

A Revolving Cow Scheme for Improvement of Socio-Economic Welfare of Poor Families in Mukono district, of Uganda (East Africa)

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In Mukono over 80% of the people are involved in subsistence agricultural production and therefore hardly earn any income. This has left many under absolute poverty as they cannot meet most of the essentials of life. An initiative for rural development by the Church of Uganda has been promoting a cow revolving in a project commonly known as “Send a cow” where farmers are given expectant exotic breeds of cattle and after reproduction, an off spring is given to other farmers. There is significant improvement in the standards of living of the few families who have benefited through the sell of milk.

FINIDP carried out a need assessment geared at identifying the best income-generating initiative in the poverty-ridden families of Mukono. We proposed several projects to the community, and the cow revolving project was deemed the most effective and feasible. FINIDP has already carried out a pilot goat revolving project targeting 20 women in Nama sub-county, Mukono district, which has made a substantial positive impact on the community. Therefore FINIDP in collaboration with local leaders, beneficiaries and extension workers has proposed a cow revolving project for income improvement among the rural communities of Mukono. The project goal is to improve on the incomes and the living standards of the poor rural families in Mukono by providing a cow revolving project as a sustainable source of income. A crossbreed cow costs between USD 500 to USD 700.

We are targeting rural communities, each receiving 4 cows and 1 bull in the first phase of the project. A participatory project implementation strategy has been suggested involving the beneficiaries from the very beginning of the need identification to the selection process. In addition to the oversight of FINIDP Programme manager, a Project Management Committee (PMC) comprising of representatives of the beneficiaries, LC1 secretary for production and FINIDP officers will be formed to implement, monitor and evaluate all project activities. Terms of reference will be developed upon which a comprehensive farmer selection criterion shall be based. The beneficiaries shall be trained for a period of three weeks followed by one month of setting up standard livestock units fully equipped with all necessary inputs. Monthly monitoring visits will be done to assess the beneficiaries’ performance. After a year or so, other farmers will be identified, trained and given offsprings from the original batch. The cycle shall then continue. The project is expected to be self sustaining after two years.

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