

UGANDAN LAMBS ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY REPORT
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Ugandan Lambs supported children pose for a photo at YMCA Buwambo during the visit.

General Information:

The economy is fully opened however COVID is affecting people and the Government is encouraging people to be immunized. Moreover, the historical decline of the global extreme poverty rate with 10% of people living below the new international poverty line of 1 dollar and 90 cents per day, the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals for 2030, and a record of unemployed and underemployed youths in the Sub Saharan Africa being high. But there is no time for complacency: 702 million people around the world still live below the poverty line, mostly in sub-Saharan Africa. For this reason Ugandan Lambs Association USA is enthusiastically supporting the Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations for 2030. The aims of the 17 global objectives are ambitious: one of them being ending of extreme poverty through education. Such a large goal cannot be reached without the intervention of the Ugandan Lambs Association USA aiming at improving lives of vulnerable children through education and catering for their basic needs.

Introduction:

Currently, Ugandan Lambs Association is supporting **51** children; this is done through sponsorship and donations. Children are nurtured through them attending Child Evangelistic Fellowships, ensuring that they have basic needs for example food, shelter, clothing, medical care and quality education. This is done in a safe and nurturing environment to facilitate, monitor their education and promote their physical and spiritual well-being. The main purpose of supporting the children is to break the cycle of poverty and dependence in order to allow each child to fulfill his or her God given potential. The supported children together with their guardians are grateful for the support rendered so far.

Activities done during the month of July 2022:

1. Visiting children at institutions
2. Offering of guidance and counseling to the Lambs
3. Children getting holidays
4. Sick Children
5. Recommendations for Expansion of the program
6. Concept note for training of children

1. Visiting Children at Institutions

During the month, visitation of children to YMCA Buwambo was done. This was aimed at seeing how the Lambs were doing at the institute. To add on that children were visited to see the challenges that they face while at the institute. During the visitation it was noted that every child had all that they needed in order for them to study well. They said that they are studying so that they can attain a better future. They were encouraged to read and perform well so that they can attain good grades.

2. Offering Guidance and counselling to the Lambs

During the month, guidance and counselling was provided to support the children. The children at YMCA Buwambo, were informed that they should study with an aim of being self-employed and also look at the opportunity of employing others. Light through guidance and counselling was shade to the children and they were informed that they are well placed and that they can study get employed and even employ others. They were told to each make a budget that can be of help when starting up a business. They were informed that during holidays they can carry out a survey and look at businesses that are similar to what they are studying at the institute and the output of search businesses so that they can be business-oriented people. Children were told that as they run their businesses, they ought to be smart so that they can be able to attract customers. There is plan to take them through entrepreneurship training so that they can learn how to fully operate a business.

3. Children getting holidays

During the month, all children got holidays except the ones in candidate classes. The children were in good health and they were told that as they go for their holidays, they should help out with household chores. They were urged to be good people in the community during holiday time.

4. Caring for sick children

One of the core values of Ugandan Lambs USA is caring for sick children as a way of meeting their physical needs. A paramount objective of all Ugandan Lambs Association USA's programs is addressing health vulnerabilities by improving access to quality health services, disease prevention and psychosocial counselling in a bid to enable the Lambs have good health, which is a precondition for living a life of dignity. During the month no child became sick and that they are all fine.

5. Recommendation for expansion of the program

In order for the Ugandan Lambs Association USA program to run effectively, there is need to have more programs that can cause more impact on the lives of the Lambs. Among the suggested programs are:

i. Mini-exhibition for the Lambs

It is advised that a mini-exhibition for the Lambs who were trained in different skills is done. This is aimed at marketing products that children do and will also enable them to learn display skills.

ii. Addition of children to be supported

Many of our Lambs have graduated and they are waiting to get jobs while others have already gotten jobs. It is recommended that more vulnerable children are identified and that they can be supported to attain their education.

iii. Digital Literacy training

It is advised that Lambs learn how to market their products using social media (WhatsApp, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram among others). This can be fully achieved when they are trained in digital literacy and can be able to know how to use phones in order to market their product, hence product development.

iv. Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship skill training is a fundamental competitive tool that has greatly influenced the survival and expansion of start-up businesses, SMEs as well as established companies in today's highly competitive market. Selection, Planning, and Management (SPM) of Income Generating Activities (IGAs) in particular is a training course for semi-literate participants on the Ugandan Lambs Association USA Program. It is designed for participants who are interested in starting and managing IGAs. The training is aimed at creating an exciting customer satisfaction experience through empowering the Lambs with, customer relationship management skills, bookkeeping skills, sales and marketing skills necessary to enhance business growth and improved performance.

