

# Unidos Social Innovation Center – New Website Copy & Platform Recommendations

## Website Platform Recommendations

To rebuild **unidosprojects.org**, Paulinho can leverage modern no-code tools that are affordable and give full control (no developer needed). Here are the top options:

- **WordPress (Self-Hosted):** A popular open-source CMS powering many nonprofit sites. It offers flexibility with thousands of themes and plugins, including donation systems. For example, using WordPress with a charitable donations plugin (like *Charitable* or *GiveWP*) lets you create campaigns, accept payments, and manage donors easily <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>. WordPress has a learning curve, but it's ideal if the site may grow in the future with more features or traffic <sup>3</sup>. It's often considered the most robust solution for serious nonprofit websites, and remains cost-effective (the software is free, you just pay for hosting).
- **Website Builders (Wix or Squarespace):** These hosted builders provide easy drag-and-drop design with no coding. **Wix** stands out for its generous free plan and nonprofit templates; it's very user-friendly and even includes built-in donation button tools on paid plans <sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup>. **Squarespace** offers polished designs and integrates seamlessly with Stripe for donations <sup>6</sup>. Both are great for quick setup if technical skills are limited. Do note, however, that while Wix's free option is appealing, some experts caution that as your site grows you might face limitations (e.g. exporting content or advanced SEO) <sup>3</sup>. Squarespace and Wix are perfectly fine for a small organization, but if Paulinho envisions scaling up content and functionality, migrating to WordPress later can be difficult <sup>7</sup>.
- **Nonprofit-Specific Platforms:** There are also platforms made for NGOs (e.g. **Morweb**, **Wild Apricot**, **Raisely**). These often include built-in donation forms, event registration, member management, etc. However, they can come at a higher cost. For a low-budget solution, a WordPress site with the right plugins or an affordable builder like Wix/Squarespace is usually sufficient <sup>8</sup> <sup>9</sup>. Additionally, Paulinho can check for nonprofit discounts (for instance, TechSoup partners offer discounts on some site services <sup>10</sup>).

**Recommendation:** If Paulinho is comfortable learning a bit, a self-hosted **WordPress** site gives the most freedom and ownership (and many NGOs successfully use it). It would allow blogging, project pages, volunteer sign-up forms, and donation processing via plugins in one place. On the other hand, if he needs something up *immediately* with minimal effort, **Wix** (free or low-cost plan) or **Squarespace** could get a clean site online quickly, covering blog, donation button, and basic forms. In either case, hosting is not too expensive – quality shared hosting for WordPress or the monthly builder fees would likely be under ~\$10–15/month, which is reasonable for an NGO. Given the priority to have full access and no dependency on a developer, these no-code tools are well-suited for UnidosProjects' needs.

*(Next, we provide the complete proposed copywriting for the new Unidos Social Innovation Center website, incorporating the organization's mission, activities, and achievements.)*

## About Us

*Refugee farmers receive hands-on permaculture training at Nakivale settlement in Uganda (courtesy of UNIDOS).* **Unidos Social Innovation Center** (Unidos) is a refugee-led nonprofit organization based in the Nakivale Refugee Settlement of southwest Uganda. We empower marginalized and at-risk refugee youth and women to become change-makers in their community through **regenerative agriculture education, entrepreneurship training, and community leadership development** <sup>11</sup> <sup>12</sup>. Nakivale is home to roughly 150,000 refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Somalia, Sudan and other countries – people who have fled war, persecution, and hardship <sup>13</sup> <sup>14</sup>. Faced with challenges like reduced humanitarian aid and climate change impacts, our community realized we “could not solve our challenges with an old mindset” <sup>15</sup>. Instead, refugees at Nakivale have come together to **rewrite our story** – turning struggle into opportunity and regenerating our land and lives.

