

The Goat that Keeps on Giving



Mbale, Uganda



Economic Empowerment

Year 1 Budget \$7,800

Project Timeline



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 Dec 21 - June 22



1 A committee managed the selection of eligible recipients

together with our partners help to determine the system to benefit the community in the most effective way.

70 Pregnant goats were purchased

and distributed to 70 women in the communities of Mt Elgin. These women were carefully selected through a needs analysis. A further 350 family members also benefit.



70 Animal husbandry training

was given to those receiving goats. Many neighbours and families are keen to take part and were listening to the training to prepare themselves for their opportunity.

2nd and 3rd generation goats will be passed

on as the goats have kids. Already these recipients have been decided upon by the villagers and they are eagerly awaiting their chance to own a goat, such is the benefit.



- Due to COVID-19 and poverty, goats are in high demand with many villagers wanting to take part. Managing the expectations can be difficult but our partners and the committee managed to navigate their way.
- Families are seeing increased income from the sale of milk and more children are staying in school as a result. Our partners report an increase in self-esteem as a direct result of owning a goat.



Zaituna's Story

My name is Zaituna. This is my mud brick home. I received a goat which has recently given birth to three kids. I am very happy and now the neighbours are respecting me. Recently, I was received into a women's savings group. Before this, I was even too poor to join. I am going to pass on a goat to a neighbour as planned and I will keep the other remaining two kids to help with our needs, such as food and schooling for my children. I was taught how to look after the goat and I know that I can ask for help if I need it. This has given me a sense of hope and respect. I hope to build a larger mud brick house one day to house my children and me. Thank you!



Thank you for making a difference