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## KIMWANGA WIDOWS PROJECT

### A REPORT ABOUT FOOD DISTRIBUTION & CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Kimwanga widows' project, Uganda is established to reinstate a lasting hope to life through compassion, word, and deed by empowering widows in different communities. By doing this, we can achieve our vision of sustainable elderly living.

We received funds towards supporting the welfare of the widows.

We prioritized the items according to need. Since we were still in COVID season, welfare and reconstruction of one widow shelter, we thought it wise to buy basic items first as we look forward to support the other needs.

We contributed a sum of Ugx 348,000 towards the construction of a temporal living house for widow **Aidah** whose house was destroyed by rain. Through the support local community, we were able to raise a local wall of the house and roofed with the funds we had, this was amazing.



Ms. Aidah standing on her collapsed house



Ms. Aidah's temporally constructed house

We procured sugar and soap. We distributed these items to widows in all zones. This took us 2 days to finish the activity.

**Note: find the attached pictures taken during the distribution**

It is of great joy and happiness once again to support the widows with some basic needs.

On 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021, we visited widows in the zones of Makhonje, Namawanga and Namukhonje. We gathered them in one place and the purpose of the meeting was to know each other since we had new members and share the items that were brought.

We shared the word of God, had words of encouragement from the social worker and then distributed the items. We distributed **02kg** of sugar and **1** bar of soap each to the widows. Out of 17 widows expected, 12 were present and 5 were absent because they were weak to travel. However, the CDO received their items and delivered to their homes.

On 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021, we reached out to the zones of Kimwanga, Lwaboba, Nabuyaka, & Muanda. We expected to have 33 widows but 22 turned up for the meeting. However, the 11 widows had sent their colleagues to bring them feedback.

All went well as pastor Wilson shared God's word and gave them hope. Introductions were made and we got to know one another. We later distributed the items; 2kg of sugar and 1 bar of soap each. We entrusted the items of the widows who did not come with the ones they sent.

All together we distributed **106kgs** of sugar and **57 bars** of soap

By the end of the meeting, the widows;

- Had a smile on their faces
- Saw themselves loved and accepted by others
- Made friendship with each other
- Were concerned about one another

One challenge encountered, some of the widows are very weak and cannot move from their homes, they need a medical person to visit them in their homes for first aid. These include;

1. Agatha
2. Billah
3. Christine
4. Kanah
5. Aidah

We encouraged the widows to;

- Trust God for everything
- Believe in themselves that they can
- Create more friends around them
- Participate in the projects activities

However, much more is needed as we still have a lot of activities to support including;

- Beddings for almost all the widows
- Shelter for some much affected widows
- Income generating activity (Goat rearing)
- Medicare services to widows

## **Conclusion**

We are really very grateful to God for giving us the strength to carry on the mission of Kimwanga Widows project. Also, to our dear friend **Ms. Lilly** who forwent the little she had for the sake of Kimwanga widows and to the local friends with in the community for being part of this mission.

Thank you so much for loving us and always making sure that the candles keeps burning for the betterment of the elderly widows. May God keep blessing the work of your hands and add you more life a head.

Shalom!!

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