

Weaving Skills for Disabled Women and Girls

Partner: United for Future Mothers Organisation

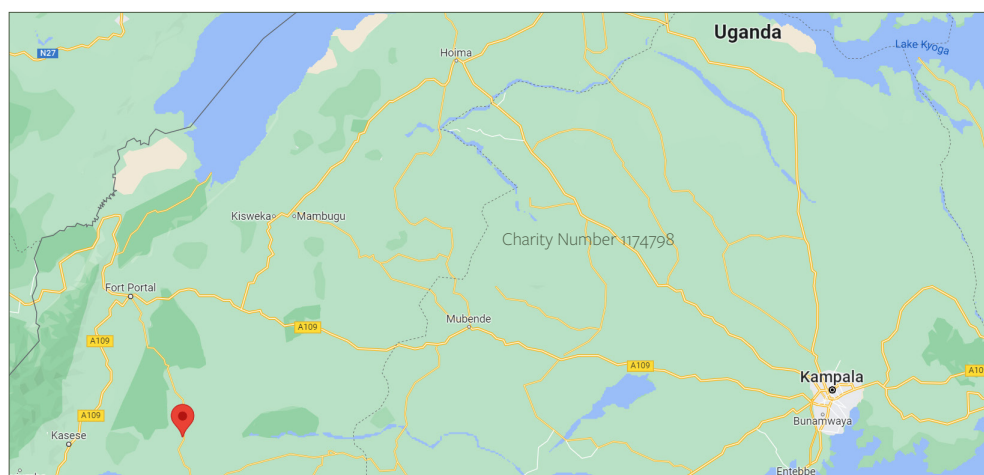
Kamwenge, Uganda

United for Future Mothers Organisation (UMFO) was established in 2016 to support the economic empowerment of women and girls who missed out on education or dropped out of school. UMFO also advocates for women with disabilities to have full economic participation within their communities, fights against Gender Based Violence and campaigns for women leadership participation rights.

Partnering with ACWW, UMFO will increase the household income of 35 disabled women by

- teaching them weaving techniques for shopping bags and baskets
- providing business training
- providing marketing training

Through the training and resources provided, the project participants will bring additional income into their households. Becoming a wage earner allows them to participate in decision making in their homes and in the wider community.



Entrepreneurship Training Programme for Unemployed Rural Women

Project Partner: Heritage Charity Foundation (HCF)

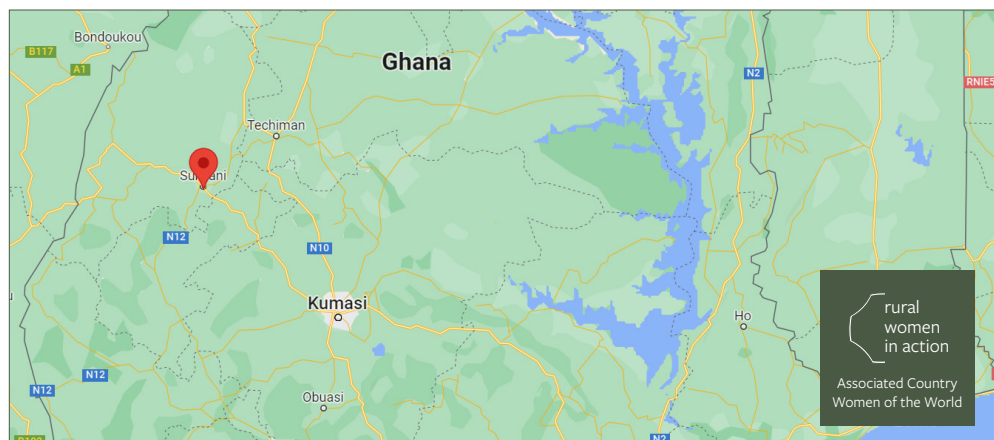
Sunyani, Ghana

The Heritage Charity Foundation (HCF) has been working since 2014 to reduce unemployment among rural women in Ghana by equipping them with entrepreneurship training. HCF's main objectives include providing humanitarian assistance to disadvantaged communities, reducing child illiteracy rates, reducing adolescent pregnancy and extreme poverty, assisting poor rural women in making use of the resources available to them and providing entrepreneurship training to unemployed rural women.

