



# Snow Rural Community Development Foundation

Located in Kasese, Uganda  
Year Established: 2006  
FCDE Partner Since: 2013

**Snow Rural Community Development Foundation** was founded in December 2006 with the mission of empowering local communities for improved livelihoods. They currently focus on projects surrounding HIV/AIDS, health, orphan and vulnerable children (OVC) education, sustainable agriculture, economic empowerment, and human rights awareness.

## FCDE Support

Snow Rural's partnership with FCDE has led to many successful projects and overall organizational growth. Through partnership, Snow Rural learned how to do conduct community needs assessments, which lead to three of their most successful projects: a tailoring school for young mothers and school drop-outs, savings and credit groups for community members, and OVC activities engagement. In addition, they have strengthened skills in proposal writing, which they used to secure grants through FCDE and through the Global Giving campaign (in conjunction with FCDE). The grant provided by FCDE was utilized to create the tailoring training center, which trained 17 young girls who are now working within the community and are making a living to support themselves and their families. The fund from Global Giving helped start a small nursery school in the community, which has grown to serve over 100 children in the area, and continues to expand.

*"I started at the tailoring center in 2014 with the first class of girls. I was identified as one of the top tailors in the class and the staff upgrade me to a leadership role, where I worked with other girls to teach theory and technique. When I finished my training, Snow Rural provided me with a free tailoring machine to congratulate and thank me for my additional leadership. I still use the machine today. After finishing training, I moved on to get additional training and a professional certificate from Liberty College. I now specialize in schools uniforms, kitenge, traditional wear, and party wear. I'm able to make on average 40,000 shillings per month, which helps me support my family with some additional income for myself for clothing and activities. I promote myself by going to markets and Church to talk about my services. I am so grateful for the training center. In the future, my dream is to make enough money that I can enroll other girls like me into the training center to help train them so they can make a better life for themselves like I did."- Ithungu Rosette, project beneficiary of Snow Rural's tailoring center*

When Snow Rural came into partnership with FCDE they identified four main areas of need which FCDE has been supporting them in: fundraising, staffing, monitoring and evaluation, and networking. Snow Rural has faced difficulties with running out of funds to maintain their projects, which leads to a lack of sustainability. FCDE continues to support Snow Rural through one-on-one proposal writing workshops and advising, as well as continuing to submit calls for proposals. A lack of funds means a lack of paid staff, which has proved difficult to maintain the organization's sustainability, so FCDE is working with Snow Rural to come up with ideas on how to motivate and strengthen staff outside of monetary compensation, such as staff appraisals and engagement activities. Snow Rural has yet to set up a solid monitoring and evaluation system, and in the future plans on working with FCDE's Monitoring and Evaluation officer to improve their systems. In the area of networking, Snow Rural

The staff of Snow Rural in their office, posing with FCDE Kasese's Program Director, Sylvia

Snow Rural supports 17 Women's Empowerment groups in three sub-counties.

One of the beneficiaries of Snow Rural's tailoring training program, Kabughu Gloria.



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