



Kagondo Youth Group
Together We Can

KYG PROFILE 2015

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SUMMARY OF KYG PROFILE 2015

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Short Description: Kagondo Youth Group (KYG) is a Community Based Group (CBG) with a common goal of promoting Community Development Initiatives (CDI) in rural Tanzania.

Type of Organization: A community based group working on Sustainable Development

Core Areas of Work: Community Empowerment

Paid Staff: 1

Volunteers: Females 6; Males: 4

Beneficiaries: Youth groups, over 5,000 students and pupils, women, young girls, schools, and the entire community



1.0. INTRODUCTION

1.1. About KYG

Kagondo Youth Group (KYG) is a Community Based Group (CBG) with a common goal of promoting Community Development Initiatives (CDI). It was established in 1996 by Mr. Magongo Justus J. at Kagondo rural area in Muhutwe Ward, Muleba District, aiming at organizing the youth to come together and help each other with the major objective being acquisition of knowledge and skills for self-reliance, transparency and accountability in the process of good governance for poverty and income poverty reduction.

Currently the KYG serves over 124 youth organized in 6 (six) self-help groups undertaking various income generating activities. The group initiatives also help about 5,000 children with school fees, uniforms and other scholastic supplies in Kangantebe, Bukoki, Nyakashenye and Bisore Villages of Muhutwe Ward in Muleba District, Kagera Region in Tanzania rural. KYG serves the youth and community members with lower education level as well as limited knowledge and skills. Most of the beneficiaries completed grade seven and very few hardly completed high school. Due to limited resources, since its inception only a few KYG's beneficiaries have been supported to study at various universities and colleges, thanks to great support from the KYG partners and friends. Our current major supporters include: (a) Action Five, a youth organization based in Germany; (b) the IPS (Italian People Support) based at Parrocchia Santa Barbara V.M. (NETTUNO), Rome, Italy; and (c) FOCCAS, a nonprofit organization based in Nevada, Reno, USA.

1.2. Our Vision

To foster a vibrant, prosperous and growing young generation through extraordinary community development

1.3. Our Mission Statement

To develop and implement creative community-based strategies to enhance socioeconomic opportunity, advocate for good (open) governance to ensure a dynamic framework for quality growth and development.

1.4. Our Motto Together We Can



1.5. The Objectives of KYG

KYG's main goal is to be involved with and promote Initiatives for Community Development (ICD) by facilitating and helping the youth, women and vulnerable children to:

- ✓ Acquire formal education, knowledge and skills for self-reliance
- ✓ Participate in promoting transparency and accountability (open governance) in local governments in the process of poverty and income poverty reduction
- ✓ Build capacity and empower the community in various socioeconomic, political, cultural and environmental affairs
- ✓ Partner with other stakeholders and participate in research and community development initiatives

1.6. The KYG's Key Project Areas

Since its establishment/ inception, the KYG's founder has involved with initiatives to see how the youth can improve their lives. Thus, the KYG Projects focus on fostering sustainable development via:

- ✓ the implementation of Income Generating Activities (IGA)
- ✓ environmental/natural resources utilization, conservation and management
- ✓ socio-economic capacity building by enhancing self-help groups
- ✓ fostering and supporting the most vulnerable youth and children to access formal education
- ✓ provision of charitable assistance such as school fees and uniforms to the orphans and vulnerable children
- ✓ gender mainstreaming and empowerment
- ✓ development of sustainable agriculture
- ✓ provision of zero-grazing cows to youth and women as an income generating project
- ✓ promotion of youth and women involvement and participation in local government
- ✓ promotion of transparency, accountability and open (good) governance in the local governments
- ✓ promotion of availability and access to social services and physical structures in schools
- ✓ promotion of talents among the youth such as singing, dancing, fine art and carpentry,
- ✓ conducting seminars on HIV/AIDS and malaria control and prevention of drug abuse

All these initiatives are aimed at promoting community sustainable development in the most at risk rural areas particularly in Muhutwe Ward and the neighboring villages and wards, where Magongo is currently a Councilor representing the Muhutwe Ward in the Muleba District Council, a voluntary position in the district local government. The KYG has been more successful in many of these initiatives due to the support by the internal and external stakeholders.



