

The Goat that Keeps on Giving



Mbale, Uganda



Economic Empowerment

Year 2 Budget \$8,200

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

DEC 21

NOV 24

Overview

Goat rearing will be used to reduce poverty, increase food production and provide 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 then passes on a kid to another beneficiary until a goat has reached three people.

Impact for January - June 2023



1 A committee selects eligible recipients

The strong interest in the goat program from neighbouring communities underlines the importance of having clear criteria for selecting beneficiaries from a field of very keen participants. Those most in need are given priority.

35 of 70 pregnant goats have given birth

The program gave out 70 female pregnant goats to beneficiaries selected by the village. All 35 goats from the first batch have given birth, with nine producing twins.



Animal husbandry training

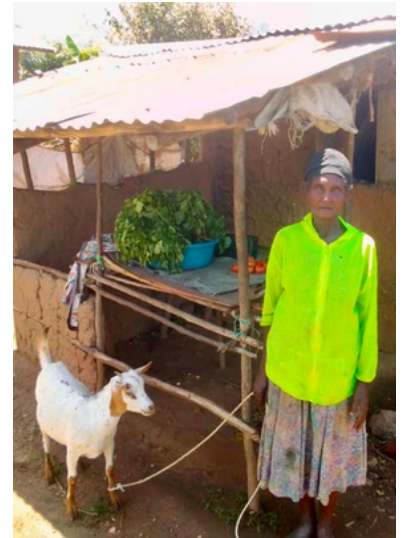
The community, and beneficiaries in particular, receive training in goat management. Members who have already been trained pass their knowledge and skills onto the next cohort. In this way the project becomes more sustainable and ensures community engagement.

2nd generation goats passed on

Ten beneficiaries have already passed on a goat to the next recipients, as agreed in the set-up meeting. More goats will be passed on as they are born and are weaned. The new beneficiaries will in turn also pass on offspring. And so the cycle continues and multiple recipients eventually benefit.



- The local village council 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
- Our partner has teamed up with another Entrust partner to enable goat beneficiaries to form village loans and savings groups.



Kainza Kanifa's Story

My grandchildren hardly ever wanted to visit me because they said that I am old and boring. Ever since I received a goat, they have started coming to visit me. They enjoy playing with and feeding the goat. Even my neighbours have changed the way they relate to me. Now they perceive me as a person of value since I have something of my own. I am so happy with my goat and am determined to take good care of it. I also collect manure from my goat to use it as fertiliser for my crop field and I'm getting a better harvest than before. I'm looking forward to when my goat gives birth and am hoping it has twins, so that I can keep one and have many more goats.



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