

CLAN BASED PHILANTHROPY PROGRAM

Philanthropy relates to giving others in a spirit of love, care and concern. It is giving to those who are worse off than one or giving to help others meet worthy causes of life. In the quest to strengthen philanthropic efforts, a formal philanthropy training program (KF-TD) was started by Kabaka Foundation in 2004, and funded by Ford Foundation to train different clans in Buganda about resource mobilization and investment in order to initiate projects that would sustain clan activities as well as helping the needy more so during this era of increasing number of street children and weakening extended family system.

KF realized that working with clan system would easily translate formal philanthropy into a reality since Baganda clans were highly grounded in terms of; Clan administrative Structures, clan membership, assets like land, and willingness by clan members to contribute towards clan development activities (informal philanthropy). The baseline line survey conducted by KF in 2005 thus established that with the above asset base, clans just needed skills training and modern management acumen for formal philanthropy to take off, and improve the quality of life among communities in Buganda Kingdom.

Between 2006 and 2009, KF trained 52 clans under KF-TD program. Thereafter, different clans started serious resource mobilization from within and outside their members, initiated successful income generating projects, and many clans are now capable of sustaining themselves as well as contributing to the welfare of their needy in the community. Notable among clans with successful philanthropic projects are;

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- Mbogo with a Health Center at Mugulu
- Njaza started tree plantations etc
- Trust Funds

Kabaka Foundation has since then ceased being a direct implementer of the program and is now a donor, funding different clan philanthropic initiatives at grass root level. This approach has already been appreciated by the countries donating to Africa, and

mechanisms are already put in place to facilitate local donors. The concept of formal philanthropy therefore needs to be articulated at all levels of the clan structure in Buganda and harness from the perpetual system of clans to achieve KF objectives. Kabaka foundation is thus committed to continue supporting clan based philanthropy program in order to change the current face of vulnerability in Buganda through local and foreign donors.