

## CPAR Uganda Ltd with GlobalGiving Foundation



### Support Disadvantaged Student Interns in Uganda

---

#### Ultimate Intended Impact

---

Over 80 percent of Ugandans live in rural areas and are engaged in smallholder farming. Uganda's rural economy is characterised by communities trading in agricultural produce, especially food items. In essence, seemingly, every smallholder farmer in Uganda is a business person.

It is our intention, at CPAR Uganda, therefore, to deepen appreciation among smallholder farmers to perceive farming as a business and as the major and viable avenue for ending poverty. We are persuaded that in order for active smallholder rural farmers in Uganda to improve their standards of living they have to invest in agriculture related income generating activities; which activities will likely generate sufficient funds for them to be able to meet their basic needs (such as food, clothes, clean water and housing) and their genuine needs (such as school fees and medical bills).

This is part of the premise on which we are designing our university student intern mentoring programme, with the intention that after their experience being mentored by CPAR Uganda, the graduates of our mentoring programme will be able to proactively and actively, among others:

- Provide opportunities for rural farmers to participate in farming learning activities - covering crop agronomy; animal production; water conservation practices, such as rain water harvesting, mulching, contours and ridges; environmental conservation practices, such as tree planting and organic production.
- Facilitate processes that will lead to consciously awakened farmers with sharpened analytical skills; possessing practical knowledge and skills on how to promote their own self-reliant development; and are endowed with a deeper understanding of poverty, in particular the kind that results from one's own actions.
- Equip farmers with skills that will enable them to engage in viable enterprise selection – to carryout viability and feasibility analysis before engaging in any enterprise.
- Equip farmers with financial management skills - bookkeeping, ability to generate, interpret and use financial reports for profitable decision making.

