



KEBIRIGO

Community Resource Centre

Background

The Kebirigo Community Resource Centre (KCRC) is a non-profit charitable organization that has been in operation for the past two years. The KCRC is operated and driven by a Committee, staff and volunteers. In partnership with individuals, families local groups, agencies and the business community, the KCRC develops, provides and co-ordinates accessibility to community, health and social services information.

Vision

We envisage a community partnership that will allow us to conduct business, share information, and communicate globally, while we maintain and enjoy the lifestyle of our rural community. All communities have unique needs, skills, resources, and challenges. By effectively and efficiently coordinating and networking with others, the opportunity to address these needs, meet and face challenges and exploit the available skills and resources, is increased.

Mission

The sole purpose is for social advocacy and providing information resource services predominantly aimed at equipping and meeting the needs of individuals, families and the community to be informed while promoting self-sufficiency and a sense of community.

To enable, encourage and support individuals, families and their community to improve the quality of life through broader livelihood knowledge of options for sustainable family growth and social development.

Strengthening individuals and families in the community by connecting them with accurate and relevant information and services.

To provide a model for a people-driven social transformation and change.

Our Commitment

We are committed to the principle that all people should have the freedom, knowledge, and resources to make choices that are informed, safe, and just.

Our Beliefs

We believe that the best way to help people is to enable them to reach out for their goals.

We work together with development partners to find innovative solutions to the issues that concern the community in order to bring about meaningful change in our community and impact the society at large.

We believe that:

1. Access to information and education are basic human rights and fundamental components of a democratic process.
2. People have the right to make informed choices which affect their lives. Informed choices can only be made when people are provided with accurate information and support that makes them feel safe about their choices.
3. A coordinated and comprehensive community approach to service delivery is essential to effectively meet the many and diverse needs of our people.
4. People face barriers due to issues such as age, language, culture, ability, gender, poverty or geographical location and therefore they require services that are sensitive to and reflect their needs.
5. All persons have the right to live free from violence in any form, and to be treated with dignity and respect. We believe in building a community where everyone is aware of their rights and free to enjoy and take part in the resources and affairs of the community.
6. All people have a right to actively participate in all aspects of development that affect their lives and community.

Our Motto

“Opening Doors. Growing Together, Making a Difference”

Goals and Objectives

Our goal is to establish a Centre that will facilitate creation of an enabling environment that will empower and draw individuals, families and the community to actively participate in events, activities and programmes that affect their lives and to influence the implementation of such activities & program to improve and/or better their livelihoods and sustain a healthy environment in which they live.

Specific objectives include:

- Enable the community to access, own, manage and use current and modern technological information advancements for community-building and survival purposes.
- Develop a broad-based database of information for and about the community. This includes activities, skills, natural resources and information.
- Promote meaningful contact and strengthen linkages within the Community and also between professionals and the elite from the community living in the Diaspora.
- Support community welfare oriented programmes by providing technical support, training and other facilitation necessary.
- Stimulate and encourage community dialogue enabling individuals and families to cope with challenges and the changing realities of modern life.
- Introduce the community to appropriate and relevant Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) by providing collective access to services.
- Link the community to service and resource organisations that will work with them to find solutions and remedies to local needs and problems.
- Propagate and promote sustainable agricultural and other modern development oriented practices in the community.
- Help the community carry out and effectively participate in research efforts on social, welfare, economic and political issues so as to identify pertinent development issues and priorities.
- The Resource Center shall also solicit for additional funds and facilitate the implementation of other projects identified and funds made available on behalf of the Community as will be agreed to in its General Meetings.
- Facilitate identification and designation of essential communal projects that will bring development and improvement to the health and lifestyle of the community through empowerment and meeting of basic needs
- Establish, promote the establishment of, liaise or act jointly with and support other institutions and organizations sharing with the Resource Center the ideals of improving the welfare of the community and the society at large
- This Resource Center shall be a common ground to tie together its membership as a common vehicle in achieving their societal development goals.
- To do all such other things as are instrumental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, provided that those objects shall be limited to those which are recognized, by the Resource Center and are legally tenable

Approaches and strategies

Integrated approach

KCRC is committed to providing services and programmes which are: integrated, holistic, innovative, flexible, and accessible, in a safe and appropriate environment.

