

# HOSFORD FOUNDATION LTD.

## Vision:

A wealthy and rich society economically and socially with Sustainable use of resources.

## Mission:

To enlighten the inhabitants of Kasese District on issues of poverty eradication, Gender and Ethics promotion through sensitization and practical development programs.



## HISTORY

HOSFORD Foundation Ltd is a membership Non-Governmental Organization working with 21 groups and 135 individuals. It started in 2002 by 12 members led by Rev. Samson Tibamwenda Syathamira with a Vision of “transforming the community through poverty eradication interventions”. The Organization has implemented projects on HIV/AIDS, Environmental protection, women empowerment and Education where they are supporting orphans and vulnerable children in schools. Its office is located in Kyanjuki Cell Bulembia division, Kasese Municipality. With funding from Diocese of Indiana in USA the organization has been able to support its programs under Education. The staffs were also trained by Bunyagabu bee keepers Association in bee keeping which they are passing on to some members of the groups they are working with. Save the Children in Uganda has also supported their HIV/AIDS programs. Through the support of SAWLOG Production Grant the organization has been able to implement activities under the environment program. All these programs are implemented in Mahango and Kilembe sub counties and in Bulembia Division.

## PROGRAMS

**Education** Under this program the organization supports orphans and vulnerable children with school fees. Currently, the organization is supporting 45 orphans in primary, secondary and tertiary institutions. This program is funded by the Diocese of Indiana in USA.

The organization has criteria of selecting the OVCs and this is done in collaboration with the Local churches and community leaders.



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**Small Business Development:** Under this program, the organization is implementing a Bee keeping project through selected farmers. The organization has trained 15 farmers in bee keeping and provided them with bee hives. The organization buys the honey from the farmers which it sells to Bunyangabu Bee Keepers Association in bulk and the funds are used to support other programs. The organization is also partnering with Hope Uganda to develop a strategy of marketing the honey where they can get higher prices. This initiative has enabled farmers to improve on their incomes at household levels after they sell the honey, they are also training and encouraging more farmers to start bee keeping.

**HIV/AIDS:** Under this program, the organization conducted sensitization of communities on HIV/AIDS. This program was supported by Save the Children in Uganda. This program focused on giving Knowledge on HIV/AIDS prevention, Voluntary counseling & testing, living positively. The organization through these sensitizations provided the community members with information on where they can get more HIV/AIDS related information and services.

**Environment:** Under this program, the organization trains and sensitizes the community on improved farming systems and afforestation. With support from SAWLOG production Grant, they have supported individual farmers and groups with tree seedlings to plant more trees. This has reduced on the rate of deforestation in the sub counties where they are operating and led to improved farming systems which are environmental friendly.

**Savings and Credit:** Under this program, the organization works with 21 groups and 135 members who involved in savings and credit. The members access loans at an interest rate of 3% and they have used the money to start small business.

## CHALLENGES

Staff and volunteers lack skills in resource mobilization and fundraising to increase on the resource base for the organization. This affects the organization's capacity to sustain their programs beyond current funding.

Staff lacks skills in documentation of successes and lessons learnt as they implement programs. These would be shared with potential donors and the stakeholders to present case of the organization.

Staff and volunteers lack skills in strategic planning. The organization hires consultants to develop its strategic plans. This limits ownership of the plans by the staff/volunteers and the Board.

## OUTCOMES

Supplied goats to over 18 beneficiaries in Mahango Sub county

HOSFORD Foundation has sensitized the masses using local radios and community meetings to keep all school going children in school.

HOSFORD Foundation Ltd has also improved farming systems that protect the environment which is being practiced by farmers.

HOSFORD Foundation has imparted Knowledge about HIV/AIDS where both men and women have gone for HIV counseling and testing.

HOSFORD Foundation has supported their farmers who rear and keep bees at household level within the three sub-counties of operation to increase income.

HOSFORD Foundation has ensured that most Vulnerable children and orphans are in school.

