

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. 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. 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.

Thank you for your help.

Josh Cole, Grants Director

Grant Recipient Details

Your name	Katusabe Raphaeline
Project title	Women's conservation awareness project promoting sustainable handicrafts production and household fuel efficiency
RSG reference	47.07.07
Reporting period	Final report
Amount of grant	£4,380
Your email address	craftspdn@yahoo.com
Date of this report	30 th June 2009

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
The training on craft weaving and planting of organic indigenous craft weaving materials to sustainably increase the income of women		Partially achieved		Need more materials to plant. All members don't have equal size of land; there is considerable land shortage. Low growth rate of some materials.
Building of fuel efficient stoves in 30 households			Fully achieved	Members and non-members have constructed fuel efficient stoves which have reduced the amount of firewood used.
Planting trees on the households' land for fuel use and other domestic needs		Partially achieved		It takes a long time for the trees to grow to usable age/ size. All members have planted trees but they will be used in future.
Skills training workshops		Partially achieved		Each person is not able to make everything but at least each person makes one or a few of the items. The attendance and participation is never 100% at each time.
Home visits on planting materials and weaving			Fully achieved	All members have been visited and advised each month.
Marketing the products outside the community		Partly achieved.		We have not marketed outside of the community so much. Most of the products are still sold in numbers within the community to tourists
Extending training to other community members.		Partially achieved		Only a few training sessions have been offered to non-members. These include on savings and credit, sustainable agriculture and craft weaving. We have not yet made any follow-up to find out how they are implementing.

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

1. All members are not equally innovative; activities are not done by all members.
2. Low growth rate of the planted materials. This reduces the number products in the market and the fashioning is almost the same???
3. Some times members can use the three stone hearths when it is cold hence consuming too much fuel wood.
4. Seasonal/ climate changes which affect the planted materials leading to low yields of materials and reduce the number of products per output.

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

1. New types and designs of craft products. Increasing the craft varieties in the shop. Most of the members can have at least five different types of crafts in the shop per month.
2. The savings of each member have increased because members are saving more from the increased crafts sales. This has boosted the disposable income in the homes of members.
3. Increase in trees planted per household. These trees will be used by the homes in future. This is like an investment that will keep growing. This has all resulted into increased community awareness on tree planting and natural resources sustainable use on the household level.

4. Briefly describe the involvement of local communities and how they have benefitted from the project (if relevant).

The local communities (members and non-members) are involved in the weaving activities after learning from the members. We allow these community members to sell their crafts in our crafts shop and the income goes directly to them. Besides the income:

1. They have gained increased skills of saving some of their income. Some groups outside our group were trained in saving and now have saving schemes.
2. They have benefited from training in using medicinal plants and natural dyes for craft materials. When they:
 - a. Get better markets for the crafts using natural dyes.
 - b. Use organic medicine that is healthier as well as enabling them to save money they would use to go to the hospital.
3. They have saved more time and energy when they use less firewood. The time originally used to collect firewood has been used to do other activities that increase the family's welfare and economic status. Also, the improved fuel efficient stoves don't emit smoke. For this reason, they have less risk of causing respiratory and eye diseases to the people using them compared to the people using the three stone hearths.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Continuation of the work of the project is both obvious and necessary for the group and the community since the activities supported by the project concern the daily life of the woman in this community. In the group, we have a plan of continuing with the work in the following steps.

1. Continue with tree planting, both planting more seedlings and maintaining the already planted trees during this project.
2. Putting to use the already planted craft materials and exploring more markets for the produce.
3. Passing on the acquired skills of crafts weaving, tree planting and other business skills.

The group will partner with the Rwenzori community development centre (RCDC) to undertake weekly training to enable the project to pass on the skills to the rest of the community. RCDC is already offering skills training in tourism, environment conservation, and sustainable agriculture and offering a venue to other community development groups of indigenous people to implement other community development projects.

In a new document that is being developed to build the capacity of the centre, our group will partner with RCDC to implement the next project. The project will aim at facilitating the continuation and replication of the achievements of this last project.

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

Rwenzori community development centre as an indigenous community based organisation, will work to facilitate the study of the achievement of this project and help to develop the proper replication system. The replication will be through:

1. Organised weekly training.
2. Field study tours between members.
3. Development of the demonstration sites at the centre.

The work of the centre is not only focused on the achievements of the project but also meeting the goals of the centre aiming and development through exchange of skills.

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

The project has been implemented in 15 .5 months. The actual length of the project was 15 months. The delay of 0.5 a month was due to unavoidable circumstances such as timing of the activities, and other commitments by the implementers.

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	Actual Amount	Difference	Comments
Training services	964	660	303	None
Craft material planting	873	1,124	(251)	Higher expense due to low germination rate
Tools and equipment	705	837	(133)	Increased prices of items nationwide
Energy saving stoves	131	136	(4)	
Transport and communications	226	157	68	None
Monitoring and evaluation	1,039	1,484	(445)	None
Interest on exchange	443			Got higher exchange rate than the budgeted one
TOTAL	4,380	4,399	(461)	Exchange rate: 3321 Shs to 1 PS

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

1. Setting up a demonstration site of the project activities (capacity building /training).
2. Passing on the skills to other community members (replication).
3. Increasing the production of the project targeted output (commercialising the activity).
4. Looking for better markets for the crafts, crops, and herbal medicine, all with improved value.

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?

No, we sent a number of pictures to RSGF after twelve months of implementing the project.