

SAN MARTINO PRIMARY SCHOOL





ABOUT ECO-AGRIC UGANDA

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Eco-Agric Uganda is a non partisan, not faith based NGO, legally registered in Uganda in 2007 and believes in equity and equality.



Eco-Agric Uganda is a community member organization that aims at sustainably improving livelihoods of the critically vulnerable absolutely poor people in Uganda

The Organization supports livelihood improvement through; sustainable agriculture, environment conservation, education support, skilling youth and women and healthy programs.





MEET JOSEPHINE NAKAKANDE...



- Female Ugandan born 1974
- Has four brothers and three sisters.
- Father: retired teacher and Mother: housewife and farmer
- Born and raised in Hoima district (district bordering Lake Albert)
- Professional agriculturalist with veterinary background.
- Launched and manage Eco-Agric Uganda, a community development NGO in 2007
- Passionate about Women Economic Empowerment, Sustainable Development and Fight against Poverty in all its forms

HOW JOSEPHINE'S CHILD HOOD LOOKED LIKE

Used 32 paged books, wrote three subjects in one book. One subject at the beginning another in the middle and the last at the end. Cut a pencil into two or three pieces so that each one of us can get and use a piece

- Lunch was not provided at school hence we and other children went to look for lunch in form of fruits, sugarcane and others from the village. One of my class mates was struck by electricity. This shocked me so much

- Studied primary and secondary level with out putting on shoes. I was always mocked because I was a teachers daughter but didn't have the basics. In high school as time went on, my uniform became tight and I was always sent home. But at home there was no money

- I was a day scholar because my father could not pay for the boarding section. Some teachers taught at night and I missed those lessons and tests

- *I narrowly survived falling out of school.*
- *If I had fallen out of school I would never do all this*

A PERSONAL CONNETION TO ECO-AGRIC UGANDA



"As I went to high school, my father gathered all the savings he had collected from teaching and my mother all the money she had made from vegetable growing and the sale of a cow.

Though all the school fees were paid, I still needed more money that was still not enough and I had to go to high school without a towel and sandals. Because of this I was bullied, mocked and teased by my fellow girls.

After two weeks, I ran from school and went home. My parents were bitter and I was sent back to school before I could even tell them about my problem.

I spent the whole term sickly because I was bullied all the time. I feared bathing. I would either bath first before girls came, or after all girls had bathed. I never went to the dormitory when the girls were there.

My self esteem was affected and I became timid to an extent that the teachers thought that I had a chronic medical problem

After one month, I was helped by two girls that gave me sandals and a towel. I also got some clothes as girls had realized that I only had two dresses. This saved me from falling out of school, as I was planning not to go back.

It is so unfortunate that I don't know who gave me the towel and the clothes. Without them, I wouldn't be where I am today!"

WHY SUPPORT GIRL EDUCATION ?



The United Nations Girls Education Initiative (UNGEI) reported that in Uganda **more than 700,000** girls between the ages of 6 to 12 have never attended school, with **50%** of girls between the ages of 15 to 24 being illiterate and **4 in 5** girls not attending high school.

40% of girls in Uganda are married before the age of 18, around **10%** of these girls are married before the age of 15 while around **35%** of girls drop out due to marriage and **23%** due to pregnancy.

In Uganda, teenage pregnancy rates are some of the highest in the world with a national average as high as **24%**. However, statistics change from region to region, the poorest regions having the highest percentage of teenage pregnancy.

- **Allowing girls to continue with education significantly reduces the chances of early marriage and childbearing.**
- **Educating girls helps control the rapid population growth. Uganda currently has a 3.2% population growth rate, which is the fifth-highest in the world. On average, a mother has her first child at 19 years. Because women start having children at such a young age, Uganda also has a high fertility rate of about 5.7 children per woman.**
- **Besides, uneducated girls are highly susceptible to sexually transmitted diseases as well as other health complications. In 2015, at least 567 young people between the ages of 15 to 24 contracted HIV/AIDS on a weekly basis. A staggering 363 of these young adults were female.**

WHY SUPPORT GIRL EDUCATION ?



- Poverty is the largest contributor to low standards in girls' education in Uganda. Though education is free, school supplies and uniforms are not. Because of this, when faced with either sending a son or a daughter to school, a son's education will usually be prioritized.
- Because of the high poverty rates, girls are usually expected to work as a way to increase the family's income.
- **Statistics show that improving girls' education can help pull families and the country out of the poverty cycle.**
- **In Uganda, every additional year of education yields a 10 to 25% increase in the income of a woman. An educated woman will then reinvest 90% of this income into her family.**
- **Helping a girl complete her education will double the livelihood that she will send her own children to**



HOW ECO-AGRIC UGANDA SUPPORTS EDUCATION

➤ Supporting Young Mothers Out of School



Vocational training: hair dressing and tailoring



Skills development



Education: teaching young mothers how to write and read



Micro-finance: supporting entrepreneurship and venture projects



HOW ECO-AGRIC UGANDA SUPPORTS EDUCATION

➤ Supporting Children Stay in School



Payment of tuition fees



Grant of scholarships



Construction of a new school called
"San Martino Primary School"



Provision of scholastic materials



Provision of uniforms



Provision of sanitary pads



MEET SOME OF OUR PROTEGES...



Nagawa Ann Mary

Lost her parents at the age of 14 years old, the same year she was married off by her relatives and ended up getting pregnant. As she gave birth she got complications that made her disabled hence staying in the hospital for 4 years. Even after leaving hospital Nagawa Ann could not do anything and she lives in destitute.

Ategeka Florence

Florence from Kiziranfumbi confessed that she got pregnant after a boy bought her books worth 5000/= . He denied responsibility and does not look after the child. Florence soon had to drop out of school. She never used the books...



WE NEED YOU MORE THAN EVER. PLEASE STAND WITH US

- After Martina Mazzanti saw there were over 500 children out of school only in the region of Kibaale, she gifted the Organization 30,000 Euros to launch a project we long had in mind: build a primary school, "*San Martino primary School*".
- The Community provided 5 acres of land and labor force for the construction of the school.



WE NEED YOU...



Please we are at your mercy. Save us by helping us stay in school.





Thank
you