1.7. Our Values

KYG Values the following:

- **Excellence in Service** – In Everything We Do
- **Integrity** – Maintain the Community's Trust: People First
- **Approachability** – Our Door Is Always Open
- **Respectful** – To Those We Serve and Each Other
- **Communication** – Actively Listening and Sharing: Who We Are and What We Do
- **Professionalism** – Maintaining the Highest Standard While Seeking Improvement
- **Governance** – openness, transparency and accountability in our services

1.8. Our Philosophy

Our spirit and love to supporting the disadvantaged communities, women, youth and children are inspired by our belief that the lack of a formal education does not obstruct other alternative opportunities to lead a purposeful, meaningful and successful life.

1.9 Leadership and Administration of the KYG

We are developing the precise organizational structure of KYG that will include the following:

- ✓ The Board of Supporters, which comprises one (1) founder and six (6) supporters
- ✓ An Executive Committee, which comprises the founder as a chair, and four (4) local community members as an employment and capacity building opportunity.
- ✓ Sub-committees for specific subject areas as shall be deemed necessary
- ✓ Other Staff hired as funds are available and necessary for KYG's performance

1.10. Physical Location and Development

KYG is based at Kagondo Area in Muhutwe Ward. It conducts its developmental initiatives and activities in Muhutwe Ward from the Local Government point of view in Muleba District. The latitude and longitude of Muleba are 1° 50' 23" S and 31° 39' 15" E in Kagera Region, Northwestern Tanzania. Its activities are currently extending to neighboring wards of Mayondwe and Izigo. Muhutwe Ward is one of the 43 Wards in Muleba District. Muhutwe Ward comprises of four villages, namely, Kangantebe, Bukoki, Nyakashenye and Bisore. It has a population of about 11,645 people. Muhutwe is located about 28 Km from Bukoba Municipality and 45 Km from Muleba Center. It is bordered by Kemondo center (in Bukoba Rural District) in the Northern part, Mayondwe Ward and Lake Victoria in the Eastern part, Izigo Ward in the Southern part and the Ngono River in the Western part. Agriculture (farming and livestock keeping), is the pronounced economic activities coupled with small businesses, bricks making, fishing and aquaculture. The Ward is served by 5 public primary schools and 2 public secondary schools, 1 private primary school, 1 private vocational training center, and 1 private hospital; all of which require critical assistance from sustainable development stakeholders.



1.10 Beneficiaries and Partnership

Currently, KYG initiatives benefit the six youth groups comprising about 124 individuals, over 5,000 students and pupils, women, young girls, schools and the entire community. The supporters, partners and friends of the Kagondo Youth Group (KYG) include the following:

Our current major supporters are:

- ✓ Action Five, a youth organization based in Germany since 2006 to present;
- ✓ The IPS (Italian Peoples' Support) based at Parrocchia Santa Barbara V.M. (NETTUNO) Rome, Italy, since 2013;
- ✓ The Embassy of Germany in Tanzania in 2010;
- ✓ The Muleba District Council since 2011; and
- ✓ FOCCAS, a nonprofit organization based in Nevada, Reno, USA, since 2011.

Other partners and friends include:

- ✓ KADETFU (Kagera Development and Credit Revolving Fund) based in Kagera, Tanzania;
- ✓ YHAD-Tanzania, a government registered non-profit organization, operating in Tanzania Mainland

2.0 OUR EXPERIENCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Since its inception (1996 to present), the Kagondo Youth Group (KYG) has been implementing various projects within eight Sustainable Development Programs (**8 SDPs**) with tangible results.

