

