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**WorldGranny Annual Report 2018**



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# WorldGranny Foundation Annual Report 2018

Since 2004, WorldGranny is the Dutch non-profit organization dedicated to the quality of life of older people worldwide. With a total turnover of almost 7 million euros, we have been able to support ten thousands of older people and their (grand)children in small scale projects in Africa, Asia and Latin-America between 2004 and 2016. Through multiannual partnerships with HelpAge International and the Transition in the East Alliance (TEA), WorldGranny has achieved a stronger civil society, and improved healthcare and more financial inclusion for older people. With many partners and friends we have lobbied at the highest levels. We have approached the Dutch government, the European Commission and the United Nations (UN), to highlight the importance of global aging in international cooperation, foreign policies like emergency assistance and human rights. Older people are becoming more and more visible as a social category. Since 2009, WorldGranny has had ECOSOC advisory status at the UN. In the (inter)national media, we have been able to elaborate on the multiple effects of declining birthrate and rising longevity in developing regions.

In 2017 we wrote a substantive report on the activities WorldGranny had undertaken in the last 12 years. We noticed the meaningful progress towards achieving the main Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and addressed the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development which sets the vision for the next 15 years of global action. These Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) include the unfinished business of the MDGs but address a wider, truly global agenda.

Certainly, in many HIV/Aids-ridden areas, there is still a lot of this so called unfinished business. The Dutch Grannies2Grannies group continues to support local NGOs, especially in Uganda, where new houses are being built for grandmothers who support their orphaned grandchildren. Taking all this

into account, WorldGranny decided to continue working on the SDG and aging agenda as WorldGranny Social Enterprise. The activities of the WorldGranny Foundation, which faced challenges with respect to fundraising, will be geared towards emergency assistance and incidental project support. A strategic decision was made to no longer actively fundraise, but support projects with the existing funds and recently made donations.

In 2017 WorldGranny decided to partner up with the Ugandan NGO URICT that create an enabling environment for 50 grannies in Kamuli Eastern Uganda and implement the so called Pink Butterfly Project and this project has been the main focus in 2018.

## 1. URICT – Pink Butterfly Project

During the second half of 2017, URICT reached out to WorldGranny for support to create an enabling environment for the grandmothers that looked after their orphaned HIV/AIDS affected grandchildren. They titled their endeavour: The Pink Butterfly Project, A ray of hope to Grandmothers. After detailed research and baseline studies, at the beginning of 2017 URICT, embarked on designing a comprehensive project which was intended to empower and create an enabling environment for grannies looking after their Orphaned HIV/AIDS affected grandchildren. As a growing organization, URICT has suffered some challenges especially with ability to fundraise, since they still have a small funding base but all in all the impact is visible on the ground.

*URICT is creating an enabling environment for older women in Kamuli.*

### 2.1. Highlights of 2018

#### Introduction:

Since the beginning of this year URICT – Uganda has closely worked with World Granny – The Netherlands to reach out to over 100 grannies in Kamuli, this was after detailed research and baseline studies earlier on in 2017 which translated into URICT embarking on designing and developing a comprehensive project which empowering and create an enabling environment for grannies looking after their Orphaned HIV/AIDS affected grandchildren.

The Program aimed at empowering grandmothers, whose children died because of HIV/AIDS and who now have a full time parent role to raise and look after their HIV/AIDS orphans.

This project was developed as a response to dramatic increase in the number of children living without their parents due to HIV/AIDS epidemic in Kamuli. Many of the children targeted by the

project are orphans taking care of their fellow children, while others are under the care of needy grandmothers with a burden of poverty and related challenges.



To address the challenges faced by grandmothers and their orphaned grandchildren, UNRICT has managed to do the following in 2018.

