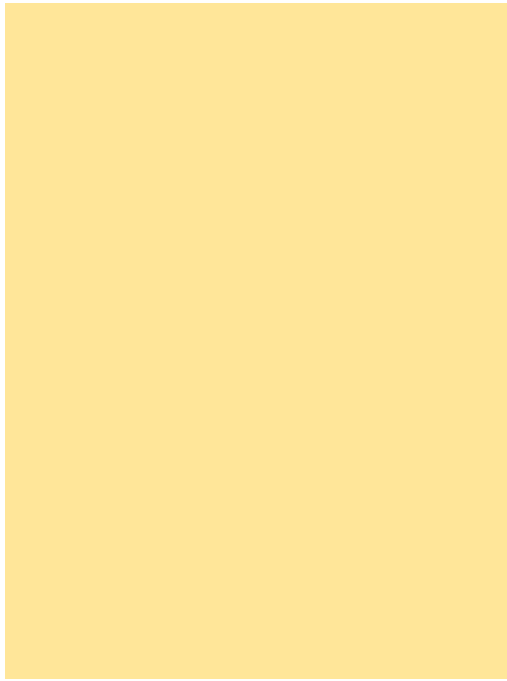
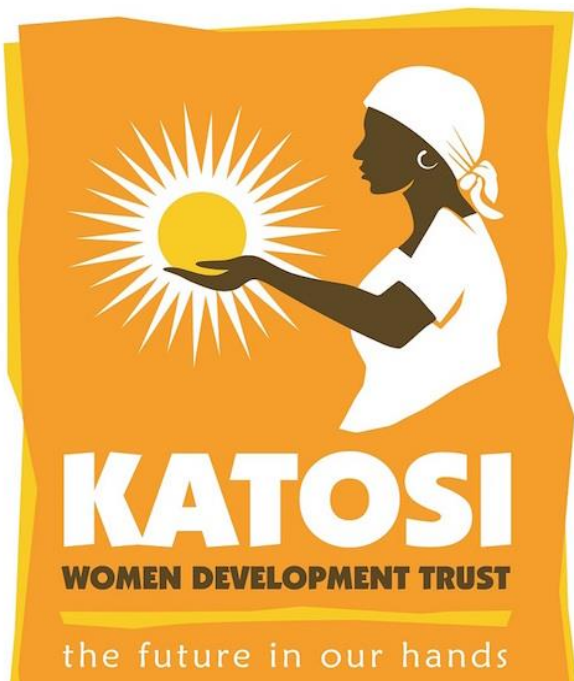


# KATOSI WOMEN DEVELOPMENT TRUST ANNUAL REPORT 2015



**AWARD WINNER, NATIONAL WOMENS' DAY 2015**



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# 1. MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR



Dear our colleagues and partners,

2015 has been a year of Awards again for KWDT. We have received awards from H.E the president of Uganda Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and an award from Mukono NGO Forum.

Reflecting on the year 2015, quite a lot has happened. We are so proud to have kept the banner high. Positively influencing and impacting on the women, for whom we strive year after year, the day to day progress and change in their lives keeps us optimistic. For them and with them, we will keep trying!

KWDT is growing from strength to strength. Our partners, the Board members, the staff, volunteers and the women have made great strides through the year 2015. Building the network to bring together 511 women organized in 18 groups and scattered all over 5 sub counties of Mukono district. We are proud too, to have many more women desirous to join the KWDT network. Our capacity however can only allow us to take in 2 groups per year to ensure not only the quantity but the quality of the membership and building their capacity to enable them manage the development process.

The women are no longer simply beneficiaries, but they are the drivers of change. Mentoring fellow new women in the groups, demanding for services and facilities from the local government, identifying needs and possible solutions in their communities as well as offering reliable and trust worthy support to the small staff of KWDT.

A big challenge remains ahead of us, not only to keep this fire burning but to spread to many more communities. Once again we invite all friends of KWDT, all partners, present and past volunteers to come again on board as we sail through the new year 2016 to consolidate our achievements and hold our grip for more benefits.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Margaret Nakato'.

