

Present Realities:

Uganda faces its worst humanitarian crisis in 18 years. Constant and brutal rebel attacks in the Northern part of the country have caused massive displacement of people, poverty, and destruction of physical and social infrastructures. Children are especially vulnerable to these attacks. Over 32,000 of children have been abducted, to be either child soldiers or sex slaves. More than 13 million children have lost one or both parents due to AIDS, with about 3 million children living with AIDS. Community support systems are overwhelmed and are not able to cope with the increasing numbers of vulnerable children, they have no one to turn to and no one takes care of them. They are treated as worthless things and merely thrown out with the garbage, left on the streets, sold to witchcraft or killed otherwise.

Noah's Ark Children's Ministry Uganda (NACM) has been a part of the solution to this problem by providing, food, shelter and love to over 80 orphaned children. They have also constructed a primary school to provide quality education for these children. NACMU continues to further the quality of life within the community of Mukono and is adamant in caring for its people.

Plan of Action:

NACMU has begun a small but sustainable business to help further its efforts in Mukono. They have set up a small dairy operation consisting of 3 cows. The cows came from Kenya and were bred from premium dairy stock and African stock to provide cattle that will produce 15 liters a day and be hearty enough to survive the harsh African climate. The cows are housed in a barn that can hold up to 6 animals. NACMU was buying 20-25 liters of milk a day for the orphanage, but now milk produced from the cows is used, saving over \$12 a day. The plan is to add more cows to the farm to provide longevity to their yearly production.

Positive Benefits:

- > This project provides pure milk whereas milk bought in Uganda stores is often diluted with water
- > Manure from the cows is collected and used for Bio-gas (to fuel cooking) and fertilizer
- > Program will directly benefit the orphanage by removing the cost of purchasing milk on a day-to-day basis
- > Surplus milk can be sold, thus injecting resources into the local economy and stimulating growth
- > Cows are purchased pregnant, therefore each cow bought ultimately results in two
- > Provide students the opportunity to learn and practice animal husbandry skills that are critical in social economic development within the community

Projected Costs:

PROJECT COMPONENTS	FUNDS REQUIRED (CAD)	PEOPLE AFFECTED
1 Pregnant Cow	\$1,200	110+ Children
Total	\$1,200*	110+ Children

*Prices may vary depending on current exchange rates



Persons Responsible for the Project:

The staff of Hungry for Life, under the leadership of the Board of Directors, are responsible for the project.

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