

Development Alert Website

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2. About Development Alert:

A: Introduction

A nongovernmental, not-for-profit, membership-based community organization fighting poverty, community water shortages, inequity, and environmental degradation in Uganda, a partner with Global Joy Giving, a Philanthropic Initiative from USA. Founded in 2019, Development Alert is a registered (Registration Number. CR127/2020 and then Renewed under CR/11/2022) nongovernmental, not-for-profit membership-based community organization. Development Alert is involved in implementation of projects and activities that promote access to quality education, Clean and Safe Water, economic

opportunities, and environment conservation among rural, poor and underprivileged communities. We exist because we believe our community is incredibly vulnerable, need a hand and because they deserve quality programs and services.

B: Team

ZACHERY ONYANGO: Founder and CEO

MICHELLE JOY: Fundraising and Partnerships

JOSEPH JAWANGHE: Programs Manager

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DIANAH NANDOBYA: Projects Assistant

HENRY OKUMU: Coordinator

C: Board of Trustees

DAMASCUS ONYANGO: Member

DR. NYADOI PRISCILLA (PHD): Chairperson

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3. MISSION

To provide a comprehensive and sustainable reprieve from poverty, biodiversity loss, misfortune, disability, destitution, and hopelessness experienced by individuals, communities, and the environment in partnership with organizations' involved in the same.

4. VISION

Address the Causes of Poverty, Biodiversity Loss, and Marginalization and Their Consequences.

5. Core Values

A: Participation

At all times, Development Alert seeks to involve local communities, policy makers and stakeholders

in its activities. This is done through engagement of participatory approaches to decision making and action-taking at all levels in the organization and within our networks and partnerships. Development Alert's promotion of participation is designed to minimize the power inequalities in human relations that create and sustain poverty and injustices through suppression of alternative voices.

B: Transparency

Development Alert ensures that it undertakes all its work with utmost openness and that the public and supporters know how and why they carry out their activities in a particular manner. The organization ensures information sharing with stakeholders, government and key players.

C: Accountability

Development Alert and all persons acting in its name and on the organization's behalf act in an open and responsible manner. The organization is desirous of manifesting institutionalized accountable behavior, contributing to the setting of best standards in corporate responsibility in the non-profit sector. It opens itself up to public scrutiny and takes responsibility for acts of omission and commission. Development Alert is accountable for funds and resources in its possession to stakeholders and endeavors to uphold both general and vertical accountability.

D: Non-partisanship

In recognition of the centrality of politics to the development process, Development Alert's activities address the central issues affecting humanity and Environment in a non-partisan manner. This is done in such a way that Development Alert does not align itself to any political party or ideals.

6. **Affiliations:** We're members of the following organization – Global Waste Cleaning Network (GWCN)

7. Area of Focus:

A: Education Program

In Uganda, nearly 50% of children do not complete primary school due to high levels of poverty that make it harder for parents and guardians to provide scholastic materials and other support needed for children to stay in school. The majority of families rely upon traditional agriculture practices for their livelihoods, and these are often affected by unpredictable weather changes and other adverse conditions that affect crop productivity. These ongoing challenges are coupled with an extremely large youth population and the largest refugee population in Africa, creating a great need for both education and job opportunities. This is worse in rural areas, where poor school infrastructure leads to extremely poor performance. In response, Development Alert is focused on initiatives like:

- Support children from poor households with school materials so that they can stay in school.
- Provide sponsorships to children to attain education and training.
- Supply of school infrastructure so that children can learn smoothly.
- Support schools with education materials and equipment to aid learning.
- Create awareness among parents and guardians about the benefits of education.

B: Clean and Safe Water

a: Facts:

In Uganda, access to clean and safe water is a huge challenge, in that out of its population of 45 million people, 38 million people (83% of the population) lack access to a reliable, safely managed source of water, and 7 million people (17%) lack access to improved sanitation solutions, due in part to the high population growth that stresses the water and sanitation services that exist. Also, urban people living in poverty pay as much as 22 percent of their income to access water from water vendors. Therefore, spending such a high percentage of earnings on water reduces overall household income, limiting opportunities to build savings and break the cycle of poverty. This is even worse among rural communities; for example, in Paya Sub County, some communities spend over 10

hours just to get a 20-liter jerrican of water. Overall, many families living in rural areas spend more than 40 minutes walking to collect the water their families need, taking time away from work and school. However, there is positive momentum as the government of Uganda aims to have safe water and improved sanitation for everyone by 2030, and Development Alert is well-positioned to help. For most rural schools and communities, access to clean water depends on NGOs (nonprofit organizations) purchasing or “giving” a well. However, there are millions of schools and communities that do not have access to nonprofit agencies or local government support.

