



**THE POTTER'S HEART CHILD FOUNDATION IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH NANDA CHILD DEVELOPMENT LINK
PROSPECTIVE PROJECT AREAS 2020**



MUTUNDA SUB COUNTY – NANDA COMMUNITY

PHCF is planning an intervention to fill the gaps and respond to the needs of the Kiryandongo community, based on the available resources and opportunities in place. The people in this community face many challenges as the majority were once refugees or lived in internally displaced camps. Signs of trauma and depression in the community are high due to the stressful conditions caused by stigma and past history, besides high levels of illiteracy, poverty and backwardness. Domestic violence, child abuse, child marriages, sex trade among young girls, drug and other substance abuse are common among the youths and men, where women are left to care for all the domestic needs.

1. The Opportunities and the available resources to tap on while designing plans for intervention.

Nanda community is close to Murchison Falls National Park and there is also a hydro-electricity dam under construction which are all valuable resources. PHCF is investigating options for sustainable tourism and ethical travel practices that focus on economic, socio-cultural, and environmental sustainability with the aim of maintaining and preserving the ecological integrity of the environment and contributing to local community development.

2. Strengthening the existing micro finance program: This aims at empowering the rural business communities through the provision of the technical support and training in financial management, business development and market strategies as an avenues to address the plight of rural marginalized people and communities living around the national parks. The small enterprises would be craft market venders, eco-camps, hot culture initiatives, small and medium maize millers, bee keeping for honey production and community associations.

Target outcomes:

Empowering beneficiaries start or expand business (small medium enterprises) for self sufficient, self reliance.

Long term objectives: The beneficiaries will expand businesses, increase on the credit base and create employment to the disadvantaged youth and women who are talented entrepreneurs.

3. Tree Planting: The tree planting and reforestation program can be designed to support local agro-forestry goals, which are to improve on the people's livelihoods and restore the degraded land through tree growing and planting in communities of people living around the national parks. This project can easily be managed by establishing and management of tree nurseries, tree planting programs, and reforestation activities.

Target Outcomes:

Empowering communities to plant trees will reduce on the encroachment on natural forest, and thus contribute to forest and wildlife conservation in the area, while creating sustainable livelihoods for community members. There will be increased awareness on matters concerning climate change and environmental preservation in the institution of learning both primary schools and secondary levels.

How can it be done?

PHCF shall design and form a tree planting and reforestation volunteer program; train the groups in nursery design, construction and management. Engage communities, schools and farmer's associations.

3. Family strengthening through livelihood skills training - Areas of interventions:

a. Rebuilding the Bee keepers for livelihoods:

Munda Sub County being hosting/neighboring the national park and with its natural forest reserves, this creates an opportunity and avenues for bee keeping. PHCF stands a great opportunity to mobilize the existing bee keeping groups and create more, organize training for improved bee keeping, work on market research and connect the bee keeping associations to the tourism agencies and travels within the region.

Write proposals to regional and international bodies in bee keeping to lobby for technical support and equipments in bee keeping targeting the marginalized groups of people living around the national parks.

b. Charcoal Briquettes training:

The SDG 13 (Climate Action) categorically is clear on the issue of preserving the natural forest and wetlands for the environment protection and reservation. Therefore, any innovation towards reducing on tree cutting for local energy use is recommended and supported by agencies and governments' world over. Introducing and training the local women in charcoal briquettes will help to save tree cutting for charcoal, create income generating activities among women groups and save the burden for firewood for home consumption especially among the marginalized groups. PHCF has vast experience in training women groups in charcoal briquettes using degradable home garbage wastes.

c. Bakery Industry:

In the world today, the pastry industry has an important place in business development. Bakery products are items of mass consumption in view of its low price and high nutrient value. With rapid growth and changing eating habits of people, bakery products have gained popularity among masses. The sector, typically, constitutes cakes, breads and biscuits. With globalization, the bakery industry is a lucrative sector for entrepreneurship in the food industry in Uganda. Bakeries are on a potential growth market; there has been a profusion of bakery chains springing up across the country. Some of the issues are procuring highest quality of ingredients, maintaining consistency in standards of food and managing efficient service in terms of hospitality. PHCF has vast experience in skills training in pastry in a more cheap and achievable means using a local made charcoal oven to cut cost on electricity or gas ovens. The local market for bread, cakes, biscuits and donuts is bigger enough to consume all homemade bakeries in any community.

d. Chalk Making:

Chalk production for schools is a very lucrative enterprising project in Uganda and beyond. Chalk is very essential for writing on school boards. There is increasingly high demand for the product in many public and private institutions used beyond school

institutions; in furniture, markets, wood and construction work, tailoring, garment cutting and fashion design. In a bid to meet up with this increased demand, Chalk production has therefore gained attraction over the years by individuals and corporate institutions as one of the most profitable business yet as the demand keeps increasing the supply is still very minimal. This has therefore attracted a high investment opportunity for both small scales, medium and large scale chalk production business enterprises. School chalk production also involves such simple processes that any individual interested in venturing into such a business can easily learn and start up quickly. Once an individual has been taken through the processes of making chalk they can work independently in a short period of time. It also requires less capital to start with as compared to others to a degree that the business can start right away from one's residence and as it expands can chose to put up a factory size of one's choice. PHCF has been training groups of youths and women in Wakiso District and hope to do same to empower this marginalized community in Mutunda Sub County to create income generating activities at households and in small groups of women and youth.

e. Multi-Purpose laundry powder and liquid detergent:

