

ACT Uganda

Overview: ACT is an ecumenical Christian partnership of two organizations, one based in Uganda and the other in the U.S., that work to enhance the spiritual, physical, economic and societal conditions in Uganda, as well as increase faith-in-action in our U.S. communities.

As sustainable partner organizations, ACT is positively transforming the lives of people in Uganda and the U.S. through economic, educational, spiritual and cultural opportunities and partnership. As partners, we are working shoulder-to-shoulder supporting self-development, not “aid”, in the communities of Muko Sub-County, Uganda. We believe in doing the “right” work in the “right” way. We know this about working with those in need: the Ugandans need to own the work because they are central to the creation of the plan for work; the Ugandans will own that plan if they are the ones clearly benefitting from it; the Ugandans will only own it if they’re the ones leading it; and, the Ugandans will own that plan if they really believe in it and really want to do it.

Our goals include the following.

Orphan Sponsorship: help over 150 orphans meet the emotional, spiritual, physical, financial, and educational needs.

Music: start and maintain an orchestra (over 60 violins, violas, cellos, budding musicians, and a paid conductor/teacher), combining traditional Western orchestral works with the tribal and popular works of Africa.

Handcrafts: provide handcraft training, fair wages, and market opportunities. (Approximately 42 community members, mostly women, are involved.)

Agriculture: develop and improve community subsistence farmers’ capabilities, through demonstration gardens, educational seminars, and hands-on assistance.

Health Promotion: provide a comprehensive, self-sustainable pathway toward improved individual and village living conditions in Muko Sub-County.

Muko High School: build a model school in Uganda to improve the education for all students. As of January 1, 2018, ACT has partnered with the Church of Uganda, Diocese of Kigezi, in the administration of Muko High School (approximately 300 students).

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