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INTRODUCTION

Rural Empowerment Against Poverty (REAP) is a Community Based Organization and nonprofit making organization which was started in June 2011 by team of youth after identifying environmental degradation being a threat to livelihood and other various challenges that the youth face like unemployment, which is associated with lack of information, inadequate skills, and inadequate or no economic empowerment to enable them engage in various economic activities that would cause change in the standard of living and economic development.

REAP was formed in order to address the challenges affecting humanity especially in the sector of Agricultural, Environment, health (reproductive health, nutrition, Malaria, TB, Hepatitis B, HIV/AIDS prevention), inadequate information and skills.

VISION:

An empowered youth community capable of utilizing the available resources for improved livelihood

MISSION:

To equip and empower the women and youth with skills, knowledge and information to help them actively participate in development of their own communities.

CURRENT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES BEING IMPLEMENTED

Rural Empowerment Against Poverty is currently having the following program activities ongoing as way to improve the targeted beneficiaries their standards of living;

- ✚ Equipping 24 underprivileged youth, school dropouts and single mothers in vocations skills of hand craft designs, tailoring and designs, carpentry and joinery, mechanics and repair.
- ✚ Raising awareness on environmental conservation and tree planting campaign.
- ✚ Training Village health teams and community Peer Educators on prepare nutrition feeding of the young ones and pregnant mothers. Supply of multivitamins and albondizle tablets.

REAP OVERVIEW

Rural empowerment Against Poverty (REAP) is community based organization that is community based organization that registered by the community based service desk office. The organization is located in Kisanga A Nyamwamba Division Kasese Municipality – Kasese District.

This report is a narrative of the January 2018- December 2018 programmes and activities implemented by Rural Empowerment Against Poverty (**REAP**). We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our supporters; well wishers and donors for the kind support they extended to us in this one year period that made it easy for us to implement the set program activities. We hope for your continued cooperation and support in the future.

As a way for effective work, **REAP** continued to strengthen its networking system as well as creating more links with other organizations as a strategy which has promoted performance through effective programs implementation and joint advocacy.

We sincerely extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Yours sincerely



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ORGANIZATION AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION

- 1) To mobilize youth and empower them economically through skills development, entrepreneurship development, enhance them in agribusiness development, profiling successful young entrepreneurs to inspire and motivate young people.
- 2) Creating platforms and opportunities for young people to engage and influence democratic governance processes.
- 3) To strengthen the capacity of house-holds and other stake holders through networking and partnership to collectively address issues that affect the community standard of development in education, health, child protection, human rights, socio-economic and environment.
- 4) To generate and disseminate knowledge on issues affecting grass-root development and proven local solutions.
- 5) To improve a comprehensive health, education, agricultural, water and sanitization, environment and communication services to the community.

ORGANIZATION CORE VALUES

- ✚ Cooperation/team work
- ✚ Transparency and accountability
- ✚ Integrity & Equity
- ✚ Good governance
- ✚ Community involvement and
- ✚ Compassion and Respect for all. Self sustainability
- ✚ Good governance

ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND APPROACHES

Strategic Priorities/focus Areas (SPAs):

Rural Empowerment Against Poverty (REAP) seeks to strategically implement activities under the following thematic areas in line with policies of the Republic of Uganda. We are involved in both emergency and development programs. In emergency we focus on human rights abuse among all gender groups and child protection for vulnerable communities while our long term Strategic Priorities Areas (5SPAs) that supports emergencies and Development programs in Uganda are below;

At the moment REAP is engaged in the following programs:-

- 1) Talent and vocational Skill Development
- 2) Sustainable farming practices, value addition and market linkages
- 3) Information centre and ICT entrepreneurship skill development
- 4) Improved Nutrition and Adolescent Reproductive Health Rights
- 5) Environmental health enhancement
- 6) Human rights and good governance.

SPA1: Talents & Vocational Skills;

Result 1: Improved community livelihoods and reduced poverty levels among youth, single mothers and other vulnerable populations through provision of apprenticeship/talent development & vocational hand on skills, establishment of a well equipped and organized work station skills centre to enable the targeted beneficiaries be equipped life skills for self sustainability and strengthened household level, economic transformation and development.

SPA2: Sustainable farming practices, value addition and market linkages

Result 2: Engagement in improved and sustainable agriculture farming, with focus on diversification of agriculture produce through value chain process, ensuring small hold farmer member with focus on improved seed variety after knowing the Soil PH, ensure proper post harvest handling practices, add value to all agriculture produce and do collective marketing of all members produce.

SPA3: Information centre and ICT entrepreneurship skill development

Result 3: Promote creation and establishment of information centre and equip the youth with Information and Communication Technology (ICT), equip the young ones, illiterate or semi illiterate rural communities with focus women/female beneficiaries with skills on use ICT. Adoption – use of advanced technology to embrace the role of entrepreneurship skills in fostering sustainable solution and advancing product –service oriented program activities that satisfy the intended final consumers.

SPA4: Improved Nutrition and Adolescent reproductive health Right Issues.

