

With VSLA I have constructed my own house

Success story for Babirye Margret A-KIF-0010-05

VAT 1: 51

VAT 2: 47

VAT 3: 47

Implemented activities:

- Back yard gardening
- Referrals
- VSLA methodology
- Financial Literacy (FL)
- Selection Planning & Management (SPM) of IGAs
- Parenting
- Food preparations and cooking demonstration
- Psychosocial activities and home visits
- Interactive learning sessions
- Bank Linkages

Back ground:

Babirye Margret is the household head for A-KIF-0010 aged 46 years of old. She lives in a single room in Nansana west 1B with 6 children of which 3 of them are double orphans, and the rest are her biological children. Before joining KIFAD Babirye was a retired nursery teacher with a retail shop and a charcoal stall as her main sources of income. She had a small piece of land where she used to grow food for her family though it was not enough compared to the family size. She was also facing a problem of paying school fees and providing scholastic materials to the school going children and getting proper medication whenever they are sick was a dream therefore they were only surviving on local herbs.

Process:

Babirye's household was identified by KIFAD among vulnerable households in 2011. From VAT 1 the household scored 51 and immediately was enrolled on the Project. As per the house development plan for the NAT 2012 she was trained in Urban horticulture and Back yard gardening. From the referral system we had, Babirye's children were linked to our partner Organization for medication.

After being trained on urban horticulture Babirye was able to improve on her farming methods and this led her to increased percentage of harvests from her garden especially vegetables. She started feeding her family on vegetables at least twice a week. This helped her to reduce on the rate of getting sick in children thus saved some money aside for future use.



Babirye showing us the one roomed house where she is living now.

In 2013 Babirye was mobilized and trained on VSLA methodology, thereafter she joined Zirimwabo VSLA group from which she has been a treasurer for two consecutive cycles. From Zirimwabo and the community at large Babirye has been playing a pivotal role on mobilizing participants for KIFAD activities and she is always part of the participants to the organized activities let it be in/out her saving group. From doing mobilization Babirye became more popular and friendly to community members and always considered to as a role model in many ways. Babirye's activeness pushed her relatives to offer their family house/hall to the community and this place is always regarded to as a meeting/training Centre in Nansana west 1B.

From the SPM training she attended in 2013 conducted by KIFAD staff, Babirye realized that she can utilize the training Centre by opening up a nursery school that she proposed to run from 08:00 am to 12:00 noon since she had the skills.

In term 1 2014 Babirye got **13** kids, **18** kids in term 2 and 3. As we speak now she has **32** kids in total, she named her school 'GATEWAY Nursery school'



Babirye and some of Top class pupils at Gateway Nursery school

Babirye's average monthly household income increased of shs **50000** UGX 130,000 in one year and she was saving UGX 10,000 every week.

From the Parenting skills training, Babirye says "on top of what I had, I acquired more skills on how I should handle and communicate with children, this has helped me to become more friendly to these kids and their parents, this has created an impact to the community and there are parents that are promising me more children next term".

During the bank linkages training, Babirye was elected as the principal signatory to zirimwabo VSLA group's Account. This has enabled her to become more familiar to bank services. From this partnership, she hopes to open up the school account in the near by future that will be used by parents when paying school dues for their children. She went ahead to showed her appreciation for the birth certificates that were given to her children.

“From August last year, I have been taking loans from the group adding it to what I earn from different IGAs and use that money to construct a three roomed block. The house has been on `wall plate` Level until Zirimwabo shared out on 14th Feb. 2015. I used the money I shared worth shs 680,000 to pay for the remaining balance on windows and door frames and roofed the house also”

FUTURE PLANS;

She plans to continue buying the maximum shares equivalent to 20,000 per week since the share value for this cycle is 4000. If all goes well Babirye hope to get a loan to finish up and enter her new home very soon. She also plans to expand her nursery school and boost it by buying playing materials for children. Since Kironde completed `O` Level Babirye hopes to plate him to a vocational institution to acquire skills in carpentry

She concluded by thanking KIFAD as well for the effort or resources they put in for them to benefit from the project.



Babirye inspecting her new house she is constructing.

KEY

KIFAD Kiyita Family Alliance for Development

VSLA Village Saving and Loans Association

HH Household

VAT Vulnerability assessment

NAT Needs Assessment

SPM Selection, Planning and Management of an IGA

HCT HIV counselling and Testing

HIV Human Immune deficiency Virus

AIDS Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

FL Financial literacy