

**BASE CAMP UNITED CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION (BUFO)**

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**CONCEPT PAPER**

**INTRODUCTION**

Base Camp United Christian Foundation (BUFO) is a nongovernmental initiative and nonprofit organization of civil society organizations willing to work together in Kasese District.

**VISION**

Peaceful and harmonious living

**MISSION**

Identification and minimizing of causes of poverty, promotion of agriculture, promotion of nonviolence and reconciliation, and harmonious living.

**OBJECTIVES**

- To instill a sense of self-help among the young adults
- To create employment opportunities
- To keep the youth mentally and physically occupied to reduce rebel activities
- To curb illiteracy among the youth and adults
- To provide information to rural farmers
- To establish local internet sites to easily connect the rural poor to the rest of the world
- To support vulnerable children, youth and women.
- To stop bad acts of street children.

**ACTIVITIES:**

BUFO shall be responsible for promoting the following activities in the rural community at the main center:

- Tailoring
- Carpentry and crafts
- Computer literacy
- Adult education and children's education
- Credit and savings scheme
- Health and sustainable environment
- Agriculture

Nb: BUFO shall depend highly upon community demands.

**REASON FOR ACTION:**

The Rwenzori community has over centuries been facing challenges of accessing skill development and information at the right time that could enable and improve upon the knowledge and skills in the areas of agriculture, marketing, education, health, sanitation, human rights, good governance, and gender equality. These gaps, BUFO intends to bridge.

**AGING**

There is growing evidence that older people in the developing world are increasingly being infected by HIV/ AIDS.

For Uganda in particular so much emphasis on HIV/AIDS prevention has been put on youth and on people aged 15-40 years, a category of the population that is considered most productive.

Although findings have shown that besides their caretaker roles of the severely ill AIDS patients that could easily expose them to virus, older persons are also sexually active and stand at risk of contracting AIDS. But several campaigns include prevention methods. Older persons are not considered an important group and so not many of HIV/AIDS programmes directly target them.

### **CHALLENGE**

The HIV/AIDS pandemic is much more than a health hazard. It has become a social crisis on the global scale. Its impact on older persons who have also doubled as caregivers of their terminally ill HIV/AIDS children and orphans left behind by their dead children is enormous.

Older people have not only lost the support of their adult children but they have taken on additional family responsibilities with potential adverse effects for their own well-being.

Older caregivers are among the most vulnerable groups in relation to the impact of HIV/AIDS.

Older caregivers struggle to insure that their grandchildren receive an education and are not able to provide them with the home tutoring they need.

Many older caregivers do not know where the next meal will come from for themselves and those under their care. Older people, traditionally looked after by their children in old age, are taking care for their children living with HIV/AIDS and their grandchildren being left behind with their children.

### **POVERTY**

Older persons living in rural areas suffer worsening forms of poverty. Still, a big number of such people have no assets, are landless and not economically active. So when faced with a poverty crisis and multiple needs, these people adopt various strategies to cope with chronic poverty.

Chronically poor people lack assets and education, suffer exclusion, have chronic illness and are insecure from sudden shocks.

One of the major problems experienced by older people in current times is poverty due to lack of income. Poverty is rampant among older persons because of the lack of social security mechanisms.

Older persons are poor after selling their properties while nursing their older children in hospitals who are suffering with malaria, TB, and HIV/AIDS. Their income is too low to educate their grandchildren and these are the most people whom you find on streets of towns lacking care and education.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Orphans and vulnerable children's programmes should ideally integrate the needs of older caregivers
- Capacity building to communities
- Resource mobilisation to target older caregivers
- Need for policy and guidelines on older caregivers
- Older persons should have access to adequate food, water, shelter, clothing, and health care through the provision of income, family and community support and self help

The committee members and heads of departments include:

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| 1. Sebeya Peter            | Director                                    |
| 2. Kibibi Enos             | Asst director and in charge of children     |
| 3. Mirika Bwambale         | Secretary                                   |
| 4. Kambere Josiah          | Treasure                                    |
| 5. Kule Wilson             | Information officer                         |
| 6. Pastor Samuel           | education officer                           |
| 7. Pastor Kasiringi Alison | Adviser                                     |
| 8. Emmy Masereka           | Sustainable agriculture and health services |
| 9. Paul Biregho            | Administrator                               |

### **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

The finances of BUFO shall be managed by proper financial transactions controlled by three signatories of the organization: the Director, Secretary, and the Treasurer. Funds shall be kept in the bank for safe custody. Unless approved by the relevant signatories, no funds shall be allowed to be spent or passed to any other party.

### **LEGAL STATUS**

BUFO is registered with KADDE-NET in Kasese district

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in BUFO shall be open to all civil society organizations operating in Kasese district which shall be determined by full payment of membership and active participation of the member organization in all organizational dental programmes registration is 3000= then an annual subscription of 5000= (Ugandan Shillings).

### **MANAGEMENT**

The day to day management of BUFO shall be run by a small group of 7-9 people, elected from currently paid members. This board shall be known as the Executive Committee and shall include:

- Director
- Vice Director
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Coordinator / Administrator
- Three committee members one of which must be a woman.

