



Action story

Kashaki Women Forward Group

From Goats to Fields: How Kashaki Women are Transforming Crop Production

Kashaki Forward Women Group is a Community Based Organization that has been working with Kabale Agroforestry Network since 2015. The group is registered and comprises of 52 members (F:50 M:2). Members of the group are engaged in vegetable growing for nutrition and income, piggery, goat/sheep rearing, and other household food security initiatives. In partnership with KAN the group is involved in various landcare activities that address rampant land degradation problems such as promoting agroforestry on their farms, construction of improved cookstoves to reduce fuelwood use, and plastic waste management among others.

The group applied to Global Landcare and were successful and received AUD 1000 in the latest Small Grants applications.

It is against this background that the group launched a goat revolving credit programme on 15th June 2024 in a colorful function held at their meeting venue.

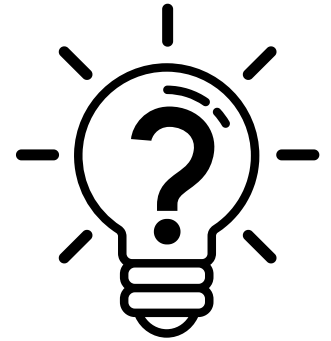
Project Objectives

The specific objectives of this project are:

- To restore fertility in the small landholding used in their food security initiatives
- To set up a revolving goat scheme to support group members generate organic manure
- To improve household nutrition and income among the 52 members.



The group leaders contacted the area local government and a veterinary expert was sent to train members. A ½ day training was conducted in which all members attended. The training included selection of goat breed, shed construction, disease management and a question and answer session to address cultural beliefs and practices



During the training members also agreed on the criteria for selection of the first batch of beneficiaries.

In order to extradite the procurement process members selected among themselves three members to source and buy the goats. A total of 10 local goats were purchased at a cost of UShs 2.000.000 and delivered as agreed.



A function to launch the project and pass on the first batch of goats was organized and KAN officials and local leaders were invited to witness the launch on 15/6/2024.

Prior to the function members were involved in a campaign to create community awareness about the dangers of plastic waste in their immediate environment.



During the function the invited Guest of Honour, Evelyne Ninsiima Kikafunda, the CEO of Green Environment Promotion, and one of the founder members of KAN donated 2 goats to the group. Evelyne hailed the group for their efforts to protect the environment by fighting plastic waste and pledged to support them. The area local government Concillor also promised to link the group to the Agricultural Research Centre to help improve the local goats. The area Veterinary Officer was also present to provide de-worming services before beneficiaries took the goats.

The group leaders express their heartfelt gratitude to Global Landcare for their invaluable support and have pledged to ensure the project's sustainability. They are optimistic that by the end of the second year, every group member will have received a goat, thereby achieving all their set objectives. This initiative not only aims to empower the community economically but also fosters a sense of unity and shared responsibility among the members. The leaders are committed to maintaining the project's momentum and ensuring its long-term success, confident that this collaborative effort will bring about significant positive change.