

Annual Report 2018



KATOSI WOMEN DEVELOPMENT TRUST

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Message from Board Chairperson

Dear Friends

This year has been quite a journey expanding development initiatives into the fishing villages of Mukono district both in economic empowerment and service delivery in WASH.

The initiatives are both planting seeds and cultivating; extending the long tail of impact-making actions to combat rural development challenges particularly in fishing villages.

KWDT continues to make important strides in empowering women to be the drivers of change in their communities, focusing on sharing our learning about effective empowerment. We continue to work in innovative partnerships and we continue to learn from both our challenges and our achievements.

We know at the heart of success is a strong team with shared goals. We set goals as a team and the individual drive and passion of each woman, staff and partner is what propels us to achieve these goals.

In sum, 2018 was a year in which we experienced substantial growth and assumed more responsibility at the local and national levels. Of course, your support and passion make this possible. They put wind in our sails. You help us continue to patiently pursue slow, organic growth towards alleviating the most marginalized to better lives.

Thank you.



Harriet Najjemba
Board Chairperson

Message from Executive Director

Greetings to all,

2018 has been a year worth remembering. KWDT celebrated 22 years in development. This came at a transitioning time for the organization, magnifying the impact KWDT hopes to leave on each and every one of our beneficiaries. This year has been a year of expansion and reflection. Eight (8) new groups have been inducted into the work of KWDT.

In this report, you will read how our long-time programs continue to successfully serve women and children. Our programs expanded to skill women in repair of water sources and construction of environmental conservation technologies. This continues to enhance the development & independence of the women.

These pages are full of success stories and successful failures which all would not be possible without the amazing staff, volunteers, board members, supporters and community partners.

I want to personally thank each and every one of you for your time, commitment, dedication and support over the past year. I am honored to keep working towards a better future.

I have no doubt that next year will be just as exciting and that the growth will be even greater.

Thank you



Nakato Margaret

Executive Director



The Mission that guides us

“To enable rural women to effectively manage their social, economic and political development processes for improved livelihoods”

The Vision that inspires us

“Empowered rural women with productive livelihoods living in healthy communities

Values we live by

“Participation, sustainability, gender and cultural equity, transparency and accountability”



Economic Empowerment

The program seeks to support women in economic activities including fishing, fish processing and trade; integrated sustainable agriculture, food processing and access to credit to enter diverse economic activities to reduce women's vulnerability and promote savings culture. Women economic empowerment has contributed to improved food security, rural economic development as well as enhancing women's contribution to community development.



Health

The program improves health through increasing access to clean water, adequate sanitation & hygiene at household and community levels. This is achieved through construction of water sources, rain water harvesting and purification of drinking water. Improvement of sanitation includes construction of latrine and promotion of appropriate technologies. Hygiene promotion is complemented by trainings in construction & management of WASH facilities. The program has a component of awareness on HIV/AIDS, malaria, reproductive and maternal health.



Support Formal & Non-Formal Education

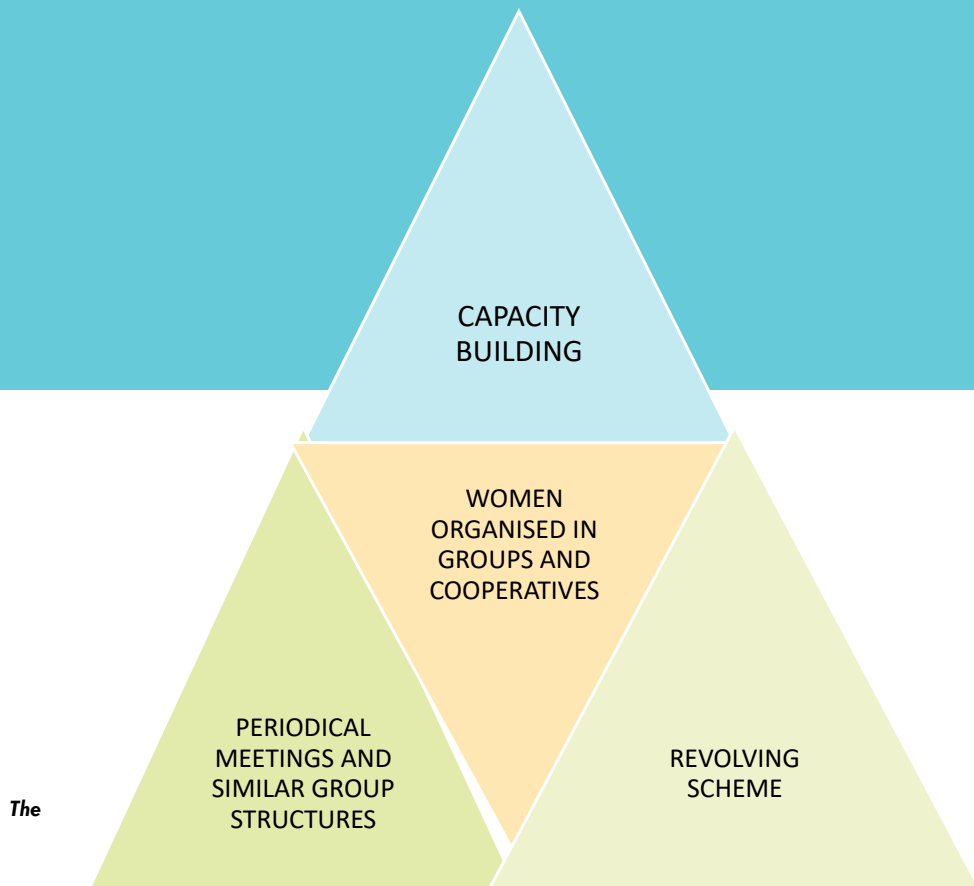
The program aims to support education of children through improvement of primary schools' infrastructure; vocational skills trainings for youths and women. Knowledge empowerment for women through non formal education creates awareness on human rights including land rights, women rights, mentoring women in civil and political leadership, as well as advocacy & lobbying. Through community dialogues, drama and theatrical productions women are the conduits for creating awareness on various social issues.



