KASANA LUWEERO DIOCESE

CARITAS KASANAENSIS

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What is Caritas?

Caritas" a Latin word, which means "Charity" or "Love" hails from God who is LOVE itself (1 Jn. 4:8). Due to his immense love, he created human beings in His own image (Gen 1:26) willed that we live a life of love with one another. Love is expressed in a greater way when God himself sent his own Son to save us from the bondage of sin (Jn 3:6).

Jesus came to give life in its fullness (Jn 10:10). Throughout his time on earth Jesus expressed the LOVE of God through his ministries to the poor, to the sick, and to those who did not understand God (Lk 4:18-19). Christ gave practical examples in parables for example, of the Samaritan Woman (Lk. 10:29-37); In the last judgment Jesus shows that those who practice charity will be rewarded with the heavenly kingdom (Mt 25:33-45). Charity is sacred and secret (Mt 6:1-3). When done well, charity attracts eternal rewards.

In the Early Church Caritas activities were very eminent in the lives of the Apostles (Acts 2:2-3). At this time Caritas started formally when the seven men were chosen to assist in the distribution of aid to the needy communities.

With time Caritas spread in different countries beginning with Germany in 1897 followed by Caritas Switzerland in 1901. As various countries adopted the spirit of Caritas, Pope Paul VI, in 1950 by then Archbishop Giovanni Montini, called all the Catholic Organizations involved in charitable and social works to address the worsening post-war problems.

This was the very beginning of the "International Confederation of Catholic Charities" which later in 1957 became "Caritas Internationalis".

Here in Uganda, Caritas was born in 1958, but under the common name known as "The Office of Social Services and Economic Development". The name "Caritas" was adopted in Uganda in 1999.

Caritas, therefore is not a mere NGO. It is a Spiritual Mission of the Catholic Church that strives to offer human beings their due dignity.

Caritas strives to teach communities to develop and make proper use of their God given talents to improve their living conditions (Mt: 25:14-30). Through Caritas people learn how to use their local resources to create a change in their own lives as part of their local contribution rather than waiting to be given (Mt: 15:32-39). Caritas encourages members of the community to transform their lives and to avoid living an idle life, but work for the food they eat (2 Thess 3:6-12). Caritas carries the preferential option for the poor as its first priority mandate.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

PSF– SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FACILITY PROJECT

Caritas Kasanaensis received funds from the Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSF) in the Skills Development Facility (SDF) Window 2 grant . This was to empower Caritas founded farmer organisations and help them acquire skills in the coffee value chain process including Nursery management, Garden establishment and management, fair trade standards, and certification.

A total of three hundred fifty (350) farmers were trained from the Parishes of Kikyusa, Kakooge, Katikamu and Nakaseke (Mulungiomu) with a coffee nursery established at each of the four training sites. In addition, the sites were equipped with all the necessary tolls such as wheelbarrows, spades, watering cans, secateurs and knapsack sprayers.

The Farmer organisations included three (3) Cooperative societies and two (2) farmers' associations i.e. Kyalugondo Multipurpose Cooperative Society, Kikyusa Caritas Farmers' multipurpose cooperative, Twezimbe Kasaala Multipurpose Cooperative; Bivamuntuuyo Caritas farmers' Association—Kijaguzo and Kapeeka Caritas Farmers' Association

> *"The project (SDF) targeted 350 farmers from five farmer organisations which included three (3) cooperatives and two (2) associations"*

IN NUMBERS

"2250 households within 17 Catholic parishes of Kasana Luweero Diocese.

One (1) selected in each of the 17 Parishes.

Over 50 students from 4 schools , community members, Luweero District Environment office Personnel and Caritas kasanaensis staff Participated in the sanitation campaign."

KAKAWE CCAM PROJECT

Caritas Kasanaensis, Caritas Kampala and Wekembe join many other organizations worldwide that are striving to sensitize the human race about climate change and its effects as well as working with communities to create adaption and mitigation measures to the effects of climate change through Kasana-Luweero, Kampala Archdiocese and Wekembe Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation (KAKAWE-CCAM) project.

