

## Achievements

AFIRD has supported over 74 farmer groups with an average membership of 25 farmers per group distributed in five sub counties of Namayumba, Kakiri, Mende, Masulita and Gombe all in Wakiso District. School communities have been also engaged in sustainable agriculture and environmental protection.

AFIRD has managed to establish a learning center focusing on confined space technology

Tree planting have been promoted with support from Seeds of Africa. With support from Tudor Trust, an Integrated Land Use Design (ILUD)/permaculture program is being promoted in nine (12) schools in Wakiso.

→ Over 3500 pupils are in position to supplement on their meals with vegetables at school.

→ Practical learning by pupils has been enhanced through garden demonstration

→ Skills and knowledge have been transferred to the community by pupils thus a change in attitude of the parents who once viewed gardening by their children as a punishment.

Networking with partner and government on policy implementation and development.

Improvement of food security among the target farmers by 80%

Improvement of animal genetic potential through high breed goats in Mende and Gombe sub counties

Developed farmers who have been able to transform their livelihood as well as those of their communities.

Linking farmers to market through sharing of market information and value addition.

## Animal production

Being the major source of manure, critical animal protein, and prestige and income for small scale farmers, livestock is still much constrained sector in agriculture. The situation is worsened by; land shortages, scarce feeds and diseases. In the past, emphasis had been put at improving the genetic potential of livestock through provision of hybrid animals but in the new direction, we are to promote indigenous animals and improve their genetic potential by working with researchers. In addition farmers are encouraged to rear animals basing on available space for production. More emphasis is directed to small livestock (poultry, rabbits and goats) to increase production per unit area by promoting systems that enable farmers to keep the smaller animal breeds in confined spaces and also support farmers depending on their assets and capabilities.



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## Introduction

AFIRD was founded in 1997 by a group of professionals who realized the need for an integrated approach to rural development and brought their experiences together to develop the country. It was registered as an NGO in 1998 under registration No: S 5914/2404 and Certificate No: 2222. It is authorized to operate in all parts of Uganda.

## Vision

A society free from hunger and disease living in a peaceful and green environment.

## Mission

To enable the more vulnerable smallholder farmers in the increasingly urbanizing Wakiso, Mpigi and Mukono districts to be nutrition secure and to have increased income with a special emphasis on young people and to contribute to policy development and implementation towards sustainable farming in Uganda.

## Strategic Objectives

- 1 Increased sustainable and well documented animal and crop diversity and productivity for improved incomes for target farmers.
- 2 To influence the mindsets in Wakiso and Mukono Districts towards farming as a viable livelihood option for the youth.
- 3 To continue exploring marketing opportunities for small holder farmers in Wakiso and Mukono District.
- 4 Vulnerable groups are able to participate and influence development programs and policies that affect them
- 5 To develop a relevant, dynamic and inspiring organization that is increasingly and flexibly living up to its principles.

## Program Areas

- (i) Agriculture production and environment.
- (ii) Youth empowerment
- (iii) Agriculture market development.
- (iv) Advocacy and lobbying
- (v) Organizational and institutional development

## Guiding Principles

- Transparency and accountability
- Teamwork
- Quality work
- Work with Nature
- Stable families and gender equity
- Focus on vulnerable people
- Documentation
- Farmers' rights
- Cultural connection



Namirimu Harriet a student of St. Kizito Buzimba primary school harvesting mushroom from the school garden



Nsangi in their processing unit at Nzu village

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