1. *18 grannies have successfully completed their Training Program as peer educators, so that they can pass on the knowledge in skills in first aid when their grandchildren get attacks in situations where there is no doctor and each was equipped with the tools needed to do the work. More seven are still training and they should be ready to serve by the end of this month/June. Each granny has the skills & knowledge, vital contacts, a medical box, a phone and support from URICT Team. We refer them as village community health workers and they are so happy that we added this component to this program. They help each while also passing on knowledge and skills to prevent diseases among themselves and their grandchildren. We have focused on using locally available herbs and bush medicinal trees.*



2. *We have distributed to the 10kilos of maize/corn seeds, 10 kilos of soya beans, 10 kilos of kidney beans, 5 kilos of millet seeds, cassava trees/seedlings, and potatoes leafs/seedlings, banana seedlings to each of the selected 100 grannies.*
3. *Each of the hundred grannies was supposed to prepare their farm fields by a team of the 30 youth friends. We created the 30 youth volunteer team, which we named friends of the grannies. These are strong able young men and women, who we have trained and prepared to offer labour to the grannies. It's a way of growing a generation of young people who love and appreciate the struggles of the grannies.*
4. *We are so far reached over 400 locals (including politicians, local councils, village elders, church leaders etc) to create awareness about the plight of the grannies. In so doing we intend to attract more people to support the grannies in Busoga Eastern Uganda. Our Hon. Member of Parliament – Rt. Hon. Speaker of Parliament Rebecca Alitwala has pledged to bring the issue to the Ugandan parliament and re-cause the debt where the Ugandan Government gives a monthly support to all the registered grannies in Uganda. We are strictly following up on this matter and we are already getting media attention on the same.*
5. *Each of the 100 selected grannies has been trained on animal husbandry and how to run it like a business, yet how the animal waste can be used in their farm fields. Each granny has received 2 goats, 2 piglets and 5 chicken. In this effect we have 2 extension volunteer workers who give reach out services to the grannies. This is a key component of the project, and since it's intended for income generation, URICT has kept a keen eye on each of the animals and the birds, to avoid any mortalities*
6. *We have distributed farm tools and each of the selected 100 grannies have received a set of tools which include;- pangas, hoes, garden forks, cutters, etc. These are tools which can be used for a prolonged period of time.*
7. *With the beginning of the rainy season we were so much prepared, and we are happy to tell you that WASH is just GOLD, most of the reached targets has appreciated this concept.*
8. *Our selected households/families of the grannies benefiting from the garden/farm tools and seedlings, have received them. All the 100 have started planting in their gardens for the 3 seasons; we have done several site visits. They have technical support and good quality seeds. Since the planting season is on, we expect that they will move towards food security by 85% in Aug/2019. We are also giving out coffee seedlings for the Aug/2019 rains*

9. *Though we paid for some jingo's on 3 different Radio stations, we have got extra free airtimes, for talk shows and profiling our work among the elderly, our weekly 1hr Radio talk shows reaches the whole of Busoga, so parts of Central Uganda and all over lake Victoria. We have gotten callers as far as from Mukono, Kumi and Lira. This indicates the extent of how far the message is reaching. All in all this is to create awareness about the plight of the grannies.*
10. *The relationship created in all our working groups is visibly very important and the grannies are proud to be able to access all the vital contacts whenever they need some sort of help, support, guidance etc.*
11. *We have not recorded any case of Sexual & Gender Based Domestic Violence since Dec/2018 among grannies, this is attributed to the campaign, we put in place together with Rape Hurts Foundation.*
12. *By paying some selected workers on this program, it has not increased performance but their commitment to the course.*
13. *Having the dependable WFI Internet has its own priceless advantages, we have created a fundraising team, which is always researching and creating new contacts. Thanks for this capacity.*
14. *We have constructed 28 pit latrines for the grannies, though we had expected to build 30 we were limited by the budget.*
15. *We keep on providing grannies with Soap and other sanitation supplies but we expect that by Aug/2019, they should be able to buy them by themselves because of the incomes from the farming*
16. *Each of the home of the grannies received 2 mosquito nets to fight malaria fever.*



**Progress against expected results in this reporting period.**

The main agreed project objectives of the project are:

**1. Economic empowerment through provision of agricultural incentives grandmothers.**

Grandmothers can be empowered to become active members within their households and communities. Basing on our research findings from Kamuli it was discovered that grandmothers have traditional skills and knowledge, which they can use to contribute to initiatives in their households and communities.