Partnering with ACWW, HCF will build the skills of 100 women farmers by

- providing training in agricultural techniques
- teaching the participants about storage techniques that increase the shelf-life of their produce
- improving business and functional literacy
- teaching them about marketing, and providing access to local markets
- providing start-up loans for farming businesses

With the training and access HCF will provide, these Rural Women farmers will be able to form cooperatives, start sustainable businesses, feed their own families, and bring income into their households. They will join a group of similarly motivated women to work together as a community.



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Empowering Vulnerable Women and Girls

Project Partner: Youth with a Focus Teso (YWFT)

Soroti, Uganda



Established in 2014, YWFT works to promote a stable, fair, and prosperous community, especially in Karamojong communities, where conflict and patriarchal traditions keep young women from reaching their full potential. The organisation aims to combat gender-based violence, reduce girls' school drop out rates, illiteracy, and poverty among vulnerable women and marginalised youth through life-long capacity building, training, and providing resources.

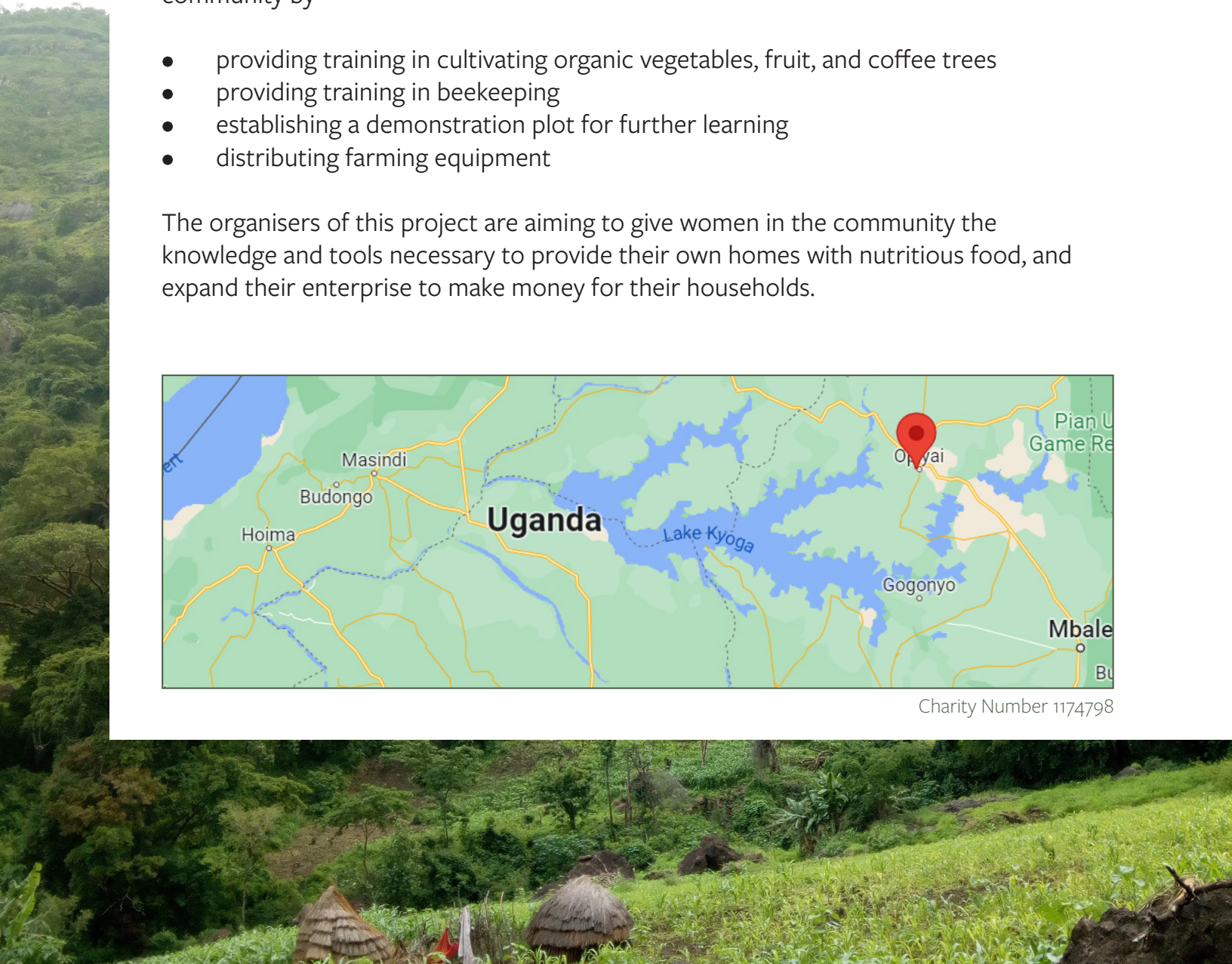
Partnering with ACWW, YWFT will increase the household income of 100 women in the community by