Margaret Nakato

Coordinator

## 2. KWDT AT A GLANCE

Growing steadily, for 19 years now, the KWDT network has grown from 26 women since its inception in 1996 to 511 women now organized in 18 groups. Seeing the benefits of working in groups, many other women have expressed their desire to join the KWDT network, and there is total of 3 applications at the secretariat to that effect.

The 18 groups that currently make up the KWDT network

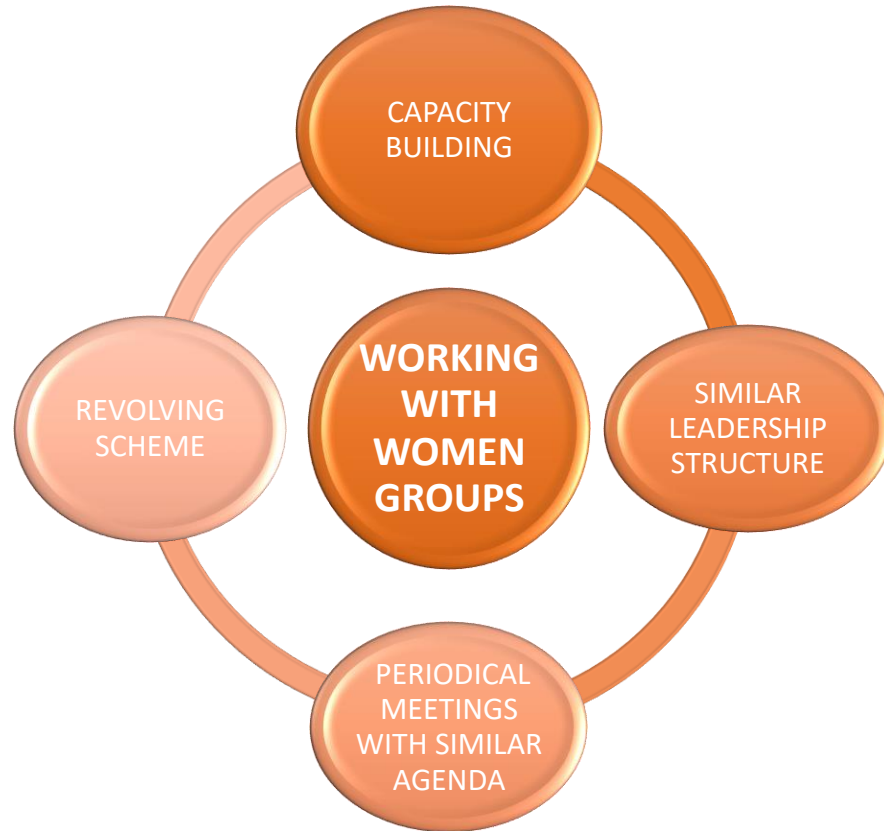
NO.	NAME OF GROUP	NO. OF MEMBERS	DATE JOINED KWDT
1	Katosi Women Fishing & Devt Association	34	1996
2	Bukwaya Women's group	27	2002
3	Muwumuza Women's group	22	2002
4	Bugoye Women's Group	23	2004
5	Kisakye Women's Group	34	2004
6	Kalengera Women's Group	21	2005
7	Bugolombe Women's Development Group	33	2005
8	Kulubbi Women's Group	26	2005
9	Bakyala kwagalana Women's Group	27	2007
10	Bulonda Kisoga Women's Group	26	2007
11	Twekembe Women's Group	23	2007
12	Ntanzi women's group	22	2008
13	Nakisunga Ntakafunvu Women's Group	32	2009
14	Manyi ga mulimi Kiyoola Women's Group	32	2011
15	Balabire kuffe Women's Group	28	2011
16	Basooka kwavula Women's Group	32	2011
17	Muterezanda Women's Group	21	2014
18	Twekembe Kitebi Namaliga	57	2015

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION ON PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2015