Founded in 2018 by our director *Paulinho Muzaliwa* and fellow refugees, Unidos was born when food rations were drastically cut to 40% by the World Food Programme in Uganda <sup>12</sup>. Hunger and poverty were worsening, so we decided to **take action**. We built a learning space on a simple idea: by sharing knowledge and skills, we can **grow our own food, create our own jobs, and restore our environment** – improving life for everyone. What started with a small permaculture garden during the COVID-19 lockdown has grown into a movement. We have now trained thousands of refugees in sustainable farming, helped families launch micro-businesses, and fostered a spirit of innovation across Nakivale <sup>16</sup> <sup>17</sup>. **Unidos** is more than an organization – it’s a community of refugees helping each other *heal the earth and build hope*.

Our approach is **holistic**. On any given day at Unidos you might find women making organic moringa soap, youth tending a food forest, and our team turning food waste into organic fertilizer. By pairing **inclusive education** with **entrepreneurial skill-building**, we tackle urgent issues like food insecurity and unemployment while also addressing social challenges such as gender-based violence and isolation <sup>18</sup> <sup>19</sup>. The results are tangible: greener landscapes, new sources of income, and a stronger, more united community. We’re proudly refugee-led and believe **everyone** – regardless of their background – has the potential to become a leader and an innovator.

## Our Mission

Our mission is to **use regenerative agriculture and entrepreneurial skills to create a self-reliant refugee community** that can thrive in harmony with the environment and foster social development. We focus on promoting peace, unity, and shared prosperity by equipping refugees with the tools to support themselves and each other. In practice, this means teaching sustainable farming, business skills, and community organizing so that refugees are not *just* beneficiaries, but drivers of their own futures <sup>20</sup> <sup>18</sup>.

## Our Vision

**“Our vision is to completely transform our refugee camp into a regenerative community, where everyone will become self-sufficient.”** We envision Nakivale as a place where **refugees co-create a new renaissance** – turning the hard and painful experiences of displacement into **stories of success** <sup>21</sup>. By developing strong skills and an innovative mindset, we aim to build resiliency and prove that even in a refugee settlement, *hope can take root*. In the future we see, **organic gardens flourish** on once-degraded land, families enjoy food security, and refugee-led enterprises contribute to a vibrant local economy – all in a community that lives in balance with nature and values each member’s dignity.

## Our Programs and Initiatives

Unidos carries out a range of programs centered on **regenerative agriculture, education, and women's empowerment**. Through these initiatives, we address immediate needs like hunger and income, while planting the seeds for long-term community resilience. Here's an overview of what we do:

### Regenerative Agriculture & Food Security

We teach and implement **permaculture** and other regenerative farming practices to help refugees produce abundant, nutritious food in an eco-friendly way. This starts with training: refugees learn to design "*micro food forests*" and sustainable gardens that yield fruits, vegetables, and medicinal plants year-round. For example, our team has introduced **food forests** in areas hit hard by drought – diverse plantings that restore soil health, conserve water, and provide food and shade even as climate change makes farming harder. We also train people in **climate-smart techniques** like mulching, water catchment, and composting, which make crops more resilient to erratic weather.

A cornerstone of our work is **vermicomposting** – using worms to turn organic waste into rich fertilizer. We've built a large-scale worm compost system that has transformed tonnes of food scraps into organic compost <sup>22</sup> <sup>23</sup>. This fertilizer boosts crop yields (by improving soil nutrients and water retention) and reduces dependence on costly chemical inputs. By recycling waste into soil nutrients, refugees both improve their harvests and clean up the environment. As of 2024, we even *harvested nearly 2 tons of vermicompost* from local waste, which is being distributed to refugee farmers to enrich their gardens and increase food production. These efforts not only fight hunger but also regenerate degraded land – turning bare ground into green, productive farms.

Another exciting initiative is our **mushroom cultivation program**. Mushrooms are a highly nutritious, quick-growing food that can be cultivated in small spaces – perfect for refugee settlements. We've trained groups of refugee women to grow oyster mushrooms using sustainable methods, providing them with an immediate source of food and income. In fact, our first cohort of 15 women growers recently harvested their *first batch of mushrooms*, to everyone's excitement. They are now producing mushrooms for both family consumption and sale, and we're working with them to develop value-added products (like dried mushroom snacks) to increase earnings. This program is scaling up: our goal is to empower **150 women to become mushroom farmers**, improving nutrition for their families (especially children) and creating new micro-businesses. It's a win-win: mushrooms offer protein and nutrients to combat malnutrition, and excess can be sold in local markets for profit.