- providing training in cultivating organic vegetables, fruit, and coffee trees
- providing training in beekeeping
- establishing a demonstration plot for further learning
- distributing farming equipment

The organisers of this project are aiming to give women in the community the knowledge and tools necessary to provide their own homes with nutritious food, and expand their enterprise to make money for their households.



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Ensuring Seed Security through Community Seed Banks

Partner: Ntengwe for Community Development (NCD)

Hwange, Zimbabwe

Established in 2010, Ntengwe for Community Development (NCD) is a women's economic empowerment organisation based in rural Zimbabwe that focuses on building deeper collaboration with grassroots women's groups to increase the number of women leaders at all levels. They work to tackle the barriers to women's economic participation, women's rights, social and climate justice in Zimbabwe. The main aims of NCD include strengthening existing efforts to secure women's access to and control over land and resources, promoting community-led sustainable livelihood response, and supporting women-led climate resilient farming practices.

Partnering with ACWW, NCD will increase seed security, secure local biodiversity, and create viable community-based businesses for 150 participants by

- establishing a community seed bank
- providing a network for participatory seed collection
- procure climate-resilient seeds from the Zimbabwean agricultural department
- organising seed fairs
- training in plant breeding and climate smart agriculture

Through the training and resources provided, this project will help farmers to adapt to climate change, educate the community about the need for biodiversity and the importance of local seed banks that prioritise native seed varieties.

What's a seed bank?

Community organised seed-saving initiatives have been around for about 30 years. They have been designed and implemented to conserve, restore, revitalize, strengthen and improve local seed systems, especially, but not solely, focused on local varieties. These initiatives have sought to regain, maintain and increase the control of farmers and local communities over seeds.

Source; Community Seed Banks: Origins, Evolution, and Prospects. 2015. Vernooy, Shresthat, Sthapit



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Promoting Food Security and Regenerative Farming for Refugee Women and Young Farmers

Project Partner:
Youth Initiative for Community Empowerment (YICE)

