

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



KATOSI WOMEN DEVELOPMENT TRUST



The Future In Our Hands

MESSAGE FROM BOARD CHAIRPERSON



Dear all,

We are pleased to share with you the 2021 annual report. Despite the challenges we continued to face in the second year of the corona virus pandemic, our stakeholders have maintained an uninterrupted level of service and support to deliver services to rural and fisher communities.

Developing the KWDT Strategic Plan during the second year of the pandemic has allowed us to plan for the future of our service delivery as COVID-19 exacerbated the inequalities facing rural fisher communities.

"MARGARET NAKATO WINS THE MARGARITA LIZÁRRAGA AWARD

I want to thank everyone who has been involved with KWDT for your unique contributions to where we stand today as an organisation. Our future is bright thanks to your support.

And finally, please join me to congratulate Margaret Nakato as the recipient of the Margarita Lizárraga Medal for the biennium 2020-2021.

Margaret was selected in recognition of her success through KWDT, for organising women in fishing communities to work together and empowers them with knowledge, skills, access to training, markets and technology.





MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we continue to face the challenges of COVID -19, we continue to empower rural and fisher communities to ensure their resistance to natural disasters and risks. During the COVID 19 pandemic, we had the opportunity to hear about the challenging experiences of women fish processors and traders directly.

With these women and partners, we identified 10 recommendations for building forward better – in ways that are more inclusive and equitable, improving our chances of progressing SDG 5 and SDG 10.

I am honoured to receive this award on behalf of KWDT and will continue to lift up the voices of rural fisher folk to achieve sustainable livelihoods.

You can watch the ceremony here



Margaret Nakato

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M Nakato".

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THEMATIC AREAS OF INTERVENTION

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT



The program supports women in economic activities including fishing, fish processing, trade; sustainable agriculture & food processing. Access to credit supports diverse economic activities to reduce women's vulnerability.



SUPPORT FORMAL & NON FORMAL EDUCATION



The program supports 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, 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.



The cross-cutting program aims to support women engage in activities that contribute to conservation and sustainable use of resources.



WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE



The program improves health through increasing access to clean safe water, adequate sanitation & hygiene at household and community level through construction of water sources, rain water harvesting and purification of drinking water, construction of latrines 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.



ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION PRACTICES



2021 KWDT GROUP MEMBERSHIP

The women are the points of entry in the communities and are responsible for supervision, monitoring and engage in evaluation of development projects in the communities.

COVID-19

Despite the challenges of COVID-19, women were not discouraged to join KWDT.

4%

Increase in membership in 2021



Organizing & mentoring 3 new women groups from Kiziru, Buleebi and Mbale landing sites was undertaken this year. KWDT is now coordinating 661 women organised in 30 groups from 4 sub counties and 2 town councils in Mukono. KWDT is also working with over 417 fisher women organised in 13 groups from Buikwe, Buvuma, Wakiso and Kalangala districts.



The year marked the beginning of comprehensive intervention in 8 fishing villages to increase access to water, sanitation & hygiene. At least 5000 people have benefitted from this intervention in the fishing villages of Mbeya, Sowe & Kiziru.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

COVID - 19



KWDT provided food relief to 372 families, members of KWDT, through mobile cash transfers.

In Kalangala Island, Lutoboka Women's group, a member group of KWDT celebrated a year with zero underage pregnancies in their community at a time where underage pregnancies were rampant in fisher communities.

767 women, 65 people living with HIV/AIDS, 2 people with disabilities and 4 elderly were able to receive food relief funds on their phones to mitigate the challenges of the second lock down.



ECONOMIC EMPOWEREMENT



MICRO BUSINESSES

Working in cooperatives has strengthened women's engagement in micro businesses.

Production of Victoria Yogurt increased under the dairy cooperatives producing 3,000 litres of yogurt and 34,190 litres of milk for consumption and sale.

Using bio degradable raw material, women in cooperatives have been able to produce eco friendly hand washing soap.



In plight of the COVID -19 outbreak, KWDT supported women's groups to respond to the high demand of hand washing soap producing 600 litres of soap for household and communal use.