Sometimes grandmothers manage to produce a substantial harvest, which can be enough for home and commercial consumption. But such mothers always have low access to available markets and do lack agricultural incentives to boost their produce. Part of this grant will be used to boost the additional rural grandmothers with agricultural incentives. These will include seeds and seedlings, agriculture equipment like hoes, pangas and help them access markets for their produce. For purposes of this Season Two, we intend to also give 2 She-goats for milk and meat, two pigs for income purposes and 5 chickens to each of the 100 grannies. URICT will provide veterinary services.

## 2. Provision of sanitation and hygiene kits to homes of grandmothers living with HIV/AIDS affected children / orphans.

Like the rest of the grandmothers in the PBF project, the additional homes will be supplied with sanitation and hygiene facilities like soap, basins, mosquito nets, and jerry cans. In so doing we shall build pit latrines for 30 selected grannies. Further to the same we shall develop water harvest systems for each of the 100 grannies and hence provide water harvest tanks.

It's on the above mentioned activities that URICT is forwarding this project proposal for the additional support of grandmothers at your office for consideration in your funding arrangements. URICT will be grateful if this project suits your positive consideration.

### INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

URICT was founded with a major aim of fighting HIV/AIDS & Poverty among the Orphan & Vulnerable Children (Orphans), Commercial Sex Workers (CSWs) & Grannies using a holistic approach.

#### Values

There are five values or beliefs, which underpin our work and guide our behaviour. The values act as benchmarks for guiding our partnership, actions and behaviour. We believe that, if followed fully, the values shall enable the world to become a better world. Our beliefs include:

**Equality:** We believe that all human beings should have equal access to opportunities and participation. We believe that women and children have been marginalised and therefore, we will deliberately work for benefit of these categories of people in our society.

**Integrity:** We believe in transparency and have zero-tolerance for corruption in our organisation and in the process of doing our work

**Participation:** We believe in participation of our stakeholders in decisions that shape their lives. In this way we manage to harness the potential that the marginalised groups have for their own development.

**Self Determination.** We believe that we are local NGO, with a local but global development agenda. We believe in protecting our autonomy; and setting and driving our own agenda.

**Learning:** We believe that development is a process, with no blue prints but an exploratory



process. We therefore seek to learn from what, why, and how we do it in our organisations and communities. We believe that learning should be the agenda of networking and partnership among development actors in the world

### 3.3 URICT & Rape Hurts Foundation (RHF)

URICT has kept on receiving technical capacity building from RHF. This Organizational Development support has helped URICT consider looking into many of her strategies, policies and conduct.

### 4.0 Evaluation

URICT also hosted WorldGranny Visitors who were led by Jessie who came to see URICT's work 1st hand in early Feb/2018. Much as there has been some on-going small time activity internal evaluation, URICT deems it fit to carry out a detailed and external evaluation of her activities at the end of the project.



## 5.0 Lessons learnt

During the implementation of the activities URICT has learnt a couple of lessons;-

- Every activity needs a well thought strategy if URICT wants an overwhelming impact at the end of the project period. These new strategies developed by URICT have been very wonderful in the implementation.
- The out reach activity of going public with HIV/AIDS has a high potential.
- URICT needs a better funding raising strategy to raise enough funds for her programs.
- Donors need to be kept informed on every development of the project.
- Grannies & Orphans are highly vulnerable and face many challenges.

### Challenges

There are over 785 Grannies living with over 2,000 Orphans in Busota Village alone, however we were only able to reach out to 50 grannies, we are appealing for more resources and recommendations on any leads on how we can increase our funding base.

### Conclusion:

URICT appreciates all the funding from WorldGranny – The Netherlands and appeals for more support both technical and financial in order to properly phase out the program, as she (URICT) looks around for more support



## 2. WorldGranny Financial report

Please see “WorldGranny Jaarrekening 2018”.