v. Mentorship and coaching

Mentorship and coaching involves engaging the Lambs with someone who is experienced in a certain field so that the Lambs and the mentor can discuss and find solutions to challenges in that same field. This will in the end create a positive impact on the Lambs.

vi. Financial Literacy

Financial Literacy means managing money well which begins with hanging on to what you have. This means avoiding unnecessary expenditure and then finding a safe place to store whatever money is left over making that choice. The choice to save rather than to consume, is the foundation of money management. There are many times when poor people need sums of money that are bigger than what they have at hand. The need for these useful large sums of money arises from life cycle events such as birth, education, marriage, and death, from emergency situations and from discovery opportunities to make investments in assets or business. Therefore, the only reliable and sustainable way they can obtain these sums is by building them from their savings.

6. Concept for training of Children in Entrepreneurship.

**CONCEPT PAPER ON ENTERPRENUERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHILDREN SUPPORTED BY
UGANDAN LAMBS ASSOCIATION USA**

1. Main Goal/ Specific Outcome: Children acquire job relevant skills resulting in reduced unemployment and underemployment.
2. Activity objective: The main aim of the training is to encourage and support entrepreneurs (Ugandan Lambs Children) to fully plan manage and even sustain their businesses.
3. Activity Title: Entrepreneurship Management Skills Training for Children.
4. Target Groups: Children supported by Ugandan Lambs Association USA that are working or employed, unemployed and those in institutions.
5. Local Implementing Responsibilities: Entrepreneurship Management Skills Training for Children will be implemented by Ugandan Lambs Association USA. The training will be targeting children who are working or employed, unemployed and those in institutions. The Staff in Uganda will handle mobilisation activities and will take lead on how the training will run and even oversee the entire activity.
6. Duration and Localized Implementation: <u>Duration of the activity:</u> Between 22 nd December 2022.
7. Current Situation (Problems and Needs): Entrepreneurship skills training remains a fundamental competitive tool that has greatly influenced the survival and expansion of start-up businesses, SMEs as well as established companies in today’s highly competitive market. In a bid to ensure relevancy and impact, there is need to focus on designing and

implementing tailor-made training content for the children that are supported by Ugandan Lambs USA that are employed, unemployed and those still in institutions in order to enhance their entrepreneurial management skills, marketing skills and sales improvement as-well as a drive to improve Customer satisfaction in their businesses. All this is focused towards creating an exciting customer satisfaction experience through empowering the children with customer relationship management skills, bookkeeping skills, sales and marketing skills necessary to enhance business growth and improved performance.

8. Activity Objectives:

- To enhance the traits and competences of good entrepreneurship among children.
- To encourage the adoption of effective marketing, branding and packaging.
- To empower entrepreneurs with state of art sales techniques for their businesses.
- To empower the children with effective customer relationship management skills.
- To endow the children with the skills in market access information and analysis as a tool towards growing their business ideas.
- To assist children, select income generating activities that are suitable for their individual circumstances after careful consideration of the technical, marketing, social and financial aspects of a number of alternative income generating activities:
- To assist children to plan for the successful launch of the income generating activities after the selection has been made.
- To assist children to manage the income generating activities effectively, so that the loan is repaid on time and that the income earned from the income generating activities matches expectations and the risk is kept within manageable limits.

9. Justification and Benefits:

The idea of entrepreneurship may sound exciting, but it may not necessarily be for everyone. There are number of questions that are to be addressed as an entrepreneur to determine whether or not to go ahead with one's great business idea.

In this pursuit, there is need to tackle the nature of entrepreneurship, differentiated between entrepreneurship and entrepreneurs, to look at the benefits, roles, challenges and solutions that entrepreneurs should adopt and also discuss the characteristics of an entrepreneur. This is aimed at discovering how successful the children can become successful entrepreneurs and begin the process of identifying more potential business opportunities.

10. Implementation Approach:

- a) The children will be trained by an expert in entrepreneurship management skills so that they can be able to start and manage their businesses in a proper manner.
- b) Different ways of training will be used to ensure that children learn (group work, role plays among others).

11. Reporting:

The training will be supported by respective Back To Office Reports (BTORs) generated accordingly by the Staff in Uganda.

The Staff in Uganda will then produce a consolidated activity report – specifically the children that will be trained will be followed up to ensure whether there is a change as to whether their businesses have improved or they have started business. After the training, a reflection of challenges experienced and lessons learnt including any

adaptations conducted will be captured and action taken.
These reports will be available to the Board members as part of the accountability.
This activity's report will also be reflected in the Ugandan Lambs Association USA
monthly narrative report.

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