



# Katosi Women Development Trust (KWDT)

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*Transforming lives; changing families of rural poor women.*

## Annual report 2010

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## 1.0 Acknowledgements;

Katosi Women Development Trust with gratitude wishes to thank donor agencies and individuals who have continuously supported our programmes all year round; KWDT has transformed lives and changed families of rural poor women, through empowering them and the benefits trickling down to the communities. Among others, we appreciate the contribution of the following organisations.

- ❖ DANIDA
- ❖ Tudor Trust
- ❖ Responsible Fishing Alliance ( RFA)
- ❖ Miva Netherlands
- ❖ France Libertes
- ❖ Waterloo Foundation
- ❖ Women for Water Partnership ( WfWP)
- ❖ Berea Church
- ❖ KWDT interns Lauren, Colleen, Scarlet & Avery
- ❖ Nalugo Margaret Sekiziyivu (Hon)

## 2.0 Introduction;

Katosi Women Development Trust, (KWDT) comprises of 13 groups of women from Nakisunga, Mpataa, Mpunge and Ntenjeru sub-counties in Mukono district, through our programmes of sustainable agriculture, micro credit, water hygiene and sanitation, trainings/capacity building a total of 285

*The fact is, a loan helps to settle so many baffling problems, with no collateral security, one can never access a loan from the bank, besides, interest rate and legal technicalities scare rural people away.*

women's livelihood as well as their family members, have been changed, women have been empowered and later empowering their husbands and sons too. In October 16<sup>th</sup> 2010, we emerged as the best exhibitors in the 29<sup>th</sup> World Food Day celebrations which took place in Mukono.

## 3.0. Our vision is;

Empowered rural women with productive livelihoods in healthy communities

## 4.0. Our Mission is;

Enabling rural women to effectively manage their social, economic and political development processes for improved livelihoods.

## 5.0. KWDT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES;

This year a lot has been done with the implementation of our activities 285 women members, with 3567 dependants and biological children, with 8120 community members as direct beneficiaries of KWDT programs.

### i. MICRO CREDIT;

47% of the women across the 13 groups of women are currently having loans. Loans are accessible both in cash and in kind; the in-kind loans include bicycles, wheel barrows, milk cans, water harvesting tanks and toilets.



**ii. WATER HYGIENE AND SANITATION;**

Proper hygiene and sanitation is promoted, since programme inception in 2003 to promote household health, through construction of latrines such as VIP latrines and Ecosan toilets, construction of shallow wells for the community, construction of the Bio sand water filters and also promoting rain water harvesting, through the construction of Tanks, for schools and for households.

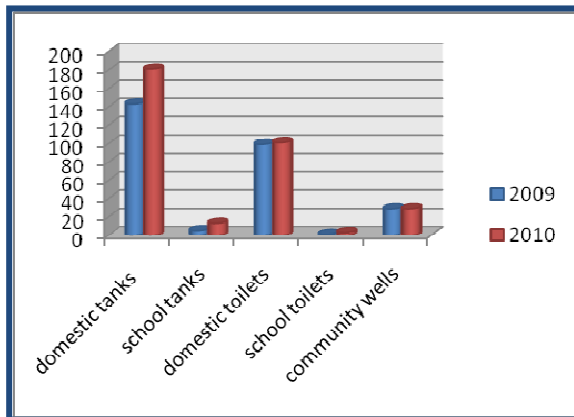
Rain water harvesting for domestic use is still the centre attraction to all people who apply to join KWDT. This is because water is still an immense problem in Katosi area. A total of 43 tanks have been constructed this year, 35 for house holds and 8 for schools, raising a total of 197.

**Increasing access to water and sanitation facilities among KWDT members and the community.**

With the effort to provide safe clean drinking water to group members, each group was given a bio-sand water filter, this year we have given out 4 bio-sand water filters to house holds and 3 to schools.

Out standing achievement is the access to water at household while the steady increasing demand for sanitation facilities at household will contribute to improved health at house holds.

*“As a reward for community awareness about proper hygiene and sanitation through our drama plays, we were given a Bio-sand water filter by KWDT. Members decided it should be kept at my home, since it was their meeting place. This has enabled me to benefit more than any other person from our group, my family has access to clean pure natural filtered water, it was clinically tested and it had no contaminations”. Says Matovu Prossy a member of Bugolombe Women’s Group*



Due to rocky land in this place, Nakafu Justine can only have an Ecosan toilet, a technology promoted for waterlogged and rocky areas. A tippy tap for hand washing and dish draying rack have been promoted by the women trainers (TOTs) of Muwumuza to the group members and to the community. Access to water at her household has allowed her engage in livestock farming with increased productivity. Her house is one of the model homes that KWDT aims to attain among the KWDT members and community. “I was formerly known as Widow! But now my name has changed from widow to the LADY WITH TWO COWS” says Nakafu Justine.



