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## **Project proposal and Budget**

### **Who we are**

Change African Child International – CACI is an indigenous Ugandan voluntary NGO founded in 2012 and registered with the NGO Board (registration number is 9484 and certification number S. 5914/9962). CACI operates in Wakiso District, Kampala, Mpigi and Mukono District.

#### VISION

Our vision is to see : **A society where child rights are respected and all children living dignified lives.**

#### MISSION

To socially and economically empower families and communities to holistically address Child Rights.

Since 2012 CACI has carried out various interventions in addressing the plight of the Orphan and Vulnerable Children (OVCs), youth and women including refugees in Wakiso District, Kampala, Mpigi and Mukono district.

**Project title :** Empowerment through literacy and numeracy for 450 illiterate Ugandan women

**Project area :** The project is located in Wakiso district ; Entebbe, Makindye Ssabagabo, Nansana Municipalities, and Katabi Town council and Ssisa sub-county

### **Illiteracy and development**

Literacy is a key determinant for development. All around the world, people lacking basic skills in reading, writing and arithmetic, are very vulnerable to corruption and being subjected to discrimination and violence. Adult illiteracy is often seen as shameful and affected people are not only highly likely to being cheated in business transactions and failing to control their own economy; they are also vulnerable to poorer health and sickness. There are 750 million illiterate adults around the world, the majority are women, although it is one of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) to ensure that all youth and most adults achieve literacy and numeracy by 2030. The high rate of youth and adults being unable to read proficiently in Uganda is due to many children dropping out of school, often due to poverty.

## Project history

Since 2015, CACI is running an Empowerment Group program for youth and adults including literacy and numeracy in cooperation with the Swedish NGO ALEF, Adult Learning and Empowerment Fund. Another Ugandan NGO, WEGCDA, Women's and Girl Child Development Association is an associate partner in the program. Since the beginning of the program, over 3700 persons have participated in groups. There is a team of six well trained coaches who train group leaders and monitor all groups regularly. There are also around 80 trained group leaders in over 70 different locations in the Wakiso district. Copies of manuals and participant booklets for the three levels of the program are in place. An evaluation of the program was made by two Swedish medical students late 2017, and will be published as two MA theses shortly. The evaluation showed a clear impact of the program on the lives of participants.

## Where we are

Change African Child Int. will continue to teach 450 women living in poverty the basic skills of reading and writing in the mother tongue, as well as numeracy and English. The project is in Wakiso District, Uganda. Groups of 25 meet twice weekly for six months with a trained group leader and learn by discussing their life challenge and create their own texts. The aim is to make the women able to take charge of their own livelihood, understand their rights and provide a good future for their children. Today Change African Child International has supported women improve in joining local leadership, start on small cottage industries like Liquid soap making and supply, candles, hand crafts, group savings called village saving and loan associations etc

Your donation therefore will put a smile and a life change to the 10 new groups of adults in level one (250 participant) each class having 25 and 10 groups in level two (200) who had remain from the 46 groups in 2017

## 1. Specific Objectives:

The **specific objective** of the project is to continue the process of developing the following abilities, among 450 adult beneficiaries in a period of 6 months:

- Learning the basic skills : reading, writing, mathematics and a second language (English.
- Awareness : coming to understand one's life situation through dialogue and reflection. Such as gender roles, human rights, conflict resolution, environment, hygiene, health, Agriculture development etc.
- Social interaction : participants come to express thoughts and opinions and critically analyse issues.
- Applications learnt are put in use practically.

## 2. Specific Activities:

The activities among others will include:

- A. Functional adult learning;
- B. Practical and life skills learning Income Generating Activities
- C. Review of activities and results.
- D. Improving teaching materials and methods and adapting them to the changing situation and the expressed needs of project beneficiaries.

- E. Frequent monitoring of project beneficiaries and group leaders.
- F. Meetings with project beneficiaries and group leaders to collect their input in the planning and review process.
- G. Relating with Government agencies and other stakeholders.

### 3. Specific Benefits:

The project will have substantial social and economic benefits at:

#### Household level:

1. Prevention of domestic violence in families.
2. Reduction in marrying off of young girls below the age of 18 years.
3. Increase the level of women participation in village social committees.
4. Parents/Gurdians supporting their own children to stay in school and with this CACI's vision will be supported.

#### Community level

1. Increase in numbers of new literate community members who join or form Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA's) and Income Generating Activities(IGAs),

### 4. Project Direct Beneficiaries:

The project targets to reach 450 adult individuals between the age of 15 and 45 distributed among 20 Empowerment Groups.

### 5. Project Sustainability:

- Since CACI now has a large group of well-trained group leaders living in the various locations, it will be possible for them to continue starting new groups with a minimum input from the implementing organisations.
- Many groups start up their own income generating schemes, involving group members as well as group leaders. This transforms the groups into permanent cooperatives, needing no further support from the implementing organisation.
- CACI and WEGCDA are continuing to mobilize funds and initiate cooperation with various stakeholders, aiming to move the program outside the Wakiso district. We are also offering training to other organisations wishing to implement the Empowerment Group method.

### 6. Community Contribution and Involvement:

- Provide adequate meeting places for the groups and the necessary furnishes
- Ensure that the empowerment groups are open to people regardless of religion or political opinions

## PROJECT BUDGET

TRAINING OF FACILITATORS/group leaders	TRAVEL	MEALS	HALL	SUPPLIES	EQUIPMENT	RE-IMBURSEMENT	TOTAL	IN USD
LEVEL 1 (10 + 4 Coaches) *	1,260,000	3,150,000	600,000	180,000		800,000	5,990,000	1,656
LEVEL 2 (10 + 4 coaches)	700,000	1,500,000	300,000	180,000		480,000	3,160,000	874
Refresher Meeting1 (10gl + 8 staff)	140,000	350,000	100,000	50,000		160,000	800,000	221
Refresher Meeting2 10 gl+8staff)	180,000	450,000	100,000	50,000		160,000	940,000	260
<b>GROUPS</b>								-
Participants' Booklets - L1 (250 participants)				875,000			875,000	242
Manuals - L1				75,000			75,000	21
GL Pens, Notebooks & Files				100,000			100,000	28
Blackboards, supplies L1				600,000	1,200,000		1,800,000	498
Participants Booklets L.2				700,000			700,000	194
Manuals - L.2				90,000			90,000	25
GL Pens, Notebooks & Files				100,000			100,000	28
Supplies L2				500,000			500,000	138
Group leaders reimbursement						3,000,000	3,000,000	829
<b>AUDIT</b>						1,000,000	1,000,000	276
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>							<b>18,130,000</b>	<b>5,013</b>

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**Total Budget Cost**

Uganda shillings  
**18,130,000**

USD  
**5,013**

