



# COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FOR NEEDY FOUNDATION (CENF)

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Community Empowerment for Needy Foundation (CENF) is a non-profit and an indigenous Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) registered in Uganda as a Limited Liability Company (by Guarantee) under Registrar of Companies – in year 2020. The organisation started its operations in Buvuma district-Uganda in October 2012 with a mission of Empowering children, youths and women/men with practical knowledge and skills for scale and sustainable livelihoods. We implement a wide range of activities aimed at improving the living standards of children, youths and women. These include; Women Small Enterprise development trainings, economic strengthening activities, Orphans and other vulnerable children program, sexual reproductive health and HIV/AIDs, Information and Communication Technology training, vocational training and youth skills development.

Community Empowerment for Needy Foundation (CENF) is a Non-Profit and Non-Governmental organisation initiated in October 2012 to help spearhead community driven development initiatives and enable needy community groups participate in integrated activities to achieve quality livelihood and be self-sustainable.

Community Empowerment for Needy Foundation (CENF) provides services in entrepreneurship and development, information technology trainings and empowerment (ICT), education health and education in HIV/AIDS management and awareness, malaria and TB awareness and advocacy, Rehabilitation of street children, supporting orphans and vulnerable children, deployment of both local and international volunteers to various community projects, community entrepreneurship/community microfinance trainings and monitoring (Community Savings and loaning) , Capacity Building sessions to youth groups, vocational schools, primary and secondary schools, organic farming and agricultural activities, Eco-Tourism, Environmental education and Management.

CENF officially began operations in October, 2012, under the umbrella Organisation Buvuma Development Agency to mitigate the educational, nutritional, poverty and health related needs of critically vulnerable single and dual orphaned children and

impoverished widows in Buvuma Island, Luby Island, Busamuzi sub county, and Buwooya sub counties to provide educational opportunities for youth in Buvuma District.

Since its inception, CENF has grown into an influential grassroots organization in the field of youth and women empowerment and support. The organization's services have grown to cover a wide range of programs that include, women network for enterprise identification and development, food security and nutrition promotion, youths' capacity building and training, orphans and elderly livelihoods improvements, sexual and reproductive health awareness; and hygiene and health awareness clubs in schools and care for people living with HIV/AIDs and disabilities.

## **OUR MISSION**

To empower vulnerable Children, Adolescent Girls & Young Women (AGYW), women/Men and youth with practical knowledge and skills for self-dependence, sustainable livelihoods, and building the healthy environments they need to thrive, and empower them to create lasting change in their own lives and communities.

## **OUR VISION**

Bringing rural communities together for innovative initiatives to enable the vulnerable (especially) women, children, youths and men to live a descent and dignified life.

## **OUR CORPORATE CORE VALUES**

- 1) Mutual respect
- 2) Transparency and Accountability
- 3) Equity
- 4) Participatory Approach
- 5) Compassion

## **OVERALL CENF GOAL:**

We work to implement innovative community-based initiatives to empower vulnerable children, women, youths and men with knowledge, skills and appropriate information and services for self-dependence.

**What we want to achieve:**

VULNERABLE CHILDREN, YOUTH, WOMEN/MEN ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND SELF-DEPENDENCY.

**Under this, we intend to:**

- a) Promote and improve women, youths, men business skills through tailored small business and enterprise trainings for vulnerable populations.
- b) Build scalable, high-quality, replicable operations and networks to reach more women and children at lower cost.
- c) Develop innovative and sustainable social enterprise models, and partnerships to sustain growth for CENF and vulnerable populations especially children and Women and the entire Community.

**In order to achieve that, we intend to:**

- ❖ Organize practical trainings on small enterprise identification, management, record keeping, customer care services, and financial management skills.
- ❖ Form women self-help village groups through which women shall share experiences, save their earnings and get regular support on their enterprises
- ❖ Train women group promoters that shall recruit and train more other women and encourage them to join self-help groups.
- ❖ Provide startup capital for small enterprises to selected participants. This capital shall be a revolving fund that shall be passed onto other self-help group members.
- ❖ Provide regular monitoring and support
- ❖ Establish partnerships and linkages with other organizations both national and international for project support and sustainability.
- ❖ Our target women groups are: Widows, out of schoolgirls, women living with HIV/AIDs, women with disabilities and divorced women.

## **IMPROVING YOUTH INCOME AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION THROUGH YOUTH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT.**

### ***We intend to:***

- a) Promote youth empowerment and alternative education to school dropouts through vocational skills trainings and development of entrepreneurial skills.
- b) Promote Youth access to valuable information relevant for improving their standards of living and incomes. For example, information on youth government programs, access to savings and financial services, information on health, leadership and life skills development.

### **In order to achieve that, we intend to:**

- a) Set up a vocational training center, offering training courses in carpentry, construction, tailoring, computer skills, basic agricultural skills, weaving and art and craft.
- b) Set up an information sharing and giving center from which youths shall have access to free information sessions, share their experiences, and get access to free counseling services.
- c) Conduct youth sensitization workshops, leadership trainings, entrepreneurial skills trainings and life skills development skills.

**Target group:** Boda boda cyclists, Youths Living with HIV/AIDs, School dropout youths, unemployed youths, vulnerable children, women and men.

## **PROMOTE INTEGRATED CARE AND SUPPORT FOR ORPHANS AND OTHER VULNERABLE**

### **In order to achieve that, we intend to:**

- a) Promote the rights of vulnerable children through community sensitization.
- b) Improve the livelihood of vulnerable children through establishment of income generating activities like piggery, poultry, and goat rearing.
- c) Establish care and support mechanisms for the most needy like provision of scholastic materials, clothes, school fees, and ensure social inclusion.

**Target group:** children with no or one parent, children living with HIV/AIDs, children with disabilities, children subjected to child labor, children under juvenile delinquency, children on streets.

## **IMPROVE COMMUNITY ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON HIV/AIDS, SANITATION, HYGIENE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**In order to achieve that, we intend to:**

- a) Promote access to HIV/AIDs prevention and care services to the community with a focus on women and youths.
- b) Empower the community to achieve sanitation, hygiene and environmental conservation.

**In order to achieve this, we intend to:**

- a) Conduct HIV/AIDs sensitization workshops, screen videos on HIV/AIDs,
- b) Train HIV/AIDs peer educators, conduct HIV/AIDs testing and counseling services.
- c) Conduct community sensitization trainings on sanitation, hygiene and environmental conservation.

**Target group: All community members**

## **ICT FOR EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM**

This program is aimed at empowering women, girls and boys in the basic ICT skills like computer training, repair and maintenance so that to widen their chances of establishing small businesses and favorably compete in the job market.

**In order to achieve this, we intend to,**

- a) Train school going and out of schoolgirls in basic computer skills like MS word, Excel, PowerPoint and publisher packages.
- b) Train youths in basic computer skills, repair and maintenance skills.
- c) Empower women with skills of using social network channels like Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, twitter, etc. to share their personal and family experiences to the rest of the world.