

The Goat that Keeps on Giving



Mbale, Uganda



Economic Empowerment

Year 1 Budget \$7,800

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

DEC 21

NOV 24

Overview

Goat rearing will be used to reduce poverty, increase food production and use the project as an opportunity to teach people about issues such as healthcare and community work. Seventy pregnant goats per year will be provided to women in poor families who have been identified by a locally-established community committee in areas of the mountainous region of eastern Uganda near Mbale. This complements other community development projects in the area where our partners have been working for over 10 years. Each beneficiary will give the firstborn female kid to a nominated community/family member who will then pass on a kid to another beneficiary until a goat has reached three people.

Impact for July - December 2022



1 A committee manages the selection of eligible recipients

Interest in the program has increased as the community has seen the benefits of goat rearing - relatively easy to keep with fast returns. Priority is given to the neediest.

All 70 Pregnant goats have given birth

and 12 of the goats delivered twins. 1st and 2nd generation goats are passed on to new beneficiaries who in turn also pass on offspring. And so the cycle continues and multiple recipients eventually benefit.



Animal husbandry training

Most of the training in goat management is carried out by members who have previously been trained. This helps to make the project sustainable and encourages community participation.

2nd generation goats passed on

61 members have passed on goats to the next generation of beneficiaries. The remaining nine goats born later will be given out in the next quarter.



- The local village leadership which manages identification and selection of beneficiaries also helps with monitoring and evaluation at no charge. Community meetings are also held to raise awareness about goats.
- The sale of goat milk provides a reliable source of income for families, enabling their children to keep attending school.



Kamiati's Story

"My name is Kamiati and I am 30 years old. After I dropped out of school and got married, I never acquired my own source of income, totally depending on my husband to provide for me and my children. For food, I relied on the small field behind my house but due to over-use, it produced very little. Since receiving my goat, I have been collecting goat manure to fertilise my field and the crops are much more productive now. This has greatly improved our food security. My goat gave birth to twins, so I passed one to the next beneficiary and sold the other. The profit has enabled my children to attend school. What a difference the goats have made."



Thank you for making a difference