Through regenerative agriculture education, Unidos has enabled over a thousand refugee families to start their own gardens – growing carrots, cabbages, beans, bananas, and more <sup>24</sup> <sup>17</sup>. We emphasize low-cost, locally available techniques so that even those with very limited resources can participate. Many of our graduates were not farmers back home, but today they proudly tend their plots and even train their neighbors. *From compost toilets that yield fertilizer, to vertical sack gardens for those with no land, we embrace any innovation that helps refugees grow more with less.* The broader impact is **climate resilience**: by planting trees and practicing organic farming, refugees are cooling the micro-climate, restoring biodiversity, and reducing soil erosion in Nakivale <sup>20</sup>. In the face of climate change and dwindling aid, regenerative agriculture gives refugees a pathway to self-sufficiency and dignity through **food security**.

## Women's Empowerment & Education

At Unidos, **women are at the heart of community transformation**. We run dedicated programs to empower refugee women with skills, knowledge, and opportunities that uplift their families and community <sup>18</sup>. One key initiative is our **Women's Enterprise training**: women learn income-generating skills like organic soap making, crocheting, mushroom farming, and baking. For instance, we have helped groups of women launch a *moringa soap micro-business* – they grow moringa trees, process the leaves into natural soap, and sell the products for income <sup>17</sup>. This not only provides a livelihood but also builds confidence and camaraderie. So far, nearly **700 refugee women** have gained entrepreneurial skills through Unidos, enabling them to start small businesses and cooperatives <sup>17</sup>.

Education is a central pillar of our women's program. We offer **English language classes** and basic literacy, since Nakivale is a diverse community where speaking a common language (English) opens doors to jobs, education and reduces isolation <sup>19</sup>. Many refugee women come from countries where they didn't get a chance to finish school; we help them catch up and flourish. We also provide **business and leadership training** for women. They learn how to manage finances, develop business plans, and lead community initiatives. We've seen graduates go on to form women's savings groups and advocacy networks, which is incredibly inspiring.

Crucially, empowering women has a ripple effect. With their improved incomes, women can afford better food and schooling for their children. Our approach of supporting female-led projects has also contributed to tackling social issues like domestic violence and early marriage – when women have financial stability and education, the entire family benefits and stresses that often lead to gender-based violence are reduced <sup>18</sup>. Additionally, Unidos women have taken on community education roles. For example, trained women are leading **peer education on reproductive health and family planning** in the settlement, helping others make informed, safe choices for their families. By equipping women with knowledge about health, we ensure that our community is not only fed but also healthy and informed.

Finally, Unidos fosters **community leadership** among women. We practice horizontal leadership in our organization, meaning refugee women are in key decision-making roles and drive projects. Our Women's Project Leader, herself a refugee, coordinates activities ranging from workshops to advocacy. We make sure women's voices are heard at every level. The result is a growing cohort of confident female leaders in Nakivale who inspire the next generation of girls. When women rise, the whole community rises – that belief is at the core of Unidos.

## Youth Skills & Innovation

*(Optional section – if focusing only on women and agriculture, this can be combined with above, but highlighting youth separately can show breadth.)*

Beyond agriculture and women's programs, Unidos also invests in **youth education and innovation**. The majority of refugees in Nakivale are young people, and unfortunately youth unemployment is around 44% <sup>25</sup>. We address this by nurturing young refugees' talents and connecting them to opportunities. We provide **digital education and vocational training** – from basic computer skills to web3 and crypto workshops (thanks to a partnership with Defiants) <sup>26</sup>. Our aim is to prepare refugee youth for the modern economy, giving them skills that can lead to remote work or new enterprises even while in the settlement. We also host creative programs like art, music, and storytelling to help youth process trauma and express themselves. For example, Unidos has supported a group of refugee youth artists who create beautiful murals and illustrations, some of which have been commissioned by supporters abroad.

