

Adventist Foundation for Integrated Rural Development (ADFORD)

Vision: A community that is social-economically empowered, healthy, constructive and spiritually upright.

Mission: To provide a holistic care, support, treatment and spiritual rehabilitation through prevention, protection and social economic programs to the community.



HISTORY

Adventist Foundation for Integrated Rural Development was established in 2008 as a community based organization, social and health service desk of Seventh Day Adventist Church Rwenzori Field. The foundation was established to implement the seven core program areas of the National Strategic Program Plan for Intervention 2 (NSPPI2) and the National Orphans and other Vulnerable Children (OVC) policy of HIV prevention, education, health, child protection, social - economic empowerment of the youth and women, food security, nutrition and environmental management. The organization operates in four political districts of Mid-Western Uganda and since establishment has trained 50 peer educators, 100 religious leaders in resource mobilization, 30 religious leaders in HIV mainstreaming and advocacy, distributed 20 bicycles to peer educators and have supported 100 OVCs to stay in school. The organization is registered with Kasese district local government under registration number CBO/1089 and Kasese Development Network CBO/1030 C.

PROGRAMS

HIV/AIDS Prevention: Under this program, the organization sensitizes the community on HIV/AIDS, how it is acquired, prevented and mitigated. Community members are counseled, tested and those who are positive are referred to start treatment.

Education Support: Under this program, Orphans and other Vulnerable Children (OVCs) are supported to stay in school. The OVCs are supported to raise school fees and scholastic materials, where lack of these leads them to drop out of school. This program also promotes vocational skills training for the youth and women who did not go far in formal education. Female youth (child mothers, house helpers, bar maids) are majorly the target for this program and are trained in skills like tailoring, hair dressing, knitting and craft work. After training, the trainees are employed by other people and earn a monthly salary or they establish their own businesses if they are able.



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Social Economic Empowerment Under this program, community members who are low income earners and those especially affected and infected with HIV are provided with skills to establish income generating projects and are supported to establish the projects to improve their livelihoods. Community members are also encouraged to form savings and credit groups where they save money and members borrow the money to start small businesses. The members return the money with a small interest which increases the saving and loan portfolio.

Food Security and Nutrition ADFORD provide skills to community members in improved methods of farming and supports them to establish kitchen gardens with a variety of vegetables for dietary improvement. Community members are also supported to diversify food sources e.g teaching them to grow artificial mushrooms.

Environmental Protection: Under this program, the organization sensitizes the community on improved afforestation (tree planting). The organization is planning to establish tree nursery beds to produce tree seedlings for supplying to the community members to plant more trees.

CHALLENGES

Limited funding

Limited means of transport and communication

Limited knowledge on good governance and leadership

ACHIEVEMENTS

HIV/AIDS Prevention - 6000 people have been reached with messages on HIV/AIDS prevention.

Education support - 100 OVCs supported to stay in school

Social economic empowerment - 3 groups were supported to establish tailoring centers and with a section of sign language training.

Food security and nutrition - 50 community members have been trained in establishing kitchen gardens and mushroom growing.

Environment protection - 1 church has been supported to plant trees

