

Give Goats a Go



Mbale, Uganda



Economic Empowerment



Tax deductible

3 Year Project: Jan 2025 to Dec 2027

Total Budget: \$57,000

Current Year Funding Required:

\$19,000



POPULATION

50 million

POVERTY

20.3% of the population below national poverty line

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth: 68.3 yrs

EDUCATION

Mean years of school (adults) 6.3 years

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX*

Ranking out of 193 nations Uganda 157 (Aust 7)

**2025 Human Development Report*

Overview

Through the rearing of goats, the goals of this project are to reduce poverty, increase food production and 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. Year 2 budget is \$19,000

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. Ongoing 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



100 pregnant goats allocated each 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
- 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