



Turning Leaves Uganda

Progress Report - August 2021

In the month of August Turning Leaves Uganda carried out the following activities in fulfilment of its vision of healing lives through children's education and household wealth creation in Uganda.

1. Community Food Emergency Support

We received funding of 500,000/= (approximately £100) for food emergency support, with which we procured 100kgs of beans and 100kgs of posho. This supported 22 families in the Namabasa Settlement Suburb of Mbale City. The majority of the beneficiaries were elderly people with the burden of taking care of young grandchildren, sick people living with physical disabilities, and single mothers and orphans.

The hunger burden remains one of the critical elements of acute poor health in Uganda. Namabasa is one of such communities that is severely affected by shortage of food and, yet besides, the majority of people derive their livelihood from farming where climatic change has affected production.

2. Community Education and on Organic Farming and Environmental Protection

The Demonstration Farm coordinated an important symposium with the local government leadership of Namabasa and Nakaloke Community on the values of organic farming and promotion of ECO-System in densely populated communities, such as Namabasa, Nakaloke and surrounding areas. The meeting was a great success and a number of action points were developed including:

- a. Promotion of tree planting in homes and schools.
- b. Controlling the rate of tree cutting in the community.
- c. Continuous education of the community on the Green Cover Programme (GCP).
- d. Use of animal bio-products for garden manure.

3. Turning Leaves School Tree Programme

We were blessed to be invited to a meeting with the School Inspection Team in Namabasa Sub-County on the environment. After the meeting, we were donated 20 trees of indigenous pine and we were encouraged to plant a minimum of 250 trees of the same kind in the school compound to act as wind breaks, carbon absorbers and beautifiers, amongst others. Turning Leaves has so far planted an additional 240 indigenous pine trees on our three acre school land.

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