- 1 billion people globally do not have access to clean, safe drinking water.
- 4 million people die each year from scarce and contaminated water sources.
- Millions of women and children spend 3-6 hours each day collecting water from distant and polluted sources.
- The time it takes to walk the average 3.7 miles for clean water is time not spent generating income, caring for family members, or attending school.
- At any given time, half of the world’s hospital beds are occupied by patients suffering from diseases associated with lack of access to clean water.

b: Harmful Effects on Women

Over 80% of water-deprived households depend on women to collect water. The time it takes to walk the average of 3.7 miles for water is time not spent generating income, caring for family, or attending school. Those who are subjected to collecting water are more likely to:

- Endure multiple bouts of malaria.
- Drop out of school.
- Become a child mother herself.
- Be beaten, injured, and/or raped.

- Suffer animal bites and dangerous infections.

c: Harmful Effects on Children

Women are not the only ones who suffer. Each day, nearly 6,000 children die of water-related diseases0 children die of water-related diseases. It is time to end the water crisis. Development Alert is focused on initiatives aimed at ending the water crisis in Tororo, Uganda. These include

- Supply of water storage facilities to communities like schools, markets, and churches.
- Drilling community boreholes to provide easy access to clean and safe water.
- Supply of purification and sanitation facilities.
- Protection of community water sources like springs and wells.
- Sensitization and awareness-raising on sanitation and hygiene.

C: Economic Empowerment

In Uganda, 41% of people live in poverty, and almost half of Uganda's population is under the age of 15, representing one of the youngest populations in the world. Uganda also hosts the largest refugee population in Africa—more than one million refugees have fled their home countries to seek asylum in Uganda. Over the next decade, agricultural development will be a priority to help improve outcomes for low-income families. Agriculture will also be an increasingly important industry for youth and refugees to find viable opportunities to earn sustainable livelihoods for themselves. To address the community's poverty-related issues, Development Alert implements the following activities under Economic Empowerment:

- Capacity building and skills development based on need.
- Support individuals or communities with resources to start income-generating activities.
- Provide financial support to groups to scale their ventures.
- Connecting individuals and communities with opportunities for better living conditions.

D: Environment Conservation

Uganda is projected to lose its entire forest cover by 2050 unless the trend of deforestation is arrested and degraded landscapes restored. Most of the forests are destroyed for agriculture, charcoal burning, and settlement, and in addition, over 90% of the households use wood fuel for cooking. Based on this trend, Development Alert under the Environment Conservation program works with communities to promote projects that aim to tackle deforestation in Uganda, improve the health of women and children, and empower and build the capacity of communities on environment-based practices through:

- Training communities on tree nursery bed establishment and management.
- Tree planting to increase tree cover in communities, both on-farm and protected, and in Key Biodiversity Areas.
- Promote conservation education among communities, including in schools and other institutions.
- Implement projects aimed at recycling waste products.
- Engage communities in forest and wetland conservation and restoration.
- Promote clean and energy-saving technologies for better health.
- Start and build up partnerships for conservation.
- Initiate, identify, and develop tourism-related activities.
- Carry out relevant research activities.

8. Projects

A: Educational Materials for Rural and Vulnerable Children

Development Alert partnered with The Pollination Project-USA and Martyn Lucas Investor also from the USA to support 410 rural and needy school-going children in Paya Sub County with scholastic materials. This project enabled children to receive a Dozen (12 Exercise Books) and Five

pens/pencils and thus, allowed the children to keep in school. The projects also gave parents and guardians relief to plan well for the academic material needs of the children. The projects supplied 4920 Exercise Books and 2050 Pens.

B: Community Borehole Project

With support from Global Joy Giving -a philanthropic initiative in the USA, Development Alert received support to drill a community Borehole providing access to clean and safe water in Kisia Village in Paya Sub County. This project is helping communities especially the women and girls who normally fetch water needed by their families. It has brought water closer reducing the long distances they covered to collect water, enabling a community that never had a clean and safe water source before to have one among others. Over 1,000 people have been relieved of water crisis challenges.

C: Sewing Machines and Fabrics for Employment and Income

With support from Global Joy Giving-a philanthropic Initiative and Martyn Lucas Investor from USA and William Gattermann from Canada, Development Alert has supported seven (7) young ladies who are trained tailors with Brand New Sewing Machines and Start-up Fabrics. These have given the young ladies employment opportunities that they never had and also, an opportunity to earn income and support their families. The Project has helped improve household incomes for the young tailors and they are now able to provide basic needs to their families and as such improved their living conditions. With this initiative, Development Alert has since received overwhelming requests from many youths and trained Tailors who are in need of similar support. With your support, a young tailor is able to own a Brand New Sewing Machine and Startup Fabric for employment and Income. \$170 buys a Brand New Sewing Machine and \$200 Buys Startup Fabric for one person to start a tailoring Business.

D: Youth Capacity Building and Skilling

Development Alert partnered with Sere Sub County and supported the training of 5 youths in different life long skills with support from MasterCard Foundation. Upon completion of the trainings, the youths have embarked on different income generating activities likes making sandals, Bakery, Saloon work, weaving among other and are now able to earn income. Through these, they have been able to improve the living conditions of their households.

