



PHOEBE EDUCATION FUND for AIDS ORPHANS



PEFO Uganda

Phoebe Education Fund for AIDS Orphans & vulnerable children (PEFO) is a legally registered Local Non Government Organization founded in 2003 by three brothers. The organization is a non-denominational at the point of service provision, and without political affiliations.

Since 2003, PEFO has been working to facilitate care and support for older persons and OVC households to promote sustainable development. PEFO does this through a 5 structural program (Education, Health, Livelihood & Micro-credit, Housing and Human Rights & Economic Justice) implemented following the 'care-for-care givers' approach.

The approach emphasizes mutual reinforcement between the two categories of beneficiaries; the elderly and the AIDS Orphans and Vulnerable children in Jinja, Busia, and Lira and Buikwe districts

Grandmothers are supported in realizing their rights, but also based on the fact that their improved life puts them in a better position to ably support OVC under their care. And, OVC that have been given a chance at education, are getting in position to support respective grandmother households they live in.

Vision

A society where older persons, OVCs and their care givers have high self-esteem and are resourceful to themselves and their communities

Mission

Facilitate Care and Support for older persons, OVCs and their care givers to promote sustainable Development.

Our Values:

1. Passion: We have a passion to serve the poor and vulnerable members of society to improve their lives.
2. Respect of Rights of every human being: We believe in the intrinsic dignity of every person and their rights regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, religion or political affiliation.
3. Accountable: We are accountable to our stakeholders, and strive to be good stewards for resources entrusted to us.

Strategic Objectives

SO1. Increase access to quality social services for grannies, OVC and their caregivers.

PEFO applies a Model of comprehensive approach to care and support of its target group as it engages the community to be active participants in delivering solutions to the challenges associated with older persons, the OVC and their care givers.

SO2; Enhance livelihood opportunities for income and food security of older persons, OVC and their Caregivers.

This is done through providing farm inputs such as banana suckers, goats, pigs and trees to turn into money. Older persons are also supported towards access to financial and credit facilities.

SO3; Advocate for rights and appropriate policies for older persons OVC.

PEFO seeks to become an active advocate, point of reference and partner in efforts to contribute, influence, implement rights and monitor policies in the area of older persons, OVC and their Caregivers.

SO4; Strengthen the capacity of community based organizations, local structures and systems to respond to the immediate needs of OVC and grannies.

PEFO promotes Community Participation and Involvement (CPI) for creating a lasting change by empowering communities to identify their own issues, needs and solutions.

SO5; Strengthen the governance & management capacity of PEFO to respond to the evolving needs of its internal & external.

PEFO looks at strengthening the institutional capacity through improved performance and consolidating change. With a professional Board in place, there is confidence on deliverance on the mission and the strategic objectives as it moves to a full-grown organization.

PEFO Programs

PEFO programs are community driven and of self help in nature. PEFO approaches to implementation are participatory involving much contribution from the community as the primary stakeholders.

Education

Sponsorship (fees and school requirements)

PEFO provides school fees bursaries to HIV/AIDS affected orphans; most of whom live under the care of their grandmothers. OVC receive a minimal school requirement package mainly scholastics (books, pens, mathematical sets, etc).

Window of Hope

Window of Hope is a comprehensive school-based HIV and AIDS life skills intervention. It is targeting young children aged 10 – 14 (primary), aiming at behaviour formation with a special emphasis on responsible sexual behavior.

Trees for Education

PEFO designed a tree-for-education/pension and environmental conservation initiative (TEPECI) with the aim of creating education and old age insurance using locally available resources.

Child Rights & Protection

PEFO facilitates the promotion of rights of children in schools and communities through child Rights clubs. Our aim is to empower both the children and both teaching and non-teaching staff in partner schools to detect a case of child abuse, prevent it and respond to one when it occurs.



Supporting vulnerable children for better education is essential.

Livelihoods

The focus here is ensuring food and income security in target households using community driven and sustainable approaches. The program draws a lot of support from community based farm school in promoting agricultural livelihoods in both crop and animal husbandry among grannies following the innovative revolve approach (Revolve a seed, a sucker, a goat, a pig), value addition and marketing skills while streamlining aspects of age, HIV/AIDS, climate and gender in her implementation.



Increasing crop yields is a priority in PEFO(picture caption)

Main activities/sub projects;

1. Revolve projects
2. Adopt a goat project
3. Peer learning
4. I 'am a super saver program for grannies
5. Fireless cookers' project
6. I determine my market project (provides training in post harvest handling, value addition and marketing)

Micro Credit

Based on the negative experiences faced by granny households in accessing loans from finance institutions, PEFO provides small soft loans and credit management training to grandmothers and other disadvantaged women like the HIV-positive, and widows. These loans are meant to widen the capital base of grannies to allow them venture into more resilient sources of livelihood.

Housing

PEFO environmentally friendly housing department responds to the urgent need for decent shelter among the elderly. Pathetic shelters have been observed to affect health and the vitality to work by grannies as well as concentration of vulnerable children in school. So far, 218 houses have been constructed for granny and OVC households.



Vulnerable persons also deserve better shelter.

Health

Preventive and curative measures are being promoted by PEFO to ensure good health; under public health hygiene and sanitation among grandmothers are maintained through periodical health promotion exercises in the community and with the community where minimum standards are emphasized; latrine, kitchen, drying line, and utensil rack. Under clinical health, direct medication and referral are carried out periodically.



Good health for grannies is a right.

Medical camps and mobile clinics are some of the approaches that PEFO uses to make health care accessible and affordable by grannies. Of recent, PEFO works with government health centers within the proximity of granny communities in a way of empowering them in the long run to respond to the health needs of

older persons. One of the major projects here is the Granny Health pool where grannies save UGX 1,000 on a monthly basis. PEFO tops up this fund and uses it to bring health services closer to grannies.

Human Rights & Economic Justice

PEFO takes deliberate efforts in up scaling her initiatives towards human rights promotion among her target beneficiaries. Most of the grannies and children fall victims of injustices due to high ignorance about their rights and justice mechanisms within their communities. Therefore PEFO raises awareness on justice mechanisms and initiate micro justice interventions among the target communities. This also looks at creating platforms on which the beneficiaries can express their voices to public for action



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