Introduction to “CARDI UGANDA”
CARDI-UGANDA is a community based organization established and registered in 2009 by a group of professional community development volunteers with an aim of enhancing the livelihoods of the rural poor communities to eradicate poverty.
CARDI- UGANDA is fully registered with the directorate of gender and community development- Kayunga district/ REG. No. 177/09

Our vision:
“An empowered self reliable and sustainable community with improved standards of living”

Our mission:
“To Support Community Development Initiates through knowledge and skills empowerment, for improved livelihood.”

Our objectives:
1. To work with rural farmers and help them to enhance sustainable agricultural productivity in an environmentally friendly manner in respect with agro-biodiversity conservation.
2. To improve rural urban linkages to reduce poverty through good practices, experience and operating guidelines.
3. To build the capacity of at least 100 people/farmers per year, be equipped to realize their own development and support others to develop.
4. To empower households through participatory monitoring, research and evaluation, to be able to assess and build on their achievements.
5. To get involved in beneficiary support, lobbying and advocacy forums to promote appropriate implementation of rural community development friendly programs.
6. To enhance access to information and communication technologies to the community and increase the utilization of information resources by women, youth, rural farming communities and other organizations for improved livelihoods.
7. To promote, encourage networking and information sharing among partners and/or stakeholders at all levels.
8. To support community initiated projects with grants and technical advice for proper management and increased benefits.
9. To establish networks and strategies to support local development initiatives and enable people lobby and advocate for their rights.

Our values on which programs are based:
CARDI- UGANDA upholds the following pillars on which programs are based:
- To promote advocacy & outreaches.
- Cooperation and commitment to organization principles.
- To favor the poor and marginalized whenever possible.
- To offer help regardless of ethnic, religious or social circumstances.
To empower rural farmers, encourage Competence, self sufficiency and sustainability.
To act professionally with fairness, compassion, integrity and understanding.
To protect and enhance the environmental.
To uphold human rights and challenge inequality and injustice

Our organisation structure:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

GENERAL BOARD
- Director/ Program Manager,
- General secretary,
- Technical advisors (3),
  - Agriculture
  - Gender & Community Development
  - Environment

Operations board/ volunteers
- Programs manager
- Accountant s assistant
- Field volunteers

Our Program goal:
“To contribute towards reducing poverty and promote economic growth in rural areas through agriculture advocacy and out reaches as a means”
(The picture below shows volunteers are filling in poly pots with the potting mix and preparing them for planting coffee seedlings at our nursery bed at Nakaliro village in Kayunga.)
The first picture above shows Cardi Uganda’s coffee/ tree nursery proposed to be strengthened and developed into a more productive and permanent facility.

The pictures above (1st left) shows an abandoned coffee field at a farmers land in Kayunga district, (center up) shows poor drying practices due to lack of training, (right up) shows a trained famer sharing training experience with a fellow farmer. Then pictures bellow show improved coffee yields at the same farmer’s field after the farmer received training on pre and post harvest handling of coffee.

Our activities include;

Training rural farming community on:
- Promoting Sustainable Agriculture through training and demonstration sites
- Food security and livelihood enhancement
- Environment awareness (Biodiversity conservation)
- We are certified operators of coffee/ tree nursery beds (by Uganda- ministry of agriculture, animal industry & fisheries)
- Tree planting
- Lobbying and Advocacy

Production back ground in our area;
Agriculture is the major activity in the area, including mainly crop and livestock production and fishing and also some bee keeping. The community generally falls in the following farmer’s category:
1. Subsistence farmers (about 75%)
2. Market oriented farmers (20%)
3. Commercial farmers (3-5%)

Achievements:
- We are currently working with 150 rural subsistence farming households in Kayunga district- Uganda.
- We constructed and operating a coffee/ tree nursery bed (green house) with capacity to accommodate 50,000 seedlings per season and it was certified by UCDA and ministry of agriculture, animal industry and fisheries.
- We are currently enhancing environmentally friendly sustainable agriculture among the 150 rural farming households with emphasis on coffee production.
• With the support of Uganda coffee development authority and the office of Hon. Sarah Nyombi MP Ntenjeru north constituency, We have managed to produce and distribute 40,000 coffee seedlings to 300 famers in Busaana, Kayunga sub county and Kayunga town council in Kayunga district between march 2009 and April 2010.

CARDI UGANDA aims at helping farmers in the district to realize increased household income through environmentally friendly sustainable farming.

Challenges faced:

✓ Inadequate funds (limited source of funds) to enable us reach out to beneficiaries with efficient training services.
✓ Over expectation and demand for support from the community.

Current and future plans;

✓ Strengthen our fundraising, lobbying and advocacy strategies.
✓ Identify and start up partnership with organisations- NGOs/ CBOs, companies and individuals at local and international levels.
✓ Scaling up our organisation for increased impact of rural development and environmentally friendly agricultural practices.
✓ Strengthening out coffee/ fruit tree nursery structure into a permanent and more productive facility with capacity to raise 200,000 seedlings per year.
✓ We acquired land, therefore we plan to construct a permanent farmer’s resource center and promote ICTs/ ICEs for better learning and adoption by the target famers.
✓ We want to help 10000 house holds to fight diseases caused by cockroaches by finding partners to donate pesticides, spraying equipments and protective wear, training materials and transport facilitation for our volunteers to enable them to reach and mobilize the targeted households in our area.

PLAN FOR 2010- 2011:

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<td>Strengthen CARDI UGANDA nursery bed into a more productive and permanent facility in order to meet demand for high quality coffee/ tree and fruit seedlings in the area.</td>
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<td>Establish 100 coffee- banana intercrop model farms to serve as learning centers in the community and support host farmers to realize own development.</td>
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<td>Establish a viable office/ agriculture resource centre to enhance scaling up of CARDI UGANDA programs</td>
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4. Continue collaborating/networking with government and other non-government organizations for better service delivery.  

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5. Strengthen awareness activities geared towards proper and sustainable use and management of natural resources and conservation of the environment.  

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### Why invest in Uganda’s coffee sector

- There are 1.3m households that farm coffee in Uganda. (UBOS: Uganda National Household survey 2005-2006, agricultural module). Half have more than 50 coffee trees. The majority of these households are very poor, and increasing investment into the coffee sector will mean that these households can increase their income from coffee and thus reduce poverty levels. In addition, intercropping coffee and bananas increases farmer incomes. Provisional research by IITA suggests that farmer incomes per hectare are increased if farmers intercrop their coffee trees with banana trees.

- Uganda needs about 200m coffee wilt disease resistant seedlings to replace those that have died due to the disease since 1992.

- Coffee is Uganda’s principal export. The value of exports in the 2007-8 coffee year totaled to $388m.

- Coffee yields in Uganda are poor but with sufficient investment and effort, with in 3-5 years exports could double from existing coffee trees. Current Robusta yields in Uganda are about 550kg per hectare. In comparison, average Robusta yields in Vietnam are 2.2 tones per hectare. The estimated loss of revenue from coffee wilt disease (on an outright basis and using the annual prevailing market price during the period) in the last 10 years has been over US $800m.

- If all coffee trees in Uganda were rehabilitated and become as productive as the trees of other Robusta producers, Uganda could more than double its coffee export (currently 3.2m bags).

- The coffee production campaign was launched and we advocate for support to contribute towards implementing it. The vision is to export at least 4.5m bags by 2015.

The world will need more coffee to meet growing demand. Global coffee consumption is increasing at a rate of at least 1.5% per annum, although some estimates put the increase in 2007 at more than 2.5%. Therefore the world will need more coffee. Much of that increase is coming from demand in new consuming markets with even stronger growth.

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