

2023

ANNUAL ACTIVITIES REPORT



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Introduction:

RUFI UGANDA is a fully registered non-governmental organisation with the NGO bureau under the ministry of internal affairs with registration number INDR151794101NB and incorporated as company limited by Guarantee under registration number 80020001531644. RUFI UGANDA is permitted to operate in 6 districts of Rwenzori sub region. They include; Kasese, Kyejonjo, Bunyangabu, Kamwenge, Kyegegwa and Bundibugyo under permit Number INDP0004101NB.

VISION

A healthy, empowered and self-sustaining community aware of its rights and defend those of children for immediate and long term development.

MISSION

Empowering rural communities in fighting poverty, disease and defending the rights of young people through information accessibility and training services provision.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANISATION

1. To provide, vocational skills to the young mothers and vulnerable girls to help them cope up with life challenges.
2. To engage and educate the community on the best practices of conserving the environment.
3. To engage communities and all other stake holders in promoting education levels through sensitization.
4. To create platforms that address children's concerns and engage them in fighting for their rights.
5. To advocate for best practices to improve health of underserved communities through sensitization on the best prevention measures and the best responses to the health challenges

Message from the chairperson Board of Trustees

Hullo, it's another exciting year!

Indeed it's another year of progress for our organisation. It has been a year of connections and finding new partners. Yes we got them! We also worked on strengthening our old partners and supporters. Thank you our dear supporters and partners for accepting to work with us for the last year. As the Board team we ask you to stay and continue working with us.



To our young women and men in the implementing team, you excite me with the hard work exhibited. You are indeed a team worth working with.

All the best in the New Year!

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MASIKA RONA
Chairperson Board

Executive Director's Message.



On behalf of the team, am happy to present yet another edition of our annual report compiling all the different activities of the year. Our dear supporters, thank you for your support and trusting us with every single money you give to us to support our community. I would like to inform you that 2023 was a year of great impact. The most interesting part of the year was the first quarter of the year when our team had the capacity building session with our senior expert which took us 3 weeks of interaction. A lot was learnt regarding marketing and creating local markets for our products. This was practically done and a lot has been achieved out of this. We also started on another new project with Marieschlei women Association that engaged 90 women

in maize growing and a small section of them taking part in the adult literacy training. We had few changes on our team during the course of the year and all the new team members were inducted in their new roles and able to move closely with other members of the team. To our beneficiaries, thank you so much for practicing and applying the knowledge you have got from our various trainings and this practically show that our services are causing impact in our communities.

Empowering a woman is the best way of helping communities!

Enjoy the reading.

Tushabe Expedit Joy

Executive Director

RuFI Uganda

Staffing:

2023, we ended the year with a team of 9 members. The committed and hardworking team was at the forefront of our many activities successfully implemented last year. The table below show the team of staff we had for the year 2023;

S/n.	Staff Name	Gender	Position
1	Tushabe Expedit Joy	Female	Executive Director
2	Matsitsi Yonah	Male	Programs Manager
3	Biira Jovia	Female	Field Officer
4	Masika Proscovia	Female	Accountant
5	Baluku James	Male	Head of Communications & Projects
6	Mumbere Edwin	Male	Resource mobilisation
7	Biira Asia	Female	Training Manager-Tailoring
8	Bwambale Bonex	Male	Security Manager
9	Biira Liliian	Female	Volunteer

2023 overview

The year 2023 was an exciting year with great achievements as narrated below;

STAFF TRAINING

At the beginning of the year, we had yet another capacity building for staff in prioritizing organisation activities, setting action plans for each activity, fundraising, marketing and the training was facilitated by senior expert, Claus Oellerking with funding from Senior experten services Germany. The training took 3 weeks and was being conducted at RUFU UGANDA premises. Among the key training outcomes were;



Activities prioritizing

Roles distributions

Rolling out and merging different programs in enhancing their general output

Income generation strategies of the different social activities to enable project sustainability

Construction of the Medical Unit

We are excited to report that in the year 2023, with support from Rotary Club of Bremen, we embarked on a new project at the RuFI Uganda centre "THE MEDICAL UNIT".

The medical unit is the first of its kind in the Far East of Kasese municipality with the nearest medical unit located 5kilometres away. The RuFI medical centre will provide and immediate solution to walking long distances by the community especially mothers, children, girls and the elderly in search of quality and affordable medical services.

The Health unit will provide in and out patient departments, laboratory services, ultra scan and



X-ray services, community outreaches among others. The constructed and equipped Health Unit will serve as an outlet for medical service which the community members will be able to access at a small fee for drugs and medical consultations to maintain the medical equipment and contribute to the overhead expenses thus project sustainability. This will be guaranteed by the regular visits of community potential people to

access the health service from this Health Unit

E-Bikes and Water Storage Projects

With support from Claus Oellerking and in partnership with FABIO (first African bicycle organisation), in 2023, we purchased our second batch of E-bikes. This has increased our bikes and we are able to hire them to tourists and other people who wish to ride around. We still continue using them for cargo and as an ambulance.

