

## **Kulika Uganda Project Progress Report: January–March 2025**

This report covers the period January–March 2025 and it's the fourteenth progress report since obtaining funds in October 2020.

During this period, the project continued to carry out training, production and marketing of briquettes to promote safe, cheaper and clean energy, income generation and contribute to reduction of tree cutting for fuel, thus contributing towards environmental protection.

### **Progress Towards Adaptation**

**Briquette Training:** During the reporting quarter, the Centre successfully conducted briquette production training for 16 members of the Kyanuna Women's Group. The participants were equipped with essential skills including the carbonization process, proper mixing techniques, correct material ratios, and strategies for producing and marketing carbonized briquettes.

**Intern Students:** In addition, the Centre trained youth from various training institutions. A total of 23 students (12 female and 11 male) received comprehensive training in the production, utilization, and marketing of briquettes.

**Domestic Cooking:** Kulika Training Centre registered 7 new female headed household clients during this quarter who adopted briquettes for domestic cooking. This resulted in a cumulative total of 267 household clients from the 260 clients reported in the previous quarter. Additionally, the Centre onboarded 1 new institutional client, bringing the total number of institutional clients to eight.

**Brooding Chicks:** During this quarter, 2 members of the trained Kyanuna Women's group adopted the use of briquettes for brooding day-old chicks. Additionally, the seven clients reported in the previous quarter have maintained their use of briquettes for brooding purposes. Kulika Training Centre also continues to utilize briquettes in its own brooding activities, demonstrating the effectiveness and sustainability of this energy solution.

**Production and Marketing:** Briquette production and sales continued to grow steadily during this quarter. The Centre produced and sold 1060.500 kilograms of briquettes, generating UGX 1,060,500 Ugx, this reflects a significant decrease of approximately 87.05 % in production volume compared to the 8,189 kilograms produced and sold in the previous quarter. This was due to the breakdown of the extruder and took long to repaired.

### **Community Extension Work:**

The Centre has continued to provide ongoing monitoring and technical support to the trained women's groups. Additionally, efforts to raise awareness on the benefits of briquette production and utilization have been sustained. These sensitization activities emphasize briquette making as a strategy for climate change mitigation, income generation, and the promotion of clean cooking energy in both community and school settings.

### **Way Forward for the Next Quarter**

- Continue training learners from various institutions.
- Sensitize at least 20 additional women on briquette usage.
- Conduct awareness sessions on briquette usage in at least 10 more schools.

### **Appreciation and Request**

Kulika Uganda extends its heartfelt gratitude to Global Giving for its generous support. The funding has been instrumental in training communities on fuel-saving technologies through briquette production and usage. We look forward to continued collaboration to enhance the impact of this initiative.

*Prepared by Kulika Uganda*

### **PICTURES OF KYANUNA WOMEN'S GROUP TRAINING ON MAKING BRIQUETTES USING A HAND PRESS AND MAKING BRIQUETTE BALLS**



**Weighing and mixing Charcoal dust, clay soil and Cassava**



**Making briquettes with a hand press and briquette balls**

**SOME OF INTERNS (YOUTH) FROM VARIOUS TRAINING INSTITUTIONS BEING TAKEN THROUGH BRIQUETTE MAKING**

