ADVOCATES FOR EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE (ADVEJI)

Kampala Slum Women Project

ACTIVITY REPORT

NOVEMBER 2022

Activity Title: Sensitisation meetings with stakeholders.



1. Background and Introduction

Advocates for Equal Justice Initiative (ADVEJI), with support from our Global giving partners recently conducted a series of activities in Green Valley zone, Kamwokya, Kampala district. The activities were conducted between June and November 2022.

The activities are part of the Kampala Slum Women's Economic Empowerment Project (EEP) that ADVEJI initiated following a fundraising drive that was initiated by Andrea Peters in 2021 through the Global Giving (GG) platform. We continue to fundraise on the GG platform to help support the EEP's mission. Through this support, a number of activities have been undertaken that have benefited the project beneficiaries mainly around Kamwokya slums. These activities include training over 200 vulnerable mothers, women and teenage mothers in soap making and other small income generating activities.

Economic empowerment of slum women is part of ADVEJI's broader objective of preventing Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Violence against Children (VAC) against women and children due to poverty and vulnerability in poor households in Uganda. This project was started following a study that showed that women were trapped in 'cycle of violence' due to poverty since the perpetrators of violence were also providers at household/family level.

Hence, to achieve the project goal of eliminating Gender Based Violence through the empowerment of slum women, ADVEJI conducted several activities to deepen the protection and further strengthen the economic capacity of project beneficiaries.

2. Specific Objectives of the Project Include;

- To strengthen the social and economic livelihoods of women in the slum communities through life transforming skills development.
- To address social and economic issues promoting GBV and VAC in slum communities.
- To build strong collaborative networks of women that can support each other
- To support women in slums to meet, network and celebrate together

3. Achievements

Planned Activities	**Accomplishments**	**Immediate result**	**Beneficiaries reached**			
			Women	**Men**	**Girls**	**Boys**
1 Sensitization meeting with Local Council leaders held	Local Council 1 and 2 leaders committed to provide some resources to support offices of the Secretary for children and women affairs in 2 parishes to process GBV cases in communities.	Local council leaders in charge of women and children affairs now profile GBV cases and report them direct to Kira Road Police Station.	**N/A**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**N/A**
1 Sensitization meeting with Slum men	47 Men attended the meeting	9 men volunteered to become women rights champion	**N/A**	**47**	**N/A**	**N/A**
Procurement of Soap Making machine.	ADVEJI has made a part payment on a Soap making machine to support the income	None	**N/A**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**N/A**

	generating activities of slum women					
Distribution of Sanitary towels to the Trainee girls	Over 56 girls in 2 primary schools in Green Zone, Kamwokya slum received sanitary pads for 90 days	N/A	**N/A**	**N/A**	**56**	**N/A**

4. Challenges and Opportunities.

- The project evaluation meetings are yet to take place due to logistical constraints.
- The emergence and spread of Ebola in Kampala and other districts is creating public anxiety and fears which affects the proposed project activities.
- ADVEJI Partner, Mama Asante foundation is yet to fulfill its pledge of 2 tailoring machines to the slum women.
- However, most slum women are organized under different groups and are willing to work with credible organizations that can offer them tangible support.
- The formalization of slum women SACCOs has not yet commenced because of limited resources.

5. Recommendations:

- Regular monitoring and evaluation of the project activities is very critical is needed to track progress and address any emerging issues in the project communities.
- There is still need to offer financial and technical support to the graduate trainees so that they can effectively harness their skills through starting of income generating activities.

6. Planned Activities for 2023

Activities for 2023	**Timeline**
1. Evaluation meetings with project beneficiaries	December 2022
2. Training the technical staff on how to use and repair the soap making machine	January 2023
3. Train 600 women in Income generating activities	February – July 2023
4. Conduct 5 stakeholder sensitization meetings on GBV and women and child rights	July 2023
5. Provide small loans to Graduate trainees	August - October 2023
6. Formation of slum women SACCOs	November 2023

7. Monitoring and Evaluation	December 2023.