The KAKAWE-CCAM Project is meant to foster resilience, reduce climate change risks and vulnerability, and enhance adaptive capacity in Kasana-Luweero Diocese targeting 2250 households.

The project started implementations in January this year with a baseline survey in all the parishes followed by a staff training on climate change policies, planning and frameworks by the district principal environment officer Luweero.

The project through its Village Development Approach where one village is to be selected per Parish is to map the villages of operation through use of GPS.

The project funded Bulungi Bwansi (World Environment day) sannitation campaign in Kalule trading Centre during which event the surrounding schools including St. Peters' SS Kalule, Kalule R/C Kalule UMEA and Dove Education centre, community members and Luweero District Environment Office personnel participated in the cleaning of Kalule Trading Centre. Over fifty (50) pupils and teachers participated.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

GCCA-MWE PROJECT

Caritas Kasanaensis was contracted by the Ministry of water and Environment to implement a GCCA-Sustainable Management Project in the Nakaseke and Luweero districts. The main objective of the assignment is to support the establishment of Farmer Field Schools (FFS) for sustainable management and use of water for production facilities constructed and rehabilitated under the Global Climate Change Alliance.

In Luweero district, the project is being implemented in two sub-counties of Kikyusa and Kamira. In Kikyusa sub-county, two FFS have been formed at suulakomo valley tank and in Kamira sub-county; four FFS have been formed at Kitanswa and Kitenderi kigumbya valley tanks. In Nakaseke district, the project is being implemented in three sub-counties of Wakyato, Ngoma and Kinoni. In total, 5 FFS have been formed, two FFS at Kasozi valley tank in Wakyato, two FFS at Kirangaazi valley tank in Ngoma and one FFS at Nyakalongo valley tank site in Kinoni.

The communities have been mobilized to manage and maintain their valley tanks trainings in vegetable production, pasture management through planting an acre of pasture and constructing a hay barn with a chaff cutter and a poly domestic water harvesting tank for each of the valley tanks

At the recently concluded field day in Nakaseke district, FFS members together with Nakaseke District Local Government staff planted two (2) acres of mango trees, one at Wakyato and the other at Kirangaazi Valley tank.

IN NUMBERS

- ⇒ **5 Sub Counties** benefitted
- ⇒ **6 Valley tanks/** water for production facilities constructed/ rehabilitated
- ⇒ **11 FFS** formed
- ⇒ **11 poly tanks** for domestic water harvesting
- ⇒ **10,000 liters:** the capacity of the poly tanks

CAPCA PROJECT

The Central Archdiocesan Province Caritas Association (CAPCA) project is implemented in the Sub Counties of Katikamu, Kasaala and Kikyusa in Luweero district; Semuto and Kapeeka in Nakaseke district with support from Caritas Denmark Where it aims at building capacities of farmer organisations (associations and cooperatives) and their leaders to fulfil their roles and responsibilities, put up advocacy platforms for engagement with duty bearers in addition to collective marketing of produce. The project is under the umbrella of Uganda Governance and Poverty Alleviation Program (UGOPAP).

This year, the project has sponsored the farmers' associations in Kapeeka and Semuto to mentor them and they become strong cooperatives through helping them develop strategic plans, business plans and financial manuals in addition to trainings in coffee value chain to 50 farmers from all the five farmer organisations.

Additionally, Kikyusa Caritas farmers cooperative received a grant of UGX 15 million and a tri-cycle to help them improve the spirit of collective marketing through ease of transport of the coffee and maize from their homes to the store in addition to collective procurement and transportation of inputs. The cooperatives are also empowered to hold lobby meetings where they engage the different stakeholders on the issues which challenge them in production and marketing of their produce.

