

# AGROBIZ Uganda

**Vision: A community that is self-sustaining through agribusiness.**

**Mission: To be leading producers and exporters of highly nutritious foods for health and wealth of our communities.**



## HISTORY

AGROBIZ Uganda is a Community Based Organization started in 2009 and currently operating in Nyakagyeme Sub County, Rukugiri district with a major goal of reaching out to grass root people and empower them with entrepreneurship skills, increase agriculture production and productivity for food security, nutrition and income generation. The organization promotes agriculture for health and wealth through empowering PHAs and OVCs with agricultural knowledge on pre and post-harvest handling, provision of seeds and agricultural inputs, value addition of agricultural produce and provision of health insurance scheme for the beneficiaries.

## PROGRAMS

**Agriculture for Health and Wealth Program:** Under this program AGROBIZ is focused at empowering people living with HIV & AIDS and the Orphans Vulnerable Children (OVCs) households with agricultural skills. The targeted groups receive agricultural extension services, supplied with soya bean seeds and passion fruit seedlings according to the individual capacity to plant and look after them. In addition, the beneficiaries are given agricultural inputs like wheelbarrows, knapsack sprayers, hoes, gumboots, pangas, spades, watering cans, and a whole host of inputs to enable them carry out their agricultural activities seamlessly. Soya-bean and passion fruits were chosen because of their superior nutritional benefits and commercial value. The beneficiaries' sale their agricultural products in a collective marketing and this have enabled them to eliminate middle men who exploit them by offering low prices. The farmers do not sale off all the products, they feed on a certain percentage to boost their nutrition.



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**Health:** A memorandum of understanding has been signed with Karoli Lwanga Hospital (Nyakibale) to extend free health services to the beneficiaries more especially the people living with HIV & AIDS.

## CHALLENGES

The most challenge is the unreliable weather. The first seedlings of passion fruit that were distributed were scoured by the scorching drought of August-October 2014 and soya-beans were not spared.

Delayed disbursement of funds which affects the planting cycle.

The poor attitude of people towards agriculture

## ACHIEVEMENTS

86 beneficiaries have accessed free medication and this has reduced their expenditure on hospital bills.

Our households that we support in agriculture have increased from 25 to 200 and AGROBIZ has moved from one parish to eight parishes.

A collective marketing has been established, where farmer bulk their agricultural products and sale in bulky. Currently our farmers bulked 1.5 tons of soya been and passion fruits

