

## The Rufford Small Grants Foundation

### Final Report

Congratulations on the completion of your project that was supported by The Rufford Small Grants Foundation.

We ask all grant recipients to complete a Final Report Form that helps us to gauge the success of our grant giving. The Final Report must be sent in **word format** and not PDF format or any other format. We understand that projects often do not follow the predicted course but knowledge of your experiences is valuable to us and others who may be undertaking similar work. Please be as honest as you can in answering the questions – remember that negative experiences are just as valuable as positive ones if they help others to learn from them.

Please complete the form in English and be as clear and concise as you can. Please note that the information may be edited for clarity. We will ask for further information if required. If you have any other materials produced by the project, particularly a few relevant photographs, please send these to us separately.

Please submit your final report to [jane@rufford.org](mailto:jane@rufford.org).

Thank you for your help.

**Josh Cole, Grants Director**

Grant Recipient Details	
<b>Your name</b>	Felex Kamalha Kireru
<b>Project title</b>	Community tourism and conservation awareness program to foster social and economic empowerment of Kikorongo community
<b>RSG reference</b>	44.11.09
<b>Reporting period</b>	Final project report
<b>Amount of grant</b>	£5922 (18,683,910 UGX)
<b>Your email address</b>	<a href="mailto:info@rainforestuganda.org">info@rainforestuganda.org</a>
<b>Date of this report</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> August 2011

**1. Please indicate the level of achievement of the project's original objectives and include any relevant comments on factors affecting this.**

Objective	Not achieved	Partially achieved	Fully achieved	Comments
Construction of crafts shop office and toilet			Fully achieved	Shop finished but toilet not yet finished due to overshooting of budget
Site planning and landscaping			Fully achieved	Trees are already growing and about 2 m high and garden will be finished for use as soon as the project is launched. The indigenous trees have been allowed to grow and now above 2 m high.
Gravity water scheme	Not achieved			Not allowed by project owners due to low capacity of water project. Postponed to next year after the end of the project.
Training for staff and community			Fully achieved	One carpenter, two guides and one receptionist trained. A total of about 10 target youth were sensitised and slightly trained on managing the business and up to 52 community members sensitised about the project and conservation. The conservation awareness will go on for 6 months after the project launch
Product development		Partially achieved		One year was not enough to train and fully develop all the products. The trained community need to be part of development of product after acquiring training. This will continue for another 6 months after the launch
Marketing for site		Partially achieved		Products not yet fully developed. They need to appear on some of the marketing materials such as the brochures, website and signposts. The brochures, website and signs to be put up on the launch day. Work is already going on to develop them
Rising awareness of the key stakeholders			Fully achieved	UCOTA, NEMA and UWA were easy and welcoming so it was easy to hold meetings with them about the project

**2. Please explain any unforeseen difficulties that arose during the project and how these were tackled (if relevant).**

**The unforeseen difficulties came from the following areas;**

No.	Unforeseen difficulties	How we tackled them
1	Water capacity to give the project an extension	Activity postponed and purchase of water to the site for watering trees building and construction work was an alternative
2	Increasing prices of resources in Uganda economy	Some activities left out and being continued by RFCT during the project and within one year after the project period.

3	Elephants raiding the trees that we planted.	We kept replacing them and more will be replaced this August- October season.
4	Expectations and attitudes of the community that were conflicting with the project goals	Continued sensitisation was done. A smaller group was taken from the community to fully participate in the development of the project and it helped them understand the concept by now. These are preaching more and hence all the community has understood the project concept.

**3. Briefly describe the three most important outcomes of your project.**

- Craft shop establishment
- Awareness raising
- Skills training
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**4. Briefly describe the involvement of local communities and how they have benefitted from the project (if relevant).**

The community members are the major target of this project. They have been involved through the training, concept development and as a source of labour to the project. The community have benefitted from the skills acquired and are ready to join the next activities of the project.

**5. Are there any plans to continue this work?**

Yes, the remaining activities undone will be done within this year with most of the finances from RFCT. Further activities to be done have been shown under question number 9 of this report

**6. How do you plan to share the results of your work with others?**

- Through the scheduled conservation and skills development workshops,
- selling the crafts of all community members in the shop,
- working with the national park, NEMA and UCOTA to share with their other partners/ communities,
- development of other tourism projects, conservation initiatives and creating employment,
- provision of relatively affordable services and community experience to the tourists coming to or passing by Queen Elizabeth National Park outside the park,
- providing market for agro produce in other areas of the region by selling to the tourists or by processing them in the fruit/ vegetable drying project,
- hygiene to the community when we recycle the waste like, glasses and paper in the waste recycling crafts project

**7. Timescale: Over what period was the RSG used? How does this compare to the anticipated or actual length of the project?**

The RSG was used in the period may 2010 to July 2011. The project was delayed by 2 months. This is due to some resources and partnership factors. The contractors who built the house had asked to be allowed more time to complete the construction. Also the training had to be done later than they were planned due to the interruption of the planting and harvesting seasons that were not suitable for calling people to come for the trainings. Increased prices also delayed since RFCT had to raise some more money at different stages to add to some project activities.

**8. Budget: Please provide a breakdown of budgeted versus actual expenditure and the reasons for any differences. All figures should be in £ sterling, indicating the local exchange rate used.**

Item	Budgeted Amount (1PS: 3155UGX)	Actual Amount	Difference	Comments
Consultancy	1091	1500	409	Supplemented by volunteer work
Construction equipment	129	150	21	Supplemented in-kind community contribution and finances from RFCT
Office equipment	102	300	198	Supplemented in-kind community contribution and finances from RFCT
Construction materials	2345	3100	755	Supplemented in-kind community contribution and finances from RFCT
Gravity water materials	758	396		Gravity water scheme not done. This was the cost of carrying the water to the site through the entire project
Marketing materials	682	690	8	Not yet fully completed. The website, brochures and other materials will involve the completed pictures of the site when it is at marketing standard.
Labour for construction	455	700	245	Supplemented in-kind community contribution and finances from RFCT
Craft shop/reception furnishing	169	300	131	Supplemented in-kind community contribution and finances from RFCT. Not yet fully completed
Toilet/ bath rooms furnishing	190	0		Not yet completed. To be completed in the next three months
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5948</b>	<b>7136</b>	<b>1767</b>	

**9. Looking ahead, what do you feel are the important next steps?**

The following are the steps that will be taken by RFCT in the next year of the project Aug 2011 – Aug 2012

NO	ACTIVITY
1	Provision of running water to the site
2	Initial stocking capital
3	Brochure development
4	Development of marketing linkages and incentives to the potential clients
5	Conservation and crafts training programme
6	Fencing the site
8	Restaurant construction
9	Practically involve the trained members and the community in community development and tourism activities of the project.
10	Buying more land to expand the forest around the site
11	Agricultural demo site, woodlot and Lorena stoves on the household level within the community

**10. Did you use the RSGF logo in any materials produced in relation to this project? Did the RSGF receive any publicity during the course of your work?**

Yes, during the sensitisation and awareness meetings with the community and the stakeholders meetings, the RSGF was mentioned as the source of funding for the project.

**11. Any other comments?**

The project is set to grow after the invaluable support from the RSG. The official opening/ launch is set to be in this August 2011