IN NUMBERS

- ⇒ **5 farmer organisations** (3 cooperatives and 2 associations)
- ⇒ **50 farmers** trained in coffee value chain
- ⇒ **UGX 15 million grant** to Kikyusa Caritas multi-purpose cooperative for pre-financing
- ⇒ **1 tri-cycle** for collective marketing

CARITAS ON THE GROUND





COMMUNITY MEMBERS BUYING CLOTHES IN THE CARITAS GOODWILL SHOP





TREE PLANTING IN NAKASEKE DURING THE GCCA-MWE FIELD DAYS





PROVISION OF WATER (VALLEY TANKS) FOR PRODUCTION AND DOMESTIC USE (POLY TANKS)

CARITAS ON THE GROUND





TRAININGS IN CLIMATE SMART PRACTICES: VEGETABLE PRODUCTION





SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE IN THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATIONS IN KALULE TOWN







LIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION THROUGH PASTURE GROWING & CONSERVATION

INSTITUTIONAL GROWTH PROGRAMS

IN NUMBERS

KALUDO FOOD BANK

In 2017, the diocese established the food bank which is located in kakooge town Council at the Caritas farmers' market to provide space for farmers within the diocese to store maize and beans as they await better markets. The food bank in the past season stocked 55 tons 531 kilograms of maize grain from individual farmers, groups and cooperatives which was later sold at a better price.

This season we anticipate to collect and store over 80 tons of maize to be sold when favourable prices and markets become available.

ST PAUL LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTRE & GUEST HOUSE

Located near St John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Kasana Luweero Diocese, We offer accommodation in a very peaceful environment, green gardens for weddings, meetings and parties in addition to a well stocked bar. All our guests have access to high speed internet with our **free WIFI** and meals are also available on order.

Our rates are very favorable and they are as follows:

- Single beds: UGX 30,000
- Double beds: UGX 60,000
- Twin bedrooms: UGX 50,000

KLD TRANSPORT OFFICE

This is the office of the Diocese which handles all the transportation means owned by the diocese. It includes all vehicles for diocesan project work and the vehicles available for hire. We have a fleet of vehicles which includes 2 trucks for transportation of produce, a coaster (29 seater) and a minivan for transportation of community members and farmers to exposures. Lighter vehicles which include pick ups and Landcruiser Prados are also available for hire.

MULUNGIOMU AGRICULTURAL TRAINING AND REASEARCH CENTRE

Mulungiomu Agricultural Training and Research Center is the Agricultural Training grounds for Caritas Kasanaensis and it was officially opened in January this year to offer week –long residential trainings farmers and the entire community of Kasana Luweero Diocese. The first learners were the students in Primary seven, senior four and senior six vacation who were there in January this year.

Over six trainings have been held for different groups of people including farmers, out of school youth, youth in vacation and church leaders with emphasis on a single module per session/week of study at a subsidized fee of fifty thousand (UGX 50,000) shillings per week Modules/ study areas include:

- Crop science which covers vegetable growing, coffee production, banana production, fruit growing, maize growing, cassava growing, Field crop disease diagnosis and management/pests' prevention and management.
- Environment and natural resources management covering Introduction to natural resources, conservation natural resources, waste disposal and management, climate change, mitigation and adaptation measures.
- Financial literacy and business planning: Introduction to financial literacy covering personal financial management, savings, loans management, investments, risk management, planning for retirement, etc.
- Animal science which covers animal production and management, Poultry production and management both local and exotic, Animal nutrition and feeding and Animal health.

SPECIAL NEEDS EMERGENCY AND RELIEF

LENTEN COLLECTION

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Parish priests, Catechists and the entire congregation of Kasana Luweero Diocese including banks and schools for heeding our call and sharing the little they had with the needy during the Lenten period through the Special needs, Emergency and Relief office.

The money collected helps the Bishop to respond to areas of need in the diocese such as the elderly, sick and those affected by natural disasters and catastrophes.

Over the past years, the collection has been steadily increasing from 1,143,100 in 2015, 2,925,750 in 2016, 2,973,550 in 2017 to 4,144,300 presently.

