



2014 Report

J Neysmith – Trust operates **Hands Up Out of Poverty™** to support equality and advancement for women and girls by assisting groups of females who seek to create opportunities to improve their situations. They may need a hand up but they do not ask for a hand out.

Micro Loans in 2013 were granted to support self employment for women, a co-operative brick making business, a poultry project and another green house facility. A loan was given towards post secondary education. All loans are interest free.

The dairy goat project is headed by Susan Odongo, a certified Para-Vet, who was a member of the original dairy goat program more than five years ago. The project is virtually self sustaining – we supplied some purebred bucks and does in 2014. There are 300 female farmers in 12 different villages making a living from raising dairy goats. Our in country partner, KEDHAP Foundation, and Susan are key links in efforts at peace building between Lou and Kalenjin people. Susan leads the group of Lou women who are teaching dairy goat management to Kalenjin women. The Lous have gifted the starter stock to their sister Kalenjins.

Greenhouses, together with metal roof water harvesting systems and holding tanks in Bondo, Songhor and Muhoroni keep several dozens of women in vegetables year round and permit them to generate cash incomes by selling surplus produce.

These agricultural initiatives give widows food security, some economic independence, and allow them to pay for medicines, children's school fees, and other household expenses.

When you educate the girl you educate the village. Your funds provided sanitary towels for 1,280 girls in 10 senior primary and 3 secondary schools. As of April 2014 it is planned to increase this number to 1,800 girls in 17 senior primary and 3 secondary schools. The program supports equality of opportunity and self-worth, and ensures that school attendance improves by approximately 15% for these girls. This project improves their ability to achieve academic success and helps dismantle psychological barriers such that school girls can dream of becoming teachers, business people and better parents. School enrolment, especially for girls, creates increased social stability.

We thank you for your support and ask that you consider us when giving in 2014. J Neysmith personally covers all overhead costs, so that 100% of every dollar we receive goes to people in sub-Saharan Africa.