Environment Conservation Practices

The cross-cutting program aims to support women engage in activities that contribute to conservation and sustainable use of resources. Sustainable agriculture practices, soil, seed and water conservation, generation and use of renewable energy are the areas that KWDT supports and engages women with.





triangle forms our theory of change. We believe that supporting women organizations to work within similar and supportive structures, constant capacity building and the revolving scheme are some of the strongest pillars that explain the great strides and sustainability of KWDT programs and project

PROGRAM IMPACTS

Economic Empowerment

Impact story; Queen Betty



KWDT works with rural women who are semi-literate or illiterate because they missed the opportunity to access formal education. Betty left her husband many years ago when he decided to marry a second wife. Women who leave their partners are more vulnerable and marginalized by their families and the society as a whole. When she chose to join Bukwaya women's group, to build her social economic empowerment and self-esteem, she was welcomed by the group members.

Betty worked with the group and started to acquire skills and resources accessible to all women in the group. To establish income at household and support her family as a single parent, she acquired a cow. The loan obtained from the micro credit program also enabled her to diversify her sources of income. She owns a retail shop. Steadily, a tank and toilet to improve sanitation, were complimented with fruit trees that are scattered in her garden. Betty is one of the wealthiest women in the group as she currently has two cows.



With support from KWDT, women are able to work towards an independent economic path. With two cows, she applied for a biogas plant and the cow dung from the cows generates enough gas to meet the energy demands in her household.

"Mine is a modern household, my children don't fetch water nor have I to look for firewood. The children are happier and am proud that am providing for them sufficiently" quoted Betty to KWDT. The children have also expressed immense pride and gratitude towards their mother.

"We are proud of Betty; she is an inspiration for all of us that we can change our lives" member of Bukwaya Women's Group.

"In 2006 a partner visiting referred to her as queen Betty and I agree with him. Betty has continued to surprise us on what lies beneath the women when provided a stepping stone" recalled Margaret, executive Director of KWDT.



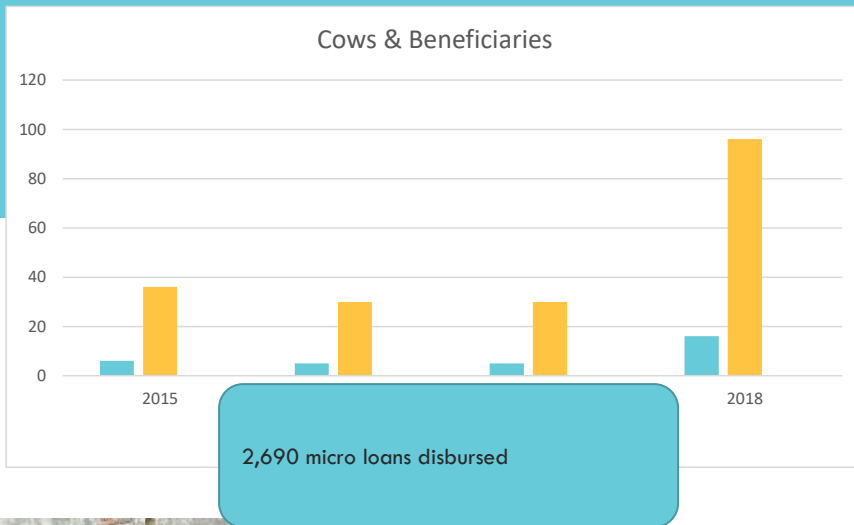
This year we strengthened women engagement in the fisheries sector by improving on fish handling during processing. Fish that was handled on the ground is handled on the racks constructed with support from arche noVa. Additionally, fish handled on the racks fetches more profits increasing women's profits and strengthening women's engagement in the sector. 8 women groups have been supported to acquire fish racks. Communally managed they racks benefit community members.