Another aspect is our **social entrepreneurship training** for youth. Paulinho's own journey began with an entrepreneurship scholarship, and we pay it forward by teaching other young refugees how to identify community needs and start projects to solve them <sup>27</sup> <sup>28</sup> . We cover fundamentals of starting an initiative, managing funds, and leadership. Several youth-led ventures have spun out of these trainings – from a briquette-making project that turns waste into cooking fuel, to a small poultry cooperative run by refugee teens. By empowering young men and women as problem-solvers, we help them become leaders who shape the future of Nakivale and beyond.

Finally, **networking and exchange** are encouraged. Unidos often hosts volunteers and experts (locally and internationally) to interact with our youth. This cultural and knowledge exchange broadens horizons on both sides. Recently, we explored a collaboration with a volunteer delegation from Germany to set up a skills exchange program focused on climate action and regenerative agriculture. Such initiatives inspire our youth by letting them share experiences with global peers, and show the world that refugees have much to contribute. In sum, Unidos is creating a generation of **youth innovators** – equipped with skills, resilience, and a mindset to turn challenges into opportunities.

## Our Impact

We measure success not only in outputs (like number of people trained) but in **real-life impact**: families with food on the table, women launching businesses, youths employed, and a greener, thriving community. Since 2018, Unidos has achieved significant results in Nakivale:

- **3,000+ refugees trained** in regenerative agriculture and sustainable farming techniques <sup>29</sup> . Thanks to our courses, even families who had never farmed before are now growing their own food and earning income from surplus. This training has increased local food production and improved nutrition while promoting climate resilience.
- **700+ refugee women empowered** through entrepreneurship, vocational skills, and farming programs <sup>17</sup> . These women are now driving change – running small businesses (e.g. soap-making, tailoring, mushroom cultivation) and sharing knowledge with their peers. Empowering women has uplifted entire households, improving health and education outcomes for their children.
- **5,300+ community members impacted** across at least 7 nationalities <sup>25</sup> <sup>14</sup> . Our work brings together Congolese, Burundian, Rwandan, Somali, and Ugandan host community members, among others. By fostering food security and unity, we have reduced hunger and dependency for thousands of refugee families. Where food aid was only 40%, many can now supplement with their own harvests, even selling excess produce.
- **Regenerated the environment in Nakivale**: Over **10,000 trees** (including moringa and fruit trees) have been planted as part of our food forests and reforestation drives, providing shade and restoring biodiversity. Soil health has improved on community demonstration plots using vermicompost – farmers report better yields and drought tolerance in their gardens. Our waste-recycling initiatives have diverted tons of organic waste from dumping, turning it into fertile soil instead.
- **Job creation and income generation**: Several refugee-led microenterprises have emerged from Unidos programs, creating **new jobs for youth** in a community where unemployment is high (around 44% for young people) <sup>25</sup> . For example, one of our permaculture graduates started a farming collective that now employs 15 refugee youth on its farm – producing vegetables for

market and supplying a local school feeding program. By incubating such projects, Unidos helps spur an *internal economy* in the settlement. More families now have independent income sources beyond humanitarian aid.

- **Social cohesion and community leadership:** Perhaps one of the most immeasurable impacts is hope and agency. Through Unidos, refugees have formed strong networks of cooperation – women's groups, youth clubs, farmer cooperatives – that tackle issues from food to health. Tensions have reduced as people work side by side on communal gardens and share harvests with neighbors. Dozens of our trainees have taken on leadership roles (e.g. serving on refugee welfare committees, mentoring others, advocating for community needs to NGOs). The settlement is safer and more peaceful when people are busy with purposeful work and feel *ownership* of solutions. This change in mindset – from waiting for aid to driving their own development – is a lasting impact we are incredibly proud of.

