



FSD Uganda –KORD Jinja, Uganda Water, Sanitation, and Environmental Protection

Community Partner Overview

Kakira Outgrowers Rural Development Fund (KORD) is an innovative partnership between Kakira Sugar Limited (KSL) and Busoga Sugarcane Growers Association (BSGA). KSL and BSGA are pioneering KORD as a new model of Corporate Social Responsibility focused on building a sustainable and mutually beneficial relationship with the community served by KORD. The KORD model of partnership promotes community development and accountability through the involvement of both KSL and sugarcane farmers in annual financial contributions to the KORD fund. The **Vision** of KORD is to realize Kakira sugarcane farming community's wellbeing that better the national average, and the **Mission** is to improve the quality of life of the community within a 50km radius of KSL by improving household income and managing funding for projects that facilitate access to social-economic services.

Social Issue Focus and Impact

Not having access to safe water is a form of deprivation that threatens life, destroys opportunity and undermines human dignity ([UNDP 2006](#)). In Uganda, national safe water coverage is estimated at 42% in rural areas ([DWD 2011](#)). But the actual water coverage levels are considered much lower given the hypothetical statistical procedures of deriving the coverage and the fact that most dysfunctional water sources are not accounted for ([Carter et al. 1999](#)).

Villages in Jinja District are faced with rampant water borne epidemics like typhoid fever and diarrhoea as health facilities on average treat 4 out of 10 patients with diarrhoea and typhoid fever related to consumption of contaminated water. Women and children trek miles to the neighbouring villages for clean water at some protected wells or boreholes, thus women spend a lot of time on fetching water, and collecting water from distant places is one of the causes of irregular school attendance by school going children. The project will close this gap of accessing safe water for about 2750 households in the project area so as they can live healthy and productive lives.

Our community partner organization KORD has planned to implement water spring protection projects in 5 villages. The strategy is to adopt innovative and cost-effective interventions to expand access to clean water to as many households as possible, using viable and tested water management strategies. The projects will increase supply of adequate and safe water for about 2750 households in Jinja District thus reducing or eliminating water borne related diseases in the beneficiary communities by 50% in the first six months of operation.

Project Description

As an intern, you will work on one spring water source with a team of staff from our community organization KORD and other community stakeholders. Together, you will survey the water spring location, construct a spring "box" to act as a reservoir that filters and /or cleans the water before it's collected from an outflow pipe. This is practicable as the springs flow year round. The intern working with KORD staff will carry out water quality tests from the Uganda National Water and Sewerage Corporation laboratories in Kampala for certification of the constructed water source. Finally, you will conduct community sanitation and hygiene promotion to the community that will eventually utilize the water source.

Through this project, the intern is expected to:

- Learn about spring protection (small, medium, large and extra-large), Water Quality Testing, Hydro-geological Survey and Water Quality Analysis (for Physiochemical and bacteriological water purity).

- Learn about the compulsory Community development activities that go along with community protected water sources using sustainable community-based approaches. Contribute to Global health and Sustainable Development goals by providing an extra pair of hands on local projects.
- Hands on experience of the real sustainable water and sanitation promotion approaches of Ugandan communities, while making friends and exchanging cultural differences.

Student Profile

A student with any education background with a passion in community development can take on this project as will be supported by community, KORD staff and a consultant. You are expected to have high level of personal initiative, organized and ability to work both individually and in a group, Ability to balance the engineering and social obligations of the program, Good communication skills and Computer skills relevant to the program. An interest in water and sanitation and a background in education or training are highly desirable. You will be required to submit a CV as well as go through a phone interview for the vetting process before your placement is confirmed.