E: Community Tree Planting

In partnership with Uganda Wildlife Society, Development Alert has supplied and supported the planting of over 10, 000 trees and fruit trees with schools and on Farm-Agroforestry to increase tree cover, provide food, protect environment and provide alternative source of income to communities. Join us, donate a tree to a community.

F: Support to the Old and Vulnerable

With support from Global Joy Giving, Development Alert is supporting the old and vulnerable in the community. This initiative is providing basic needs to those who in one way or the other are unable to support themselves due to different challenges they are facing. These include; Food, Bedding, clothes, shelter, medication and other needs.

9. Volunteer

Volunteers are central to the growth and development of any organization more especially in the charity sector. Having Drilled a community Borehole to provide access to clean and safe water to over 500 households, supported 410 needy school going children by giving them 410 Dozens-that is 4920 Exercise Books and 2050 Pens/Pencils to support their education, supplied Seven (7) Brand New Sewing Machines and start up Fabrics to support Seven (7) young ladies to start Tailoring Businesses and built capacity of Five (5) young people by training them in different life skills within

the last three months of (May 2022-July 2022) thank to all our volunteers and supporters, Development Alert has since received overwhelming requests for more support from vulnerable communities. In order to support more and knowing the central role volunteers play in growth and development of charity organizations, Development Alert is welcomes talented and skilled individuals/groups to VOLUNTEER and provide support our online activities so that we can raise funds needed for activities aimed at empowering more vulnerable and poor communities in Tororo in Uganda. We welcome all loving people willing to be part of our charity work to join our team as volunteers and support with the following tasks:

- Create or Promote Online Fundraising Campaigns
 - online Marketing content
 - Organize and manage online events
 - Organize Charity events to raise funds

Opportunities:

- Become Our Ambassador

Virtual Opportunity

Development Alert is looking for talented and highly committed individuals to become our ambassadors to spread awareness about our work and help us form meaningful partnerships with individuals or groups.

- Help Raise Funds For Sewing Machines and Fabrics

Virtual Opportunity

As a part of it's effort to raise funds for it's community project activities aimed at uplifting others and considering the fact that Volunteers are CENTRAL in the ...

- Help Raise Funds For a Community Water Well.

Virtual Opportunity

- Info:

Development Alert is running active fundraising campaigns on GIVENGAIN Website <https://www.givengain.com/c/developmentalert/> and is looking for online Fundraisers who will plan and oversee campaigns and events.

Having successfully drilled a community Borehole in Kisia in Mwenge with support from our volunteer Michelle Joy, we are still in need of your support drill more Boreholes to provide clean water access to communities in Greater Paya Sub County in Tororo District where over 13,000 people lack access to clean and safe water. Over 80% of the population in Tororo District lack access to clean water, some communities spend over 10 hours to collect a 20 Liters Container of water and fetch water from unprotected swamps, springs, ponds, rivers and traditional hand dug wells exposing them to various water associated diseases. In addition, the open and unsafe water sources which the communities have resorted to are being shared with animals and during rainy seasons, the water logging and flooding often resulted into contamination of available open water sources, leading to rampant outbreak of waterborne diseases during thus negatively affected the lives of people in the area. During dry seasons, the areas quickly dries up causing huge water and as a result, making mainly women and girls to walk very long distances in search for clean and safe water; carrying heavy water containers which are harmful to their lives and worsening their vulnerability in the community.

If this is something closer to your heart, Please help us drill Community Boreholes in the different villages. This will help improve the living conditions of communities in

the following ways;

- Bring Closer Clean and Safe Water Sources in different villages
- Reduce cases of water borne diseases
- Reduce distances covered by women and girls while collecting water
- Reduce Health related risks of carrying heavy water containers for long distances
- Improve on sanitation and hygiene
- Improve school attendance by girl child due to reduced distances to collect water
- Improve on household productivity due to reduced time spent to collect water

- Goal in Help Raise Funds For a Community Water Well program:

- To drill one Borehole per Village to provide a Clean and Safe water source
- Train and form water user committees per village to man the water sources

- Volunteer role:

The Volunteer will ensure that campaign is effective by performing the following roles;

- Raising funds for the community water well project
- Sharing campaign link with wider audience through different channels but not limited to social media
- Design promotional materials and increase awareness of the organizations work, goals, and financial needs.
- Organize and manage online events to promote the fundraising drive
- Identify and implement fundraising ideas to raise project funds
- Establish network, Recruit Donors and Support in Granting Writing

- BENEFITS:

- Upon successful completion of task (s) of raising funds, the volunteer will;

- Be awarded a Certificate
- Become a member of the Organization's Global Community
- May have the opportunity to partner with the organization in future
- May also become an ambassador of; and represent the organization in their

locality.

- We welcome all well-wisher, Donors, Volunteers, and partners who would wish to touch lives in positive ways by supporting causes closer to their hearts. Join us so that we can uplift others together.