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About 11 months ago Just Small Change started the first project in the Budaka District , Uganda.

We were asked to carry out work in this specific area and our projects were requested at grassroots level, designed locally and fit into the District development plans.

Since the inception, the following programmes have been set up within the local communities:

Village Savings & Loan Groups

16 groups have been set up (30+ members per group) involving over 480 families

All groups have attended 2 days of training and will receive ongoing supervision and support.

The majority of group members are women. Some members have started to borrow from their own Village Savings Group with the average loan of £14.58

Goat rearing & livelihood programme

8 goat rearing programmes (30 beneficiaries per group) are now underway in the villages, involving 240 families.

The beneficiaries are the poorest and most vulnerable women in the local communities. Each woman has received a female goat and training in how to care for, feed and manage goats, with ongoing support from the goat keeper. In each programme a buck shed has been built, 2 bucks supplied with their own goat keeper being responsible for the maintenance and ongoing health of the livestock

Village Health Teams

18 volunteers, one from each village in Lyama subcounty have had their initial training.

The training was 4 week-long sessions of full training plus 2 weeks “on-the-job training with a health assistant from a local clinic. A graduation ceremony took place before the volunteers spend the following 9 months of supervised work alongside a Health Worker.

- **Latrines**

Although it was not included in any of our programme, it became clear that there was a real need for sanitation facilities where community groups were meeting more regularly.

Linking into the work of the Village Health teams we have therefore had a pair of latrines constructed for community use in each of 8 villages

More details for each programme can be found on our website although a few photos of various groups are shown here.

It is with your support that makes this life changing work possible. Thank you

Village Savings & Loan Groups



Goat Rearing /Livelihood Groups



**Village Health Teams
graduating after training**



**Community
Latrines**