



Grandmothers



History

Nyaka works with more than 20,000 grandmothers across three districts: Kanungu, Rukungiri and Rubanda, through 254 self-organized support groups. The Grandmother Program is part of Nyaka's holistic human rights-based approach to combating poverty. This outreach enables Nyaka to support an additional 80,000 orphaned, abandoned and vulnerable grandchildren who live with grandmother caregivers, many of whom are not their biological relatives. Typically, grandmothers rely on subsistence farming and earn less than \$1 USD a day. Sometimes caring for 5 or 6 children, Nyaka supports these unsung heroes by providing them with opportunities to increase their income and support their families.

Training

In Nyaka's well-established Training-of-Trainers (ToT) model, grandmother leaders participate in training on topics such as parenting, grief management, improved farming techniques, nursing, leadership and business development, and then share their knowledge with their group. This highly effective and efficient method of knowledge acquisition has allowed Nyaka to reach thousands of grandmothers, resulting in increased food and income security and general well-being for them and the grandchildren they are raising.

Construction

Utilizing community decision-making processes since its inception in 2007, Nyaka has provided more than 668 pit latrines, 534 kitchens, 289 houses and 26 homes for grandmothers and grandchildren under their care.





Microfinance

A key element of our work is the Microfinance Program which enables grandmothers to start small businesses to support their families. By 2022, the microfinance project had reached 75% of the 20,066 grandmother households, with more than \$330,000 USD in circulation as low-interest microfinance loans. This unique program has supported the establishment of over 200 stable, local, small businesses run by grandmothers including planting and selling crops such as millet, beans, maize, coffee, bananas, vegetables and sorghum and rearing animals such as chickens, rabbits, pigs and goats. Other grandmothers are engaged in small income-generating projects such as selling second-hand clothes, tailoring, making handcrafts or running small grocery shops, tea rooms, bakeries or canteens.

Grandmother Program Impact

\$2.67

Average daily income and earnings, from \$1.06 at baseline

\$462

Earned within 36 months for every \$40 invested into a Nyaka grandmother led household

\$1,139

Annual Household wealth value, an increase from \$453 at baseline, and \$952 in 2021

Our mission is to work with communities to protect and nurture children so they can learn, grow and thrive.

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