TITLE OF PROJECT	PERIOD OF IMPLEMENTATION	TOTAL AMOUNT	PARTNER/DONOR
<b>ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT</b>			
Micro credit project	On-going		Foundation Open Swiss hand
Employment opportunities for rural women in the fisher communities through dairy farming	Short project	2,960,000	Berea Union Church of Christ
Creating employment opportunity for rural women in fisher communities	One year	45,746,726	Responsible Fisheries Alliance (RFA)
Employment opportunities for rural women in the fisher communities through dairy farming	Short project	3,315,170	Katosi women Development Trust(UK)
Creating employment opportunities for rural women in the fisher communities	3 years	23,292,413	Virginia Gilder sleeve International Fund(VGIF)
Employment opportunities for Ntanzi group through dairy farming	One year	656,400	Nouvelle Planete
<b>HEALTH</b>			
Promoting Bio sand water filtration	One year	1,250,000	Global Water Women's Initiative (GWWI)
Promote biosand water filtration to increase access to safe drinking water	One year	8,486,790	Lucius & Eva Eastman Fund Inc
Women empowerment for WASH access in rural communities	On year	2,256,9545	Women for Water Partnership /Nestle
Increase access to clean safe water, improves hygiene and adequate sanitation for marginalized fisher communities through enhancing women's roles in wash	One year	9,348,687	Women for Water Partnership /AQUA for All & Marie Stella Maris
Enhancing the capacity of rural women to engage in management	Two year	34,015,910	VOLKART Foundation

<b>and increasing access to water and sanitation</b>			
<b>Access to water in schools</b>	One year	13,105,000	Katosi Women Development Trust UK (St James)
<b>SUPPORT FORMAL AND INFORMAL EDUCATION</b>			
<b>School enterprise development</b>	Short project	3,370,580	Katosi church of Uganda Teach A man to fish
<b>Capacity building</b>	One year	15,547,139	Women for Water Partnership ( WfWP)
<b>Enhancing the capacity of rural women to engage in management and increasing access to water and sanitation</b>	One year	201,177,233	arche noVa
<b>Enhancing the capacity of rural women to engage in management and increasing access to water and sanitation</b>	Two years	44,426,9102	Waterloo Foundation
<b>Classroom construction at Katosi church of Uganda</b>	One year	55,0550,000	Nouvelle Planete
<b>Coordination for office</b>	On going	11,823,185	Nouvelle Planete
<b>Monitoring visit</b>	One month	1,719,565	Nouvelle Planete
<b>Collaborative action research on the rush for land and water in Uganda</b>	Three years	56,503,0951	International Development Research Centre ( IDRC)
<b>Collaborative action research International inception meeting in Uganda</b>	One month	22,076,160	International Development Research Centre ( IDRC)
<b>Research</b>	Short project	424,650	United Nations university Wisma UN
<b>Attend the 6<sup>th</sup> world water Conference in Korea</b>		4,9446,525	7 <sup>th</sup> World Water Council

## HOW WE DO IT



*Having similar leadership, similar meeting agendas, periodical and same-time meetings, revolving scheme as well as intensive capacity building have been the corner stone for KWDT programs and largely accounts for our steady progress*

The year 2015 has witnessed a great improvement in meeting attendance for all the groups. This improvement is directly reflected also in the performance of the groups in terms of loan re-payment, increase and stability in membership, payment of membership fees and operation and maintenance of the community facilities in that community.

## MEETING ATTENDANCE BY GROUP OVER THE LAST ONE YEAR

GROUP	2014	2015
Bakyala Kwagalana	46%	46%
Balabire Kuffe	40%	33%
Basooka Kwavula	59%	49%
Bugolombe	46%	39%
Bugoye	39%	33%
Bukwaya	47%	49%
Bulonda Kisoga	27%	27%
Kalengera	46%	28%
KWFDA	56%	53%
Kisakye	34%	33%
Kulubbi	63%	69%
Manyi Ga Balimi	29%	35%
Muterezzanda	-	25%
Muwumuza	44%	58%
Nakisunga	53%	59%
Ntanzi	25%	28%
Twekembe	48%	23%





*Members of Balabire kuffe Women's group have successfully ventured into processing silver fish, and are running a booming silver fish business in Nangoma landing site*

### **3. OUR PROGRAMS**

#### **ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT.**

##### **Live stock**

What seemed to be a very difficult venture for the women is now the main source of income and a potential source of conflict over who should take the cows. In the year 1998 when livestock was introduced among the KWDT groups, it was almost impossible to get a woman willing to take a cow, as everyone thought of how difficult it would be to take care of a cow especially high breed

animal. Women were overwhelmed with worries of where they would get water, feeding and treatment for the cows. As time has gone by, it is currently not a discussion of “*who is willing to take the cow*”, but rather “*how many cows should I have*”. On average, each woman having a milking cow earns between UGX 120,000 to 200,000 per month, making it 1,440,000 per year.

