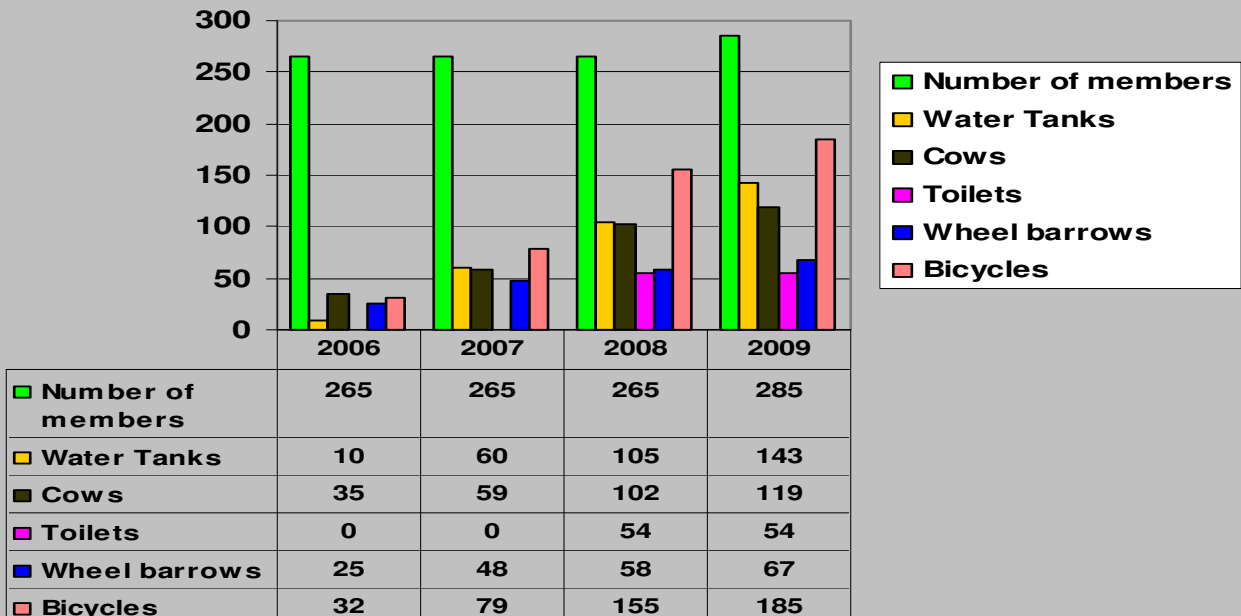


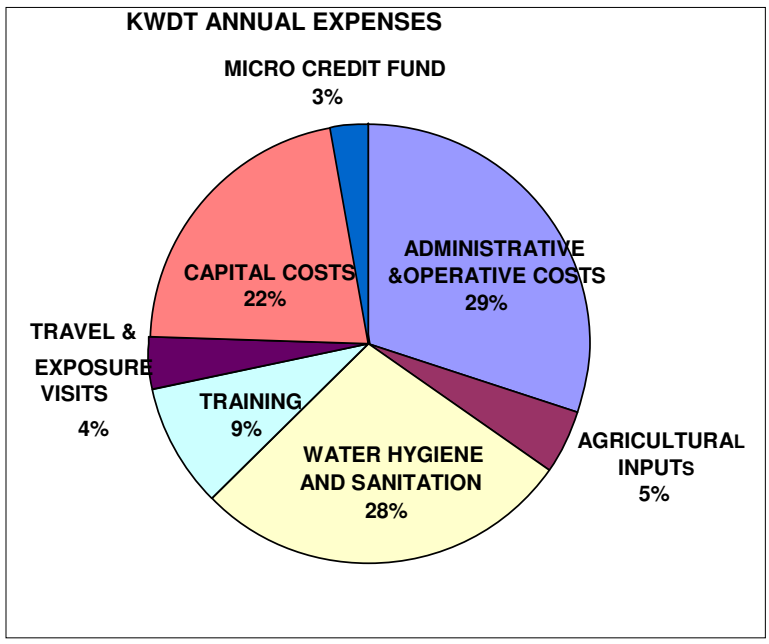


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ACCESS TO RESOURCES BY KWDT MEMBERS.



