ELohim Development Association (EDA) founded in 2008 works towards improving lives of marginalized people ( children, youth, widows and the elderly) in Uganda ELOHIM’s vision is a beacon of hope with restored lives of the marginalized children, youth, Elderly and widows among the minorities in Uganda, while its mission is to rehabilitate, educate and empower vulnerable children, youth , Elderly and widows among the minorities in Uganda minorities in Uganda. ELOHIM has four major thematic areas around which its programmes and interventions revolve namely: Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) support and sponsorship, vocational education, sexual and reproductive health rights, social enterprise and special projects that target widows and the elderly. According to the 1995 Uganda Constitution, the Bombo community is dominated by the Nubian community which is classified as minority. The community hosts one of the largest military barracks in the country ( Bombo Barracks).

Most of the elderly and widows Bombo communities are as a result of the Luwero triangle war (1985/86) that ushered in the current government , being close to the barracks some of them were married to the soldiers. They live in impoverished conditions, are excluded from economic and social services provided by either government or private sector. Majority of them lack information onthe laws governing their status. While others are physically, economically and sexually abused and they have no access to justice; and they live in depilated houses. Others have had their property grabbed, thrown out of their homes and are leading destitute lives. Due to the HIV/AIDs scourge these elderly and widows have the burden of orphans whom they cannot support with basic needs such as food, clothing and housing. As result majority of the children are drug abusers, while the girls engage in commercial sex, forced and child and teen pregnancies.

Based on these challenges and the interventions ELOHIM has had within the communities, special projects to support the elderly and widows were initiated and would like to upscale due to the demand.

**The beautiful wrinkles**: ELOHIM reaches out to the elderly including widows, we do construct them simple but comfortable houses, massage them fetch water, prepare a meal or tea and serve them while playing music for them. The targeted people have benefited a lot from this intervention.

**Shelter**: Majority of the elderly people including widows live in depilated houses because they vacated their homes during the war, don’t own land and resources to purchase land and construct a decent house. Through the special project ELOHIM has supported a few of them with building materials. Resources are needed to support in construction and renovating the depilated ones to habitable conditions

**Economic Empowerment:** To reduce on the vulnerability of the widows mainly within the Bombo community ELOHIM would like to assist them with income generating activities. These would be run jointly with those that have orphans as one form of creating independency. These will informed by needs assessment to establish enterprises that are variables and manageable.

**Legal aid and awareness:** Majority of the elderly and widows in the Bombo community do not know their rights and lack access to justice. As a result they have been disinherited and denied ownership of property. ELOHIM through the special projects would like to run awareness campaign on the existing laws and policies that protect the minority groups ( Children,Elderly and widows).