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ENRICHING COMMUNITIES

“The Initiative”



Dieter Schewig a WDF trustee talks to one of the children in the slums of Kisenyi.

Communal vulnerability is becoming an African crisis, as to the UNDP report, Sub Saharan Africa has the most social- economically challenged population in the world. In Uganda today, 75% of the population are youths and 65% of the 75% are below the social-economic vulnerability gap (below poverty line) thus a crisis. We are enriching communities with new initiatives to address the social-economic dilemma.

If we can develop and design villages so that they are wonderful, fulfilling places to be community-building places, attractive for all people – then we will have successfully de-signed about one-third of the city directly and will have an immense impact on the rest.



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LIVING HOPE INITIATIVE



“The children are the future of tomorrow, it is a collective responsibility to ensure their lives are protected and valued. I argue government to come up with substantive remedies to this issue.”

MATTE JOCKAS
Executive Director

Children are the future generation, which means that they are

a social responsibility. The role to up bring and up hold their future aspiration is every person’s responsibility.

This June 2019 WDF visited the children’s home located in Budaka district, Eastern Uganda. Living Hope Initiative is a child protection program by Wilmot Development Foundation, under the leadership of Mr. Mukwana Abdallah. The Foundation takes care of vulnerable children, most of whom are victims of child abuse, HIV/AIDS and domestic violence. Because of these challenges, the children get displaced from their families, end up on the streets, girls get into early marriages which has led to high levels of early marriages in Eastern Uganda. WDF came up with this initiative to give hope to these children, provide them with shelter by providing a home, education medical care, helped in developing their talents and given them a belonging in the community.

In a bid to support this initiative we request and call for more partner support towards accomplishing the children’s home, that will accommodate more than

80 children. Mr. Abdallah noted that a home is their major need at the moment because the current home cannot accommodate all the children who clearly do not have anywhere else to go.

In response to these problems that we see every day, and from the discussions with children and the care taker, WDF is working on involving the key stake holders in these communities, schedule dialogues with them and see how the issues that lead to street children can be reduced or solved completely.



Children wash hands at a water tap after having a meal

ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT

This month Wilmot Development Foundation (WDF) conducted a number of in house staff to increase the company productivity and motivation. Under the Economic Empowerment program and finance department, foundation, WDF conducted trainings on finance and management with Anthill Foundation, organized two sessions on Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) and Advocacy. Additionally, there was a training in the use of technology to share knowledge and capturing experiences. This has been used under the Climate Smart Farming project and the Schools Outreach program which has enabled members under the various

projects and programs to enhance sharing of information and their experiences.

WDF is supported by many Volunteers who are both national and international spheres of life and are an essential part of our team. The commitment and hard work of our volunteers have played a key role in achieving our everlasting positive impact of our programs. Volunteering with us offers you an opportunity to make a difference in communities through our programs and initiatives and having a rewarding work experience as you gain valuable learning experience while providing solutions to the most urgent

needs and problems in communities.



Bruno a WDF sponsor carries a jerrycan of water in the slums of Kabalagala.

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EDUCATIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT



An outreach at Nakivubo Blue Primary school in July this year.

Wilmat Development Foundation through the Schools Out Reach Program together with Anthill Foundation launched the Schools Skills Development Program. This started with Kitintale Parents' Secondary School as an immediate response to the question of creating a relationship between theoretical and practical education in Uganda. The trainings aim at empowering youths with vocational skills and equipping them with the knowledge to engage in income generating activities. These trainings focus at schools' Skill development and capacity

building for sustainability. We are looking forward for setting up a schools' skills Expo to enhance and enrich communities.



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A staff of WDF learns some skills from a welder in Katwe in Central Uganda.



A member Of WDF gives scholastic materials to children

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MEDIA MANAGEMENT

THE RMNACH YOUTH SUMMIT



WDF staff talk to community members in Mayuge District about the challenges they face in their community.

In the bid to create massive awareness on youth social- economic wellbeing and Sustainability, Wimat Development Foundation collaborated with various media platforms to conduct sensitization campaigns.

The programs were aired live on radios and T. Vs, such as U24 and NBSTV under the WDF media series. The programs were aimed at addressing daily issues faced by youth today especially the high levels of unemployment due to lack of other skills, how to reduce the crime rates among the youth due to lack of jobs among other challenges. The media usually fails to include the youth especially in economic inclusion discussions which would be very helpful if they are included and are educated.

This was an initiative to call upon all youths to get involved in a number of ventures aimed at transforming their lives, these programs looked at the social

wellbeing of all Ugandan youths, looking at various approaches to fight youth unemployment, solve youth criminology amongst other challenges. The media reaches out to very many people, WDF therefore commends all media platforms that have worked to youth livelihood improvement. The foundation is looking forward to have more media campaigns.