2.1. Credit with Education

This initiative involves building skills for individuals, families and community development. This is a new program being supported by FOCCAS since July 2011. Under this program, FOCCAS is committed to provide hundreds of determined young Tanzanians with opportunities to acquire new knowledge and skills to promote sustainable development in Tanzania. Under this partnership, FACCAS aids KYG to support primary and secondary education, sponsor youth into Vocational Education Training Colleges as well as provide graduate-level university scholarships to train teachers and community leaders. Under this program, at least one young lady is already attending Kagondo Kolping Vocational Training College, and one young man has been offered a scholarship for graduate school in the USA.



2.2. Education for All Program

With Action Five aid and other partners, KYG has supported over 5,000 needy school pupils, some of whom are currently still acquiring aids in terms of school fees, uniforms and other classroom supplies.



With Action Five's aid, the Organization is helping over 1,000 needy secondary school students with school fees and it will continue to help more. Also, with Action Five's grant, the Organization has supported some students with bicycles to ease their movements to-and-from schools in order to enhance their punctuality for classes, and to **avoid having students walking long distances especially girls**. More support is needed on this area.



In addition, with the help and support from friends of KYG from Nettuno Parish based in Italy, the group supports school pupils and teachers with books and sports supplies.



2.3. Self-Help Groups, Capacity Building, Entrepreneurship and Advocacy Plan

Under its own initiatives, KYG has enhanced the formation of over 6 youth self-help groups with various number in which all members are engaged in various economic activities, including agribusiness, poultry, goat keeping, etc. KYG is now facilitating the establishment of a Micro Finance Institution (SACCO) in the rural area at Nshambya Village. KYG also organizes study visits and conducts capacity building seminars, training, workshops and awareness meetings on various socioeconomic issues, aiding the youth's self-help group members, women and the entire community to get fully involved in poverty and income poverty reduction for sustainable development.

2.4. The Good Neighborhood Mission

With aid from the founder, villagers, partners, volunteers and friends, KYG supports the needy including the most vulnerable children, orphans, widows, widowers, the elders and people with disabilities. Through this initiative, KYG provides shelter materials such as bed sheets and blankets as well as food supplies through a community self-help group known as '*Bweyambilo*' (meaning where there is help).

In addition, under a sponsorship from the Germany Embassy in Tanzania and in collaboration with Action five, KYG was aided to construct three rainwater-harvesting tanks at three primary schools. This enhances pupils' accessibility to safe drinking water at school, and promotes preparation of porridge (breakfast) for pupils reducing the number of schoolchildren living on an empty stomachs during the school day time.



2.5. Partnership Program

KYG has established partnerships with local and international stakeholders who are supporting and sponsoring most of the KYG's initiatives. Our current major supporters are:

- ✓ Action 5, a youth organization based in Germany since 2006 to present;
- ✓ the IPS (Italian Peoples' Support) based at Parrocchia Santa Barbara V.M. {NETTUNO} Rome, Italy, since 2013 to present;
- ✓ the Embassy of Germany in Tanzania in 2010;
- ✓ the Muleba District Council since 2011; and
- ✓ FOCCAS, a nonprofit organization based in Nevada, Reno, USA.

Other partners and friends include KADETFU (Kagera Development and Credit Revolving Fund) based in Kagera, Tanzania, and YHAD-Tanzania (NGO) working in Tanzania.

2.6. The Talents Development Program

This program is designed to enhance and develop young people's talents as the means to bring socioeconomic and cultural progress for sustainable development. Under this program the organization seeks to support existing groups and aid formation of more such talent based group. Currently, there is one Traditional Dance Group (*Garaziwenzi*), two RC Church Choirs working with KYG in various development projects.

