

TUSAIDIANE UGANDA

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BOARD MEMBERS AND MANAGING DIRECTOR

At the end of January the Board appointed 2 new Board members, Ms Sharifa Nabaweesi and Mr Fred Kiwanuka, the Principal of Dr. Obote College in Lira. Per the 1st of April Sharifa, the Administrator of Tusaidiane Uganda, has taken over the responsibility for operations as the Managing Director.

SAFE DRINKING WATER

Brief Background

Tusaidiane Uganda -based in Kampala and located in Bunga- is mainly dealing with safe drinking water as one of the major intervention areas. The organisation is servicing over 70 communities around schools, hospitals, health centres and community based organizations. We conduct installations of new projects every year according to available funds. More information on: www.tusaidiane.com.



Our strategy and ambitions for 2017 are:

1. Give priority in operational service support to clients with good track record in view of drinking water use and make service business self-supporting.
2. Support requests of local leaders for “mind-set change” by offering native speakers to sensitize communities about the benefits of safe drinking water.
3. Support requests for investments of existing customers for small extensions of facilities.
4. Implement new projects in consultation and cooperation with the new beneficiary communities and help beneficiary communities to find a sponsor.

Servicing Purifiers

In February/March the technician went round for servicing most of the 70 LineGuards. Three were dismantled because of mismanagement and still two must be dismantled. Registration of the water use did not result in favourable recordings due to the seasonal extremely dry circumstances in many areas of the country; combined with reduced income for village people this resulted in no money to buy water for purification. The use of installations with a meter in the period November16 – February17 dropped below the 1 million litres of safe drinking water; it reduced with 35% compared to the period July-October 2016.

Sensitization or “Mind-set Change”

In 2016 we started to support 12 clients with sensitization their communities for better use of the safe drinking water opportunities. Four clients started themselves. In consultation with TUL 8 more clients started in the first quarter of 2017 and 1 on its own. Taking into account that for 5 clients their LineGuards were dismantled, 40 clients still have to be convinced that sensitization of the community can help improve the use of safe drinking water, and by that the proper use of the system and -more importantly- the health of the community.

Small investment for existing clients

Towards the end of the year 2016 we installed an extension pipe with a stainless steel tank for the Providence Home for disabled people at the St. Francis Sister’s Convent in Nkokonjeru.

We offered a quotation for 2 more tanks for the compound of Gombe SS with a big population. We are waiting for consent and funding.

New Projects

Beginning of this month we installed the first new LineGuard purifier in 2017 for the community in and around the St. Joseph Mary Secondary School in Mbirizi/Lwengo District. The project was funded by beneficiaries of the school in Germany. See also report on www.tusaidiane.com



We are preparing a safe drinking water project for Nyakibale Hospital in Rukungiri. The project will be funded by the Hospital and Rotary Woerden from the Netherlands. Most probably the installation will be done in May. We also are discussing with the Medical Superintendent a lasting solution for sufficient water in the hospital.

KACHICA (KAMULI CHILDCARE ASSOCIATION)

Kamuli Childcare Association (KACHICA) is a new partner of Tusaidiane Uganda in Rakai District, Kakuuto County, Kibanda Sub-County, Kyabiwa Parish. KACHICA is running Kamuli Childcare Nursery & Primary School. There is also a vibrant Women Group with a microcredit fund, already supported by TUL for several years (see below).

The School Development Plan 2017-2021 was developed by the Board of Directors with help of Tusaidiane Uganda. Both were assisted by the School Management Committee in close cooperation with the parents and the village community.

With financial help of the Malden Parish in the Netherlands TUL has constructed new toilets for girls and boys, which have been taken into use at the start of the academic year 2017.

Jointly, all involved have drafted recently an Action Plan 2017 as the first Annual Plan for the realization of the School Development Plan 2017-2021 and for the development of KACHICA and the Kyabiwa Bakyala Twezimbe Women Group. We have offered this Action Plan 2017 for funding to the Mirembe Foundation with its sponsors in different Parishes in the Netherlands. We will also offer it to other well-wishers who like to contribute to quality education for the orphans and vulnerable children in Kamuli Trading Centre.

WOMEN AND MICROCREDIT

Mbiriize Women Empowerment Group (MWEG)

Mbiriize Women Empowerment Group is found in Nakasongola District. The group formed a Community Based Organisation in 2012. With a microcredit capital loan and a training-grant from well-wishers in the Netherlands they would be able to do self-empowerment and employment for the women in the community. Yes, the



One of the ladies at her old house before the loan

dream became true and they empowered themselves with different projects and businesses. The whole community looks very vibrant with booming businesses around the village.



