

A Silent skill awakened: A case of Nasuuna Kamuyati C-KIF-030 a HIV Positive mother.

<p>VI Household Score: 25</p> <p><u>Household plan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-VSLA-Supporting the family-Home visiting and psychosocial support-Community skills training-Emergency food aid-Training in improved agricultural practices-Supporting the family with scholastic materials	
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Kamuyati is one of KIFAD direct beneficiaries and she is HIV positive. She looks after 4 children [biological] and 3 grandchildren totaling to 7 children in her home. Her major challenge is school fees and scholastic materials for her school going children among which she even has one who is joining secondary level. She was trained in VSLA methodology and later joined Tweekembe VSLA group in Bulondo.

By the time she was visited, she was seated under a jack fruit tree very busy sowing a kanzu [Baganda traditional attire] together with 2 of her children, a boy and a girl whom she says were helping her to finish the work quickly such that they could get money. ***“Although I have to walk 3km to and fro at the meeting place of our group, I don’t mind because I have seen the benefits already as I speak”***, narrated Kamuyati. “After talking with my children about beginning a business, what type of business and where to get the capital; they advised me to take a loan from our group and they would help me sow the kanzus on speed such that we sell them and get some profit to use at home. So in one of our recent saving meetings, I asked for a loan of 50,000/-, which I was given. I bought materials and after cutting, 3 kanzus were to be made out of that material. This is so big for me because am not going back. I must use this capital to be active and productive at home because as of now I have something to do. Glory is to Allah. Who knew that I could get something to do and earn some money? As I keep on making these kanzus, I shall repay, then take another loan and increase on the pieces I make, so in some months to come, I shall have my own capital of making kanzus. This all attributed to the coming of KIFAD that people like me and in such communities like ours, who were lost can be found. I know I shall have transport to get my ARVs with ease and fees for the young ones although it may not be enough, but at least am someone now”, narrates Kamuyati in a happy mood.



Kamuyati sewing a Kanzu



Her son with the skills too

Her group meets every Monday in Bulondo a village which is approximately 3km from Kamuyati's home in Sanda. She claims that she did not first save because she had fear of the members being that they were from a different village, but continued attending the trainings up to the end and left the group. It was after 2 saving meeting that Kamuyati went back and started saving with her fellow members and since then, she has never missed any meeting and saving. Kamuyati is now so grateful that she has capital for her new business that she began.



Kamuyati and her children sewing kanzus after she got a loan from the group

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KIFAD Kiyita Family Alliance for Development

VSLA Village Saving and Loans Association

HH Household

VAT Vulnerability assessment Tool

NAT Needs Assessment Tool.

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