



# Gift Women Link Foundation

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## PROJECT REPORT 2016 SUBMITTED TOOLS WITH A MISSION UK

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### BACKGROUND

Gift Women Link Foundation (GWLF) is a charitable, Women based, non-governmental and not for profit making organization. The foundation was established on 23/04/2008. The establishment of this foundation was to address women constraints and empowering women through innovative approaches in areas of Microcredit services, education, reproductive and child health, ICT, health, human rights, agriculture, Vocational services, HIV/AIDS, life skills and community development with a focus on poverty alleviation, economic empowerment and establishing a society where women and girls live happy, healthy, educated and free from all forms of violence under a conserved community.

The foundation **main target population** includes; Women, PWDs, PLWHA, farmers, and children.

GWLF is committed to empower, support and providing information in Kasese District, but we have a hope of covering the Rwenzori Region 2016/17.

The idea of starting GWLF in this region began in the year 2008. The foundation committee includes some community members who saw a need to positively contribute to women empowerment due to a number of challenges that results from lack of skills, rural area, poor education, political instabilities, inadequate funds, poor agricultural methods and poor management. The organization did not start as planned due to a number of reasons one of which was a question of obtaining a registration certificate for the organization to begin operating, setup capital, an equipped office and the human resource among others. After a lot of hard work by the founder members, finally the organization had all the necessary documents and resources to allow it register and begin operations.

### ORGANIZATION LOCATION

Gift women link foundation office is located on Uziah House room 1 in Kidodo cell, Railway ward, and Central Division Kasese municipality – Kasese Uganda.

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## **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

- I.** Promote rural small scale agriculture in women communities
- II.** To educate, support and care for the vulnerable women for education, medical care, food, scholarship, materials and the general welfare.
- III.** To promote the need for protection of vulnerable women, to live in a peaceful and enjoyable environment
- IV.** To empower women in vocational skill management to improve on their standards of living
- V.** To conserve the environment so as to limit environmental Degradation
- VI.** To facilitate inter-grated self-income generating and developmental initiatives through training so that skills and knowledge acquired remains resident with the people for self-reliance and sustainability.
- VII.** To enable people to recognize the inter-relationship between health, nutrition, agriculture, income generation, human and community development.
- VIII.** To facilitate and carry on HIV/AIDS awareness of the adolescent and women communities.
- IX.** To train the rural population on natural resource management and conservation.

## **MISSION**

Empower women with technological skills in rural communities from grass root through active participation for sustainable skills development.

## **VISION/GOAL**

To ensure Development excellence in technical technology services for self-reliance of women in rural communities Kasese District.

## **THEMATIC AREAS/ACTIVITIES**

The foundation thematic areas/activities are as below;

- I.** Environmental conservation.
- II.** Vocational education
- III.** Health
- V.** Education
- VI.** ICT

- X.** Childhood development
- XI.** Community development.

## FOCUS GROUP

- ✓ Women in hard to reach & rural areas
- ✓ PWDs
- ✓ PLWHA
- ✓ Farmers
- ✓ Children

## OUR PARTNERS

- ✓ Tools with a mission (TWAM) UK
- ✓ Kikumu agriculture research Centre Uganda
- ✓ Voice for disabled (VFD) Kasese
- ✓ Kasese district local government
- ✓ Action for development (AFD) Kasese
- ✓ Women Call Centre Uganda
- ✓ Act women foundation Uganda
- ✓ Kyanya Women's Trust

## CURRENT GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE

Our areas covered are:

Kasese municipality, Busongora south, Busongora North, Bukonzo East, Bukonzo West all the constituencies Kasese Uganda.

## OUR REQUEST TO TWAM - UK

We request and encourage our partner to connect us with other NGOs, CBOs, Individuals and other organizations to work with us and assist us so that we achieve our objectives and expanding the organization to national level and international 2016 – 2020.

## OUR CORE VALUES

- Accountability,
- Transparency,
- Resource management
- Gender awareness
- Development.
- Respect for all

## TABLE FOR STUDENTS TRAINED 2015/2016

### TRAINEES FOR VOCATIONAL SKILLS EMPOWERMENT

DETAILS	F	M
Welding	06	01
Carpentry	20	06
Typing	11	01
Tailoring	35	03
Mechanics	03	04
Knitting	09	00
Total	84	15

### ACHIEVEMENTS FROM THE VOCATIONAL SKILLS PROJECT

- We have fully registered our organisation with NGO board.
- Support 99 beneficiaries with vocational skills for life.
- Networking with local and international NGOs like TWAM – UK.

### OUR CHALLENGES

- Lack of funds to facilitate the training has been our great challenge really.
- Poverty in the district has been our challenge also.
- Our vocational training project has attracted more beneficiaries across the district thus we have a lot of pressure on expanding these services so that we can capture more beneficiaries.
- The demand for equipment's is high in the community and it does not meet our services that we provide.
- The equipments came when other parts are missing like tables for sewing machines, spares and some not functioning like one welder and knitting machines and this led the start difficult.
- Some typewriters had no tabulation keys
- Some equipments came when not functioning

### RECOMMENDATIONS

On the behalf of the members and on my own behalf I hereby present to you the following.

- Members requests TWAM to fund the construction of **Gift Women Link Foundation Vocational Centre** so as to adequately develop vocational skills.
- Members recommended that though you funded us with machines for training and students are getting skills but at the end of the course we are not providing them with any support as a start up.
- Members still recommended that in Uganda we have second hand machines that need to be re-fabricated therefore we appeal to TWAM have re-fabricated hub in east Africa.

- Members still came out with another development issue that as well TWAM gives machines it is important to send some funds that would assist in set up and make some immediate repairs on the machines so that they are in use in the shortest time.
- Still as much as we are equipping Gift women link foundation, most women like in mechanics needs a lot in terms of Bicycles, motor vehicle for practice.
- Members recommended that Gift women link vocational skills training Centre should cater for Events management, health, catering, transportation, OVC, saloons (both male and female), sports, religious developments, industrial works, electrical works, driving and mechanics and secretarial studies.
- Members recommended that TWAM should at least support beneficiaries with packages for long term skills sustainability and poverty reduction in communities.
- Members recommended that TWAM should support us with 30 computers so that the secretarial sector continues instantly by 2020. In Uganda second hand computers are restricted and members suggested using our friend in SES Germany who normally comes every year with some more computers for trainings.

## OUR THANKS

We thank TWAM – UK for the work you have done in improving vocational skills and accepting to partner with us in ensuring your mission that lies in line with Gift women link foundation is met.

Thank you so much

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