

Inganga Twekekembe Disabled Development Association Piggery Project

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The Inganga Twekekembe Disabled Development Association (TWEDDA) has formulated and proposed a unique new project entitled The Piggery Project. Developed as a pilot project by persons with disabilities from two different parishes in Mayuge Town Council, Mayuge District, Uganda, this project is a means toward economic empowerment. Persistent poverty is the major problem facing this group. Thus, this project's purpose is to develop income generating activities to sustain participants and ameliorate poverty. Currently, this target group is characterized by relatively high death rates due to poor health standards and low-income earning potential.

TWEDDA has endeavored to integrate project participants with a common objective of starting income generating activities. Currently TWEDDA members are undertaking knitting of table clothes, weaving, and vegetable growing on a small scale for commercial benefits. While these activities are good and they unite the group socially with a spirit of teamwork, additional income generating activities are needed. It is hoped that this piggery rearing project (raising both exotic and crossed breeds of pigs) will meet this need.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

- To start a broad income generating activity which will encompass piggery rearing and management.
- To improve on the health standards of participants as a way to reverse escalating death rates.
- To unite and advocate for the target group.
- As a demonstration pilot project, it will aim at inculcating the basic skills and knowledge pertaining to piggery rearing and management to its members from different parishes in Mayuge Town Council.

Implementation of the project's activities will be entirely carried out by the members. Their mission statement is "*Nothing for as without as.*" Hence encouraging joint participation of all members in the projects activities, so as to meet the stated goals and objectives.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES/RESULTS

- By the end of the project's life span, all members shall have acquired the essential basic skills and knowledge pertaining to piggery management.
- There will be general improvement in health standards of the target group.
- It will create unity among the target group.
- Every sow shall furrow a litter of piglets on the average of twice a year. The piglets shall be reared for six months before selling them.

SUSTAINABILITY:

Given the high demand for pork and piglets, TWEDDA shall continue running piggery units by restocking more pigs every year from its savings so as to continuously sustain the target group economically, after the project's life span.