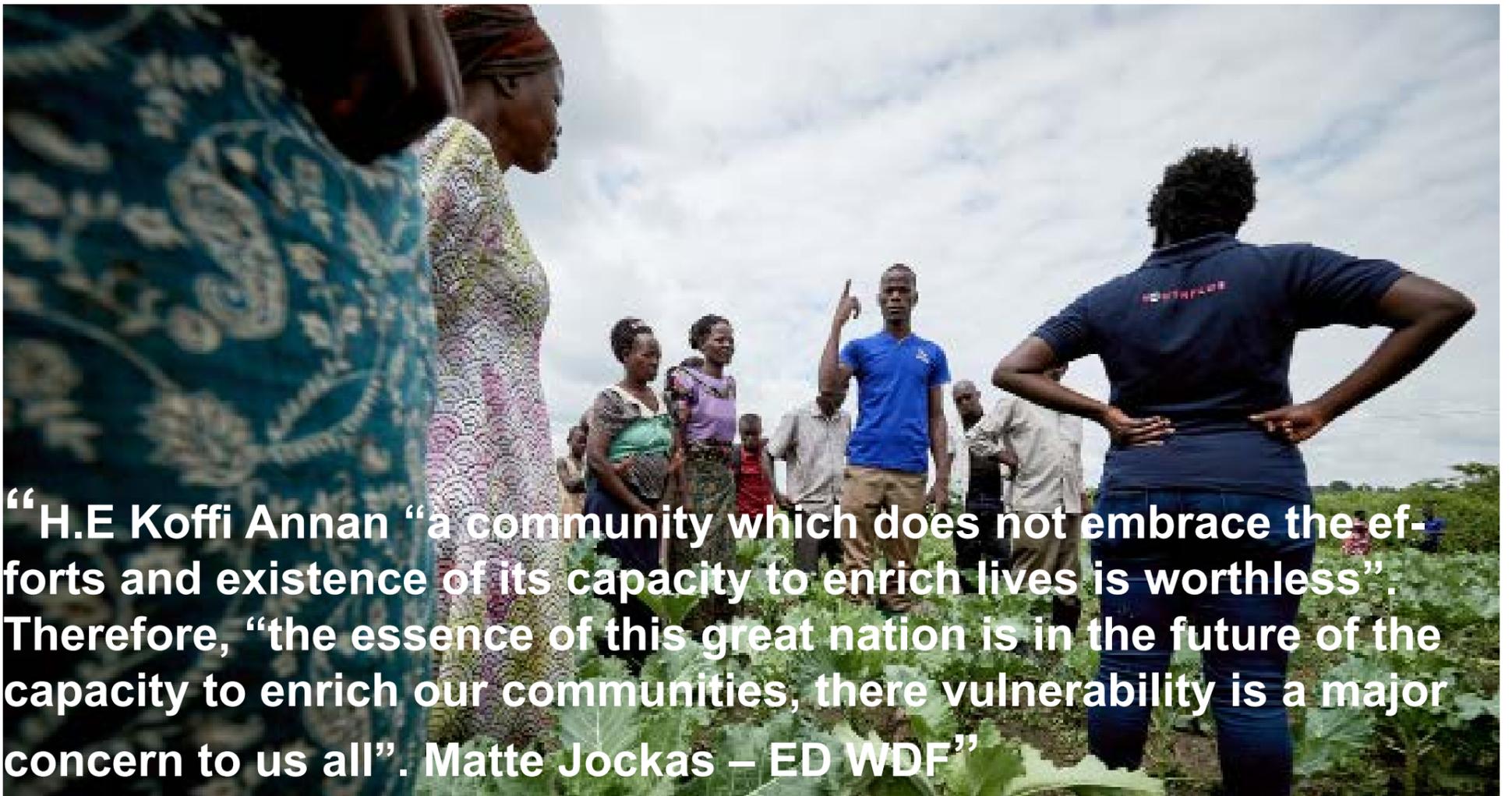
A community that does not invest its energy and efforts to development in youths is a barbaric and backward community. Sexual Reproductive Health Rights and Sexuality issues have for long be ignored in society, yet they have exposed many vulnerable youths to the silent-killing infections in Sexually Transmitted Infections, unintended pregnancies, abortions, pregnancy-related deaths within a vicious cycle of poverty. The RMNACH youth summit was the best stage to highlight these issues. Under the theme “Embracing comprehensive adolescent sexuality education to the youth” this summit brought a number of activities and performances, this was latter followed by a number of presentations from various members from the health sector and those dealing with youth and adolescent health. We are proud to have been part of the network.



Some of the WDF attend the RMNACH Youth Summit in July this year.

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AGRICULTURE AT HAND



“H.E Koffi Annan “a community which does not embrace the efforts and existence of its capacity to enrich lives is worthless”. Therefore, “the essence of this great nation is in the future of the capacity to enrich our communities, there vulnerability is a major concern to us all”. Matte Jockas – ED WDF”

It should be noted that to feed an expanding population, the annual world food production will need to increase by 60% over the next three decades (WFP 2009). However, the impacts of climate change, which include increasing temperatures, shifting precipitation patterns, more severe and frequent extreme weather events and the loss of ecosystem services and biodiversity, will undermine agricultural production systems and food systems, especially in agricultural communities in developing countries where poverty, hunger and malnutrition are the most prevalent. According to Uganda, the agricultural sectors, which include crop and livestock production, forestry, fisheries and aqua-

culture, are also a major contributor to global greenhouse gas emissions. According to FAO estimates, in 2010, emissions from the agriculture, forestry and other land use (AFOLU) sector directly accounted for 22% of total global emission.



Vera from Netherlands interacts with a lady in Mayuge District.

We have established the Smart Farmers Network to overcome three intertwined challenges:

- sustainably increase agricultural productivity to meet market demand;
- adapt to the impacts of climate change;
- contribute to reducing the accumulation of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere

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