Live stock has triggered women to enter into milk processing to avoid wastage in the rainy seasons when there is plenty of milk. 5 women of KWFDA, Muwumuza and Bukwaya women’s groups are now engaged in making yoghurt, ghee and sour butter.

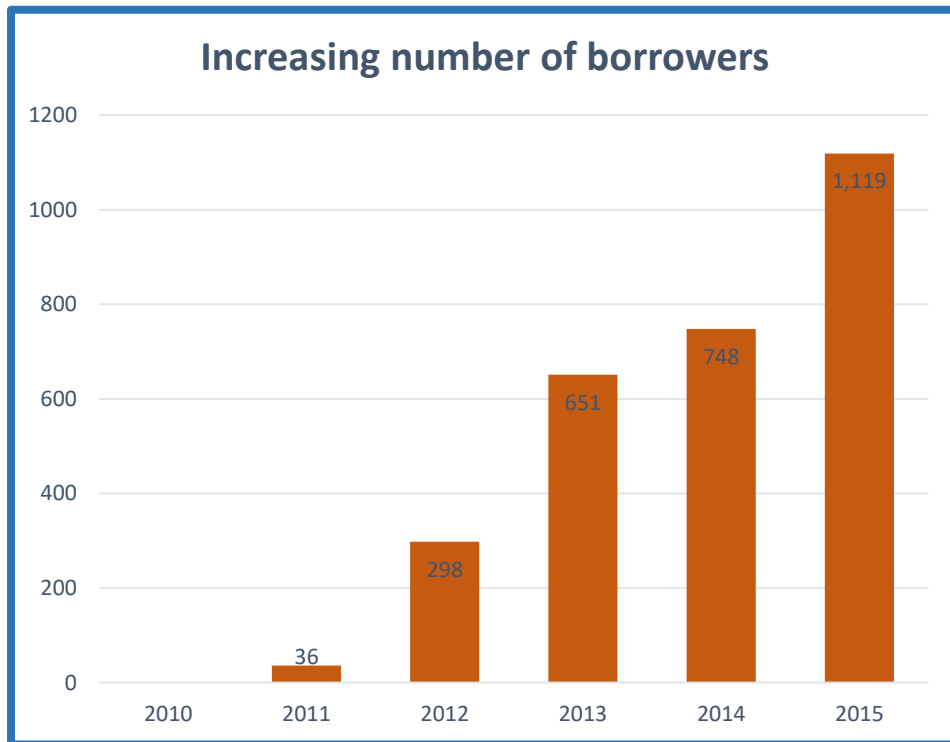
Other economic activities carried out on a smaller scale among women members of KWDT include: mushroom growing, poultry, fish farming, soap production and candle making



*Live stock and Micro credit continue to be the 2 strong engines of Development for the women Households as well as community members*

## Micro credit

Graph to show number of borrowers over the last 5 years



The program benefits both individual as well as group borrowers. Groups such as Tweekembe, Muwumuza and Kisakye borrow money as a group to invest in communal or group activities such as catering services, group farming and 1,119 individual borrowers to engage in private business or income generating activities. The micro credit program has seen women's small businesses grow to greater heights to the level of providing employment to the younger generation.

The repayment rate has greatly increased and improved as women are learning to handle and make good use of the money, knowing what and where to invest loan money. The program enables the actively poor women who would otherwise have no access to micro finance from other institutions. Many of the women do not have the required security to access micro credit in banks or other financial services providers. The group works as security for the women and the sense of trust among them helps to carry the program forward.

