

Our Vision

Using EDGE Project-Uganda as our model, EDGE Project hopes to expand its University of Wisconsin operations, and replicate its organizational framework and goals at universities across the United States. We hope to engage college students across the nation in an effort to create a student movement committed to global leadership and empowerment.

Student Organization

One of the founding principles of the EDGE Project is 'empowerment through unity'. As students, we are consistently told that we should refine our skills now so that we can make a difference in the future. We have created a community of motivated and uniquely talented individuals, and through teamwork we know we can make a difference! We have created a system of checks and balances within our organization to ensure that our research is of the highest caliber possible.

Mission: To provide students with a platform to engage actively in issues of sustainable international development, project management, leadership, and the realities of life in developing nations by connecting them with the resources necessary to research, create, and implement small-scale community development projects.



The EDGEside

In this issue of the EDGEside, we would like to thank everyone who attended our second annual banquet. It was wonderful to see everyone, some having traveled from further distances than others, and present our progress on Lingira island.

Over the past month, EDGE has been hard at planning the banquet, and researching new projects. As the semester is coming to a close, we are continuously impressed by EDGE members' constant commitment to their research, as well as the organization as a whole, while they juggle their time with school, other organizations, and jobs.

We are currently planning an EDGE Retreat to Washington D.C., led by EDGE's co-founders, and also electing our new Team Leaders and Administrative Board for the upcoming semester. We will have exciting updates in our next issue.

We thank you for your support and interest in EDGE, and we hope everyone has a happy and healthy new year. Can you believe it will soon be 2011?!

Sincerely,

Abby Beissinger, and Livy Baldwin
Secretary, and Assistant Director of Operations

EDGE on Campus

- November 1st-UW-Madison Professor James Ntambi, a native of Uganda, spoke about his research on malnutrition, his work with the Village Health Project, and the course he teaches each fall which provides students with opportunity to travel to Uganda and perform research.
- November 7th-The Agriculture Team presented its research on hippo-rollers and Q-drums, which they hope to implement on the island to improve irrigation.
- November 12th-EDGE Project held our second annual banquet at the Lowell Center. The event was a major success and we would like to thank everyone who attended the event as well as

Potential Opportunities

Students have the opportunity to get involved in various aspects of EDGE, including research, leadership, outreach, communications, and fundraising.

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- everyone who contributed through donations and other forms of support. We could not have done it without you! Special thanks to Erin Christmas, Bonnie Ewald, and Sharmila Ghosh who committed a great deal of time and effort to ensuring the success of the banquet.
- November 15th-Our treasurer, Erin Christmas led a debriefing on the banquet and our teams shared updates on their research
- November 22nd-EDGE Project attended a Dutch-style dinner organized by Slow food, a student organization that promotes eating sustainable, locally grown food and promotes awareness about social justice issues surrounding food.
- November 29th-The Health & Nutrition team presented the resources they have created about infant and neo-natal nutrition.
- December 4th-Aliza Feder was kind enough to host a cozy sweater-cookie-exchange social and food drive at her apartment. We enjoyed good conversation, games, and cookies. The non-perishable food items will be donated to a local food pantry.
- We are currently selling fair trade EDGE Project t-shirts and canvas tote bags featuring our tree logo. All proceeds benefit EDGE Project's work on Lingira Island. The tote bags are fair trade and made by Ramya Elawalla, a Sri Lankan woman who has been able to triple her yearly income by making tote bags for organizations like ours, thanks to the Madison-based company, "Story in the Bag" (<http://www.storyinthebag.com/index.html>). If you are interested in purchasing any EDGE Project merchandise please contact Livy Baldwin: obaldwin@wisc.edu.
- A number of EDGE Project members applied early to the Clinton Global Initiative University Meeting 2011, which will take place this coming April.
- Alisha David and Seth Huiras called Lingira to learn about the progress of the projects we implemented this summer. They were told that the people on the far side of the island were still practicing the farming techniques EDGE Project taught this summer.

In the Spotlight

Name: Sarah Jones

Position: Health & Nutrition Team Leader

Sarah is a senior studying Psychology and Nursing



My good friend's cousin was one of the co-founders of EDGE, so I had heard wonderful things and it had always been on my list of student organizations to check out. When I finally made it to the kickoff the spring semester of last year, I was definitely not disappointed. I joined the health and nutrition team because, as a hopeful future nurse, I felt it would be an excellent opportunity to apply and teach others what I learn in the classroom everyday. This fall, I served as the health and nutrition team leader. We created several lesson plans and posters focusing on nutritional needs for pregnant women and infants, and devised a game for the children of LIngira utilizing the food pyramid. Our future plans include generating workshops on various contraceptive methods as well as the importance of water sanitation. I feel that EDGE Project is an amazing opportunity to reach out and potentially improve someone's well-being, and I am so thrilled to be a part of it.

Name: Georgette Condos

Position: Empowerment Team Leader

Georgette is a senior studying International Studies and working toward certificates in African Studies and Global Health



My passion for international relations and global health inspired me to participate in UW-Madison's EDGE Project. The atmosphere of the EDGE Project team is inspiring and together we work toward achieving positive and sustainable solutions to some of Africa's most pressing problems. Currently, my research is focused on addressing schoolgirls' and women's lack of access to affordable, eco-friendly, sanitary products for menstruation. Without access to sanitary pads, girls and women miss school and work. Educating girls and women is vital to the well-being of their families, communities, and countries and it is important that they have access to education, good health, and jobs. My goal is to distribute 500 Makapads, locally made sanitary pads made out of papyrus in Uganda, to the girls and women on Lingira Island in Lake Victoria, Uganda. The anticipated impact will be improved attendance in school leading to better health and a more productive future. The experience of being an active member of the EDGE Project team and traveling to Uganda has helped build the foundation for my future plans of going to graduate school for a Master's degree in Public Health and volunteering for the Peace Corps.

