



## **Turning Leaves Uganda Report – February 2022**

### **Emergency Food Aid Support Work**

Uganda is continuing to face a hunger crisis due to the fact that the majority of the people (approximately 98%) in Eastern Uganda, and other rural parts of Uganda, are subsistence farmers (growing food for domestic consumption only). Over the last three years Uganda has faced a prolonged famine due to aggressive climate change that has never been felt before in the history of the country. Mbale, for example, used to be a food hub, but it is no more as people are affected due shortage of food. In our recent community survey, a family of ten members feed/survive on a half kilo of posho (corn) flour a day, meaning each family member on average may be able to eat only 50 grams a day, which is far below the World Health Organisation recommend ratio of 250 grams of starch intake.

Uganda is hoping to receive some rains and hopefully people will grow some food (crops). Turning Leaves through our Demo Farm initiative are planning to support farmers with quality short maturing maize seeds, bean seeds, rice seeds and banana seeds. There are about 500 farmers who could benefit from provision of seeds, at a cost of 100,000/= (£21.50) for each farmer. We believe this will be a sustainable way to help the vulnerable community of Namabasa.

The Demo Farm Centre is now building a store house that will help in food storage. The house is now almost at roofing stage and we trust for 10,000,000/= (£2,150) to complete the house before harvest time.

The community in Namabasa have come this far due to your support and we are grateful for what you have done.

### **School Site**

Turning Leaves through your generous partnership has managed to acquire three acres for the establishment of a model girls' school at the education levels of nursery and primary. The land cost 131,000,000/= (£28,150). Thank you so much for this living seed to the lives of vulnerable children in Uganda.

We have started some work of fencing the school land. We have initially put 4,000,000/= (£860) for starting the work but it will require much more money to complete it. The purpose of the fencing is to establish security for the school and also to meet necessary Ministry of Education guidelines that mandates all schools in Uganda be fenced to abort terror threats from extremists. We pray for your support on this project as well.

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