MICRO CREDIT SCHEME

6 micro credit trainings on principal of the micro credit program, engaging 123 participants; 110 women and 13 men were conducted this year.



A total of 343 beneficiaries accessed loans amounting to UGX 314,051,303 marking an increase of 29% in borrowers in 2021.

WOMEN IN FISHING



Women are producing high quality fish products which fetch higher prices

To build women's capacities to engage in legal fisheries KWDT Launched the Business Development Services programme in 5 districts of Mukono, Kalangala, Buikwe, Buvuma and Wakiso.

24 trainings on Fishing as a Business

24 trainings on Fish Enterprise Analysis

24 trainings on Business Skilling

26 follow ups to assess applicability of the knowledge

24 trainings on Market Skilling

A total of 120 trainings have been conducted in 2021

24 trainings on Entrepreneurship Skilling

A total of 604 participants , 504 female and 100 men have been engaged.



WATER, HEALTH & SANITATION

WASH interventions are coupled with knowledge sharing to enhance behavioural change in rural fisher communities. This was also aimed at shifting the mindset of communities towards COVID-19.

51 community sensitizations targeted over 2000 community members from 11 communities to increase awareness on their roles and responsibilities as users of the WASH facilities and promoters of behavioural changes in their community



2 WASH sensitisations for 160 children were conducted to support behavioural change towards Health & Sanitation.



Drilling the well in Bugula landing site commenced and was accomplished in 2021. This was the first time the population has had access to clean safe water within 1.5 km.

Three (3) women cess pool attendants were trained in the operation of the cess pool emptier to empty latrines of fecal matter. Many PIT latrines when full, are closed & people return open defecation in the bush or lake. Each community contributes \$160 to empty their latrines.

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557 households; including children were supported to use sanitation facilities and enhance 0 tolerance to open defecation that was polluting the lake with serious consequences for the health of the population.

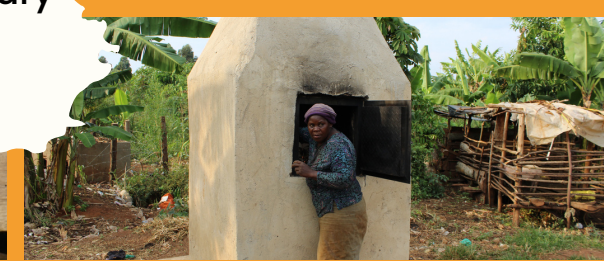


MENSTRUAL HYGIENE MANAGEMENT

The first round of 10 community dialogues, focusing on menstrual hygiene management began this year engaging a total of 506 community members, 325 women 181 men in Sowe and Mbeya.



An incinerator to dispose of used sanitary towels was constructed to maintain menstrual hygiene in Mbale fishing community.



WASTE MANAGEMENT

Briquettes were made from the waste collected in 11 community cleaning drives in the landing sites.



13 women were trained in the production of briquette, a biomass fuel alternative to carbon emitting fuels like wood, using the Charcoal Briquette Machine

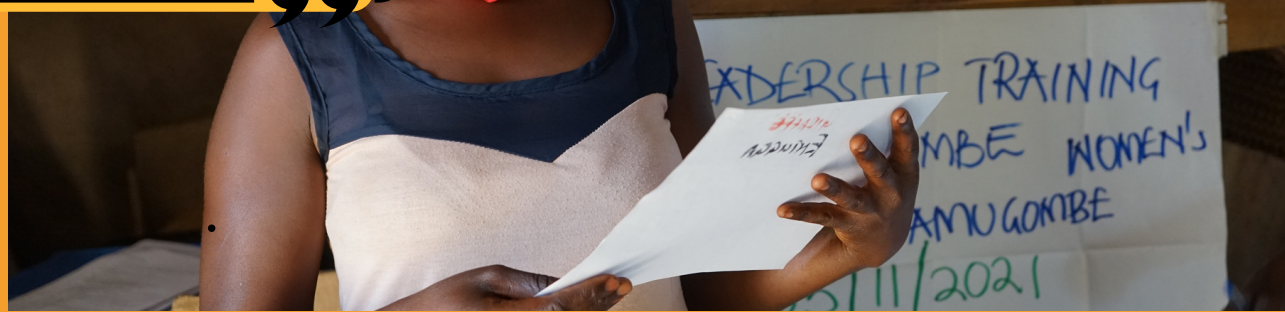


ENVIRONMENT

465 solar lights disbursed were disbursed in 2021 to support communities use alternative eco friendly technologies for lighting in their households.

