

# PROGRESSIVE REPORT FOR

Promoting women community based Cage fish farming for employment and income generation in Koome Island, Uganda



Handing over of site suitability report to Esther Nakayiba for Koome Women Cage Fish Farmers.

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## **1.0 Introduction**

Hope for Nature is a nonprofit making organization registered under cert MKN/2490/2016. It is a reputable grass root community based organization that work to improve livelihoods of vulnerable Islands communities and conservation of threatened species in Koome Islands in Mukono District, Uganda. We applied for funding from your organisation to implement an aquaculture project titled ‘Promoting women community based Cage fish farming for employment and income generation in Koome Island, Uganda’ amounting to £4,500 for 12 Months. The funding was approved on 24 December 2020.

The project was intended to bring feasible transition of women fishing activities from the apparently competitive and uneconomical capture fishing to sustainable fish production and marketing activities that is demanded by exponential population growth in Uganda which is fish cage farming and market linkages, establish 2(5x5x5 metre) cages stocked with 5000 fish fries each and other fish production inputs. However, during the inception stages of the project, COVID19 struck Uganda and there was a total lockdown for almost a year which antagonized the project implementation as planned. Hope for Nature informed this challenge to Brian Donaldson, Chairman Grants Committee Kitchen Table Charities Trust by through email. This is the Progressive Report for women community based Cage fish farming and the activities done so far;

## **2.0 Activities**

### **i. Mobilization of women groups for stakeholders meetings**

Women were mobilized to attend stakeholders meetings to be able to participate in the project right from the inception and also to agree on proper project implementation strategies. In total 40 women were mobilized with other stakeholders. The meetings were held in Zingoola and Bugombe Villages.



**One of the stakeholders meeting at Zingoola landing site to agree on project implementation.**

## **ii. Formation of joint project implementation committee**

During the stakeholders meetings, 4 women group leaders were selected to join Hope for Nature Staff and Ass. Fisheries Officer Koome to form a joint project implementation committee which was given responsibility to oversee the proper project implementation including monitoring and evaluation, and financial management. The selected members included Annet Gibwa, Harriet Luzira, Agnes Nabankema, Harriet Nansubuga (Women beneficiaries), Josephine Namanda (Hope for Nature) and Paul Kalogo (Fisheries Officer). All this was done before the COVID19 lockdown.



**Some members of the joint project implementation committee at Masese with Hope for Nature Chairperson.**

### iii. Professional fee for Training, Capacity building for the beneficiaries.

Women cage fish farming training, and capacity building for beneficiaries started late when the lockdown was a little bit eased. It comprised of conducting a suitability survey in the water bay as a requirement for cage fish farming, providing training and advisory on cage fish farming as a business, cage fish culture, feeding, biosecurity, bench marking with other cage fish farming community in Masese, Jinja among others so far. The training and advisory was carried on by Aquaculture Expert Josephine Namanda with other fisheries professional Ruth Namaganda.



Hope for Nature aquaculture expert (Josephine Namanda) providing cage fish farming to the women beneficiaries



Chairman Subcounty Local Government, escorted women beneficiaries to Masese aqua park to learn practical skills in cage fish farming and to bench mark their farming business model. Training in progress.

#### **iv. Purchase and establishment of fish cages**

2 Cages were purchased from fabricators in Masese with all their accessories and have already been transported and delivered to Koome Islands. The cages will be installed in water around the middle of this month to facilitate the fishing farming to practically take off. The anchor stones have been done pending for their drying so the cages can be installed.



**The fish cage structure fabricator at Masese showing Koome team the cages as the Chairman Koome Subcounty Local Government is witnessing.**



**Hope for Nature team travelling back from Koome Islands for training session.**

## **v. Monitoring and evaluation**

So far 2 monitoring and evaluation sessions have been held by the joint project implementation committees and results indicated that apart from the over delay in project take off to COVID 19 lockdown, the project is currently going on well and it is set to meet its goal and objectives. Secondly, all the required project items have been procured, hence good financial management. The meeting recommended speedy implementation of the remaining part of the project and submission of progressive report to Kitchen Table Charities Trust.

### **3.0 Project Constraints/Challenges**

Definitely the project faced a number of constraints and challenges that were not anticipated which greatly affected its time line and among them were;

- COVID 19 Pandemic this disrupted all the planned activities, including some of our beneficiaries becoming victims of the virus.

### **4.0 Way forward**

Hope for Nature hopes that by early February 2022, the project will be in full gear through;

- ◆ Purchase and stocking of fish fry in the established cages and feeds
- ◆ Selection, training and deployment of community extension workers.
- ◆ Registration of women fish producers collaborative association
- ◆ Reporting and follow up

### **5.0 Summary**

According to our expertise and experience in working with Islands vulnerable communities, we are committed to fulfill the project as per our funding meeting all the goals and objectives. Let us thank Kitchen Table Charities Trust for trusting us and being patient as we delayed the implementation, not forgetting Hope for Nature team and the women beneficiaries that have been participating to make this project a success. We highly commend the Chairman Koome Subcounty Local Government for his supportive role.

**Hope for Nature.**