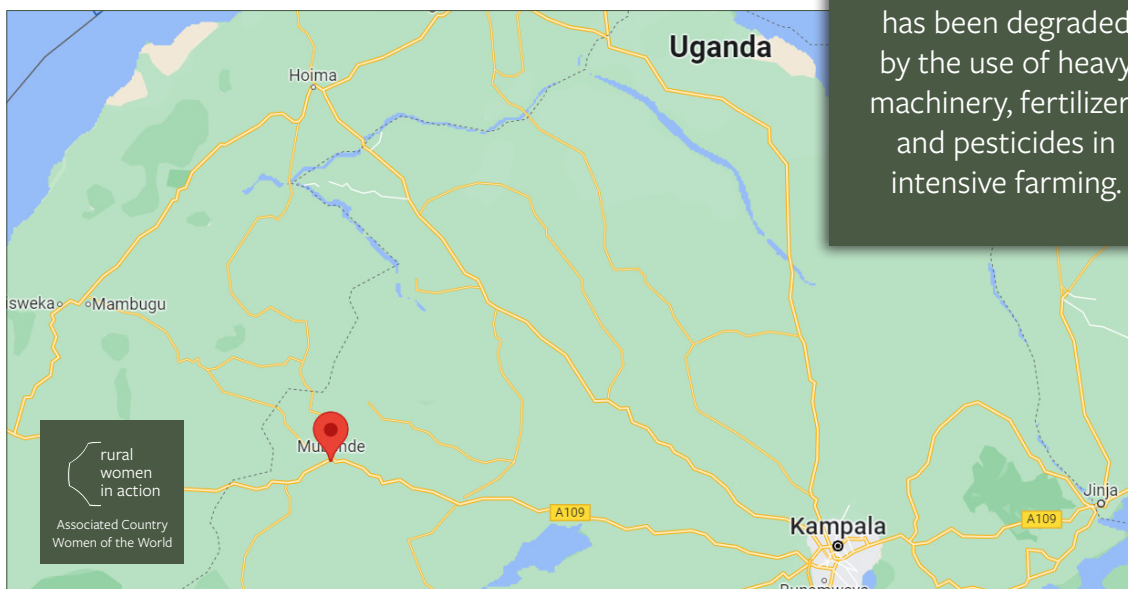
Mubende, Uganda

YICE was established in 2014 to work in the Mubende region, where conflicts arise due to the settlement of refugees into a community where living conditions are already poor, with inadequate access to resources and land. YICE works to bring about peace by providing support to both the established community and their new refugee neighbours.

Partnering with ACWW, YICE will promote food security among 50 refugee women and young farmers by

- establishing small groups of farmers to work together
- providing training in the cultivation of nutritious food
- providing training in regenerative farming
- establishing opportunities for project participants to access local financial services
- helping participants to learn about the impact of climate change, and how to adapt their practices to mitigate it

Regenerative agriculture focuses on improving the health of soil, which has been degraded by the use of heavy machinery, fertilizers and pesticides in intensive farming.



Economic Empowerment for Single Mothers through Training in Agriculture and Nutrition

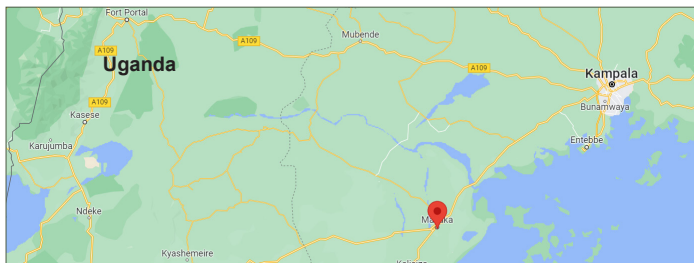
Partner: Ndibwami Integrated Rescue Project (NIRP)

Masaka, Uganda

Ndibwami Integrated Rescue Project (NIRP) was created in 2008 as a young-women-led effort to respond to the challenges brought about by poverty and HIV/AIDS. They empower communities in Masaka to achieve holistic and sustainable development in their response to the challenges brought by lack of education, HIV/AIDS, and they work to enable children to attend and stay in school through education support. They also advise single mothers on how to improve outputs on their smallholder farms to increase household income.

Partnering with ACWW, NIRP will increase household food security and family nutrition for 200 women farmers by

- establishing peer support groups
- providing training in business skills
- offering education around family nutrition
- providing training in increasing farm yields
- providing training in financial literacy



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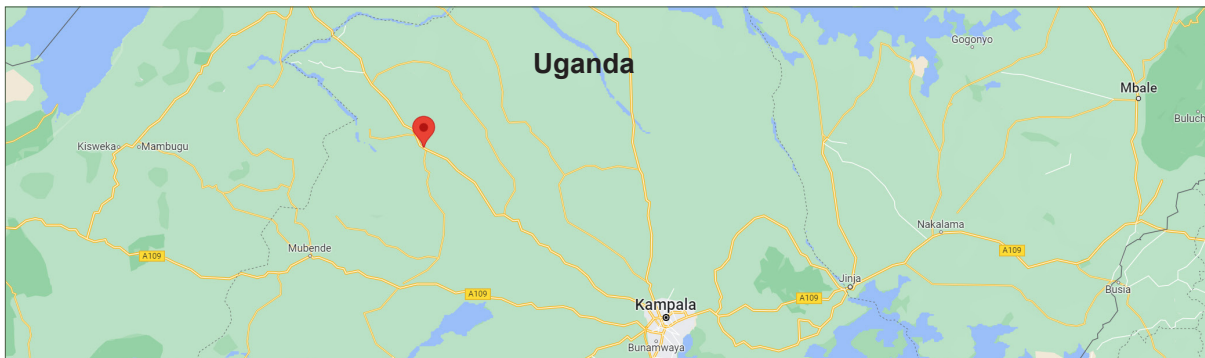
ICT Training Hub for Women's Empowerment