**FORMAL AND NON
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EDUCATION**

12 Leadership and conflict management trainings, engaging 277 participants; 218 females & 59 men were conducted this year to enhance organisational capacity in groups.



11 Team work trainings conducted engaging 251 participants; 199 females & 52 males were also conducted this year.



19 Human rights trainings were conducted engaging 314 women and 81 men to empower communities claim respect and protection of their rights as well as engage in activities that will promote those rights.

Capacity Building forms a very important part of KWDT programs. Empowering women with organisations knowledge and skills has improved their role in governance and decision making for better delivery of services in these

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK FROM HUMAN RIGHTS' TRAININGS

Mbale Landing Site

"I will spread awareness against domestic violence in the landing site and encourage all to report to the police whenever domestic violence occurs."

Basooka Kwavula Women's Group

"I am happy to know that women suffering from domestic violence can seek support from the justice centre which i didn't know before."

Buleebi Women's Group

"There is need to enforce mindset changes of parents in the community to stop excluding their girl children from acquiring an education!"

Nangoma Landing Site

"After this training, i will ensure to inform all motorcycle riders to acquire the necessary permits to transport fish to avoid altercations with legal fisheries enforcers."

Bukwaya Women's Group

"I legalised my marriage to secure our assets within our marriage after learning that we are equal partners in a legal setting."

Kisakye Women's Group

" We now know that we have a right to live where we are without being illegally evicted by land lords with no explanation!"





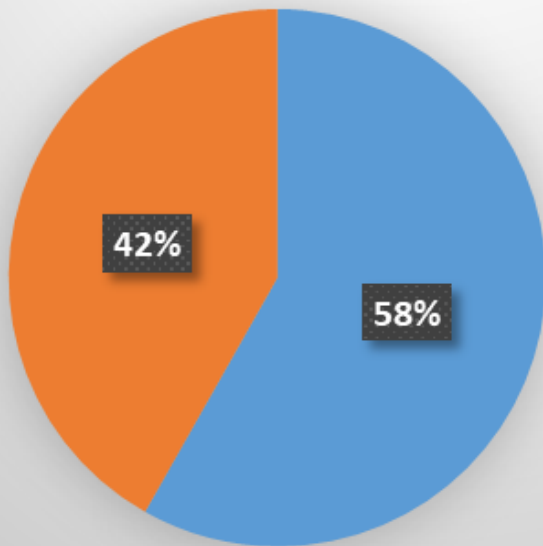
Best Trainer:
Vaal Benjamin, Katosi Women Development Trust

Best COVID-19 Compliance:
Allen Nabyirwa, KWDT

39 trainings in 118 KWDT groups were held to improve the capacity of 9,556 women to use financial digital platforms

A training in the Abavubi Fisher app was conducted to introduce digital platforms into the marketing and sale of fish.

KWDT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 2021



- INCOME
- EXPENDITURE

CHALLENGES

The expansion to islands comes with challenges of transport. The unpredictability of the weather, as well as restrictions in movement of equipment such as water drilling equipment constricts service delivery to the islands.

The consequences of climate change continue to affect the construction of water facilities in fishing villages. The rising water levels submerged a bore hole restricting access of safe water in Kiziru landing site

During the community sensitisation of COVID -19, women had to rely on boda boda riders, due to their inability to operate motorcycles on their own, as public transport had been halted. This slowed their communication and pace of operation in 5 communities of Bugula, Buzindere, Buleebi, Katosi and Kisinsi



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**THE GERMAN FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION
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BUSINESS CHAINS PROJECT (RFBCP)**

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