*(We continually monitor and evaluate our impact, gathering data and stories to learn what works best. For more detailed reports and personal stories, please visit our Impact Stories or Blog section.)*

## Success Stories

Behind every statistic are real people with inspiring journeys. Here are a few success stories from our community that showcase what Unidos is all about:

- **From Refugee to Regenerative Farmer:** *Yannick Buffole*, a young refugee in Nakivale, had a dream to feed his community. After completing Unidos' permaculture training, he transformed a 1-acre plot of barren land into a **thriving regenerative farm**. Yannick applied the principles he learned – diversifying crops (onions, beans, green peppers), improving soil with compost, and harvesting water – and within a season saw a remarkable 5% increase in crop productivity. His farm now not only feeds his own family but also supplies a local market stall, earning him a steady income. Even more impressive, Yannick has created **15 job opportunities** for other refugee youth who help run the farm and learn on the job. In a settlement where language barriers and lack of formal employment are major hurdles, his farm has become a beacon of hope. *"Permaculture changed my life," Yannick says, "I'm able to provide healthy food for my neighbors and give young people work – we are building a better future together."* Yannick's story shows how investing in one passionate individual can ripple out to benefit hundreds of others. (You can watch a short video about Yannick's project in our Stories section!)

- **Women Mushroom Entrepreneurs:** In March 2024, Unidos trained a group of 15 refugee women – who call themselves the **"Eagles Power" group** – in oyster mushroom cultivation. One member, *Furaha Bahati*, a single mother, emerged as a community role model through this project. The women constructed a simple mushroom house with locally available materials and diligently tended to their mushroom bags over the following weeks. Soon they celebrated their **first bountiful mushroom harvest**. For many of these women, it was the first time they had ever grown their own food or run a business. They quickly sold a portion of the mushrooms in the settlement, earning income that helped pay for their children's school supplies and meals. The rest of the mushrooms went into improving their families' nutrition (mushrooms are rich in protein and vitamins). Encouraged by this success, the women didn't stop there – they experimented with recipes to make mushroom samosas and dried mushroom packets, exploring value-added products for extra income. The transformation has been profound: these women gained confidence, respect, and a sense of sisterhood. Furaha herself said, *"I used to depend on aid and felt idle. Now I'm a farmer and a businesswoman. I can take care of my family."* Their

initiative is now scaling up with support from donors: we are helping the group establish Nakivale's first **mushroom spawn multiplication hub**, so they can produce spawn (mushroom seeds) to sustain their production and even sell spawn to others. This success story illustrates how **empowering women with skills and resources can uplift an entire community** – these ladies are now training other women, spreading the knowledge of mushroom farming throughout Nakivale.

- **Building a Circular Economy in the Camp:** Another success we celebrate is our **Regenerate the Soil (REGESOIL)** project. What began as an idea to manage waste has become an award-winning initiative recognized internationally <sup>30</sup>. Through REGESOIL, refugee youth were trained to collect organic waste (like market food scraps) and process it into vermicompost and organic fertilizer. The project not only cleaned up the living areas (reducing disease and pests associated with waste) but also produced a valuable resource for farmers. Over 2,000 kg of compost was distributed to community gardens, leading to visibly healthier crops. One participant, *Amina*, remarked that after using the Unidos compost, her maize survived a dry spell much better than in previous seasons. In 2024, this innovative project – run “*by refugees, for refugees*” – won the **Ockenden International Prize**, a prestigious global award for refugee-led self-reliance initiatives <sup>30</sup>. The judges praised it as a vital solution improving nutrition and livelihoods. For the camp residents, it was a proud moment to see their hard work honored on the world stage. REGESOIL has also created part-time jobs for youth who manage the waste collection and worm farms, tackling the 40%+ youth unemployment challenge one step at a time. The success of this project shows how refugee communities can pioneer sustainable solutions that address both environmental and economic challenges simultaneously.