### **THE BOARD**

The board of BUFO will be composed of the founding members of the organisation. This includes all members who gathered to discuss the establishment of BUFO on 26 January 2003 as listed below:

- Sebeya Peter
- Biira Violete
- Biregho Paul
- Mirika Bwambale
- Kambere Josiah

### **SECRETARIAT:**

The executive committee shall be authorized to appoint, on merit, six skilled and experienced persons as technical staff to run the duties of the secretariat at voluntary or hired services. They include

- Project coordinator / administrator

- Clerical officer
- Field volunteers in various fields
- Sustainable livelihood
- Human right / civil peace
- Community development
- Education

PROJECT PORTIFOLIO AIMS – To reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS on multigenerational households in Kasese by using an overall strategy which develops approaches that mainstream older persons’ needs and contributions in response to the HIV/ AIDS epidemic.

To give a safe and loving environment to at least 100 children and the women who have been left with no support, homeless and helpless with orphans to look after, whereas they are without husbands to provide food, clothes, school funds, and other types of support to the families. This project will take over 45,200,000 Uganda shillings

**PROJECT ACTIVITIES TO BE BEGUN AFTER RECEIVING FUNDING**

- Training and facilitation of older people as peer educators -- 100 per year
- Awareness creation and sensitization campaigns
- Production of posters, leaflets
- Support by giving them bicycles
- Home medical kits
- Other activities
  - Training and coaching ICT programmes to the needy persons
  - Training the needy communities how to do the modern agriculture
  - Support the vulnerable children by giving them the necessary things at home and at school.
  - Give wages to the implementers for motivation

**BUDGET**

Mobilisation / sensitization 10 groups at 160,000=	1,600,000
Stationary, transport, reporting to relevant offices =	800,000
Bicycles.....20 at 160,000=	3,200,000
Bags and medical facilities.....50 at 30,000 =	1,500,000
Computers .....10 at 2,000,000 =	20,000,000
Printers .....1 - at 400,000 =	400,000
Photocopier machine.....1 - at 1,000,000 =	1,000,000
Linen and school needs.....at 200,000x3=600,000x4=	2,400,000
Wages for the staff.....at 100,000x12=1,200,000x3=	3,600,000
Means of transport (motorcycle .....3 at 2,500,000 =	7,500,000
Fuel and maintenance.....at 4000x200x4 = 800,000x4=	<u>3,200,000</u>
	45,200,000
US dollar equivalent as of 18 March, 2009	22,146.00
British Pound equivalent as of 18 March, 2009	15,742.99
Euro equivalent as of 18 March, 2009	17, 096.54

#### 4-YEAR WORKPLAN FOR THE YEARS 2009-2012

OBJECTIVE	ACTION	REQUIRED RESOURCES	SOURCE OF RESOURCES	METHOD	INDICATORS	MEANS OF VERIFICATION	PERIOD	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
We will train and facilitate 100 older persons as peer educators per year to sensitise others about HIV/AIDS	Organizing discussions at open places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Posters</li> <li>• Magazines</li> <li>• Transport</li> <li>• Music dance and drama</li> <li>• Learning and teaching materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BUFO</li> <li>• Well wishers</li> <li>• Local government</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions</li> <li>• Guided questions and answers</li> <li>• Home visits</li> <li>• Concerts</li> <li>• Radio talk shows and video shows</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly meetings</li> <li>• Photos</li> <li>• Registration</li> <li>• Video tapes</li> <li>• Leaflets</li> <li>• Posters</li> <li>• Filed reports</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Posters</li> <li>• Voice Recorder</li> <li>• Meeting</li> <li>• Reports</li> <li>• Bicycles</li> <li>• Motorcycle</li> </ul>	4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project coordinator</li> <li>• Field officers</li> <li>• Programme director</li> </ul>
We shall train and coach them in the programme of ICT	Renting and / organizing the room/class	Computer sets Printers Computer text books Photocopier Stationary	BUFO Well wishers Local government	Practical and theory	Weekly Teachings and coaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exercise</li> <li>• Books</li> <li>• Pens</li> <li>• Chalks</li> </ul>	4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trainers</li> <li>• Project coordinator</li> <li>• Programme director</li> </ul>
We shall train the community about the modern agriculture (sustainable agriculture)	Visiting our affiliate groups at their locale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training manuals</li> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• Hoes</li> <li>• Spades</li> <li>• Gumboots</li> <li>• Pangas</li> <li>• Seedlings</li> </ul>	BUFO Well wishers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical and theory</li> <li>• Giving advice</li> <li>• Home visits</li> <li>• Radio talk shows</li> <li>• Video shows</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly meetings</li> <li>• Field report</li> <li>• Video tapes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motorcycle</li> <li>• Bicycles</li> <li>• Meetings</li> <li>• Reports</li> </ul>	4 years	Education officer
Support our vulnerable children at school and at home	Monitoring them at school and at home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothes</li> <li>• Books</li> <li>• Pens</li> <li>• Pencils</li> <li>• School fees</li> <li>• Bindings</li> </ul>	BUFO Well wishers	Buying and giving them physical things at gatherings		Gathering them at the main office or at Calvary School	4 years	All staff

