



Executive Summary: Rooted Wisdom Africa Community Empowerment Center and Demonstration Farm

Overview: Rooted Wisdom Africa envisions the establishment of a transformative Community Empowerment Center and Demonstration Farm in rural south-central Uganda. This initiative emerges from a collaborative effort with local communities, aiming to create a hub for education, enterprise, and community development. The center will serve as a space for learning, skill-building, and economic empowerment, fostering self-sufficiency and unity among marginalized populations. With continued support and investment, the center aims to serve as a model for community empowerment and replication across Uganda.

Objectives:

- Provide educational programs, vocational training, and enterprise development opportunities.
- Foster community engagement and capacity building through workshops, gatherings, and think-tanks.
- Establish a sustainable model for long-term community empowerment and economic resilience.
- Establish a sustainable social enterprise model for Rooted Wisdom Africa.

Features:

- Multi-purpose facility for classes, workshops, meetings, and community events.
- Vocational training classrooms for skills like mechanics, tailoring, and brickmaking.
- Community market showcasing local entrepreneurs and products.
- Coffee shop as a social hub for relationship building and networking.

Impact Trajectory:

- Year One: Direct support for 500 individuals and indirect support for 2,500 people.
- Year Two: Direct support for 935 individuals and indirect support for 4,675 people.
- Three Years and Beyond: The organization's expansion continues to benefit over 1,200 individuals annually, reaching a cumulative audience of over 11,000 Ugandans through its current programming and operational support.

Phases:

- Phase One (2024-2025): Establishment of infrastructure, facilities, and initial programming. Total cost: \$117,000.
- Phase Two (2026-2027): Expansion of facilities, equipment, and programming for sustained impact. Total cost: \$75,000.
- Associated cost breakdown per expense is noted in a document titled Empowerment Center.

Funding and Sustainability:

- Phase one funding is already secured at \$68,000 (58%).
- Additional funding is required for Phase Two and long-term sustainability.
- Sustainability efforts include establishing a coffee tree plantation and revenue-generating initiatives, such as exploring a coffee roaster or maize mill.