**EMPOWER 50 YOUNG MOTHERS AND WOMEN IN LWENGO DITRICT**

LWENGO YOUTH AND WOMEN ASSOCIATION (LYWA )was started in response to marginalized youth, women, children, and others who were living in abject poverty and were always excluded from the social and economic empowerment projects being promoted by government. Due to poverty, some of the girls in the district were forced into early marriages and others are suffering in abusive relationships. Hence, LYWA was started in the bid to mobilize these girls and other marginalized groups (women, children and youth) to improve their socio-economic standards.

**Mission**

To work with children, youth, women and other vulnerable groups to enhance their socio-economic transformation for meaningful development.

**Vision**

Our vision is for all children, youth, women and other vulnerable groups in Lwengo District become self-sustaining and remain well recognized in community, well respected and truly empowered.

Values

• Accountability

• Equity

• Participation

• Empowerment

• Innovativeness

Main goals of the organization

1. To end poverty in all its forms among children, youth, women and other vulnerable groups within Lwengo District

2. To promote health living among children, youth, women, and other vulnerable groups within Lwengo District

3. To promote the rights of children, the youth, women and other vulnerable groups within Lwengo District

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

At the start in 2015, LYWA was mainly engaged in mobilizing the youth, women, children, and other vulnerable groups to participate in economic empowerment projects promoted by government. This was because these categories of people were being left behind in terms of benefiting from government projects. Therefore, LYWA started mobilizing the vulnerable groups and then engaging leaders to ensure they respond to the needs of these groups in terms of economic empowerment and transformation. With time, due to the need to address the different challenging needs of the target group, LYWA started supporting other activities, such as mobilizing them for HIV counseling and testing, HIV treatment adherence, and in come generating activities like passion fruit growing.

LYWA started operations in March 2015 covering Lwengo Sub County and Lwengo Town Council. In 2016, it extended to cover the sub counties of Ndagwe, Kinoni, Kkingo and Malongo, and then to Kyazanga Town Council and Kyazanga Sub County in early 2017. The activities conducted in all these sub counties include: sensitizing communities about income generation, sensitizing about prevention of HIV, and sensitizing about children’s rights including prevention of child marriages and the right to education for girl children. In 2018 however, we got funding from Rakai Health Sciences Program to support HIV counseling, testing and treatment activities in Ndagwe Sub County. The activities conducted with this funding include mobilizing community members then working with the district health department to conduct sensitization about HIV/AIDS, then testing and providing treatment to those who test positive for the virus, and carrying out home-visits to ensure adherence to treatment.

. **Brief situation analysis**

 LYWA works with girls and women who are marginalised as a result of their poor socio-economic status. The organisation (LYWA) works with 216 persons (Female=157; Male=59); 139 are adolescents under 20 years, while 77 are adults. It also works with seventy three orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs). The organization has been able to support them with some income-generating activities such as passion fruit growing , encouraging them to join saving and loan association where they can save and borrow some money to start up income generating activities. However, due to limitations in finances, little has been done compared to the great need available. For example, according to the district development plan, (2015/16 - 2019/20), there are more than 10,000 OVCs in Lwengo District by end of 2014, and 84.8% of them were orphans. Majority of these have now developed into adulthood or youthful years and young mothers , but still vulnerable due to their poor socio-economic status. There is therefore need to support them with income-generating activities so as to improve their socio-economic standards, hence this project Empower 50 women and young mothers project) will support them with income-generating activities ( piggery )to so as to enable them improve their socio-economic standards. This will contribute to the realization of sustainable development goal 1 of ending poverty (targets 3.1.4 and 3.2.3), and also contribute to the realization of LYWA mission and vision, and objectives

Most women and young mothers in Lwengo District are widows some of who lost their husbands and are HIV positive have no jobs but do house work in home stead’s and get paidto take care of their orphans. This group made up of widows young mothers who had for the past two years been beneficiaries of the LYWA passion fruit growing project.

After careful study, the LYWA has chosen pig project as a viable means to improve their income and savings mobilisation since passion fruit have not yielded much for them to earn good income.

