



GUM PE GENGE, UGANDA

174

HOUSEHOLDS

OX-PLOUGH

PROJECT

\$8,400

SPONSORSHIP

Gum Pe Genge is a community of three sub-villages in the Amuru District of northern Uganda. Before working with Spark, a number of “briefcase” NGOs had entered the community, attempting to steal money and sometimes succeeding. Land conflict is also ripe in the region as all of the families in the village have been recently resettled after decades of living in Internally Displaced Peoples Camps during the civil war. It took over a month of the meetings with Spark team for the community to agree to partner with Spark. Now they are mobilizing other members of the community to attend weekly meetings. The community identified increased income as their priority goal and have designed an animal traction project to help them reach this goal. The group will purchase a pair of oxen and ox-ploughs that will enable them to prepare their land for planting at five times the speed as manually and with less back challenges, ultimately leading to more land being used and increasing their crop yield and sales. Families plan to use the income from the project to cover school fees for their children and to build basic housing with improved roofs as well as start a savings program for when unexpected needs arise.



“Spark gave me the knowledge and has helped me get land. Now I know I can do anything in my future. Spark has ignited the fire and the flames have spread.” – Margaret Obur, Gum Pe Genge Community Member





1. Prayer
2. Introduction
3. (a) speech from the Chair person
(b) speech from the Facilitator
4. Reactions & Way forward
5. Closure



KIDIDIKIRO, UGANDA

100
HOUSEHOLDS

SAVINGS & LOANS
PROJECT

\$4,000
SPONSORSHIP

Kididikiro is a village of 100 households nestled on the top of a steep slope in eastern Uganda's Mt. Elgon region. Most community members are subsistence farmers, making less than \$1.25 day. Though schools and health services are within a near by distance, the lack of income means many people cannot access the health care or send all their children to school. Working with their Spark facilitator, Kididikiro are designing a savings & loans association. Using their microgrant as start up capital, the association will lend out small loans to different community members who are interested in starting their own small businesses, such as selling food or soap. To get a loan, community members will have to submit a short pitch to the association's committee who will help the community member think through feasibility and payment timelines. Once approved the loan will be paid by with 5% interest. The community also plans to contribute 2000 Ugandan shillings (.70 USD) a week per household to continue increasing the capital available for loans. The community has already started weekly contributions and is excited to start catalyzing new businesses in their village!



"Working as community through the Spark Process has brought unity and cooperation in our community." – Kididikiro Member





GIBETWA, UGANDA

86

HOUSEHOLDS

DAIRY FARMING

PROJECT

\$8,000

SPONSORSHIP

Gibetwa is a small village of 86 households nestled in a valley in eastern Uganda's Mt. Elgon region. The community is far away from important social services such as healthcare and education. Working together with their Spark facilitator, the community decided that increased levels of income was their priority goal and are currently completing their proposal for a dairy farming project. As the community depends on agriculture, the community realized a huge opportunity to increase their direct income by using improved farming methods to increase harvest yield. Using the manure from the cows, the community will produce compost fertilizer in order to improve crop yield, which means more food and income. The community also plans on selling the milk from the cows as a mini-business. Gibetwa has already started their own savings and loans group in order to provide their contribution towards the seed-grant.



"Gibetwa inspires me every time I visit them. They have become organized and committed in a very short amount of time and are so excited about their future. I am too." – Simon Kutosi, Gibetwa Spark Facilitator

