

# Poverty Eradication and Social Inclusion in Rural and Urban settings

## Jinja – Uganda experience

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# Women and poverty in Uganda

- Women are worst hit by chronic poverty in Uganda. They are the most illiterate, the most involved in ungainful employment or work where they don't get paid.
- Women bear the role of bringing up children and ensuring they go to school.
- A report entitled - Chronic Poverty in Uganda; The Policy Challenges - reveals that over 8 million of 30.7 million people are chronically poor, with women forming the bulk. Overall, 27% of the chronically poor households in rural areas are headed by women with the percentage rising to 40% in the urban setting.

# Challenges faced by women and girls in Jinja, Uganda

Urban housing challenge



Climate change



# Other challenges include

- Difficulties in access to resources for example land, financial resources
- HIV/AIDS
- Ignorance about human rights
- Urbanization/industrialization

# SWID - Interventions

- Organizing women & girls in community based saving and credit groups and empowering them with leadership skills, business skills.
- Revolving Loan Fund (women have access to credit to start and boost their businesses).
- Land titling initiative. This is empowering women and girls to own, control and access land in both rural and urban communities.

# SWID interventions cont' d

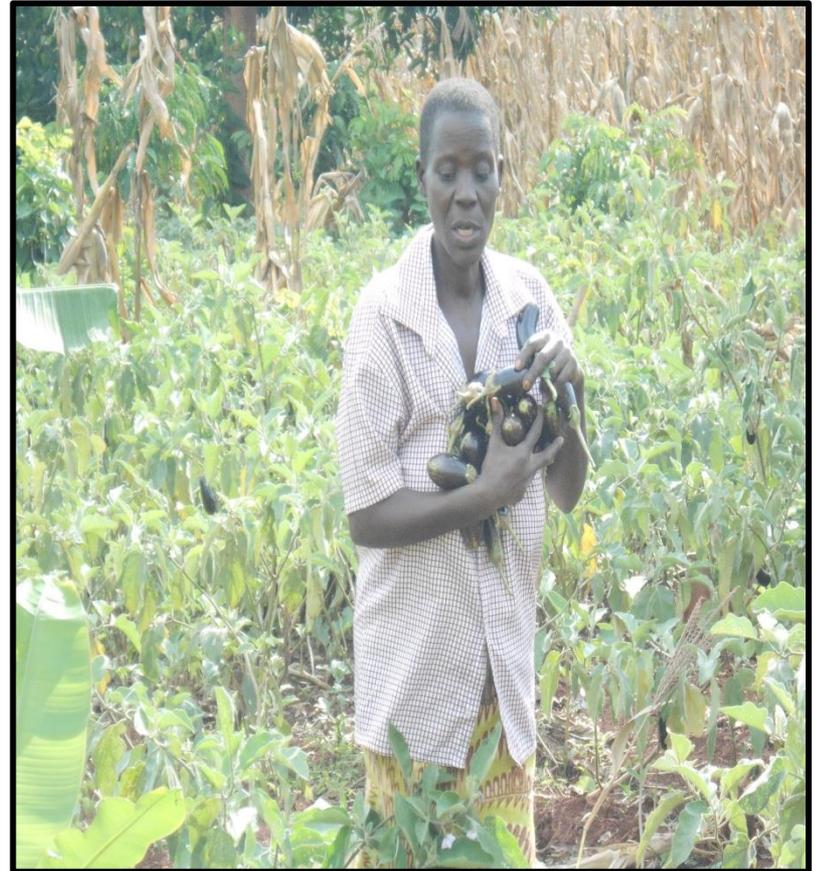
- Food Security for example soybean and fruit tree growing ( women produce enough for home consumption and sell the surplus to earn income).
- Involving grassroots women in decision-making processes that affect their lives and that they are able to contribute to hence benefit from development.
- Livestock initiative

# House construction project (rental apartments).



## Accomplishments

- Through the revolving loan fund, 120 women have accessed credit to purchase land.
- 600 women from 22 communities are engaged in food security initiative.
- The revolving fund is directly benefiting 160 women who are involved in different income generating activities
- changed women's lives with increased empowerment



# Lessons Learned

- Change is gradual
- Documenting best practices enhances transfer of the practice to new communities.
- Learning exchanges are key to enhance replication of the best practices
- Collaborated with women organized groups enhances togetherness of women.
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