

The Goat that Keeps on Giving

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Mbale, Uganda



Economic Empowerment



Tax deductible

Total Budget



\$23,400

Project Timeline



3 YEARS



POPULATION

45.7 million

POVERTY

21.4% of the population below poverty line

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth: 63 yrs

EDUCATION

Mean years of school (adults) 6 years

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Ranking out of 189 nations Uganda 159 (Aust 8)

**2020 Human Development Report*



Overview

Through the rearing of goats, the goals of this project are 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 two areas of this 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. Goats have proved to be a good source of income.

Why support this:

There are many reasons! It generates income quickly, it is multipurpose (meat, milk, fertiliser), it is easy to manage, educational, participatory, ongoing and sustainable and low maintenance. Training will be provided in goat rearing and care and using goat manure to maximise crop growth. Goats have a proven track record in the area with a high reproduction rate, and can be sold for their meat, milk and hides.

Objectives Include:



Committee manages selection of eligible recipients



70 Pregnant goats allocated per year



Animal husbandry training



2nd and 3rd generation goats passed on

Expected Life Change

- Increased income to send children to school and improve healthcare and living conditions leads to better lives
- A more cohesive community leading to cooperation and support rather than jealousy and mistrust
- Additional knowledge in organic fertilisers and health care topics will increase the health and well-being of families, and they become more productive