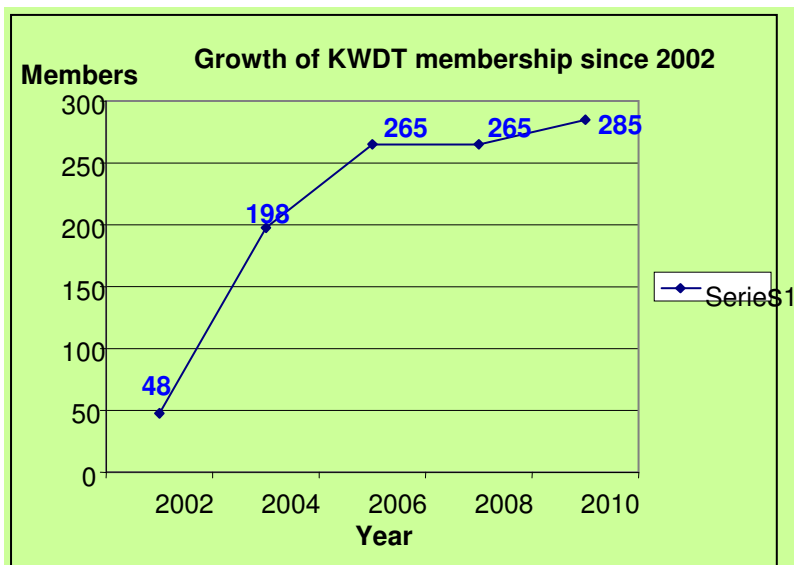
KWDT successfully fundraised US \$ 178,907 for her programs and spent US \$. 152,004 **KWDT THE BEST NGO IN THE WATSAN SECTOR 2008/09**



INTRODUCTION

Katosi Women Development Trust's work has improved livelihoods of hundreds of women and members of their households in Nakisunga and Ntenjeru sub counties in Mukono district. Attracted by the developments that have taken place in the lives and families of the members of KWDT, many women groups like to join KWDT, one group joined the network this year, bringing 13 women organized groups together with total membership of 285 women.

The report highlights the progress, achievements and the impact that KWDT has made in the lives of women and their households in the year 2009.



The vision that inspires us:

"Empowered rural women with productive livelihoods in health communities".

The mission that guides us:

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

KWDT PROGRAMS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

I. MICRO CREDIT PROGRAM

The micro credit scheme has a total of ug. Shs. 15,000,000 that rotates among. Individual women members/groups access loans at 12% per annum.

Twekembe women's group dealing in outside catering got a group loan and has bought a tent that generates income for the group.

Loans are also accessible in kind. In-kind loans include farm inputs such as bicycles, wheelbarrows, milk cans water harvesting tanks and toilets.



II. Sustainable Agriculture program.

The agriculture program offers members a wide range of activities to engage in. These include but not limited to; fish farming, mushroom growing, bee-keeping, live stock and Vegetable gardening although the transformation from total dependence on fishing to venture into other activities has not been easy.

Livestock

I could not believe that as a woman I had a chance to manage finances in my home”.



Justine Kyobe; Muwumuza Women’s Group.

Our group received the first cow from KWDT on the 28th Jan 2004. A decision had to be made in the meeting on who should be the first beneficiary. Muwumuza group members decided that i should take the cow. All the women were still scared to take the cow, since none of us had experience in live stock farming. I was very scared, but being the leader, I couldn’t refuse!!

Despite the fear I had, it was great excitement to my family. It was unbelievable that my children could drink milk everyday!! I sell 8 litres per day. I could not believe that as a woman I had a chance to manage finances in the home. I earn a daily income of Ug. Shs. 4000 equivalent to US \$ 2. I pay school fees and cater for other needs of my children and myself. My life was changed since then!

This year 9 women have received cows from the revolving scheme and 3 have received cows from external funding. And as such, a total of 119 women members of KWDT now own cows. Women statuses in society, food and nutritional security in families and incomes have improved.

Fish farming. 3 groups are engaged in fish farming aimed at shifting the women’s attention from depending on fish from the lake, to creating their own sources of fish as well as diversifying their sources of income



Mushroom Growing.



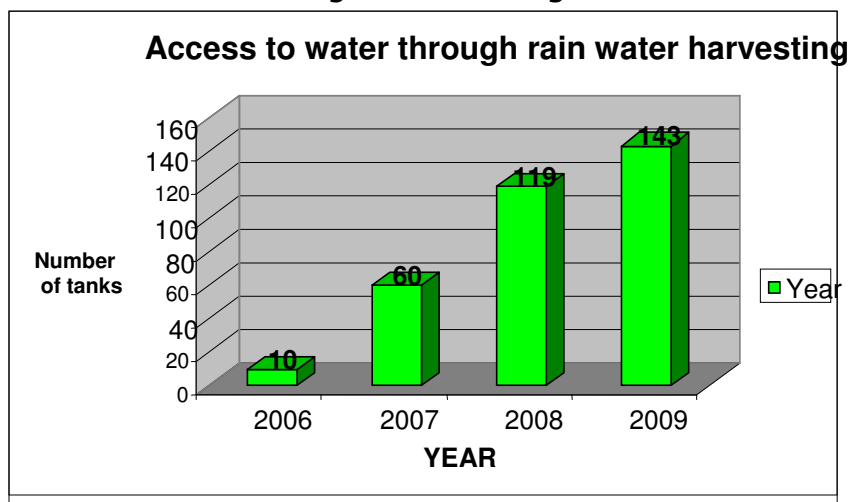
Ms Nakibuka Bridget aged 65 years, is one of the mushroom growers in KWDT. Unable to do other manual activities such as livestock, she depends on mushroom growing. Cooperative marketing is being promoted in all areas to get the benefits of large scale production.

