

## THE WANGARI WOMEN PROGRAM WITH SUPPORT FROM SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF KIRKCALDY

Soroptimist International of Kirkcaldy, in the year 2023, supported Leading Change Uganda (LCU) with a donation of GBP 1,245. The funds were used to economically empower the women groups of Wangari Women Program. The Wangari Women Program made of five women groups based on location with a total of 200 women in the rural areas of Buwaali, Vumba, Kawaala, Nansana and Nsekwa villages in Uganda, Kampala & Wakiso districts. Each group with its own leadership team guided by LCU received a donation which was used according to its interest and capabilities.

*Soroptimist International of Kirkcaldy, in support of Leading Change Uganda, presents*

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The Buwaali women group, with 60 members was facilitated to learn how to make Liquid soap for sale where LCU recruited a teacher to train the ladies and also bought materials for the ladies to learn. LCU provided a seed grant to the ladies to start production of the Liquid soap. The project has moved on smoothly where by each 5 Litres Jerrycan of soap is sold at GBP 2.17.



***Soap making by the Buwaali Women Group***

The Vumba women group, with 100 members was supported in improvement of their tailoring program. LCU provided sewing materials (Kitengi) to the ladies to sew clothes for sale. Because of the poor meeting space which could be affected during rainy season, LCU decided to rent a 2 roomed building for the ladies to learn and tailor more clothes. LCU is planning to provide a photocopier to the group to be used to provide photocopying services to the community thus supporting the ladies to pay rent.



***Tailoring Project by Vumba Women Group***

The Kawaala women group, with 27 members was provided with funds to increase the capital in their charcoal business from 4 bags to 10 bags. Charcoal is widely used in Kampala for cooking because many families cannot afford to cook using gas or electricity. Therefore, their charcoal business is steadily progressing.



***Charcoal Business by Kawaala Women Group***

The Nsekwa and Nansana women groups, with 13 members, where two members were provided with piglets (1:2) and one member was provided with a goat therefore, these groups were facilitated to start a piggery and goat's project through a revolving method. The revolving method is where a member of the group is provided with a pig or goat bought by LCU to rear till the animal gives birth, on giving birth the young ones are shared between the lady and LCU where by the share of LCU is given to other member (s) to do same thus empowering the women to start their piggery/goat projects.



***Goat and Piggery rearing Project by Nsekwa Women Group***

In conclusion, the support from Siroptomist International of Kirkcaldy enabled the women in their various groups to work together thus increasing togetherness among them which has enabled them to take lead in their communities through providing employment and making important decisions in their homes and communities at large.



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