2023, was a smiling year for the Kyababinga community our neighbors, when we installed the water tank at our centre to reserve water to help the community during times of water scarcity. The area have got a serious challenge of water shortages and with the installation of a water tank, it was a relief to the community especially the expectant and elderly mothers who are unable to walk long distances looking for water.

Tailoring- Training and Production



Just like in 2022, we had trainees for tailoring in 2 intakes that's the January and July intakes. We were able to train 17 young girls in the year. We also did production of school uniforms. We partnered with Kithoma Peas high school Kasese in this activity.

Weaving Training and Production.

In 2023, we continued to empower women and young girls through basket weaving. In the year, we trained 66 in the basket weaving. This skill is making them survive financially. We also got international friends who asked for baskets to support them fundraise for us. We were able to send 410 baskets to Germany and 100 baskets to Italy. The donations against these baskets helped the organisation to meet the overhead expenses.

Visits and meetings.

In the course of the year, our team had a number of several engagements with our donors through both virtual and physical meetings. This was an opportunity to share ideas on how the organisation can move forward. A lot was shared regarding the organisation activities and programs.

Our team attended a world earth day symposium in Bugolobi-Kampala. This was a great



experience for our team to interact with other stakeholders in the fight to protect the environment and learn a lot regarding the use of non-pollution products.

With our partner, The Marie Schlei Association (MSA) we had several visits to projects supported by MSA to engage, evaluate and learn from the different and related projects

they are doing. Among the organizations visited include;

Nyabahasa Foundation which is empowering women in rice growing and processing

DODI Community Foundation that is empowering women with baking skills for sustainability

KAWTRAC where women are specialized in green houses and kitchen gardening.

Gardening.

RUFI UGANDA continued to engage in agriculture especially the maize growing and tree planting. This was mainly done on our upper plot of land. We were able to harvest 300kgs of maize grains which later helped to balance the staff diet and sold the surplus. The trees were those that provide shade trees

With support from Marie Schlei Association, we were able to start on a new project ***"Economic strengthening of rural vulnerable women through agriculture and literacy training"***



where we ably supported 90 women in the two sub counties of Karusandara and Kitabu. The women were trained in the modern farming methods. A section of 30 women were also trained in adult literacy to equip them with the writing and speaking skills. The one year project will be ending with October 2024.

Supply of farm tools and seedlings for kitchen gardens was done. At least 2 rain Water harvest tanks were constructed, watering cans to support the gardens. These were the key

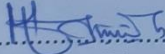
investments to support the project sustainability.

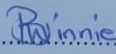
2023 RuFI Uganda Financial Position


AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FY 2023

RUFI-UGANDA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

ASSETS	NOTES	31st Dec 2023	31st Dec 2023
Noncurrent Assets		UGX	UGX
Property plant and equipment	10	276,676,956	215,148,194
Total non current		276,676,956	215,148,194
CURRENT ASSETS			
Receivable	9	-	-
Inventory	6	-	-
Cash and Bank balances	7	29,575,554	3,132,560
Total current assets		29,575,554	3,132,560
Total Assets		306,252,510	218,280,754
Financed by:			
Accumulated funds and liabilities			
Donated Equity		31,966,737	31,966,737
Revenue Reserves		272,285,773	185,314,017
Total equity and reserves		304,252,510	217,280,754
Liabilities			
Trade payables	8	2,000,000	1,000,000
Trade liabilities		2,000,000	1,000,000
Total Accum. Fund, reserves and liabilities		306,252,510	218,280,754


Executive Director


Chair Person B.O.D


Treasurer



Appreciation:

Great appreciations goes to the following;

- Our implementing team that worked tirelessly for the success of our many projects we implemented in the course of the year. We ask them to remain committed for the success of the future projects.
- Our chief donor and head of fundraising-Claus Oellerking; we thank you so much for the great support you rendered to us in the course of the year ranging from guidance, support, connections among other many roles you played for the growth of RUFU UGANDA. You connected us to many networks and a lot was achieved from the networks created. We can't really thank you enough.
- We thank the members of the Rotary club of Bremen Germany for continuously supporting us in the different initiatives more especially in the construction of the Vocational Skilling Centre. 2023, we had our second training hall completed. This was out of your support that made us succeed in that project.
- The organization of Miteinander a German based also supported us in our various initiatives. We can't thank them enough for that great support.
- We thank our supporters all over the world for greatly supporting our cause by acquiring our baskets against donations. We can't thank you enough for your unreserved support.

Challenges

- Our training centre is not yet fenced and this attracts a lot of movements left and right threatening our security especially for our properties.
- We still face a challenge of trainees dropping out amidst training. This reduces our impact of our training on the community. This is because some of our trainees are young mothers and they live on hand to mouth. Training for long hours of the day is always hard for them resorting to dropping out before completing the course.
- Our initiatives sometimes are frustrated by our customers who don't pay us on time. This is a challenge as it becomes hard to pay off some suppliers especially those of uniform materials.
- The year 2023 had a prolonged drought which affected our maize and thus affecting the harvest as well.

Compiled By:

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