

NYAKASANGA DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (NYAKU)



Mission:

To become a leading strong and result oriented organization that empowers the community on their human rights, address environmental issues, fight poverty and meet the interest of communities in the Ruwenzori region.

Vision:

Empowering people and they become self-reliant / independent community, living quality and dignified lives in peaceful-co-existence.

HISTORY

Nayakasanga Community Development Foundation (NYAKU) derives its name from the Nyakasanga division in which its founder members ailed from. NYAKU was founded in 2010 by a group of university graduates from the slopes of Ruwenzori in Kasese district. It was formed out of deep aspiration by a the group of youths namely; Joviah Kabugho, Mbambu Specioza, Baluku Nickson, Masereka Nathan and Thembo Solomon out of the conviction to utilize their education achievements in community development and respond to the plight of children, youth, women and men impacted greatly by the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) rebel insurgency in the Rwenzori region which had led to extreme poverty, spread of diseases and disruption of social lifestyles and ethics. With close working and consultative relationship with the district level offices in Kasese district they instituted NYAKU as a community based organization starting its work in Kasese Municipality.

PROGRAMS

HHealth Awareness and Education: HIV/AIDS and reproductive health, promoting Menstrual Health Management (MHM) awareness creation, Promoting awareness creation, community education and capacity building to demand for improved health interventions.

WWater and Sanitation: Sensitizing community on basic personal, household and community hygiene and sanitation, increasing access to clean and safe drinking water and maintenance of water sources.

Education: Education Support Projects, Schools Twinning and Pen-Pal Project that links schools in Kasese District and schools abroad to make a global learning environment.

Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) support: Income generating activity support to OVC



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households, household counseling and psychosocial support,

Agriculture and Livelihood Improvement Initiatives: Bee keeping project, piggery revolving scheme, poultry, vegetable cultivation,

Environmental Conservation: Tree nursery beds, afforestation, improved energy saving stoves and waste / garbage management.

Sports/ Talent Development- Project (SDP): Engaging youths in organized sports events namely; football, rugby, bike riding, table and long tennis, basketball, swimming and netball.

Credit Saving: Credit and Saving scheme and cash revolving scheme among beneficiaries.

CHALLENGES

The board of governors lack skills in leadership and organization management

Limited knowledge on proposals and grants making

Limited knowledge and skills in networking, fundraising and capacity building especially trainings and awareness creation.

ACHIEVEMENTS

90 women economically supported in income generating by making and selling briquettes charcoal as well as conserving the environment.

Supported 10 farmers in Kisinga Sub-county, Luhwahwa 1 village to establish 5 acres of land with wood lots of pine trees.

NYAKU has establish a nursery bed as the organizations source of income through selling of tree seedlings from our nursery bed as to sustain NYAKU's activities and as well as conserving the environment.

Trained 20 village committees in fundamental human rights with focus on promoting the rights of women.

Ten (10) women provided with 10 bee hives to generate income through selling honey and wax.

15 women and 10 female youths supported to establish hand crafts making project i.e. basket weaving which they make and sell to generate income.

NYAKU has initiated and owns a nursery and primary school in Luhwahwa 1 village starting from Baby class, upper class, Middle class, and P.1 to promote education of orphans and vulnerable people and the name for the school is called Blessed Hill Nursery and Primary School.

Supported 50 women to establish small scale poultry and piggery keeping (training and start-up funding).

Provided training skills and vegetable inputs to the 50 household/families.

Freely distributed 70,000 tree seedlings to over 70 families.

Facilitated the formation of 11 women savings groups.

Piloted solar lamps micro-credit scheme in 50 households.

Constructed a roof rain water storage tank at our school.