The price of silver fish increased from UGX 30,000 to UGX 35,000 with improvement in handling, increasing women's profits.

Women involved in animal rearing have benefitted from working in groups, further strengthening their engagement in dairy farming. Dairy cooperatives, established and managed by the groups, are conduits for members to access inputs. Cows have been immunised and supplements are more accessible to all when acquired through a cooperative.

The fund that supports women to acquire dairy cows to engage in viable dairy farming was further supported by KWDT UK. This strengthened the organisation capacity to scaleup on the number of women who are in dairy farming. 8 households joined the dairy cooperative made of women.

The payment from the first beneficiaries is what creates the revolving scheme, a self-sustaining mechanism. This has allowed stability of the programme while it continues to serve more beneficiaries. In 2018 alone, 6 calves were birthed into the cow revolving scheme.



Women cooperatives have been strengthened. Cosmetic production, dairy farming, fish and fish processing, hand craft have all benefited from the trainings improving organisation of women to generate income.

We thank the family of Ms. Rebecca Hirsch, KWDT volunteer who supported the dairy cooperatives with acquisition of the cream separator and the Daniel Ebenbeck for the support towards construction of 'cosmetics' production house. Their personal and family efforts are the seeds of the Victoria line food products; yoghurt, milk and ice-cream.



Health





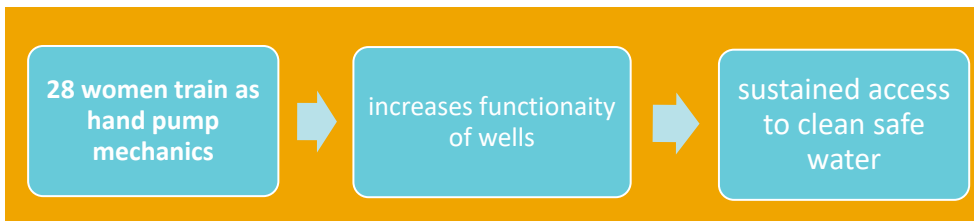
It was a blast intervening comprehensively in 8 fishing communities (landing sites) in 3 Sub Counties; Mpatta, Mpunge, Ntenjeru. Access to water was complemented with access to sanitation, bathing facilities, drinking water, waste management and empowerment of the communities to take leading role in management of the WASH facilities.

Eight (8) landing sites, Mpenja, Kinsisi, Kibanga, Bugula, Nangoma, Mugangu, Mivo Kasali and Bunakanda, had for the first time a safe water source within 1.5 km.

The water source serves over 5,888 people with 60% of the population children.



Nantale Harriet, handpump mechanic from Kulubbi Women's Group in Ntenjeru sub county employs skills acquired to repair hand pump wells





healthy fisher
villages

reduction in open
defecation among
children

650 children from
8 fishing villages
trained on good
hygiene and
sanitation
practices





Six (6) landing sites, Kinsisi, Kibanga, Mugangu, Muvo Kasali, Nangoma, received their first communal latrines. The latrines serve between 450 – 1000 beneficiary in each of the landing site.

Lulaago Seventh Day Adventist Church and the KWDT Center were also supported to access latrines.

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“I have grown up at Mpenja landing site. All my entire life we have used the bush. Nevertheless, efforts to fundraise for construction of a latrine were frequent but never headed any fruits. Finally, at 27 am





We joined arche noVa celebrate 25 years of humanitarian services. The anniversary fund supported KWDT scale up access to water, sanitation and skilling of women in management of WASH, operations and repair.

160 people access clean water at household with construction of 20 rain water harvesting tanks.

56 access improved sanitation with construction of 10 household latrines.

The board Chairperson visits household, in Ntenjeru a beneficiary of the tank during a project's monitoring trip



KWDT Centre mini water supply system and latrine serves over 1,438 people with 1,301 females and 137 males in the year

Capacity Development in WASH

Fifty-six members (56) of Water User Committees from 8 water sources; Mpenja, Kisinsi, Kibanga, Bugula, Nangoma, Mugangu, Mivo Kasali and Bunakanda established and trained on their roles and responsibilities towards maintenance of WASH facilities.