2.7. Teaching Volunteer Program

KYG runs a Teaching Volunteer Program in collaboration with Action Five, a German based youth organization. Each year since 2010 we accommodate volunteers from Germany who join the local volunteers and teachers at local schools and communities in the rural areas, particularly at Kagondo in Muhutwe Ward, Muleba District. At this point, volunteers from abroad need to pay for their visas, healthy insurance, traveling costs and food while traveling to [Bukoba area](#). Once they arrive in Bukoba, KYG is capable of providing two rooms, food and daily transport to various destinations, thanks to Mr. Magongo Justus J. a founder and chair. We welcome anyone who aspires to visit rural Tanzania, in the northwest part of the country to enjoy the great environment and beautiful weather around [Lake Victoria](#), meet cheerful Haya people and enjoy the lovely culture, while making a positive contribution to children, schools, the youth and the entire community.



2.8. The Ng'ombe Project

The *Ng'ombe* or Cow Project is another KYG's on-going program carried out by the group under support from the Italian People at Parrocchia Santa Barbara V.M. {NETTUNO} and Action Five. This project is meant for socioeconomic empowerment of youth families to improve their livelihood. Five families have received one zero grazing cow each. The aim is to help these youth families to obtain cow dung for rejuvenating the soil that will enhance sustainable farming.



In addition, the cow is an income-generating project through selling milk and even excess cow dung, thus, improving their economic status and health. This project is a sustainable one because it operates on the '*Pass a Calf Strategy*.' Thus, one youth family that receives a cow repays back the first-born-female calf that in turn is given to another family or an individual youth. This means that the circle will continue revolving within the community, making the project sustainable and empowering to many individual youth and families.

3.0 FINANCIAL SOURCES AND MANAGEMENT

3.1. Anticipated Sources of Funding and Other Support

- ✓ Board of Supporters Contributions
- ✓ Partners and Friends of KYG
- ✓ National and International grants from donors.
- ✓ The government at all levels
- ✓ Community and stakeholders' donations
- ✓ Other relevant sources

3.2. Financial Management System

KYG leadership is currently developing a manual for financial management

3.3. Challenges

In implementing her programs, KYG faces the following challenge:

1. Lack of enough resources including funds to fully accomplish the plans
2. High level for the demand of our services
3. Few developmental partners joining hands and supporting our initiatives
4. Most of the work is voluntarily (No salaries)

4.0 PLANS FOR THE PERIOD 2015-2020

KYG is planning to keep on supporting:

1. Pupils and students to attend school to reduce illiteracy
2. Conduct training to youth, women and the entire community in new developments to increase creativity in order to reduce abject poverty
3. Establish an intensive women poultry keeping for Women Income Generating (WIG)
4. Improvement of infrastructures to poor families and schools
5. Introduction of a new technology of recycling human excreta into manure by constructing ECOSAN toilets
6. Other socioeconomic, environmental, cultural and political activities

5.0. THE BOARD OF SUPPORTERS

The KYG Board of Supporters comprises seven individuals who are volunteers and supporters of its development initiatives as follows:

- ✓ Magongo Justus John. (Founder and Chair)
- ✓ Josephat J. Rugaiganisa Fr. (Board Member)
- ✓ Benezeth Mujwahuzi Fr. (Board Member)
- ✓ Liberatus J. Rwebugisa (Board Member)
- ✓ Plasidia Muganguzi (Board Member)
- ✓ Adelaida Paul (Board Member)
- ✓ Godefilda Bahati (Board Member)

6.0. KYG’s EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

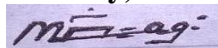
The KYG’s executive committee comprises the founder as a chair, and four (4) local community members as an employment and capacity building opportunity.

- ✓ Magongo Justus.J. (Founder and Chair)
- ✓ GeneRose Ignatus (Member)
- ✓ Divella Francis (Member)
- ✓ Felista Mulisa (Member)
- ✓ Joseph J. Rweyendera (Coordinator)

AUTHORIZATION:

I, the undersigned, certify on behalf of KYG that the information in this profile is true to the best of my knowledge and correctly describes KYG’s pursuit of its objectives, mission and vision.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Magongo Justus J.
Founder and Chair, Kagondo Youth Group