## HEALTH

### Rain water harvesting

Harvesting rain water has provided income, social capital, and social status for the women in KWDT. Water at home is also a strong basis for the women to engage in other income generating projects: they save the would be time for collecting water, and they also use the water for livestock and for irrigation during the rainy season.

The revolving scheme was initiated in the year 2004 and continues to help women to acquire a tank at a cost that they would never have been able to afford without the scheme or without being part of the group.

Started as a household activity, rain water harvesting has been scaled up to benefit children in schools and health centers. This year, 6 household tanks have been constructed, 12 school tanks, giving a total of 18 tanks.

	Household tanks	Community /institutional tanks
<b>Constructed in 2015 from external funding</b>	6	12
<b>Tanks from the revolving scheme</b>	0	-
<b>Current Total number</b>	6	12
<b>Total beneficiaries</b>	42	5,112

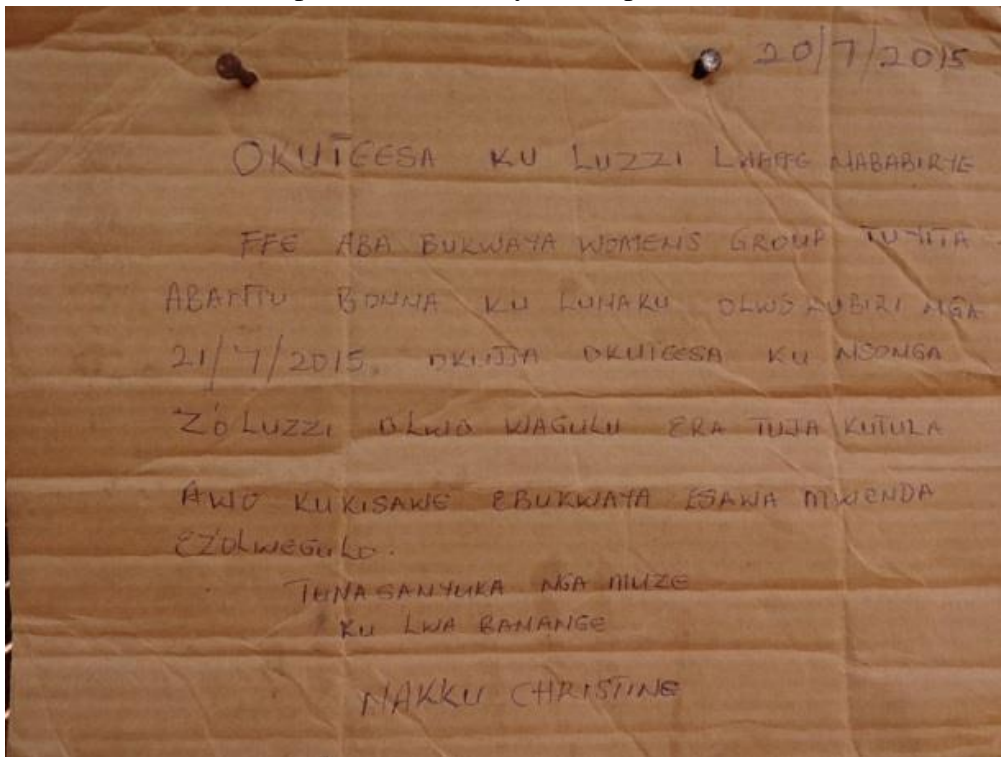


*Tanks on average serve 6-7 members in a household, in addition they provide water for the cows as well as irrigation for the vegetable gardens at home*

## Shallow wells

To date 54 Shallow wells have been constructed to benefit the wider community. KWDT engages the women to identify water stressed areas in the community, and the women mobilize their community members too to engage in the construction and maintenance of the shallow wells. For every shallow well-constructed, hand pump mechanics are trained on site during and at the end of the construction. A water user committee is then established and trained.

When women are empowered, they themselves can engage their community members to ensure improved maintenance of water facilities in the community. Bukwaya Women's group, one of the pioneer groups in KWDT is now able to independently engage community members in dialogues, discussions and come up with community action plans.



