

ESTABLISHED IN 1996

STATUS

FDNC is an indigenous non-governmental and non-partisan organization committed to alleviating poverty in the Eastern region of Uganda.

FDNC is a product of many years of determination, creativity, resourcefulness and perseverance. It is focused on promoting participatory approaches to community development work and assisting people and organisations involved in grassroots development.

FDNC strongly believes in strategies that introduce new ideas/services and methods of empowering the marginalized.

WHY IT WAS FORMED

FDNC was created to respond to Uganda's unemployment and social crises in a developmental context. As a community based initiative, FDNC strives to actively promote the productivity and self reliance of disadvantaged people through various health education programmes, skills development and community services for sustainable development.

FDNC's target groups include children and youth, the girl-child, women, the rural poor, the disabled, and People Living with HIV/AIDS.

FDNC supports the development of Income Generating Activities (IGAs) as a vehicle for addressing socio-economic inequalities.



GOALS

- Increase awareness of the plight of marginalized people in Uganda.
- Promote vocational skills development so that underserved youth can lift themselves out of poverty.
- Improve the overall health status of rural communities in the Eastern region of Uganda.
- Establish links through which all people, regardless of race, tribe, religion, nationality, gender, etc., can work together. This is accomplished through the exchange of ideas and skills, as well as practical and financial support from the local, national and international community.
- Protect and promote the basic human rights afforded by Ugandan law to inmates within the criminal justice system.
- Promote quality education for disabled children and youth
- Ensure FDNC's operations are financially transparent and impact-oriented.

CURRENT PROGRAMMES

- Community-Based Health and Development: Improving the health status and standard of living in rural underserved communities.
- Vocational Training: Building the capacity of youth through skills training in bricklaying and concrete practice, carpentry and joinery, tailoring, computers, sustainable agriculture, and cosmetology.
- Paralegal Advisory Services: Protecting the legal rights of inmates in the justice system

- Youth Empowerment: Scholarships for FDNC's Vocational Training Center provided to needy youth in partnership with U.S.-based Hope for Ugandan Students (HUGS)
- Special Needs Education: Providing opportunities for quality education and skills development to children and youth with physical and learning disabilities.
- Cultural Arts: enriching the lives of Ugandans through our renowned brass band and youth orchestra programs, modern dance and African traditional dance, and African arts and crafts.
- Health Clinic: Serving students from FDNC schools, members of the local community, and referrals from our Community Health Workers.



STRATEGY

FDNC's programmes are carried out by a trained staff of 34 members. FDNC's Managing Directors and Executive Director supervise all operations. The FDNC Board of Directors provides financial oversight and long-term strategic planning.





CONSTRAINTS

- Limited funding/resources coupled with high expectations from target groups.
- High cost of mobile communication in Uganda
- Need for tools, instructional materials and equipment for the Vocational Training Center and Special Needs School
- Fuel and vehicle maintenance costs.
- Outdated computers and high technology
- Lack of adequate office space
- Inflationary pressure in Uganda



FINANCES

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FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NEEDY COMMUNITIES (FDNC)

"Building self reliance and sustainable development in the most impoverished communities in Eastern Uganda through strategies that promote community participation and individual empowerment"



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*People cannot be developed, they can only
 develop themselves.*

- Julius Nyerere -