*Rural women able to eliminate poverty and build healthy communities*

### iii. SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE;

In this programme KWDT runs quite a number of activities including, live stock, cooperative marketing, mushroom growing, fish farming, and bee keeping. These take place across the 13 women groups.

#### Live stock farming:

54% of women have access to cows through the revolving scheme, where the first beneficiaries pass on the female calves to other group members and there after enjoy endless benefits especially milk production and the use of cow dung and urine as fertilizers.



**Before we start other day's activities, every early morning, we already have 5000 Ug shs from the milk produced by our cow. Says Mr Matovu, husband to Prossy Matovu, the chairperson of Bugolombe group.**

#### Mushroom growing

There are eight people involved in this activity, most of them are the elderly women who are un able to carry out hard work, they grow mushrooms as well as vegetables which include , cabbage, onions, tomatoes, nakati and egg plants,

#### Cooperative marketing,

The maize mill and a milk cooling plant at Katosi have continued to support members with the collective sell of their agricultural products.

An effort to process milk into other dairy products such as ghee and yogurt are under way.

To date, KWDT has 4 fish ponds fully stocked with tilapia and cat fish. Fish farming was introduced so as to meet the increasing demand for fish, diversify incomes as well as reducing pressure on Lake Victoria, by providing an alternative source of fish.

The activity provides an opportunity for turning neglected land into productive land, as well as providing employment to community members.





**KWDT empowers group leaders and group members who after influence and manage development initiatives in the households and in the community.**

#### **iv. CAPACITY BUILDING;**

Trainings have been organised this year, facilitated by KWDT staff, group leaders are consistently trained in managerial skills, and record keeping. Well user committees too are trained in operational and maintenance of the shallow wells for sustainability. School healthy committees are also trained in the promotion of proper hygiene and sanitation in schools, especially those that have benefited from KWDT programs.

After the Training of trainers, these individuals move in small groups supported by each other, house to house, using demonstrations, they train their fellow villagers' on proper hygiene behaviours, by teaching them how to dig garbage pits and constructing dish drying racks, tippy taps, using available local materials, therefore playing a big role in the successful implementations of KWDT programmes.

***“Due to my efficiency in managerial skills, I was requested by the coordinator to help out some women groups which were at the verge of collapsing due to poor leadership and group management. I taught the chairperson of Bulonda women’s group, record keeping and I also advised them to change the management, since then it rejuvenated and now doing better. I am also a strong pillar in fighting violence in the community, as a result my effort was recognized by UPCAN an organization that fights for women and children’s right. They gave me bicycle as a gift”. Nakamatte Agnes chair person Bukwaya women’s group.***

We have continuously retrained women and equipped them with the necessary skills to implement the project activities; ignorance among rural women has tremendously reduced. Group leaders are consistently trained to do their job and also to help with the community activities.

## 6.0 CHALLENGES.

The major outstanding challenge of KWDT is to meet the increasing demands by other groups and community members and to maintain the service delivery to all existing groups without external funding.

Limited space is still a challenge to our operations, spaces available for rent to conduct trainings and meetings of the group members are limited to the number of members of the organisation, while others have poor learning conditions.

We still need to fundraise and seek partnership to construct a multipurpose building learning centre to meet our needs.

**KWDT is committed to the elimination of poverty and engage women in building healthy communities.**

**During the celebrations to mark the 29<sup>th</sup> World Food Day in Mukono, KWDT was the best exhibitor!**



## KWDT Strengths

### Self sustaining recovery schemes

KWDT has well established revolving schemes for all her programs with potential to sustain them even without external funding. A slow but steady mechanism allows first beneficiaries to pay back for a resource acquired, pooling funds from which secondary beneficiaries can access the same facility.

### Organised and empowered women groups.

All KWDT programs are initiated, implemented, monitored and owned by women organised in groups. These act as entry points for community developmental initiatives.

### KWDT Total Annual income

This year's total income of Ug. Shs 358,355,403/= has been for building the capacity of the organisation and group members to manage development initiatives, water hygiene and sanitation program, fish farming and micro credit.

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