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2021 Annual Report



Our Mission

To empower rural communities, especially women, with skills and knowledge to reduce poverty, end malnutrition, and increase women’s voices and agency.

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Dear Friends,

2021 was a remarkable year for us not only did we serve nearly 500 households through our direct program and maintained beautiful relationships that reached about 1000 people. We also clocked 8 years in the Kasese community.

Over the years, we have grown into a respectful and impactful organization with our four committed volunteers. We have continuously provided nutrition education, agricultural solutions and economic empowerment projects benefiting women and girls. These women and girls are now empowered to provide nutritious food to their households, and have improved their incomes through the sale of some food products. I therefore thank you friends for the continued support to our mission.

We implemented three projects;

1. Ending malnutrition among rural households through organic vegetable growing,
2. Anasi Farmers Association (AFA) community gardens demonstration
3. Tie and dye

I appreciate the support (financial, technical, material and in kind) from Foundation for Community Development and Empowerment (FCDE), The Pollination Project, One World Group Oxted-Uk and all the Kasese district local government.

I again appreciate the valuable and voluntary support of the volunteers and our board of directors for continuing to put their resources and expertise at the service of AFA.

We all need to remain dedicated and united to keep AFA continue transforming communities.

Thank you.

BIIRA RITAH
Executive Director.



Overview.

Anasi Farmers Association is a community based, non – profit organization founded in 2013. It is legally registered with Kasese district local government with registration number CBO/1925 and other development networks in the Rwenzori region.

The year 2021, ultimately came to an end and the organization not only celebrated its 8th anniversary and we also developed our next four years strategic plan of existence and celebrated the successful conclusion of the 8 years planning period 2013 – 2021.

During the year, the volume of the activities continued to grow within the community and the group level. Significant studies were made in the direction of lobbying, networking and capacity building at the organization level while scaling up our programs to other sub counties in the Sub County.

Our Commitment.

In 2021, we continued implementing activities in three thematic areas of nutrition, agriculture, and economic empowerment to achieve the organizational objectives which includes;

- To encourage women farmers to start income generating projects which can enhance their sustainability.
- To encourage women to conserve and protect the environment through improved farming techniques.
- To establish model farms from which women farmers can learn new agricultural production techniques aimed at improving yields and quality of their produce.
- To improve nutrition at both family and community level.

Our Thematic Areas

Sustainable Agriculture

Sustainable agriculture is our key focus program since our organization aims to strengthen community systems through agricultural innovation aimed at transforming the lives of women, especially our member farmers. Organic vegetable growing was carried out in Kisinga and Munkunyu sub counties respectively which supported 50 households and 100 women directly on organic vegetable farming, post-harvest management and marketing and transformative



regenerative vegetable farming.

We also continued to make demonstration plots for rural farmers on vegetable growing and advocated for better and modern farming methods especially among our beneficiary members and also emphasized each one teach one model where an individual beneficiary is advised to pass over the information to another person so to have the information sink into the community especially in Kisinga and Munkunyu Sub Counties where we implemented.

One World Group Oxted; One of our longest serving partners who have supported us through recommendations for funding and sharing knowledge best fundraising modules and have

supported our projects like the goats and maize project that aimed at improving livelihood for mothers which have continued to transform lives of rural women.



Nutrition

This program involves changing mindset and increasing information, skills and knowledge of rural women farmers to have healthy lives. It focuses on improving household nutrition, including the integration of HIV/AIDS prevention and menstrual hygiene management for women and girls. Our approach in 2021 aimed at tackling nutritional challenges in communities from training couples on nutritious vegetable growing to expectant women on what to eat and when to eat it so as to produce healthier children. We trained 80 women all round on proper dieting and child management to tackle the increasing cases of malnutrition. This included distributing packets of vegetable seeds to mothers with malnourished and at-risk

children to plant them in their backyard gardens in Kamuruli and Rwembyo villages aimed at breaking the ignorance on nutrition and dieting.

Foundation for Community Development and Empowerment: For six years now FCDE has been our partner and through continuous capacity building sessions to our organizational team, we have managed to grow day by day. In 2021, through their hallmark grants that aimed at reducing malnutrition among rural households through promoting proper dieting and child management, we distributed assorted vegetable seeds and increased information flow on proper feeding especially among children below five years. This project reached 35 mothers with malnourished and children at risk of malnutrition in Kiburara Village.



Economic Empowerment

We implemented a tie and dye project which trained 80 young mothers in tie and dye skills, financial literacy, record keeping and marketing. 65% of the trainees are already applying the skills and they have increased their income by 50%. Their abilities to increase sales has stimulated savings and reinvestment amongst the girls and trained women and also the new designs and patterns have accelerated their marketing potentials since the market in which they sell their products is a laissez faire market.

Under this area, The Pollination Project supported Anasi Farmers for our tie and dye project that enabled us to train young mothers in relevant skills and techniques like the shibori, record keeping, marketing and financial literacy. They have used

their skills to penetrate the market in which they operate to increase sales and accountability hence increasing their potentials.

Others;

Development Network of Indigenous Voluntary Organizations (DENIVA): An umbrella for indigenous Associations in Uganda that has supported us through capacity building at organizational level and also sharing information and knowledge on community development through networking .

Kasese District Development Network; An umbrella for voluntary organizations in Kasese district that has increasingly supported in capacity building and information sharing.

Our Partners

We are grateful to our partners for the endless and continuous support over the years towards the implementation of the mission.



Our 2022 Plans

- Expand our scope of operation and reach more target beneficiaries to at least 1000 direct households.
- Support mother to child relations among the target households through our nutrition and positive parenting syllabus that will improve the lives of children.
- Purchase of 5 water sprinklers to be used for irrigation during dry days to minimize poor yields especially among our member farmers.
- Increase ICT equipment at organizational level for documentation and keeping work safe from viruses on flash disks.
- Increase campaigns towards reducing domestic violence as it has been among the push factors for women in ability to actively participate in decisions that amplify their voices and promote equity.
- Introduce a nutritional syllabus among rural schools through school gardening projects to enable learners to be active agents of change in their own local food systems hence reduce malnutrition.

Conclusively:

We call upon our partners to continue supporting our projects and other community well-wishers, especially those who believe in transforming women to join hands with Anasi Farmers Association in the year 2022 to ensure that women are the lead agents of socio-economic transformation at both local and national levels.

Our Vision:
Improved living conditions of rural women in Kasese, Uganda.

