

Giving Hope Foundation

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PROJECT: Support climate change adoption for 100 farmers in Uganda

Overview: Giving Hope Foundation (GHF) - registered as GH Foundation Ltd, is a Ugandan indigenous organization. Our mission is to ensure sustainable development for unprivileged rural communities by building a strong socioeconomic and healthy environment for their well-being. Founded in 2010, we were working in Kampala and surrounding districts. In 2019, we decided to focus on Hoima district after realising the need for environmental restoration and improved agricultural practices.

Target area: The project will be implemented in Kitoba Sub county, Hoima District. The area has experienced extreme environmental degradation mainly as a result of human activities which include; wetland reclamation, massive deforestation for agriculture, timber, and wood fuel, and poor farming practices among others. Due to these activities, chimpanzees that used to live uphill were displaced, so is river Waaki down the valley which has almost dried up. It is harder for smallholder farmers to produce enough food due to degraded soils and changing weather patterns.

Beneficiaries: The project will benefit 100 smallholder farmers of which 80% will be women aged between 24-55 years.

Objectives of the project are;

- To support 100 smallholder farmers to plant 1,200 bamboo seedlings
- To train 100 smallholder farmers in organic farming including using organic fertilizers, compost manure and applying biochar to improve soil fertility
- To support the use of 100 Gasifier cookstoves that will reduce firewood consumption, exposure to indoor emissions and time spent cooking

Activities: The project will have the following activities 1) mobilizing and sensitizing farmers, 2) training them in compost manure making, biochar production and application, 3) planting bamboo, 4) purchase training raw materials, and 4) continuous monitoring, evaluation and reporting.

Duration: The project will run for 24 months, after which we will further explore value addition to bamboo as a means of creating sustainability within the villages. The successes from the project will be replicated to neighboring communities.

Our experience: We have two experts in renewable energy and a sociologist. We have already implemented two projects on organic beans and improved cassava in the same area. We have also been carrying out research on bamboo and are members of a local bamboo association.

Resources: Giving Hope Foundation is based in the target community. We have 3 acres of land that will be utilized for training and demonstrations for this project.