### Literal translation:

#### **Meeting to discuss our Water source: Nababirye**

The members of Bukwaya Women's group, invite you to a meeting on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> / January 2015, to discuss issues pertaining the above mentioned water source. The meeting will take place in the field in Bukwaya village at 3:00p.

We will be glad to see you there.

On behalf of the team,  
Nakku Christine



Ms. Nakku meeting convener on behalf of Bukwaya women's Group with Ms. Nabushawo and Ms. Mugalula convene a group meeting to discuss the status of a community well; Nababirye

With increased capacity building, women are learning to take on such challenging tasks and ultimately they are able to influence communities to manage their own development

KWDT has supported each group to democratically establish a WASH committee that comprise of 7 members that are trained and equipped with knowledge and skills to manage WASH facilities in their communities. This doesn't only help the meager staff of KWDT in being able to implement a number of projects at once, but builds the capacity of the women to take charge of their own development issues

### **Bio-sand filters**

The use of bio-sand filters for drinking water has become more popular, not only among KWDT members but even to the wider community at large. To date, 121 bio sand filters have been distributed within communities, including schools and households. Bio-sand filters too are a source of income to five women that are engaged in their construction and promotion within the community.

	No	No of beneficiaries
Households with bio-sand filters	2	14
Schools	24	6,300
Health centers	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6,314</b>



*The Bio Sand filter is suitable in complimenting the traditional methods of managing drinking water, while ensuring safety of the household members*

## Sanitation

The construction of sanitation facilities has been scaled up from the households to the communities. KWDT has supported households, schools, and landing sites to acquire sanitation facilities. The promotion of proper hygiene and sanitation however is not only achieved through the construction of latrines but requires vigorous efforts to change behaviors too. The construction of community sanitation facilities therefore is accompanied by community dialogues and trainings in sanitation. The technologies promoted include EcoSan and VIP latrines.

	Household latrines	Community /institutional latrines	Beneficiaries
<b>Constructed in 2015 from external funding</b>		5	2,410
<b>Latrines from the revolving scheme</b>	12		108
<b>Totals</b>	12	5	2158



***Toilet for Nsonga Church of Uganda Primary School; improving sanitation in schools***

From being sanitation teachers, the women are also considered as community guarantors in securing sanitation facilities. It is the women’s groups that bail out community members whenever there’s sanitation hunt down for lack of facilities by the local authorities. The benefits of having a sanitation facility are not easily felt by the people, financial commitment of such facilities is relatively low as compared to other facilities like tanks and cows. Local authorities thus apply force to hunt down the non-abiding community members.

KWDT supports both members and nonmembers to acquire facilities on credit, however due to the low repayment for toilets, the waiting time is usually longer. The women then hold the burden of bailing people out whenever they are held by the authorities for not having a toilet. Mugambe Betty of Kisakye women’s group shares her experience as she pleaded with the secretariat to speed up with issuing toilet construction material.

*“I haven’t settled down this whole week, I have been running up and down to the sub county to plead for people who applied for toilets. Each time the local authorities hunt them down, they call me to bail them out. It has now become my other job.”*

It is always a pleasure to hear the good stories from the women in the struggle to upscale good hygiene and sanitation practices. Lydia is one of the EcoSan latrine masons. She has constructed over 20 sanitation facilities both for households and schools. She also shares her experience.



*“Being one of the masons and a trainer in hygiene and sanitation in the community has earned me community recognition. Some communities are even frightened when they see me and other sanitation trainers, they think we are going to arrest them for not having toilets, because we surely preach to them all the time”.*



*Lydia Kateregga, the only EcoSan female mason, demonstrates the proper use of the EcoSan toilet upon its completion, in Buleebi landing site.*

## **LEADERSHIP AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION**

### **Leadership**

The experience of empowering women with more income, more skills, exposure and capacity has challenged them and triggered their zeal to cause change in their communities. As such, women are becoming more politically aware and more politically active.

Although KWDT is a non-partisan organization, the desire to cause change in the communities where we work has led us to support more and more women in occupying leadership positions.

12 women are currently occupying leadership positions at the village, parish, sub county and district levels.



