

THE PROJECTS

The Ugacox Community Development Initiative is hinged on the philosophy of laying down a development foundation that would enable communities achieve their long term objectives: the primary needs such as Efficient Education System, Progressive Agro-industry, Community Livelihood and adequate community health. This will be achieved by investing in causal linkages such as Apprenticeships (employable skills); improved agricultural practices (improve production and minimise waste). Projects in our investment priority will include:

- EDUCATION;
- APPRENTICESHIPS;
- AGRO-BUSINESS;
- COMMUNITY HEALTH.

PHASE 1 (Year one): LAUNCHED

Education development program has been launched. Working with members of the local community, a primary school is now taking shape; enrolment of pupils and rehabilitation of the acquired building and erection of new structures is in full swing.

The pictures below show the journey so far.

Construction of school structures



The face of a brighter future



So far work done include two blocks comprising four classrooms and an office, furniture and fittings and classroom equipment; provision of consumable materials such as text and exercise books, pencils and pens.

As work progresses in this phase of our project development, we invite both the parents of our pupils and any other interested community members to meet and discuss progress. This is intended to give accountability as well as maintain enthusiasm and communal participation in our project development initiative. It is this process of interaction that the entire community will begin to appreciate the project; also encouraged to give opinion and suggest alternative approach, if any, that would develop solutions equitable to their community and individual needs.

PHASE 2(Year two): PENDING

Phase (2) will see us investing in tools and equipment to enable us launch our **Social Enterprise Platform**. This venture will be the engine that will drive the entire project. We will be able start apprenticeship programs to create otherwise un-available employable skills in the community; provide goods and services to meet demand within the community and beyond. All proceeds will be reinvested into the project to meet overheads such wages and consumable goods; expand the project to meet vital community needs. And above all, work towards attaining self-financial sustenance i.e. not depending on external donor funds to meet intended objectives.

At this stage, we should be able to invest in our community outreach programs that will see us:

- Providing animal(s) and seeds of choice to participating community members as a means to providing a disposable income that'd enable them to meet their basic needs such as clothing, medical bills, books and school fees for their kids, etc.;
- Employ social workers/Vets to work in the community to advise on best practice;

PHASE 3(Year 3): PENDING

Midwifery and Community Health Program will be launched - to provide ante/poste natal services; advice on nutrition and general hygiene practices. This program will aim to provide free advice to all expectant mothers and newly born babies. We hope this will greatly mitigate conditions that cause mother/child mortality and unimaginable defects borne during problematic child birth.