



The Goal? Self-sustainability!

Hope Centers for Children of Africa has always been of the opinion that a hand up is better than a hand out. That is why we give out micro-loans to widows. With those loans, they are able to establish themselves in a business that will not only support themselves, but will help them put the orphans in their care through school. Are your gifts helping us meet this goal? YES!

Meet Esther (A success story!)

Esther Birimumaso is 82 years old. Initially she used her loan to buy a few chickens and some garden seed. She now sells seeds and spices at a little roadside kiosk. The income she has generated has allowed her to put a cement floor in her home, a real luxury in rural Uganda. She currently is raising several of her grandchildren after their parents died. Since Esther has reached self-sustainability, she no longer needs to receive an HCCA micro-loan and is happy that her share can now go to helping another widow.



Remember the hammermill?

Jonathan successfully got the hammermill to Uganda on his last visit. The men were able to get it assembled, but they realized they needed to purchase two more machines to get the flour ground to a profitable form: a huller (which removes the corn hulls resulting in a finer ground product) and a cyclone (which filters the dust out of the final product). The hammermill is an example of how donations not only help our widows and farm workers to save money, but it can actually help to generate it, since they can grind corn, cassava, coffee beans, etc. for others for a fee. (Any donations toward the huller and cyclone would be most appreciated!)

Any way we can maximize our profits in order to not be as dependent on donors is a big win.

Thanks for your support

“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction.”

- James 1:27



New Project

Our HCCA team members in Uganda have done the research and come up with a creative way to increase their profits on the farm by maximizing their space, and we want to celebrate their progress. They decided to plant coffee beans interspersed with the banana plants! Coffee plants take several years to get going, but then they can produce for 15-20 years. Bananas require planting every year, but our workers know how to retrieve the suckers from the old plants in order to grow new. In this way, their project will be self-sustaining. (The same is true of their pineapple crops; suckers from the previous crop are used for the new.)

Status of the Herd in D.R.C.

The herd of beef cattle our workers in D.R. Congo have been raising has become self-sustaining! The goal of the team was to reach 40 head of cattle so they would have enough to be able to start selling off calves. They recently were able to sell two calves, which was enough to pay for a year of school for 60 orphans. This is truly something to celebrate!



Looking for ways to help reach the goal?!

As always, we are so appreciative of our donors and sponsors who enable us to currently support 115 widows and 285 orphans. The donations we receive from you keep our operations running, but they are not enough to cover the extras. If you are looking for an area toward which to donate, the following are some of our extra needs:

- Cyclone and huller - \$5,000
- Upcoming chicken project - \$5,000
- 2024 annual budget deficit - \$15,000

Ways to partner with HCCA:

- Give to the special project (listed above) _____
- Give to the gift of an education _____
- Give to the gift of a micro loan _____
- Give the gift of health to provide medicine _____
- Give to the general fund so we can meet the most pressing needs _____



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