The same lady and her new house built from the loan

The women group with their revolving fund has some difficulties in paying back the loans with overdue repayments as a consequence. The management invited Tusaidiane Uganda to discuss what to do. Together we had on the 23th March 2017 a one-on-one talk with the women.

The women were reminded that the money they have is not theirs. They have to pay back so that other people can use it for income generation. If they are not paying back, more developments will not be witnessed and they will forever stay where they are.

Tusaidiane also reminded them that their contract year is ending in May 2017. So, by that time the money has to be on the account.

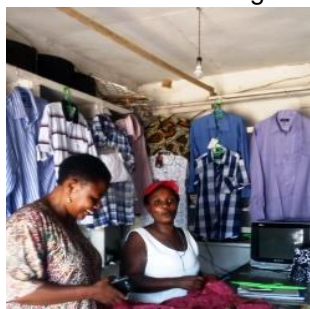
However, the women asked for some more months to finish the loans. They promised to pay back all their debts in the given period of time. MWEG management gave them 2 more months. The chairlady on behalf of the women thanked Tusaidiane Uganda for the work done for them and also for the training that they got. She will also write a letter to the donors, who paid for the training. The Secretary of Ascoda also thanked for the good co-operation with and the help for the women. He also thanked Tusaidiane for the training he received in Microsoft Excel. He said, he prays the good co-operation with Tusaidiane Uganda doesn't end in May because they have a lot to learn from Tusaidiane as their advisor.

Child Development and Family Empowerment Action (CHIDFEA)

CHIDFEA is a women group found on the shores of Lake Victoria in Ggaba. CHIDFEA is empowering the women and also the children. They give loans to women, who mostly are single mothers or with husbands, who are neglecting their duties and are unable to look after their families. These women, due to the hardships they go through, have to raise their children single-handed. They are utilising the loans to the best. They are able to pay back the loans even earlier than agreed, so that they can get new loans. Thanks to the women for the good co-operation with CHIDFEA management.

CHIDFEA so far has never registered any defaulters and all the women pay back the loans in time. The management has not given out new loans since December last year. Their policy is: you receive a new loan after completing the old loan.

There is increasing need for training. CHIDFEA management has invited Tusaidiane Uganda to give training to the women and also to visit some of the women and see the progress in their business.



So, Tusaidiane reserved 7th of April for the meeting and visits (see pictures).

The contract for CHIDFEA between Mirembe Foundation and Tusaidiane was meant to end this year 2017.

However, the services rendered by Tusaidiane like training, management advice and accounts keeping are still required. So, Lydia, the chairlady, wrote to Ann from Mirembe to share that Tusaidiane services are still needed.



Women and Widows Club in Mannyra

This women group is found in Mannyra/Rakai District. It is chaired by Nalubega Annet. The women group is in troubles, because many of the women are not paying back their loans. Mid-March they have been urged in writing to pay back to the chair-lady in cash or by mobile money. Those who paid back did that in the Community Savings Organization, managed by the Parish. Parish management is not able to pay back the money to the women group, because they used the money for other purposes. It seems that the Cotton on Foundation from Australia will come to the rescue of Parish management. Tusaidiane will continue to support in order to prevent a complete collapse.

Kyabiwa Bakyala Twezimbe Women Group

This women group is found in Kamuli Trading Centre near Mutukula at the border with Tanzania and is part of KACHICA (see above).

This women group is doing well; it has prospects of even growing bigger. It is chaired by Kalanzi Josephine. This women group has a saving culture; everyone is paying 6.000 shilling every 23rd of the month. Savings are used to give out loans to group members.

Tusaidiane Uganda trained them since 2014 in financial literacy and in managing their microcredit fund. In 2015 the group got a loan from Tusaidiane Uganda to boost its operations and indeed this was achieved. They managed to pay back the loan in January 2017.

Currently, the group has 7.9 million shillings capital and is composed of 35 women. They were originally 54, but some members re-located. The group has no problem to stay small, but manageable.

One of the business objectives for most women is to support their children with school fees for Kamuli Childcare Nursery & Primary School. The group is a member of the community association KACHICA.



Let's help each other

Tusaidiane supports schools, hospitals, health centres and community-based organizations in villages and parishes with investments in education, community care (in particular clean and safe drinking water) and in income generation

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