We thank you very much for your generous contributions.

The table shows this year's contributions per Parish.

Summary of the Lenten Collection per Parish 2018				
				AVERAGE GIVING
NO	PARISH	no of suparis	AMOUNT	PER SUBPARISH
1	KAPEEKA	22	1,004,600	45,664
2	KASANA	8	288,500	36,063
3	NATTYOLE	15	284,100	18,940
4	KATIKAMU	14	274,000	19,571
5	KASAALA	21	269,800	12,848
6	MULAJJE	17	266,000	15,647
7	KIWOKO	10	225,200	22,520
8	KIJJAGUZO	20	197,700	9,885
9	MIGYERA	13	186,300	14,331
10	KIKYUSA	25	161,600	6,464
11	NANDERE	11	153,800	13,982
12	NAKASONGOI	12	151,850	12,654
13	KAKOOGE	10	141,300	14,130
14	NAKASEKE	13	137,950	10,612
15	NAMALIGA	7	129,200	18,457
16	KALULE	5	102,200	20,440
17	ZIROBWE	9	97,800	10,867
18	NGOMA	8	72,400	9050
	TOTAL		4,144,300	

This year, a record breaking total sum of UGX 4.14 millions was collected from the Lenten collection, thank you so much!

CORPORATE FUNDRAISING DANCE

Through the Special needs, Emergency and Relief services, last year we embarked on another fundraising event targeting the Corporate class; the Caritas Fundraising Corporate Dance.
Aimed at bringing together all corporate companies, organizations and the business class in the Diocese to come together network, share ideas, make new friends as well as having fun as we fundraise towards supporting the needy in our Diocese.

This year's dance held in May was the second after the one held last year and like the first one, it was well attended by corporates from Centenary Bank, DFCU Bank, Bukalasa Agricultural College, Rotary Wobulenzi, St. Kizito Katikamu S.S., Kasana Luweero Diocesan departments, the business community of Kasana Luweero, Wobulenzi and well wishers And we raised a sum of UGX 1,290,000 through sale of tickets.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to His Lordship the Bishop of Kasana Luweero Diocese, all the corporate bodies, business community and individuals for all their contributions towards these works of charity. We owe the success to you and may the almighty God reward you bundantly.

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Vision

A holistically developed and sustainable community

Mission

Engaging and working with communities to realize and enhance the spirit of love and peace for an integral sustainable development

Core Values

Respect for human dignity, community participation, Accountability, None-discrimination, Transparency

Goal

To promote a holistic family based development that responds to the spiritual, social, economic, and health needs of the people and enhances institutional growth.

SPECIAL NEEDS EMERGENCY AND RELIEF

THE CARITAS ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

The Annual fundraising dinner is one of the fundraising activities by Caritas Kasanaensis through the Special needs, Emergency and Relief office for the needy in Kasana Luweero Diocese . This event brings together people from the business, corporate and other working classes to meet and dine with the Bishop of Kasana Luweero Diocese. During the event, different items are auctioned and pledges are also made by those present as a means of fundraising.

This year, the event will be held on 7th December 2018 at St. Paul Leadership Training Centre & Guest house. Dinner cards will be on sale at UGX 50,000 at Caritas Kasanaensis offices.

For more information on the Special Needs, Emergency and Relief Office activities and programs contact the Coordinator on: 0772351275 (Mrs Florence Musoke Nassanga)

THE CARITAS GOODWILL SHOP

This is the monthly Caritas clothes shop where the community gets to buy clothing items for as low as UGX 100 to a maximum of UGX 5,000. The clothing items are donated by the community to help support the needy. The sale of clothes is meant to attach value to them and also fundraise for the needy as we also provide clothing for the under privileged in the community.

The shop is open every last Sunday of the month at KALUDO Complex in front of the Main gate to the Cathedral from 9:00 am after the first mass to 6:00 pm.



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