

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES CENTRE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (PWDs-CESODE)



Mission:
A well-established centre that meets development needs of its members and of the community with effective participation that promotes human skill, knowledge, rights and social economic status of the vulnerable and marginalized persons with disabilities

Vision:
Transformed members and society towards a right and needs of PWDs.

HISTORY

Persons with Disabilities Centre for Social Development (PWDs-CESODE) is an umbrella organization of 16 other PWDs groups and organizations in the respective sub-counties. IPWDs-CESODE was founded in February 2002 by 4 founder members namely; Mugenyi Joshua, Banjjo Masesreka and the Late Saidi, Tibyatamutwe (RIP) who are persons with disability. Their aim was to improve on the living conditions PWDs by using the organization to lobby for the rights of disabled people as well as economic and social opportunities for PWDs in the community. It currently has 16 affiliate community based organizations to it with each organization having about 30 members each. PWDs-CESODE is focused on mobilizing PWDs and other vulnerable persons for improved social life, enable them to acquire rehabilitative skills and knowledge in managing their own affairs socially and economically.

PROGRAMS

HEALTH: Develop access to assistive devices, linking those with Cerebral Palsy and other deformities for medical rehabilitation in referral centers for treatment. Sensitize parents of children with disabilities on improved nutrition, HIV/AIDS, Sexually Transmitted Diseases and care / support to their disabled children.

EDUCATION: Mobilizes stakeholders for inclusive education of disabled children with special needs, addressing accessibility issues in schools and other institutions, promotes skills training through vocational training and education for youths and women with disabilities.

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT: Mobilizes families of children with disabilities and persons with disabilities into income saving / money revolving schemes; source opportunities for loans access for PWDs groups and their respective projects.



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MUHOKYA FARMERS COOPERATIVE SOCIETY UNION (MUFACOS)



Mission:
Economically empowered farmers able to eradicate poverty and hunger in households

Vision:
To ensure improved farmers livelihood and standards of living through capacity building and support

HISTORY

Muhokya Farmers Cooperative Savings Union (MUFACCOS) was founded in March 2010 by a group five coffee farmers from Muhokya sub-county led by Mbusa Raphael. The name MUHOKYA is drawn from the name of the sub-county in which the organization and its founder members live in. They had the aim of improving their personal and household level economic incomes through collective sale and marketing of their produces especially coffee. They formed Muhokya Farmers Cooperative Union in order to have a greater and influential bargaining power in their majorly coffee and other agricultural produce that they would produce over time. Since its formation the founder members have mobilized up to 50 (31 females and 19 males) members to date who are fully registered shareholder in the organization.

PROGRAMS

Marketing, processing and value chain in agricultural products

SACCO Development

Gender and Women Empowerment



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CHALLENGES

Lacks the knowledge and skills in networking for fundraising and resource mobilization

Limited funds to implement it lucrative programs for children with disabilities

Limited funds to motivate the work of staffs

Limited knowledge on policy advocacy and networking among staffs

General lack of transport means to ease transporting of disabled children and those with special interest for referrals and rehabilitation.

Limited awareness among the general public on issues of disability and especially care and handling of children with disabilities

Limited opportunities to tap in and link parents groups to it for funding of their income generating activities.

OUTCOMES

Rents an office space which opens 6 days in a week

100 PWDs have been mobilized and accessed assistive devices for hearing, mobility and learning

15 children with disabilities have been supported and accessed nutrition services at Bwera Hospital

Physically accessibility assessment conducted in 3 special needs schools and 60 children with disabilities easily having access to learning

Eight female youths with disabilities have been supported to receive training in tailoring and ten others in handicraft making

5 women with disabilities have been guided and encouraged in business development and are running small business of buying and selling food items cross the Uganda-Congo Border, 2 other engaged in livestock selling.

