PROJECT TITLE: **REDUCE POVERTY FOR 1000 POOR WIDOWS IN GICUMBI**

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**Project operation area**: **Gicumbi District**

**Anticipated Start Date: Mid November 2018**

**Project Duration**: **One year**

**Partner Institutions: Local Goverment**

**Project cost: 119,863 USD**

Requested amount from **Global Giving**: **96,741$ i.e. 80.8%**

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**Project background**

**POVERTY REDUCION FOR 1000 POOR RURAL FAMILIES IN GICUMBI,**

Gicumbi District Former Byumba is one of 5 districts composing the Northern Province of Rwanda. It is located in the East of the province with a surface area over 867 Km2. It has 397,871 inhabitants of whom 52.5 % are women, with a population density of 480 inh./sqkm above national average (416 inh./sqkm),The poverty levels in the district are high compared to the national levels, with 49.3% of the population under poverty line and 33.9% of the population in extreme poverty, national levels being 44.9 and 24.1% respectively, Census 2013; therefore mal nutrition, financial problems, education of children, health problems and sanitation are among key issues population from targeted District are facing.

This project targets to reduce poverty level for 1000 poor rural widows families in Gicumbi District in Rwanda, The poverty levels in the district are high compared to the national levels, with 49.3% of the population under poverty line and 33.9% of the population in extreme poverty, national levels being 44.9 and 24.1% respectively, The project intends to use two interventions likely **(i) Promotion of small livestock for 1000 poor rural families, (ii) adoption of horticulture and fruits plants,** Through this project, poor families will be supported with one small livestock, 5 fruits trees and will be facilitated to build a kitchen garden for horticulture (seeds to be provided by the project)

To address these challenges, the project on poverty reduction was identified among other positive practices and it is based on *i****ntegrated climate change resilience technologies adoption and or improvement for sustainable development of Rwanda population,*** two ***interventions*** are proposed in this project:

The project team along with the District will select project beneficiaries according to beneficiaries categories, Beneficiaries will come from Category one and two which are poor and poorest households.).

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**DONATION OPTIONS:**

* 10 USD will provide 5kits of Horticulture vegetable
* 20 USD builds for a poor widow ‘family a Kitchen garden
* 25 USD buys 5Nurse fruits trees for one family
* 49 USD buys **one goat** to lift One Gicumbi citizen from poverty;
* 100 USD will train 200 widows the best agricultural practices and preparation of Kitchen Garden.

**ISSUE, PROBLEM OR CHALLENGE:**

Some parts of Rwanda( country of East Africa), especially Eastern and Northern Province have been continually threatened by drought, water scarcity , water losses, soil erosion, loss of properties and most case scenario human fatality. These unpredicted hazards have seriously affected living conditions of the population and caused excessive poverty and hunger. Therefore the proposed project is to reduce this poverty by providing small livestock for making money and agriculture improvement, horticulture promotion will provide food to families whiles planted fruits trees will provide fruits and protect the soil from erosion, the project is to be implemented in Gicumbi District one of the 5 districts composing the Northern Province of Rwanda. It is located in the East of the province with a surface area over 867 Km2. It has 397,871 inhabitants of whom 52.5 % are women, with a population density of 480 inh./sqkm above national average (416 inh./sqkm),*The poverty levels in the district are high compared to the national levels,* ***with 49.3% of the population under poverty line and 33.9% of the population in extreme poverty, national levels being 44.9 and 24.1% respectively, Census 2013;*** *therefore mal nutrition, financial problems, education of children, health problems and sanitation are among key issues resulting from above listed hazards*, however the proposed project can serve as model project for eradication of the problems in question, the project is inspired based on Global sustainable development goals(SDG) objectives such as *SDG1, SDG 13 and the UN Environment Agenda2030.*

**SPECIFIC CHANGE THE PROJECT INTENDED TO ACHIEVE AND RESULTS**

The selected District presents high level of poverty which requires much attention, the proposed project has general outcome of Poverty reduction for 1000 poor rural families, this outcome was inspired from The global Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs) SDG1, SDG13 and UN Environment Agenda 2030 which aim to End poverty in all its forms by 2030 everywhere by unlocking an enormous human potential but also to call upon nations to Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts, therefore with the above general outcome, the project will results in two

**Outputs** likely:

**(i) Promotion of small livestock for 1000 poor rural families, and**

**(ii) Reducing poverty through adopted horticulture and fruits plants;** briefly

**Output 1: Promotion of small livestock for 1000 poor rural families**

This outputs will covers activities related to the sensitization of the population on the role of livestock in their life, training on the use of manure and agricultural production, creating cooperatives among beneficiaries; Beneficiaries will be selected based on their income levels, on total 1000 poor rural families will be supported with one goat per family along with 3 iron sheets for goat shelter construction, the Goats new born will be shared with new beneficiaries so that in two years, 2000 families will be supported with goats.

**Output 2: Reduce poverty through adopted horticulture and fruits plants;**

This outputs will covers activities related to improvement of living condition and nutrition, education of home based garden Kitchen preparation, education and distribution of fruits plants and their role, training on role of fruits plants on environment protection especially climate change; 1000 poor rural families will be provided with 5 different fruits plants and 5 kits of seeds for horticulture per family,

Therefore this project is justified by being in line with Rwanda government ambitions set in its Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Strategy (EDPRSII) which fixed an ambitious target to reduce poverty by 30% by 2020 from ***44.9*** % in 2012.it will increase income of beneficiaries, knowledge transfer through trainings and life improvement through different activities listed above.

**POTENTIAL LONG-TERM IMPACT**

The project will support 1000 poor rural families from Gicumbi with small livestock, fruits trees and horticulture, this support will enable these families to shift from excessive poverty to improved health and well being. From the general point view of the project, the project will make population work through cooperatives and this manner of working will increase social cohesion. It will serve as model project and be ready for upscale.

Supported families will be grouped in cooperative to easy livestock exchange, as one will share a new born with his/her cooperative member, the system will continue until every poor family get a goat; the planted fruit trees will provide fruits after one year and this will last longtime; the harvest will generate money and help to improve their living condition.

On other hands, these families will be facilitated to build a Kitchen garden for vegetables, vegetables like cabbage, carrot, legumes are vital to ameliorate their food and combat malnutrition, these vegetables also will be sold on market to generate some money; this money will be used to solve financial problems like school fees payment, health insurance payment and provision of other home necessary equipments, in general it will help to increase their income situation.

In addition to direct changes mentioned here above, from general point of view, the project is expected to contribute to the poverty eradication in Gicumbi. In fact, the exposure and experience created by the project to a large number of people and at different levels, will contribute to positive behavior change toward environmental protection and climate change.