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## Fair trade fund report

December 2019



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### **Fair trade fund distribution**

The social fair trade fund was distributed on the 13th of December 2019, to the employees, the farmers and the school, the three groups of beneficiaries, according to the percent of decision in the committee.

A meeting was organized on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December where the three groups were represented.



The total amount attributed to the 2019 fair trade fund (from the last two harvests) is:

- Fair for life development premium December 2018 :	612.75 \$
- Fair for life development premium July 2019 :	1063.00 \$
- TOTAL	<b>1675.75 \$ (6.000.000 UGX)</b>

During the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2019, it has been decided that 1.000.000 UGX will be dedicated to a community project. This community project will be determined and started during the year 2020 after all the community members would have met and agreed on the project. One idea is the manufacturing of soap with essential oils from the distillery (with lemongrass). Soaps could be used for personal use by each member of the

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community, as well as for pupils at schools but they could also be sold in order to bring some money and develop a sustainable source of income for the community.

Then, the remaining 5.000.000 UGX (1358 \$) of the fair trade fund were distributed as follows :

- **5.000.000 \* 50 % = 2.500.000 UGX for the farmer group (which comprises 33 farmers in 2019).**

50 % of the allocated premium was distributed equally between the 33 farmers: each farmer received a minimum premium basis of 37,879 UGX.

The remaining 50 % was divided between the same farmers but according to the percent of grass they delivered during the last two seasons.

- **5.000.000 \* 30 % = 1.500.000 UGX for the employee group.**
- **5.000.000 \* 20 % = 1.000.000 UGX for the school**

The director of the school decided that a sewing machine should be bought. Pupils need new uniforms at school and uniforms are very expensive. The school and most of the parents cannot afford it. The school will buy the cloth, employ a seamstress and make the uniforms at a lower cost. The remaining money will be used for plastering the walls and some money will be saved with the view of building a borehole for water source.

During this meeting, a new fair trade committee was elected with representatives from each group.

This committee will be in charge of managing the community project and ensure that it benefits to the three groups of beneficiaries.



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## **Appendix 1: MINUTES FOR FAIR TRADE FUND INVESTMENT PLAN MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup>/Feb/2020, AT KOPOI PRIMARY SCHOOL**

During the fair trade meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2019, it has been decided that 1.000.000 UGX will be dedicated to a community project. The purpose of this meeting, on the 29<sup>th</sup> of February 2020, is to create and define this project.

### **AGENDA**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Introduction
3. Communication from Fair Trade Chair Person
4. Communication from Fair Trade Administrator
5. Discussions and Way forward.
6. AOB
7. Closure.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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|--------------|---------|---------------------------|
| 1. Omullo    | moses   | Secretary                 |
| 2. Akello    | Rose    | Member                    |
| 3. Olowo     | Asaph   | Member                    |
| 4. Obbo      | David   | Member                    |
| 5. Obbo Ben  | members | Member                    |
| 6. Ogwen     | Chris   | Chair person              |
| 7. Ochwo     | Yerusa  | Member                    |
| 8. Kisangala | Josua   | Member                    |
| 9. Onayango  | Teddy   | Member                    |
| 10. Amongin  | Rael    | Fair Trade Administrator  |
| 11. Joel     | Ofufa   | Director Uganda Aromatics |
| 12. Zipola   | Owor    | Treasurer                 |
| 13. Ajuma    | Teddy   | Member                    |



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## **Min 1/UAPG/29/2020: Prayers**

The meeting started at 11am, the master of Ceremony (Joel Ofufa) requested Mrs. Rose Akoth led opening prayer.

## **Min 2/UAPG/29/2020: Introduction**

The Master of ceremony then thanked Rose for the prayers and led the members through self-introduction.

## **Min 3/UAPG/29/2020: Communication from Fair Trade Chair person.**

The Chair person thanked members for coming and requested them to objectively identify an investment area that would help them address the challenges facing members and the community at large.

He also encouraged members to work hard for the betterment of their families and future.

He thanked the fair trade administrator for the proper guidance she has always given to the members.

He informed the gathering that the intent of the gathering are as stated in the agenda.

## **Min 4/UAPG/29/2020: Communication from Fair Trade Administrator.**

The fair trade administrator thanked members for their active participation in the project and the support provided by the community.

She further gave an overview of fair trade fund received and performance for the last two seasons and categorically emphasized that an investment area should be identified so that the premium can be invested in a sustainable way while benefiting group members as well as the wider community.

She advised that while members are selecting these possible investment areas, they should be cautious of the total fair trade premium and avoid going for very expensive projects that they wouldn't otherwise afford.

She then opened the floor for the members to generate investment options.

He also requested members to avoid practices that may hinder development.

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## **Min 5/UAPG/29/2020: Discussions and way forward.**

The floor was then opened for member to discuss and generate investment options:

- Mr Omullo Moses suggested that fair trade fund be used for community saving.
- This was interjected by Asaph that if am community saving is opened it would be inadequate to handle all the community needs.
- Mr Kisangala proposed that fair trade fund be used to multiply cassava cuttings for the community as both cash and food crop.
- Chris advised members to allocate fair trade fund for road maintenance. However this was opposed by Teddy Ajuma who said that this would be very expensive project to be under taken by the group etc

## **After along discussions the following resolutions were arrived at:**

- That 5 acres of land are be rented for cassava seed multiplication.
- That money be set aside to buy high quality cassava cuttings from the research station for multiplication.
- Upon maturity, cuttings shall be harvested and distributed to all community members for further multiplication at household level.
- That in future money could saved from the sale of both cuttings and cassava tubers together with additional fair trade premium, a cassava milling machine would be bought to serve both members and community.