Partner: Muwanga Development Association

Kiboga, Uganda



Muwanga Development Association was established in 2014 by a group of university graduates passionate about giving back to the communities where they grew up to support those who do not have the same access to opportunities that they had. The rural women and girls in Kiboga district continue to experience social and economic exclusion, lack of access to quality education and a prevalence of marriage at a young age. The main aims of Muwanga Development Association are to provide entrepreneurial education and skills to young people in the community, advocate for the rights of girl children and create awareness among young people on HIV/AIDS.



Partnering with ACWW, Muwanga Development Association will enhance the digital literacy of 100 rural women and girls through

- provision of laptops, tables and chairs for training
- facilitator training
- ICT (information and communications technology) training for project participants
- advanced ICT training for select participants

Gaining skills in ICT is a vital tool for young people in rural Uganda. ICT literacy breaks down barriers to information and education, and as Uganda moves towards a knowledge based economy, it is a vital skill for employment. The project will empower the rural women and girls by providing access to affordable ICT training and services as a potential tool for development. This will foster increased access to education, health and other human development opportunities and bridge the digital divide.

Economic Empowerment for Survivors of Domestic Violence

Partner: Sain Tus Development Bridge

Khovd, Mongolia

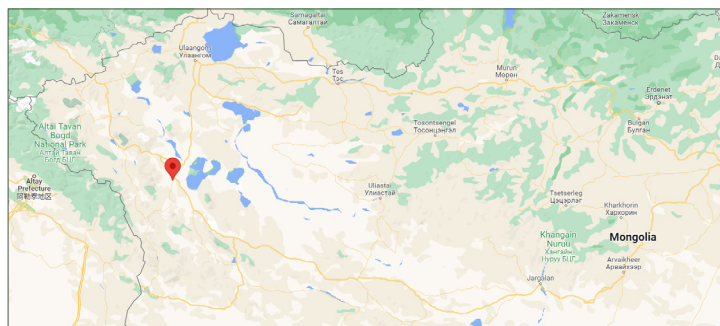
A long-time partner of ACWW, the Sain Tus Development Bridge NGO was established in 2005 to provide women in the Khovd region of Mongolia with the vital information needed to strengthen the mobilization of women, increase the participation of women in local development, support initiatives of self-development and contribute to protect human rights.

Partnering with ACWW, Sain Tus will work to support 100 survivors and reduce rates of domestic violence by

- providing legal support and intermediary services like security, medical care, psychological support, social welfare, child protection, legal assistance and mediation
- working with perpetrators of domestic violence to initiate behaviour change

They will then empower these survivors to build their income and independence by

- providing training in vegetable farming, including pest control and produce preservation
- involving the project participants in exhibitions to promote their produce
- distribution of seeds and hand tools
- creating marketing networks between the participants and potential buyers



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Agricultural Products Processing

Partner: Synergie d'Actions pour un Développement Approprié (SADA)

Akpakpédomé, Togo

Synergie d'Actions pour un Développement Approprié or SADA (translated to Synergy of Actions for Appropriate Development), was established in 2012 by a group of volunteers, all with different areas of expertise. Bringing together their skills, experiences, energy, and financial resources, they work to promote education for children, to fight against illiteracy among women, to encourage self-promotion among girls and women through vocational training and economic activities, and to make primary health care accessible to small rural communities.

Partnering with ACWW, SADA aims to improve income for 30 women farmers by strengthening their entrepreneurial skills and literacy and will work to modernise their understanding of agricultural processing systems. They will achieve these aims by

- offering training sessions in business management
- facilitating literacy sessions throughout the project
- creating a cooperative with the aim of providing sustainable employment
- providing modern milling equipment to process cassava into gari, flour, and tapioca



Vocational Training for Sustainable Livelihoods

Partner: Community Concerns Uganda (CCUG)

Jinja and Mayuge districts, Uganda

Established in 2012, Community Concerns Uganda (CCUG) was set up by two young and passionate women's rights advocates to promote the empowerment of rural women. The aims of CCUG are to advance women and girls' access to education, financial support and information and reproductive health services. Since 2012, CCUG has sought to employ education and skills in an effort to reduce poverty and gender inequality among rural and peri-urban communities.