Liquid and powder detergent (soap) making is very easy to learn and it is not a high capital demanding a product to make as opposed to other products. Liquid detergent is very useful for laundry, dishes, cleaning floors, wood, automobiles, rubber, and basically, all water- safe surfaces. For these types of applications, it is easier to use than working up lather from bar soap. With practice and the addition of small amounts of exotic and essentials oils, liquid soap can be made mild enough for washing hair and for use on skin. Business/entrepreneurship skills are perquisite in any skills training; it is a good idea to present to your trainees or any group basic information on business. This will give them a solid foundation from which to make sound business decisions concerning their future enterprises. PHCF has vast experience in making liquid detergents and trained many groups in Wakiso district.

f. Making Hair Shampoo:

Hair shampoo making is very easy to learn and it is not a high capital demanding product to make as opposed to other home use products. Hair shampoo is becoming a common household product cutting across all social class in society. Salon service is the order of the day both in rural and urban setting. Hair Shampoo has available market and the raw material is accessible and at a low cost and in all sizes/amounts one needs. No skilled work force or sophisticated tools are needed to produce hair shampoo. PHCF has good work experience in training and producing hair shampoo and dog wash shampoo products for home use.

g. Bleach Detergent (commonly known as JIK):

Bleach detergent making is very easy to learn and it is not a high capital demanding product to make as opposed to other home use products. Bleach detergent is becoming a common household product cutting across all social class in society. It has been advised for use in all boarding schools, hospitals, hotels, restaurants and for agricultural use to control pests and germs in the farms. Bleach has available market and the raw material is accessible and at a low cost and in all sizes/amounts one needs. No skilled work force or sophisticated tools are needed to produce/train bleaching products for home use.

h. Mushroom Growing:

Mushroom growing is very easy to learn and it is not a high capital demanding project to start as opposed to other household small enterprises. The raw materials come from other agricultural residues like coffee, cotton or rice husks. Seeds making can easily be learnt and local materials needed to make seeds are almost from agro products apart from a few. Mushroom growing can be at any time of the year, needs a small space for growing and harvest a lot compared to a normal vegetable garden. The gestation period from planning to harvest is short and goes from (2) weeks to (3) weeks, quite a short period compared to other normal vegetables. The market is locally available for fresh mushrooms and the demand for dry mushrooms is much bigger and high. PHCF has proved experience in training and growing mushrooms at household levels and in small groups.

PHCF is at final stage to start training and producing the following:

1. Re-useable sanitary pads:

This project is targeting to extend support to the rural poor public schools and urban poor schools. The trainer and training kits were on transit before the Covid 19 our break. As soon as the travel burn is lifted, the project shall start.

2. Training to produce counter books and exercise books:

This project will mainly be targeting the rural women communities and urban poor households to produce books at household and small groups, the market is available and no confiscated machinery is needed and raw materials are available and accessible. Little sum of money is needed to start.

3. Strengthening the existing and create new village savings and loans association (VS&LA) groups among the rural women in small and medium enterprises.

4. Education support in poor public primary schools:

Create a sponsorship program to support needy and orphaned children to enroll and retain in school. Lobby for partnership with international foundations to give support and improve on the low standards in the poor public schools.

5. Sexual reproductive health and HIV program:

The adolescence contributes to new vulnerabilities to human rights abuses, particularly in the areas of sexuality, early marriages and child bearing. The construction of the new hydro- electricity dam at Karuma in Mutunda Sub County became a source of evil in this community than being a blessing. The influx of people looking for employment has resulted into creating a poor slum setting and thus fuelling evil social behaviors like, prostitution, HIV infection, early pregnancies, drugs and substance abuse, gambling and crime among the most at risk youths in Karuma community..

PHCF designed a model of approach to provide support to girls coerced into unwanted sex, unsafe sex, abortions, and sexually transmitted infections through establishments of drop in centers (DiC) to track, mobilize, and empower the most at risk key populations to seek for psychosocial support and referral pathways for further medical management and other human rights concerns. Through the establishment of DiC services, PHCF will engage other

service providers/partners to advocate for efficient delivery of holistic youth care packages of services including universal access to accurate sexual and reproductive health information, counseling, prevention and management of STIs

6. Child Protection and Psycho-Social Support:

PHCF has good experience in strengthening community structures to Support OVCs- (Orphans and other vulnerable children). In partnership with the Government, PHCF will play a critical role in the delivery of critical social welfare services to vulnerable children and their households following the local government structures. PHCF will train para social workers as a protection group to provide technical guidance, oversight, coordination and monitoring of Key child protection responses and initiatives.

Priority area to for support:

- Feeding the needy children who cannot afford the little contribution for food while at school
- Lobby for furniture to support the poor public schools and improve on the standards and convenience in public schools in Mutunda Sub County
- Lobby for funds to improve on the poor sanitation and hygiene in poor public primary school in Mutunda Sub County
- Lobby for safe drinking water and purification cans in poor public primary schools to prevent water borne diseases
- Train all poor public primary schools in designing and growing verandah vegetable gardens to improve on food nutrition and security and train in designing and managing nursery beds for tree seedlings and planting

**THE OFFICE PREMISES FOR PHCF-NCDL UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN NANDA COMMUNITY-
MUTUNDA SUB –COUNTY, KIRYANDONGO DISTRICT**



The current Nanda community school, a project of Nanda Child Development Link (NCDL) Supported by the Potter's Heart Child Foundation (PHCF)

