



A small landlocked country, Uganda is located in the African plateau that stretches from the Ethiopian highlands towards southern Africa.

Development Challenges

With one of the most liberal economic systems in Africa, Uganda has begun the long climb towards economic recovery after years of civil war. Still, Uganda is among the poorest countries in the world, with a per capita income of US\$236. In 2004, 9 million Ugandans lived on less than \$1 a day.

HIV/AIDS is a major problem in Uganda, and just over one million Ugandans (out of the total population of 24.7 million) are infected with HIV—a prevalence rate of 4.1%. Still, Uganda is one of the few countries in Africa that have succeeded in reversing HIV prevalence rates, which declined significantly over the last decade from about 18 percent in the early 1990s to 4.1 percent in 2004. The needs of orphaned children in Uganda are a challenge to address.*

Trickle Up in Uganda

Trickle Up has a long history in Uganda, and currently works with **16 non-profit partners**. In 2004, Trickle Up extended its reach to women entrepreneurs in rural areas, especially in the western part of the country, through several new partnerships to promote organic farming combined with microenterprise development. Trickle Up also joined forces with **The AIDS Support Organization (TASO)**, based in Kampala, to offer seed capital to orphans who became heads of their households after one or both of their parents passed away from AIDS. In fiscal year 2005, Trickle Up will support 150 orphan-headed households.

Highlights in Uganda

- ◆ Businesses supported in 2005: **344**
- ◆ Businesses supported since 1979: **8,122**
- ◆ **60%** of Uganda's Trickle Up entrepreneurs are female.
- ◆ Before receiving their grant, entrepreneurs receive **business training**.
- ◆ Trickle Up **builds the capacity** of its non-profit partners through training and the provision of technical support.
- ◆ 10% of Trickle Up's programs in Uganda include **people with disabilities**.
- ◆ By partnering with *Child Restoration Outreach*, Trickle Up helps to prevent children from becoming **street children** (largely displaced from Northern Uganda or refugees from Sudan). Trickle Up also works with their families to provide vulnerable mothers with a means to support the children.
- ◆ Trickle Up trains **illiterate entrepreneurs** in business and marketing skills by teaching them to create guided drawings that convey business plans and concepts.



Trickle Up entrepreneur Margaret Akwii started a processed rice business to improve the economic condition of her family.

*Statistics from the United Nations Human Development Report 2004 and World Health Organization Epidemiological Fact Sheets 2002