Partnering with ACWW, CCUG will increase the vocational capacity of 100 participants by

- offering training in a wide variety of vocations, like tailoring, hairdressing, and knitting
- providing training in financial literacy
- providing training in business management
- organising community savings groups to accumulate local funding for their businesses
- assist with organising market days for participants to showcase their new skills and products
- provide parenting classes for those participants with children



The project is centred on the open learning model aimed at broadening learning opportunities beyond formal education systems for out-of-school girls and young women. Vocational education and skill training will generate sustainable livelihoods and promote positive parenting. The project will include mobilisation of the participants by local female leaders to generate support and enthusiasm for the project from the participants and their families and improve parenting knowledge among young mothers, strengthen parent-child relationships right from infancy, provide support to parents and promote positive early childhood development.



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Accessible Drinking Water for Fisher Folk

Partner: Organisation for Community Development (OCD)

Kanyakumari Coastal Villages, Tamil Nadu, India



Since 1996, Organisation for Community Development (OCD) has been working with indigenous women from the Mukkuvar coastal community in Tamil Nadu to help them generate sustainable sources of income. Women in the Mukkuvar community live in absolute poverty. Head load fish vendors (that is, women who sell fish that they carry in baskets on their heads) are often widows, or women who have husbands struggling with addiction or chronic illness. They are forced to engage in difficult head load fish vending work and become trapped in perpetual debt slavery while suffering discrimination. The women are in most cases the sole earning member of the family. They are commonly denied proper education, healthcare, gender-related rights and are deprived of opportunities for social and economic development. The focus of OCD is to help them achieve their rights, provide them with sustainable livelihoods, help them find solutions to their livelihood related problems and facilitate community based organizations for self-development.

Partnering with ACWW, OCD will work to alleviate some of the strain on 240 women in these villages by providing clean, accessible water through the drilling of boreholes, which allows for the construction of overhead water tanks. These will serve 30 houses in each village, reducing the burden of water collection and purifying that falls disproportionately on women.



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Drought Impacts and Mitigation Strategies

Partner: Voice for Change

Jiwaka, Papua New Guinea

Voice for Change was created in 2014 out of a need to address gender-based violence in Jiwaka Province, Papua New Guinea. The organisation's focus is building a society that promotes women's human rights and equal participation. They work to prevent violence by engaging with women's human rights defenders, teaching the members of the community about gender issues, and working with men to teach them about conflict resolution and relationships.

Voice for Change also works to empower women through education and providing economic opportunities. For 85% of Papua New Guinea's 9 million people, agriculture is both their direct source of food and main source of income. However, severe weather exacerbated by climate change have caused droughts that bring about food shortages, along with unpredictable weather events that cause damage to infrastructure.

Partnering with ACWW, Voice for Change will work to reduce the impact of drought on 500 women whose livelihoods depend on agriculture by providing

- education on the impact of climate change on livestock and crops
- education on cultivating drought resistant crops
- education on soil management through times of severe weather
- education on preservation of food to prepare for drought

These measures will help to sustain the community through drought, increasing resilience and providing stability for the rural economy.



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Improving Awareness, Access and Utilization of Friendly, Responsive and Inclusive Sexual Reproductive Health & Rights Services