The project consists of building 50 3x4 metre pig pens in the backyard of beneficiaries. Each pen will be large enough to host at least 3piglets .. Each group member will have a small room in which to raise 3 piglets of their own. Each of these women has a small backyard that is conducive for the rearing of pigs. They will be provided with feeds for the beginning to the piglets . They can also support pig feeding with a variety of food stuff good for pig rearing from their villages . The funds are needed to acquire building materials, farm inputs, piglets, other feed components for the pigs/piglets, veterinary products .. The first beneficiaries will be responsible for the spread of the project to the other members and would be members though passing on the gift of at least one piglet each. Every beneficiary will give two piglets to another beneficiary when a pig to enable sustainability. LYWA team will take responsibility of serving those new piglets to other young mothers in community.

The management of the group, farm maintenance and monitoring of the pig farms will be conducted during 7months by group members. Group members will be trained on pig farming, marketing, business and farm record keeping and group dynamics.

Profits generated through the successful implementation of this activity will not only increase the income of individual group members of these women and young mothers , but also boost their confidence and reduce their rate of dependency on men concubines and tedious farming activities and the care of their families.

Project Justification

These widows who most of the time had been depending on their husbands for income are now left alone to sponsor their children in school and other family needs. The young mothers are left alone by the men they end up looking for other men to cater for their needs and give birth to more children. More importantly is that fact that they shall develop the skill in pig rearing that which would from time to time improved as long as the projects continue

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**The goal of the project** of the project is to facilitate 50 women and young mothers in Lwengo Town Council, Lwengo District, to start up and sustain piggery income generating projects in order to improve their economic standards by the end of 2021

**Beneficiaries**

The direct beneficiaries for the project will be 50 women and young mothers aged 12 to 30 years. The women will be 20. The youth mothers will be 30.

 They will be selected from the members the organisation is already working with, and will each be supported with female piglets to enable them start up piggery projects. The indirect beneficiaries will be 100, and these will include the parents or caretakers of the primary project beneficiaries, as well as their neighbors within the community. They will benefit from the knowledge disseminated during trainings.

SUSTAINABILITY

* The beneficiaries will be trained to ensure they have the necessary knowledge in piggery business so that they handle the project well. This will be done before distribution of piglets, and will be done practically, the sessions facilitated by successful piggery farmers in the locality. The successful farmer will continue giving support and mentorship to the project beneficiaries until such a time when they have demonstrated appropriate skills in piggery farming. Therefore, the knowledge gained will be essential in helping the beneficiary apply good skills to ensure success of the project, hence promoting sustainability.
* Sustainability of the project will be driven by enabling each member and household to raise her own pigs. This division is intended to stimulate individual members’ appropriation of the project and so, ensure the project’s survival.

MONITORING AND EVALUATIONS

Monitoring and Evaluation:

Monitoring of the project shall be on a monthly basis and shall be conducted by LYWA technical personnel . External evaluation will be by the lm Community Developmen officer and the team from Lwengo District To measure the progress of this project .

Furthermore, the project will fully be monitored by a team of professionals who will keep monitoring the progress of the project by observing the activities at all stages and identifying successes, failures, challenges, and indicators of performance, by proper monitoring of inputs, outputs, and the project impact, and by producing appraisal reports and financial reports.

Close supervision, implementation and control of operations for the smooth running of the project for each woman .

EMPOWER 50 YOUNG MOTHERS AND WOMEN BUDGET.

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| No | Description | Unit | Qty | Rate | Amount USD |
| 1 |  moblisation |   |   |   | 54 |
| 2 | Facilitation of Trainner | 1 | 2weeks |   | 135 |
| 3 | Refreshments  | Food and soda | 50 | 1 | 949 |
| 4 | CBO member meeting |   | 5people 12months | 2 | 162 |
| 5 | Stationery  | Books pens flip chart manillars |   |   | 81 |
| 6 | Communication  |   |   |  | 67 |
| 7 | Transport refund after training |   | 50 for 10 days | 1 | 677 |
| 8 | Training venue |   | 10 days | 13 | 135 |
| 9 | Purchasing piglets | Piglets | 150 | 27 | 4050 |
| 10 | Transportation of piglets | Piglets |   |   | 135 |
| 11 | Construction of 50 pig pens | Pig pen | 50 | 85 | 4250 |
| 12 | Feeds |   |   |  | 1353 |
| 13 | Vaccination  |  |  |  | 270 |
|  | Drums and Nipple drinkers | Drinkers | 100 | 27 | 270 |
| 14 | ReportWriting |  |  |  | 135 |
| 15 | Monitoring and evaluations  |   | 12months | 27 | 325 |
|  | Total sum  |   |  |  | 13048 |
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