

**Kulika Uganda Project Progress Report**  
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This report covers the period August – December 2022. It is the 7<sup>th</sup> report since initial project funds were received in October 2020.

**Training activities**

*a) Women in eastern Uganda*

Of the 100 women engaged in the briquette project in eastern Uganda, 20 women were skilled in making minor mechanical repairs such as removing and fixing crusher blades, adjustment of the mixer to clear the pathways, clean and re-fix the molds for briquette extrusion. The groups have made a total of 673 kgs of briquettes.

*Management Committees*

Each group selected a committee of 4 members as leaders to oversee the management of the machines. These leaders supervise the location and usage of machines and ensure that all women have equal opportunity to use them to extrude their briquettes, machines are in good working condition and are safe.

*b) Women in central Uganda*

At least 46 homes have embraced briquette making and use as a source of clean and safe cooking fuel. From the field reports, one group has so far made and used 150 kgs of briquettes. The groups will intensify the growing of maize and soy bean to obtain the raw materials for more briquette making.

*c) Intern Students*

Fifty-two (52) students (29 females and 23 males) from two Ugandan institutions of higher learning were trained on briquette making and use. The students were trained using manual and motorized machines. Although this was part of the internship training package, students expressed interest to learn briquette making which they could extend to their communities after their training.

*d) Kulika Training Centre*

The training centre as an incubation centre has continued to train communities in briquette making as well as popularizing the enterprise. During the period, at least 5,025kgs have been made and sold to the nearby communities compared to 3,950kgs of the previous reporting period.

**Plan for the coming quarter:**

- To continue sensitization, women for production and marketing of briquettes.
- To train at least 10 new women from the local community on making and using briquettes.
- To train student interns on making briquettes and energy saving stoves.

**Appreciation and request:** The funds received by Kulika has greatly supported the project since 2020, through sensitization meetings and trainings, acquisition of training materials and purchase of equipment.

We continue to appeal for additional support to reach out to more communities in dire need of safe and relatively cheaper alternative fuel energy for cooking.

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