Partner: Heart for Girls Initiative

Kitimbwa, Uganda

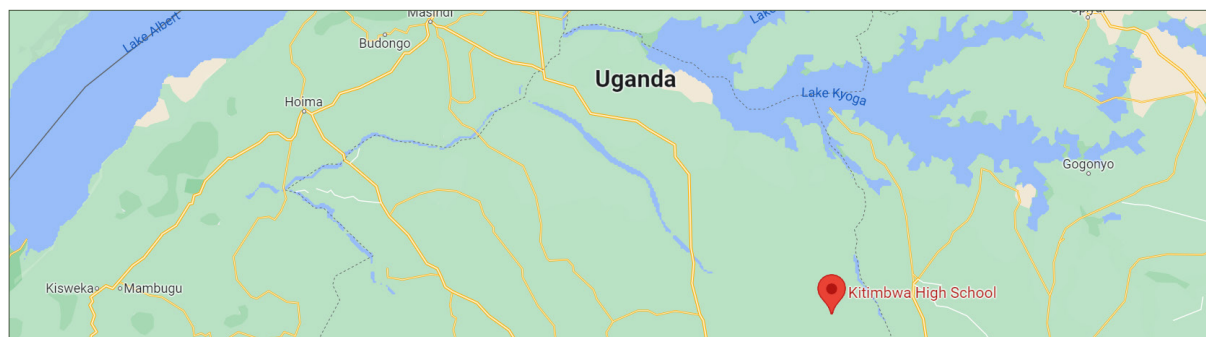
Heart for Girls Initiative was created in 2020 out of a passion to address some of the issues that impact adolescent girls and young women in Uganda. The organisation has four main objectives: to contribute to the prevention of violence against adolescent girls and young women, to work to reduce rates of HIV/AIDS infection among adolescent girls and young women, to contribute to reduced rates of adolescent pregnancy, and to provide menstrual health education to young girls and women.

Partnering with ACWW, Heart for Girls Initiative will increase awareness and promote access to friendly, responsive and inclusive sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) services for 2000 adolescent girls by

- involving young women in the design on training materials and services
- facilitating adolescent-led awareness-raising initiatives using community theatre
- training care providers in sensitive approaches to SRHR services
- expanding the local health facility in a way that is welcoming to young people
- training young women to become peer educators



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Improving Rural Women's Access to Safe Water

Partner: Alpha Women Empowerment Initiative (AWEI)

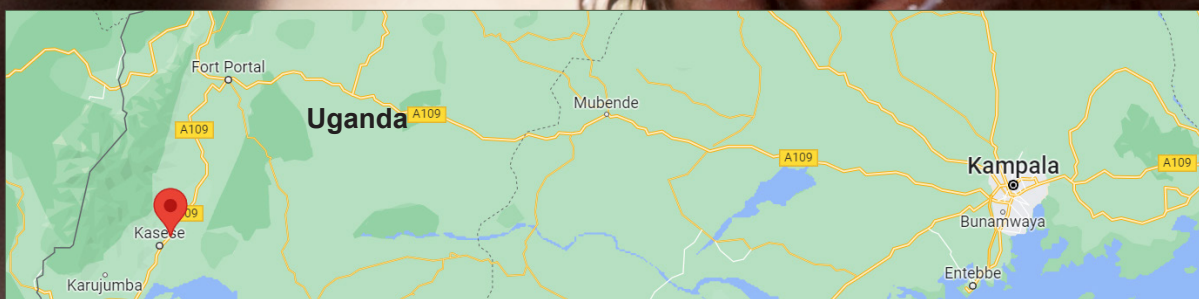
Rukoki, Uganda

The Alpha Women Empowerment Initiative (AWEI) was created by a group of rural women in April 2009 with the mission of improving the health and economic opportunity of their local community and the protection of their local environment. AWEI's main aims include promoting agricultural skills for food security and income generation, vocational training, environmental protection and promote the provision of water, sanitation and hygiene services.

Partnering with ACWW, AWEI will help to control and prevent the spread of water borne diseases among the 110 rural women of Bughalitsa village by

- digging a borewell
- giving training on water management
- providing hygiene and sanitation training to the community
- forming a women-led water management committee responsible for the routine maintenance of the water source

The project will establish a permanent and protected source of clean water for the community.





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After School Education for Rural Children

Partner: Community Action for Rural Development (CARD)

Tamil Nadu, India

Since 1982, Community Action for Rural Development (CARD) has worked to promote opportunities for women and children in rural Tamil Nadu, India. Four of the main aims of CARD are promoting education, creating opportunities for increased livelihoods, facilitating recovery support for drug and alcohol addiction, and raising awareness for the prevention of HIV/AIDS.

Partnering with ACWW, CARD aims to support 300 rural children in attaining more thorough education by

- running after school educational facilities in 10 villages
- providing additional tutoring to help children catch up with their studies, where they have fallen behind due to school closures during the COVID-19 Pandemic
- providing support for children whose families are illiterate and unable to provide them with academic support at home
- providing support and tutoring during exam time