Knowledge-based

All programmes run by the centre are based on the premise that availability of appropriate knowledge and information is a critical factor in bringing about social, economic and political change and transformation. Therefore, provision of relevant, accurate and timely information in a form that communities can use is fundamental.

Community driven

The Centre's programmes are designed to facilitate community driven initiatives, participation and involvement of diverse groupings. This ensures the programmes are owned by the community, relevant and necessary and consequently sustainable.

Partnership

A key strategy is to create linkages between the community and support or service delivery organizations that will propel local community development goals and objectives.

Programmes

1. Resource Centre

Tele-Centre

Information access, computer access and IT training, Internet and email, photocopies, fax, laminating, document scanning, public telephone.

Community Databases:

Of local resources and skills; institutions; publications; projects & activities etc

Reference and Lending Library

- Publications and Electronic Data media
- Reference Books & for Lending
- Audio-visual materials
- Information Notice Boards
- Newspapers and magazines
- Video shows on health, social, economic and other development themes
- Religious Reference Materials

CBO Support Services

- Proposals development & drafting
- CBO networking support
- Training & facilitation of needs of CBOs
- Documentation / reporting support
- News & Events alerts
- Events Publicity

Government Services Bureau

Various administrative forms, tax returns, announcements, advice and basic Government publications for reference, Visa information etc.

2. Community Outreach

- Road shows, market day activities
- Localized communication campaigns
- Community forums: Open days, newsletter, marking International Days /Public Holidays
- Advocacy on local issues
- Mobilizing community response to new project initiatives.
- Health, Safety & Disaster Management / Awareness Initiatives
- Community Service & Volunteerism

3. HIV/AIDS

- Capacity-building of local CBOs to effectively respond to HIV/AIDS in the community.
- Campaigns and awareness initiatives, including translations of existing materials.
- Dissemination of information from various sources
- Linking vulnerable and AIDS orphans, widows/widowers as well as people living with AIDS to support organizations and services.

4. Education and School-based Programmes

- Mentoring and career guidance / materials.
- Linking school clubs to opportunities to improve standards /competition.
- Book-fairs / Book reading events / holiday book reading tents etc
- Introducing computers in schools.
- Sponsorship and exchanges programmes.
- Holiday Camp programmes for students

5. Sports and recreation

- Supporting sports clubs and activities.
- Improving sports facilities.

6. Community Asset-building

- Long-term establishment of social facilities and amenities owned and run by the community such as out door game facilities for basketball, volleyball and badminton, e.t.c.
- Help the community preserve its cultural heritage through research, documentation and establishment of cultural centres.

- Spearhead and champion and actively sensitise and encourage the participation of the community in the restoration, preservation and maintenance of our forest cover, flora and fauna as well as other environmental conservation efforts

- Multi purpose community hall / theatre / tent for educational talks and video and drama shows and a variety of indoor games.

7. Youth outreach

- Drugs, alcohol & addictions awareness / support services
- Legal support services / awareness against discrimination and abuse.
- Job search, resumes and applications
- Education, literacy and training programmes
- Family life skills – pregnancy and parenting
 - Employment Opportunities
 - Social activities and services.

8. Cross-Cutting Themes

Vulnerable groups

Activities and services conducive to and addressing the evolving needs of children, women, the elderly and the disabled in the community will be integrated into all programmes.

Agriculture, health, environment and tourism
The centre will be at the forefront in promoting and creating necessary and relevant awareness on the national agenda and initiatives on agriculture, health, environment and tourism by availing and disseminating to the community timely and accurate information on developments in these areas. Efforts will be made to create necessary linkages to relevant arms and offices of government in these areas of activity so as to ensure support of local initiatives at the community level.

Structure

KCRC is run by a Committee. Day-to-day operations are managed by a staff led by a Resource Centre Co-ordinator with the guidance of an Advisory Committee. The Committee is charged with approving the members of the Advisory Sub-committee presented by the community.

Programme Heads manage and oversee various programmes.

Sustainability

A cost-recovery strategy will be adopted in the various programmes and services offered to the extent of the involvement of the centre.

How we are funded

- Grants
 - Donations by individuals, well-wishers and the community.
 - User fees / charges
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Together We Do Make A Difference