

Kazigha Youth Foundation for Rural Development (KYOFFORUD)



Vision

To have self- reliant youth in the community.

Mission

Improving livelihoods of the youth through creating awareness on HIV/AIDS, human rights, environment conservation, education support and vocational skills training.

HISTORY

Kazigha Youth Foundation for Rural Development is a youth focused community Based Organization with a membership of 46 males & female youth. The Organization was established in 2005 by Mr. Baluku Moris the founder with an aim of mobilizing the youth to improve their livelihoods. Due to HIV/AIDS which has left many helpless orphans in the community, the youth in Kyondo sub-county have dropped out of school and become idle, they take drugs and others have turned into thugs. Moris established Kazigha Youth Foundation for Rural Development to make the youth in Kyondo Sub-county more productive in the development arena. He mobilized the youth who became members of the organization and have been involved in implementing projects on environmental conservation, HIV/AIDS and human rights sensitization, supporting education, livestock management and savings and credit and games and sports. The organization office is located in Kinyabisiki village, Buyagha parish, Kyondo Sub-county, Kasese District.

PROGRAMS

HIV/AIDS- Under this program the organization sensitizes the community on HIV/AIDS. In collaboration with the sub county health Centre they also carry out community outreach for voluntary counseling and testing.

Environment conservation - Under this program, the organization is involved in nursery bed management and tree planting. Community members are supplied with the tree seedlings at a subsidized cost and the funds sold from the sale of seedlings is used to implement other programs of the organization.



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Improved income through livestock rearing- Under this program the organization gives goats and pigs to the members of the 3 affiliate groups they are working with. When a member receives a goat or a pig, he/she will pass on the kid or piglet to the other member.

Savings and credit- the members of the organization save money which they borrow and pay back with an interest. This has enabled most of the members to start small businesses and support themselves to go for further studies.

CHALLENGES

KYOFFORD's staff and volunteers lack skills in resource mobilization. This has led to limited resource base and hence the organizational sustainability is threatened. There is need to build staff and volunteers capacity in resource mobilization and fundraising skills to ensure sustainability of programs.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Since the establishment of KYOFFORD, impact has been evidenced in the youth education progress.

The youth have set up small business enterprises and raised school fees by utilizing the organization's saving and credit scheme.

The organization established a nursery bed in which it raises coffee seedlings and other assorted trees that they supply to the community to grow and conserve the environment. The tree seedlings are availed to the community at a subsidized price. The income from the nursery beds supports the organization to run the organization's activities.

The organization planted two forests on bare hills to conserve the environment. It is also supplying tree seedlings to the community to plant and conserve the environment.

