

ELDERLY FOUNDATION UGANDA

(Story of 2021 and its achievements)

Introduction

Elderly foundation Uganda has been catering for older persons by giving them basic needs, providing psycho social support, empowering cultivation and caring out home visits.

In the period of corona virus, Elderly Foundation Uganda started looking out for older persons living in slums, these are older persons who were not thought of, because the government didn't think that there are older persons who can live in such poor slums.

EFU started a survey in some of the slums around Kampala and the number of older persons starving in these areas was alarming. We reached out to many older persons by visiting them and instilling in them hope, giving them some food.

The older persons suggested we get a group amongst themselves so that they could also come together as one and share interests amongst themselves.

We have been meeting and inviting those people in the government responsible for older persons. The minister of state for the Elderly liked our move and he was pleased by what we do and he said they had never taken consideration of older persons living in slums.

Older persons in the slums do casual jobs to earn a little money to feed their families like washing for people clothes, collecting used up plastic bottles, selling maize by the road side, yellow bananas etc

What is our target

EFU has a move to see that these older persons in the slums are considered and given capital to start small businesses that can sustain themselves because they are active older persons who can work and survive.

With the bio data of these older persons, their stories are so touching and in fact some tell you what they are going through while they are crying. Many of these older persons have orphans they are looking after, they struggle in the slums to survive, they move in water trenches after it has rained so that they can collect plastic bottles which were brought by rain because when they get many of them, they are sold to get a little money.

We want to see that these older persons live a descent life that they deserve. We are looking at the government to see what they can do about them.

How far we have achieved

So far, we have been in contact with the government and we got chance to meet the minister of state for the Elderly and is so interested in what we do. He said he is behind us in everything, he asked for the bio data of every older person under this group so that he could take them to the prime minister and see how money can come from there.

The minister also said that this is a good move that is going to be done for all the older persons living in slums, starting from this slum where we are operating. He said our project is going to act a model for the rest of the projects that will be starting in other slums.

And he said they usually have donors from different countries who want to help older persons and they could be put to this move of helping slum older persons around kampala suburbs. So this was good, our move to air out the problems of older persons in slums is going to help many more older persons struggling.

We have submitted the information needed by the minister and registered 167 older persons and we shall register more older persons on the get together party which is going to act as also our end of year party.

In December 2021 we are having another get together where the minister is attending, the counsellor for older persons, the parish chief among others and our aim is to air out all the challenges that these older persons are facing so that they could get a way of getting more involved in this move.

The older persons are going to dance, its like a dancing party, there are also specific 3 older persons that we are going to fundraise for money there and then because their situation is too bad, they need immediate help and the help from government takes a simple process.

On this same day, we would like older persons to take some food home to start with, because it is our last meeting in this year so they will need food for festive season. So requesting if any support could be rendered to us is most welcome.

Budget for Dec 2021 end of year party and dance.

Item	Quantity	Unit cost	Amount	Euros
Tents (100 seater)	2	100,000	200,000 shs	54
Tents (50 seaters)	2	50,000	100,000 shs	27
Music system		300,000shs	300,000 shs	81
chairs	300	500	150,000 shs	41
Drinks (sodas)	15 cartes	20,000	300,000 shs	81
Water	10 cartons	10,500	105,000 shs	28
Food for 167 older persons	Each older person will go with 2kgs of rice 7000shs, sugar 6000shs, beans 5000shs	Each older person will be spent on 18,000shs	3,006,000 shs	812
Total amount		499,000 shs	4,161,000 shs	1124