

# SALUTI MALARIA FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION (SMAFA)



## Mission:

Promoting of social, economic and health rights of the people through initiation of income generating projects, community based health care services for the benefit of all.

## Vision:

An enlightened society free from diseases for improved livelihood

## HISTORY

Saluti Malaria Fighters Association (SMAFA) was founded in 2011 by 12 members who were Village Health Teams (VHT) members from Saluti Parish Church of Uganda under the South Ruwenzori Diocese. They were working on the South Ruwenzori Diocese Malaria Control a project that was supported by the Planning Development and Rehabilitation Department of the Province of the Church of Uganda. Having gotten exposed to the vast health problems affecting the wider population in the Municipality where they were working, they realized the need to initiate a community based organization to help facilitate more health interventions in the communities. Thus they formed Saluti Malaria Fighters Association in order to combat malaria and other diseases, environmental and sanitation related diseases and issues that may affect the people's health and lives.

## PROGRAMS

**Health education:** Sensitizing communities and education families on issues of malaria, HIV/AIDS, family planning, health care management, immunizations, nutrition awareness in families.

**Sanitation and Hygiene:** Conduct household level and wider community education and sensitization on basic hygiene and sanitation practices. Initiates household sanitation competitions and campaigns

**Environment:** Conducts awareness creation and community education on garbage handling and disposal. Promoting innovative garbage management mechanisms.

**Savings and Credit:** Organizes SMAFA members to participate in group savings and loaning associations.



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**Small Business Development:** Train members and other community members on small business development projects like soap making, kitchen gardening among others.

## CHALLENGES

Limited funds and fund mobilization strategies to run the organization activities

Lack of full time staff to run the organization activities

Inadequate knowledge about information and communication technology among volunteers / staffs

General lack of office equipment namely; Lap top, Modem, printer and photocopier for effective communication and coordination

Low levels of resource mobilization for its projects and programs

Inability to full facilitate volunteers and staff travels for organization's activities.

Community biased mindset that organizations usually have money from donors to facilitate community projects.

## ACHIEVMENTS

Purchased and owns a plot of land in the names of SMAFA

Constructed SMAFA contact office together in one with a small hall in Saluti "A" village

Organization office

Recruited and maintained good working relations with its program volunteers.

Owns a Digital camera and flash discs

Receive seasonal health and sanitation inspection books from local government. For its sanitation and hygiene campaigns.

Established and funding partnerships with ACODEV Uganda for a project on hygiene and sanitation

Established strong working relationships with community stakeholders and leaders.

Established a 15 SMAFA Membership SACCO Initiative that is generating savings and low interest credit among its members.

Has key organizational documents namely; Organization constitution, Human resource, procurement and finance guidelines.