*Encouraging women to take on leadership positions has not been vain; Muwanga Fridah has accepted the challenge and is now holding the top most position among all women members of KWDT, as the LC 111 Chairperson of Mpunge Sub-County*

### **Women Advocacy Clubs**

To enhance their leadership capacity, KWDT conducts trainings for leaders, and establishes women Advocacy Clubs (WAC) that lobby and advocate for improved service delivery in their communities.

### **Study on land and water grabbing.**

KWDT is carrying out a study on land and water grabbing in fishing communities. The study is being funded by International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and implemented in partnership with Food First Information and Action Network (FIAN), Germany. The study will also provide an entry point for the dissemination and implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines

for the governance of Land and Natural resources (VGGT) as well as empowering community members to address the challenges of displacements and land conflicts.



*Engaging rural women to understand the root causes of land displacement and limited access to fishing grounds, as well as devising strategies together on how these can be addressed*

#### **4. NETWORKING AND PARTNERHIP**

KWDT continues to be a member of the following national and international networks

**At International level KWDT is a member of:**

- ✓ World Forum of Fish harvesters and Fish workers (WFF) an international network of small-scale fisher people and KWDT hosts the secretariat in Uganda
- ✓ Women for Water Partnership (WfWP) a Netherlands based international organisation
- ✓ Gender Water Alliance (GWA)

**At national level KWDT is a member of:**

- ✓ Uganda Water and Sanitation NGO Network (UWASNET) and chairs the working group of WASH for children and women
- ✓ Uganda Rain Water Association (URWA)

KWDT hosts the secretariat of the World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF)

## 5. OTHER EVENTS AND UPDATES

- KWDT hosted our partners from Nouvelle Planete, VGIF, arche noVa as well as Germany Volunteers and several other interns.



**University of Wisconsin (Madison) working with engineers without Borders learn about rural water challenges when they visited Nakisunga Women's Group**



*Students of Stanford University USA learn about the work of KWDT and rural development*



*Steffi a volunteer with KWDT training Kalengera women in soap making*

❖ **Margaret Nakato receives a Medal.**

During the International women's day celebrations of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2015, the president of Uganda, H.E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni awarded a medal to Ms. Nakato Margaret, the coordinator of KWDT and congratulated her for her enormous contribution to the improvement of women's lives. The celebrations took place in Kigezi, Western Uganda. The award is a recognition of the joint women's effort to transform their lives and that of their community, one life at a time!

❖ **Award from Mukono NGO Forum**



- ❖ **KWDT**, through our volunteers, Steffi and Lisa, also won the School enterprise challenge. The prize was won by Katosi Church of Uganda primary School as a recognition for its soap making project that has not only imparted skills to the children but has provided an income to the school too.
- ❖ **New Documentary.** Documenting our experiences, processes and outcomes has emerged as one of the methods through which we communicate our work. The 20 minutes' documentary at shows women as agents of changing and focusing on their work in the community especially the WASH program at <https://www.youtube.com/user/KatosiWomendt>

## 6. THE FUTURE

- ❖ **KWDT Centre for Development.** The absence of a central place has been a big hindrance to our general progress as an organization. KWDT plans to construct a development center, and a home for the various activities and programs.
- ❖ **Change of leadership.** With the growth and expansion of the network, leadership challenges have cropped up among some of the groups. As such, KWDT is initiating a system to promote smooth change of leadership among the groups. Every after 3 years, each group will change leaders through a democratic process of election. The staff of KWDT shall offer technical and moral support to all the groups through this process.
- ❖ **Engaging younger women.** To promote sustainability of projects and their impact in the community, women members of KWDT have been encouraged to train their daughters whether biological or foster, in all the development work that they are doing. This is to ensure that the good work started in these communities can be carried on even as the women age.

- ❖ **Mentoring the youths.** To spread the development gospel further in the communities where KWDT works, and to respond to so many requests from the men in the communities, KWDT will initiate mentorship programs for youth groups that may be interested in learning from the women groups. The women groups will be facilitated to teach the youth in the various approaches, and techniques that have kept the groups for this long and enabled the women to be consistent in their development efforts.



*I serve as a good example. What about you? Rose of Kalengera Women's group during a community WASH training that was followed by Certification for Exemplary households*