A total of 16 hygiene promotion activities have been carried in each of the 8 communities by 6 WASH committee members training over 824 people

498 People from six landing sites were engaged in community dialogues on WASH with 265 women (233 men)

768 people with 584 women have been engaged in WASH monitoring activities, including trainings to ensure that communities take on the role of maintaining water, sanitation and good hygiene practices.

support Formal & Informal Education



The 3rd school was improved with renovation of six classrooms and construction of classroom. The long journey to success started with a committed partner, a cooperative school, eager women's group; Tweekembe Namaliga Women's Group in Nakisunga sub county committed to supervise the project to completion.

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pupils will continue to study in a conducive environment that allows both the teachers and pupils to enjoy teaching and learning experience

We thank the Swiss citizens who whole heartedly supported our project, volunteering their time to serve during construction.



Environmental Conservation

The year was marked by scaling up access to biogas plant as an alternative source for household energy. 12 households use biogas for cooking households improving tremendously lives of women.



“The myth that biogas does not cook beans, has been demystified” remarked a beneficiary from Katosi Women Fishing and Development Association.

A major achievement was to establish and train a team of masons in construction of biogas plants. Bringing technical skills closer to the community will enhance adoption of technology.



"I am proud to be part of the few KWDT biogas masons, I have diversified my masonry skills extending into biogas in addition to tank construction. My status has evolved from an ordinary community member to an engineer"
Namwanje Resty, member of Katosi women fishing and development association.

Others



The workshop on the Voluntary Guidelines on Responsible Governance of tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forest & Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries supported by FAO, aimed to engage CSO in implementing and advocating for the implementation of the guidelines, to secure lives of small-scale food producers.

KWDT started the orientation of 8 women groups to join the fraternity of women groups organized under the network. The gradual increase in the number of women seeking to work under KWDT demonstrates the interest of KWDT interventions in the lives of women.

It is important that those who step in to support get a deep understanding of our work. There is no better way than touching the base



Anne Yendell, working in Nakisunga village. The knowledge will enable her guide be KWDT UK to support us.



For Fresh Inspirations- UK, it was time to learn from women, understanding better development challenges to offer better solutions

While Rebecca and Franz completed their year of service volunteering with KWDT.



DEVELOPMENTS AT KWDT CENTER



The Centre was furnished with 50 Chairs and 100-seater tent. While 2 motorcycles and three computers have contributed to efficient movement of staff and swift delivery of our work

We thank our partners who have supported our causes. Women economic independence and support to access to water, sanitation and improvement of hygiene has increased both in volume and quality.

We Need Your Help

We have made strides in engaging women in development transcending traditional and cultural restrictions. As new groups join KWDT, they come with new demands and challenges. Successful interventions motivate many fishing communities and women groups to look up to Katosi to address those needs. We can't do it with your support. Next year will be a year for strengthening capacities of all beneficiaries.

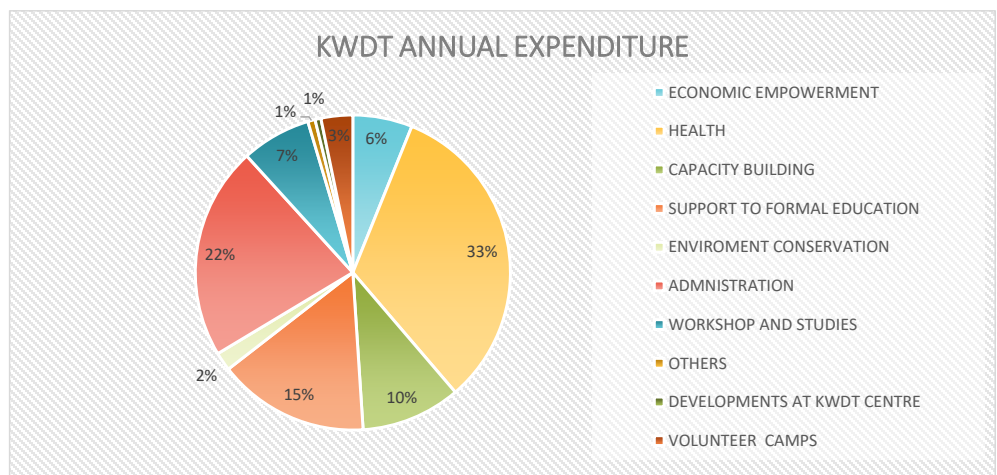
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For our supporters in the United Kingdom, the support to KWDT- UK directly supports the work of KWDT Uganda. Thank you for making a difference

Income	UGX 1,482,348,066
Expenditure	UGX 1,366,684,971

Summary of major areas of expenditures for 2018



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- arche noVa
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- Daniel Ebenbeck
- Food and Agriculture Organization



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