III.

III. Hygiene Water and Sanitation.

Proper hygiene behaviors are being promoted and adopted. The tippy tap as a hand washing facility in the communities where KWDT works is widely spread. Built using locally available materials, easy to refill and its use is enjoyable by all especially children.

In the year 2009, 24 households have got access to water through rain water harvesting, increasing beneficiaries from 119 in 2008 to 143 in 2009. Over the years, there has been a steady increase in the number of households accessing water through rain water harvesting tanks.





12 schools have been provided with a 20.000ltr Ferro cement tank each. School children have been relieved from the burden of carrying water on their heads and walking long distances of over 3kms, in search of water.
Bulebi primary school one of the school tank beneficiaries.

5 shallow wells have been constructed through the year. This makes a total number of 29 wells in the communities where KWDT works. KWDT pays special attention to Operation and Maintenance of the constructed water sources.

Sanitation



Bulebi Primary School Urinals ; the one for girls and there is another of the same kind for the boys.

Out of the 5 schools visited during a day’s survey to assess beneficiaries for school tanks, none of them had an adequate sanitation facility. Of the 12 schools supported to acquire a rain water harvesting tank, only 3 have adequate sanitation facilities.



Bulebi Primary school toilet; such facilities scare away the children especially the youngest in the school and open defecation is the available option.

54 households now have access to proper sanitation facilities. 2 schools too have been assisted to acquire sanitation facilities and this has greatly improved the awful sanitation existing in many of the schools in the area

Lack of adequate sanitation facilities in all of the schools where KWDT has constructed rain water harvesting facilities remains a big challenge.

IV. CAPACITY BUILDING

To consolidate achievements, KWDT, has witnessed increased capacity building programs among her group members to sustain her revolving schemes.

SCHEME/FUND	NO. OF BENEFICIARIES THAT CAN BE REACHED IN A YEAR FROM THE REVOLVING SCHEME.
WATER TANK	12
COWS	6 -9
TOILETS	4 (THE DEMAND AND RE-PAYMENT ARE SO LOW DUE TO THE NON MONETARY BENEFITS OF A LATRINE)
BICYCLES	24
WHEEL BARROWS	12

CHALLENGES AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

- Capability to extend area of operation and reach out to new women groups will depend on external funds and new partners. Current schemes established will take years to reach existing members. KWDT still needs external support to meet its increasing needs.

- Illiteracy. Our performance largely depends on records keeping at the household level and group level. Failure of individual members to read and write, largely affects the Information Management System of the organization and thus our performance. KWDT seeks partners to support s adult literacy programs.
- Limited space. Renting of premises increases the costs as well as making the programs of KWDT less sustainable. KWDT still needs to fundraise and seek partnerships for the construction of a multipurpose learning centre to meet our needs



The public entrainment hall (left) is too dark with limited time occupancy while another appropriate room (right) is too small even for the coordination committee meeting.

NETWORKING

<p>Local Networks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Uganda Water and Sanitation NGO network (UWASNET) 	<p>International Networks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Gender and Water Alliance ➤ Women for Water Partnership ➤ Responsible Fisheries Alliance ➤ World Forum of Fish Workers and Fish Harvesters.
<p>Developmental Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DANIDA ➤ TUDOR TRUST ➤ RESPONSIBLE FISHERIES ALLIANCE (RFA) ➤ MIVA NETHERLANDS ➤ SHEBBEAR COLLEGE ➤ GORLINS FUND ➤ BEREA UNION CHURCH 	



Special thanks also goes to Deborah Payne our former US Peace corp. volunteer who worked tirelessly to uplift hygiene and sanitation in schools and made a positive impact among women. Deborah has inspired others to volunteer at Katosi.

We thank Mr. Christopher Musoke who volunteers his time to assist KWDT adopt and use the loan performer program to help us maintain our records.



KWDT the best NGO in Water and Sanitation for 2008/2009

Rural women able to eliminate poverty and build healthy communities