

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



Thriving Youth Farmers Uganda



ABOUT US

Our Mission:

Thriving Youth Farmers Uganda (TYoFU) uplifts the community's greatest resources - youth, the environment, and innovative thinking - through the power of sustainable farming and agricultural education. Our projects support climate-resilience, gender equity, youth empowerment, and food security, cultivating community well-being for generations to come.

TYOFU'S *Values*

UNITY & SOLIDARITY

TEAMWORK

EQUITY & GENDER JUSTICE

INNOVATION & CREATIVITY

SUSTAINABILITY

TRANSPARENCY

CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Our Structure:

Founded by and for Ugandans, TYoFU is made up of Ugandan staff and international volunteers. We operate as an NGO and a social enterprise, increasing health and opportunities for the youth, community, and environment of Masuliita Sub County, Uganda and beyond.

TYoFU brings innovative, sustainable farming solutions to youth ages 15-35 through our Integrated Farming Hub (IFH). The IFH incorporates resilience design principles and practices so that the flora, fauna, and people of the area can thrive. Our model both cultivates nutritious food for the community while expanding the capacity of local youth to participate successfully in the agricultural sector.

Our Vision:

We envision a world where every individual has access to nutritious food, clean water, and meaningful employment, and TYoFU acts as a model of regenerative agriculture and a center of excellence for youth empowerment, cultivating knowledge, sustainability, and opportunity across Uganda and beyond.

OUR TEAM



Doreen
Finance Manager &
Youth Coordinator



Martin
Director
& Founder



Emma
Assistant Farm
Coordinator



Denis
Operations Manager



Allie
Grant Writer
Farm Volunteer



Adithi
Communications &
Fundraising
Volunteer Manager



Clay
Farm Volunteer



Joshua
Fundraising
Volunteer



Elly
Advancement
Advisor



Devon
Advisor



Carla
Communications
Volunteer

HOW WE EMPOWER YOUTH

TYoFU helps the next generation to thrive. By renewing or introducing sustainable, viable agricultural practices in the community, and employing or training youth of both genders between ages 15-35, the community's emerging adults gain stability, mentorship, and relevant vocational skills.

By offering agricultural, and creative programs to younger children, youth gain self-esteem and foundational capacities from an early age.

By partnering with other established institutions in the fields of environment, design, agriculture, leadership, and more, TYoFU will ultimately be a center for vocational training and empowerment for youth from around Uganda.



HOW WE EMPOWER COMMUNITY

TYoFU's impact ripples across families, the community, and generations to come.

- Young people who learn sustainable agribusiness methods and other transferable skills improve their livelihoods and gain meaningful options for themselves and their families.
- Communities who initiate or renew regenerative farming and land-stewardship practices will enjoy resources long into the future.
- Communities who collaborate in support of young people, healthy food, and the environment are more likely to enjoy the ongoing benefits of food security, nutrition, financial wellbeing, an ethic of mutual care, and a sense of possibility.
- In our vision, the model becomes a replicable or adaptable model for other communities around Uganda and beyond.

BUILDING RESILIENCE: HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2025

Crop Production & Harvesting



In 2025, TYoFU strengthened its crop production through consistent planting, maintenance, and harvesting of staple crops including cabbages and cassava. Using regenerative farming practices such as organic manure, natural pest control, and crop rotation, youth farmers improved soil health while increasing yields. These harvests contributed directly to household food security and provided hands-on learning opportunities for young people to develop practical agricultural skills that can be replicated within their own communities.

Expanding Our Team: New Volunteers

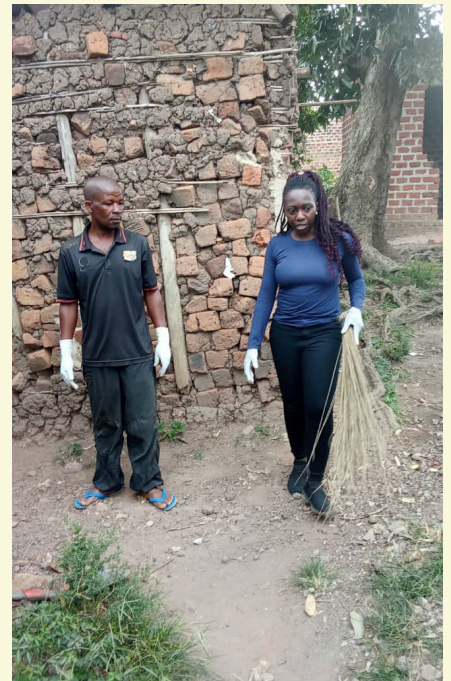
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Infrastructure Preparation & Dormitory Cleaning

This year, TYoFU welcomed new international volunteers who brought valuable skills, energy, and global perspectives to our work. Carla joined as a Communications Volunteer, supporting storytelling, outreach, and digital engagement, while Joshua came on board as a Fundraising and Donor Relations Volunteer, helping strengthen relationships with supporters and improve long-term sustainability. Clay also volunteered on the ground in Uganda, contributing directly to farm operations while learning and sharing sustainable agriculture practices.



