

An Integrated Project to Help HIV/AIDS Affected Families Overcome the Psycho-social and Economic Impacts of HIV/AIDS in Mukono district, of Uganda (East Africa)

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According to a report by the Uganda Aids Control Programme (ACP) 2004, a cumulative 2 million Ugandans, approximately 7.7% of the population, have been infected with HIV. HIV/AIDS is devastating for its victims and their families, leaving behind elderly family members and orphans with no means to support themselves. The destitute survivors far outnumber the diseased. NGOs in urban communities have organized HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns to reverse the spread of HIV, but little or no intervention have been made in rural areas, especially Mukono district. Because AIDS impoverishes its victims and their families in economic interventions are also desperately needed addition to awareness campaigns.

FINIDP is thus proposing a one year *Integrated Project to Help HIV/AIDS Affected Families Overcome the Impact of HIV/AIDS*. HIV/AIDS leaves behind grandmothers and children, widows and the infirm. The project aims to reduce the suffering from HIV/AIDS by helping current victims and preventing future ones. The project will provide community-wide education on HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment, and economic assistance in the form of a livestock revolving scheme as a sustainable source of income.

The anticipated project cost and budget request from the development partner for the one year project is Ugandan shillings 40,387,500 (\$23,550). The money will be used to conduct HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns, hold counseling sessions, conduct family visits, provide basic support such as food items, drugs, clothing, etc train farmers, and distribute 3 goats (2 female and 1 male) per household. FINIDP will take the lead in project coordination and administration. FINIDP will collaborate with community development workers, health officials and local council leaders during project implementation. Results from the needs assessment indicate that the target community is willing to contribute in kind and offer total support to the project since they have been deeply involved in problem identification and project design. Because of the community support, and because of the self-sustaining nature of the project, this one-time donation has the potential to make a lasting impact on the well-being of poor people in Mukono district.

If you are interested in making a contribution towards this project, [Contact Us](#) for details.