Result 4: Awareness rising on improved nutrition among the children under five years and pregnant/lactating mothers, encourage starting up small kitchen farms for vegetable growing and promotion vegan food consumption for improved immune system. Focus on Adolescent Reproductive Health Rights (ARHRs) to address challenges of early marriage, unplanned pregnancies, sex harassment, rape/defilement and STDs, HIV/AIDS.

SPA5: Environmental Conservation and Sanitization, Health Enhancement.

Result 5: Conserving the environment and creating a self sustaining mechanism for nature to remain alive by advocating for promotion green environment development through community mobilization, preserving water sources, and reducing plastic circulation/none composing in communities. Also through support program during **children immunization Days;** support in multivitamins and albendazole supplement supply to children under five years and linkage of pregnant mothers to antenatal and postnatal care.

REAP is actively involved in enhancing health programs in the Communities by Creating awareness and advocacy in the communities to take lead in accessing health services during emergency epidemic like Ebola, Hepatitis B, Cholera , malaria, HIV/AIDs awareness creation in the communities through community meetings, drama and radio talk shows, establishment of Community Peer Educators and Village Health Teams, community health clubs.

SPA6: Human Rights and Good Governance.

Result 6: Creation of avenues for all community members to exercise and promote human rights across all groups of ages, gender, race, religion, tribe among others.

Enabling the youth including young female partners to promote good governance and participative demand for public accountability;

REAP Operational areas:

REAP operates in the District of Kasese, Western Uganda, in particularly Eleven (11) sub counties/divisions, that is, Central Division, Nyamwamba, Bulembia, Maliba, Bugoye, Karusandara, Nyakiyumbu, Kyarumba, Lake-Katwe, Kyabarungira, and Mohyokya. However **REAP** depending on any emerging program is not limited to only one district and herein above stated sub counties; it intends to extend its activities to other community areas districts in the possible future.

REAP has its headquarters in Kasese Municipality, Kasese District, in western Uganda.

REAP Approach to Project Management and Implementation

- Participatory Learning and Action (PLA)
- Appreciative Inquiry (AI)
- Focus Group Discussion (FGDs)

DETAILED PROGRAM ACTIVITIES, IMPLEMENTATION AND ACHIEVABLE RESULTS

Rural Empowerment Against Poverty is currently having the following program activities ongoing as way to improve the targeted beneficiaries their standards of living;

- ✚ Equipping 30 underprivileged youth, school dropouts and single mothers, widowed in vocations skills of hand craft designs, tailoring and designs, carpentry and joinery, mechanics and repair.
 - Three workshops/stations that have been established in areas of Nyamwamba, Central division and Kisinga Sub County.
 - Having 8 young boys being equipped with skills in mechanics and repair, 14 young girls and single mothers engaging in craft designs and tailoring, weaving and knitting, and 2 widowed equipped with knowledge of weaving and knitting. 6 youth trained in cookery and pastry for self reliance
- ✚ Raising awareness on environmental conservation and tree planting campaign.
 - At least 35 community persons have been in better conservation and proper methods of agronomist, fruit tree planting and there have been supported through seedlings for growing.
- ✚ Training Village health teams and community Peer Educators on prepare nutrition feeding of the young ones and pregnant mothers. Supply of multivitamins and albendazole tablets.
 - 6 REAP community volunteer were trained by Vitamin Angles as Village Health Teams in better skills in immunization campaign and supply of vitamin A, albendazole.

Below are the activity photos.



Photo up shows one of training/workshop for tailoring and design



Photo above shows women making hand bags and necklaces (after acquiring vocational skills in art & craft)



Photo above shows youth making madezi and chapatti after acquiring skills in pastry and cookery



Photos above shows some tree spices that were supplied to community members in two sub counties of Maliba and Karusandara which were inadequate and with inadequate water supply for proper growing.

ORGANIZATION PARTNERS

1. Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) and District Environmental resource office
2. Vitamin Angles – UK
3. Workaid – England
4. Good deeds

Challenges faced during the implementation process of the Projects

- ✚ Limited resources like lack of a stable internet connectivity that affected our timely reporting.
 - ✚ Lack of enough funding that in the process affected the implementation of some projects and this is attributed to the low lobbying capacity by the organization.
 - ✚ Time management by the participants which affected the activity implementation time during the year and this at some points caused financial constraints.
- Lack enough machines and other supportive resources to equip highly increasing number of underserved population through offering them with hand on skills in various trends among which includes All programmes (Tailoring, Weaving and hand bag knitting).
- ✚ Challenges in transport/movement of both trainers and trainees due to lack of a reliable transport means to timely enable us meet the target time as per the schedule



REAP REQUEST TO ANY POSSIBLE SUPPORTER OF THE ORGANIZATION

It is our humble sincere to request all local and international partners to continue supporting the program activities of REAP to continuously continue serving the needy community members for purpose ending different forms of misery among the underserved community members.

Any possible partners can reach us on:

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**THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT
MAY ALMIGHTY GOD BLESS YOU.**