These are just a few snapshots among many. Every trainee who starts a backyard garden, every mother who learns a new skill, and every youth who finds purpose in our programs is a **story of hope**. We regularly share such stories on our blog and social media to highlight the resilience and achievements of our community. We believe storytelling is powerful – it changes narratives about refugees from victims to victors. *If you'd like to read more, please visit our [Impact Stories](#) page for articles and interviews featuring our community members.*

## Awards & Recognition

Unidos Social Innovation Center's innovative work has been recognized by several esteemed organizations and awards in the humanitarian and environmental field:

- **Gene Dewey Refugee Award (2024)** – Our founder, Paulinho Muzaliwa, received this award from USA for UNHCR (the UN Refugee Agency's partner) for “*visionary leadership and extraordinary dedication to helping people forcibly displaced*” <sup>31</sup> <sup>29</sup>. This award, named after a former UN Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees, honored Paulinho's efforts in leading a refugee-driven solution in Nakivale and highlighted Unidos as a model of refugee self-reliance.
- **Ockenden International Prize (2024)** – Unidos was selected as one of four winners of the 2024 Ockenden Prize (out of 174 entries worldwide) for our **Regenerate the Soil (REGESOIL)** permaculture project <sup>30</sup>. This award, which comes with a £25,000 prize, recognized how REGESOIL improves soil productivity and provides life-saving nutrition for refugee families. It was a huge encouragement to our team and put Nakivale's innovations on the global map.
- **Lush Spring Prize – Permaculture Award (2023)** – We were honored with the Lush Spring Prize (in collaboration with Permaculture Magazine) for our work in regenerative agriculture at

Nakivale <sup>32</sup>. This international award celebrated the impact of teaching permaculture to refugees. At the time of the award, Unidos had supported nearly 1,000 people from Somalia, Congo, Burundi and beyond to graduate as ecological farmers <sup>33</sup>. The prize acknowledged how our **refugee-led approach to restoring land and livelihoods** is a shining example of regeneration. *(Note: The Lush Spring Prize is a respected award for environmental and social regeneration projects around the world.)*

- **Social Impact Award (2022)** – Unidos won the Social Impact Award in 2022 (a competition recognizing impactful social ventures). This was one of our first accolades, affirming that our idea of combining permaculture with community empowerment was truly effective. It provided seed funding and mentorship that helped us expand our programs. We were also featured in local media as a standout refugee-led innovation in Uganda after this award.
- **Earthshot Prize Nominee (2025)** – Unidos has the privilege of being nominated for the **Earthshot Prize 2025**, a global prize launched by The Royal Foundation to reward solutions to environmental challenges. Being an Earthshot Prize nominee means Unidos is recognized among the world's most inspiring and impactful environmental initiatives. This nomination (one of only a handful from Africa) is a testament to the potential of refugee communities to drive climate action and restoration. It energizes us to dream even bigger and possibly scale our work to other settlements in the future.

In addition, our work has been highlighted in reports and media. Notably, **UNHCR's 2023 report on Climate Change and Forced Displacement** featured Unidos as a case study of refugees spearheading climate resilience solutions on the frontlines of global warming. We've also been honored by partnerships with organizations like the **Permaculture Education Institute (Australia)** – which certified our founder as a teacher and has collaborated with us – and recognition from forums like **Generation Restoration** and **Youth in Permaculture Prize**. Each award and recognition is an honor we share with our entire community. It shines a light on what refugees *can do* when given a chance, and it helps us attract the support needed to continue and grow.

*(Links to news articles and award announcements can be found on our site's Awards page. We remain deeply grateful to all supporters and partners who make our journey possible.)*

## Get Involved

Unidos Social Innovation Center invites you to join our mission of empowering refugees and regenerating communities. **Your support can take many forms** – and every bit makes a real difference:

- **Donate:** A donation to Unidos is an investment in a sustainable future for refugee families. Even a small amount can provide seeds for a family garden, training materials for a women's workshop, or tools for our community farm. We accept one-time donations and welcome recurring contributions for those who want to sponsor ongoing activities. You can donate securely through our website (via credit card, PayPal, or mobile money). *100% of online donations go directly to our programs* – we ensure that your generosity translates into impact on the ground. (Unidos is a registered community-based organization; we report transparently on all funds.) <sup>34</sup>
- **Volunteer:** Share your time and skills with Unidos! We have volunteer opportunities both *on-site in Nakivale* and *remote*. Are you a permaculture expert, educator, medical professional, marketer,



or simply passionate about helping others? There's a place for you. On-site volunteers can help expand our projects – past volunteers have assisted in constructing rainwater tanks, co-teaching classes, and improving our mushroom cultivation methods. Remote volunteers have helped with tasks like grant writing, graphic design, and social media outreach. We also welcome **cultural exchange** – come learn from the resilience of our community and exchange knowledge. If you're interested, please reach out via our Volunteer Sign-Up form on the website, and we can discuss a role that fits your expertise and our needs. *(Note: For on-site volunteers, we help with logistics like accommodation in the settlement and orientation about local conditions.)*

- **Partner With Us:** We actively seek partnerships with organizations, schools, and companies that align with our goals. If you represent an NGO, educational institute, or business interested in refugee livelihoods, sustainable agriculture, or women's empowerment, let's collaborate! Examples of partnerships that have propelled us forward include: **Defiants**, who helped us build a digital education center and introduced web3 skills training <sup>26</sup>; **Re-Alliance**, which collaborates with us on research into soil regeneration and agroecology; and **SEEDS**, which introduced a community reward system for ecological actions <sup>35</sup>. By partnering, you could help launch the next big innovation – whether it's a solar energy project, a micro-loan program for women entrepreneurs, or something we haven't imagined yet. We bring deep local knowledge and a motivated team; partners often bring technical expertise, funding, or advocacy reach. Together, we can scale impact and share learnings globally.
- **Spread the Word:** Something as simple as following us on social media and sharing our stories is hugely valuable. Connect with us on **Facebook, Twitter, YouTube** (@UnidosProjects) for regular updates from our Nakivale diary – successes, challenges, and daily life in the settlement. When you share these posts or tell friends about Unidos, you are helping change the narrative about refugees. Personal referrals and grassroots awareness often lead us to new supporters and opportunities. Consider hosting a small event or talk at your community, school or church about Unidos – we can provide materials or even have one of our team members join virtually to share our experience.
- **Support Our Campaigns:** Keep an eye out for specific fundraising or advocacy campaigns we run. For example, this year we are running a **"Trees for Tomorrow" campaign** to plant 10,000 fruit trees in Nakivale (you can donate \$10 to plant a family orchard ). We also periodically crowdfund for big needs – like building composting toilets (one of our goals is to build 30 eco-toilets via a fundraiser, to improve sanitation and yield fertilizer) <sup>36</sup> <sup>37</sup>. By contributing or simply amplifying these campaigns, you play a direct part in a solution.

No matter how you choose to get involved, you become part of the **Unidos family**. We value our supporters and make sure to keep you updated with newsletters, photos, and reports showing the impact of your contribution. *When you support Unidos, you're not giving charity – you're standing in solidarity with creative, hardworking refugees building a brighter future.*

## Contact Us

Ready to connect or have questions? We'd love to hear from you. You can reach Unidos Social Innovation Center at:

- **Email:** info@unidosprojects.org
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- **Postal Address:** Nakivale Refugee Settlement, Isingiro District, Uganda (Block 4, Base Camp)

- **Facebook:** fb.com/unidosprojects
- **Twitter:** @UnidosProjects
- **YouTube:** Unidos Projects Channel

You're also welcome to visit our office at Nakivale (please coordinate in advance for access permissions in the settlement). If you're in Uganda, we can arrange a tour of our demonstration farm, training center, and meet the community members benefiting from our programs.

**Unidos Social Innovation Center** is registered as a community-based organization in Uganda. We work in close coordination with the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) and UNHCR officials in the settlement to ensure our activities complement the overall refugee support framework.

For more information, check out our **FAQs** page or send us a message – we are responsive and happy to chat. Thank you for your interest and support!

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*Together, we are proving that even in the toughest situations – a refugee camp – it's possible to cultivate hope, resilience, and prosperity. Thank you for reading our story. We hope you will be a part of our next chapter!*

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