Fish Pond Management, Feeding & Sampling



TYoFU made significant progress in aquaculture management during 2025 through fish feed grading, sampling, and monitoring across our expanding pond system. Youth farmers were trained to assess fish growth rates, separate fast-growing “shooters,” and apply appropriate feeding strategies to reduce stunted growth and mortality. These activities strengthened technical skills in aquaculture, improved fish health, and supported the sustainability of our five-pond ecosystem as a reliable source of protein and income for the community.

ALICE ROWAN SWANSON FELLOWSHIP

The Alice Rowan Swanson Fellowship supports alumni of School for International Training (SIT) programs who are committed to advancing global human rights through development projects. The fellowship project is called for by the local community and focuses on improving human rights through a grassroots initiative. Having been involved with TYoFU and witnessed their great mission to address food security and sustainable livelihood development in a rural Ugandan community, I was excited to mobilize this fellowship grant to help construct the fish ponds and launch TYoFU's aquaculture project.

Over the last few months, we have completed the construction of two large fish ponds, transforming TYoFU's farm. We also facilitated two community trainings-- one on the theory of fish farming, and another on nutrition, climate change, and food security. The goal in strengthening this community with knowledge and relationships is to empower youth farmers with skills and capacity to pass forward their expertise in order to achieve a healthier, more sustainable community in food, health, and financial capital. The goal now is to involve the youth in raising the fish to harvest and generate capital through the social enterprise, while continuing to host sessions on life skills such as entrepreneurship, bookkeeping, digital literacy, and public health issues.

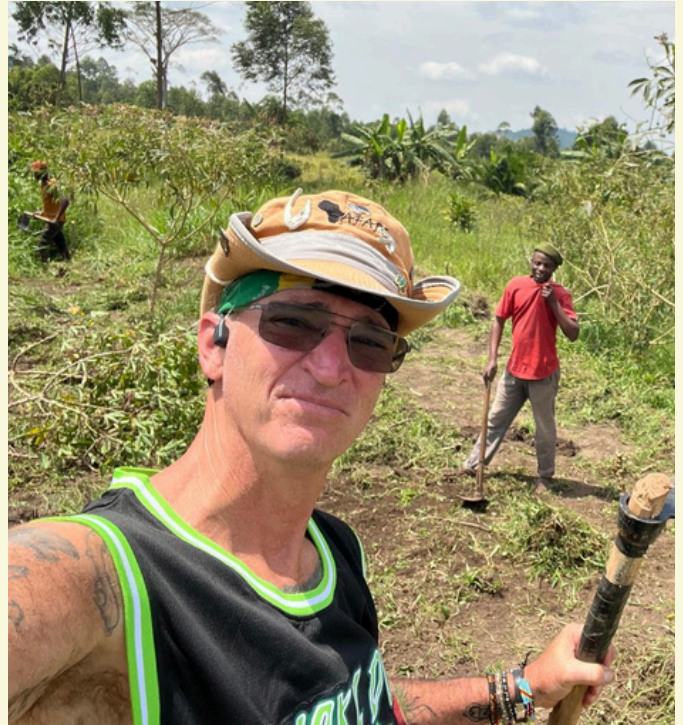
We want to thank SIT and the Alice Rowan Swanson Fellowship for allowing this transformational project that created momentum and inspiration for the community of TYoFU and the noble hard work so many Ugandans are putting in to better their community.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: CLAY

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Any donations- they really go a long way. Just a few dollars can teach dozens of young men and women how to farm sustainably for generations. If everyone farmed and fished this way, the planet would be better off and so would the people”



ANIFA'S STORY

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I work with TYoFU on the Integrated Farm, where we do livestock, poultry and plant different crops, cultivate fresh organic food like cabbages, maize, cassava, and others free from chemicals. We appreciate TYoFU for giving us fresh underground water and we also appreciate the donors for funding us and providing us with fish farming project. Thank you.”



THANK YOU DONORS!

103 DONORS HAVE SUPPORTED US!

What we do is possible because of the people who care about and support our cause.

Everything described - from organizational development, to the establishment of aquaculture, to employing young people, to cultivating healthy food - is only possible because of the donations of many generous people. We are glad that we have inspired you, and with your help, we will do our utmost to manifest the vision we have set forth!

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I am honored to be able to support the work of Thriving Youth Farmers Uganda (TYoFU) for many reasons. I appreciate the focus on youth, modeling sustainable and innovative farming methods that provide both food as well as valuable job training for these future farmers. The work is grassroots and community-based in every aspect of programming and staffing. I have full confidence that my support is going directly to the program and the community it serves.”



Christine Stickler
Educator,
Community Builder
and Arts Activist
Seattle, U.S.A.

SAVE THE DATES

to maximize your donation in 2026!

March 17-20

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July 16-17

July Bonus Day

Dec 1st

GivingTuesday





WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Relationship and partnership is essential to our ability to do what we do. If you would like to contact us for any reason, we welcome it! We are seeking partnerships in the fields of fundraising, networking, sustainable technologies, international volunteers, education, and more. Whether you have such ideas, want to donate, or simply have questions for us, we'd love to hear from you.



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Wishing you community, health, and abundance!