

PROJECT CONCEPT

Enhancement of livelihoods through vocational training at Bumangi Community Polytechnic

Club Name: Rotary Club Of Kampala Ssesse Islands

Project Title: Enhancement of livelihoods through vocational training at Bumangi Community Polytechnic

Rotary Areas of Focus: Community Economic Development

Basic Education and Literacy

Peace Building and Conflict prevention

Project Location: Bumangi Community Polytechnic (Kalangala district)

Project summary

The proposed project aims at supporting disadvantaged students, youth and women in Ssesse Islands, a disadvantaged region where the population is living in conditions of extreme poverty due to high levels of unemployment, to develop their skills in various trades which are feasible and potential for them to have work, income and livelihood in a sustainable way. The project will provide vital and critical vocational educational equipment and materials to Bumangi Community Polytechnic to improve work-related teaching at the school, as well as offer life and entrepreneurship skills to youth and women to enable and advance economic empowerment.

Bumangi Community Polytechnic is a rural government-registered hands-on and industry-responsive technical school started by the community together with the Catholic Church of Bumangi parish Masaka diocese in 2000. The school is located on the main island of Bugala in Ssesse Islands (administratively called Kalangala District) approximately 102km from Kampala through Masaka. The polytechnic was started with an objective of advancing vocational skills to the growing number of the needy children and school dropouts in the islands plus those who managed to complete Primary 7 but were not able to proceed to secondary education. Currently, the school has an enrolment of 212 students (95 boys and 117 girls); and offers a wide range of courses including brick laying and concrete practice, motor vehicle mechanics, welding and driving, carpentry and joinery, tailoring and cutting garments, hair dressing, catering and hand craft, and knitting.

A team of 11 Rotarians from RC Kampala Ssesse Islands carried out a community assessment at Bumangi Community Polytechnic and surrounding communities in November 2020. Among the key findings by an assessment team was lack of sufficient

vital and critical vocational educational equipment and materials at the school and high levels of unemployment and poverty particularly among youth and women. Hence, this project aims to address these two critical community needs.

Project Objectives

- a. To improve teaching of vocational education at Bumangi Community Polytechnic through provision of vital equipment and materials
- b. To improve employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for women and youth in Ssesse Islands through life and entrepreneurship skills training
- c. To improve income and livelihood of youth and women
- d. With improved income and livelihood, the youth will be meaningfully employed, this will reduce on criminal tendencies such as theft, fighting and alcohol and drug abuse among the youth

Project Beneficiaries

The project will directly benefit 212 students (95 boys and 117 girls) and 14 teachers and non-teaching at Bumangi Community School; and 200 youth and women from the community. The project will also indirectly benefit over 400 parents and 1 religious organization. It is also anticipated the students will act as agents of economic change in their homes and communities.

Project Activities

- Provision of vocational education equipment and materials to Bumangi Community Polytechnic
- Training of women and youth in life and entrepreneurship skills to enable and advance economic empowerment
- Provision of start-up kits to graduates and youth and women groups

Budget Estimates

No.	Item description	Cost
1.	Provision of vocational education equipment and materials to Bumangi Community Polytechnic	US\$70,500
2.	Training of women and youth in life and entrepreneurial skills	US\$ 8,600
3.	Provision of start-up kits to graduates and youth & women groups	US\$32,100
4.	Monitoring and Evaluation	US\$ 3,200
5.	Rotary signage	US\$ 500

6.	Contingency	US\$ 1,200
	Total	US\$116,100

Funding (local partner clubs & D9211 contributions)

1. Cash contribution from RC Kampala Ssesse Islands	US\$ 7,000
2. DDF from D9213	US\$ 5,000
TOTAL	US\$12,000

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