



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

FOREWORD

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This 2021 annual report showcases glimpses of the work we did during the calendar year 2021. It was generally a productive year in terms of reaching out to more beneficiaries and also galvanizing our partnerships with CSOs and KCCA division authorities.

The report will highlight the work done to realize FIU Vision And Mission. While also highlighting our contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This is through different projects implemented to improved the welfare but also to empower youth, working closely with a wide range of partners to realize their rights and build resilience at community level.

Our most sincere gratitude goes to Network for Active Citizens (NAC) for the support and the partnership during 2021. More so the other Ghetto Go Green Project partners for mutual and technical support. FIU pledges to continue to strengthen and nourish this partnership.

On behalf of the organization, the Board of Directors and staff members, I wish to thank colleagues for all they have achieved during what was the most unusual and challenging year in FIU's history as a result of COVID-19 pandemic.

Together with our partners, FIU will continue to deliver for youths in Uganda on both the premise and promise of the 2030 Agenda inclusive of the youth Agenda and its global goals, seeking equality for all.



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History and Background



Footmarks Initiative Uganda (FIU) is Non-Governmental Organization founded by a group of young people in 2018 to make the transition from youth to adult life seamless and interesting. Mindful of the challenges they equally faced growing up in Uganda, the founders of FIU sought to redress several challenges of young people including Unmet needs for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), other health rights and education, unemployment, low income and limited empowerment. The organization was founded after the realization that most of the Ugandan population are youth aged 12 to 30 years constituted 70% of the Ugandan population according to the 2016 National Census. Despite being the majority, Ugandan youth do not live to their full potential due to the above unmet needs. FIU works with different youth groups to empower them, strengthen their capacities, and link them to different opportunities. FIU also empowers youth using the rights-based and gender-responsive approach to hold duty bearers accountable for the delivery of equitable, quality, and sustainable services. More still, FIU links grass root issues identified during the community meetings and interventions to the national level policy making discussions in ministry of Finance, Health, Education, Agriculture And Environment as well as the Parliament of the Republic of Uganda.





Core Programs

- Research, Policy, and Budget Advocacy
- Health and wellness
- Education and School Welfare
- Youth Enterprise Development
- Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

Goal

To improve the quality of life of youth through the integration of empowerment and sustainable development initiatives.

Vision



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A World of healthy and empowered young people happily transitioning to adulthood.

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Mission



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To strengthen young people's agency for self-help and influence on service delivery decisions that affect their wellbeing.

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Projects In 2021

Ghetto Go Green (GGG2) Project

The Ghetto Go Green project (GGG2) is a climate smart strategy whose sole aim is to create climate change adaptation and mitigation in our local communities especially ghetto communities. It is a three year climate smart project, intended to increase the resilience and well-being of young people in Kampala ghetto communities through sustainable, innovative and youth led climate change adaptation strategies.



Network for Active Citizens is the leading implementer of this project, though other community based organizations including FIU. FIU is an implementing partner in the GGG2 Project and it's area of operation is Kirombe in Nakawa Division, Kampala capital city. The project activities are circled around creating a cleaner and greener Kampala.



SLOGBAA (Strengthening structures for Local Government, Budgeting, Advocacy & Accountability) Project.

The project is intended to benefit 35 youth leaders, 480 community youths 160 institutional actors' representatives and 40 Local Government officials all gender sensitive. It was developed due to the presence of gaps that need to be filled in order to empower the youth and entire community at large: these gaps include the following: many political leaders at the local government levels not being able to effectively debate and influence planning and budgeting as both processes are highly technical and require to be debated in English thus undermining the principle of representative democracy as they are unable to eloquently present and defend the interests and ideas of the community who majority are youth.

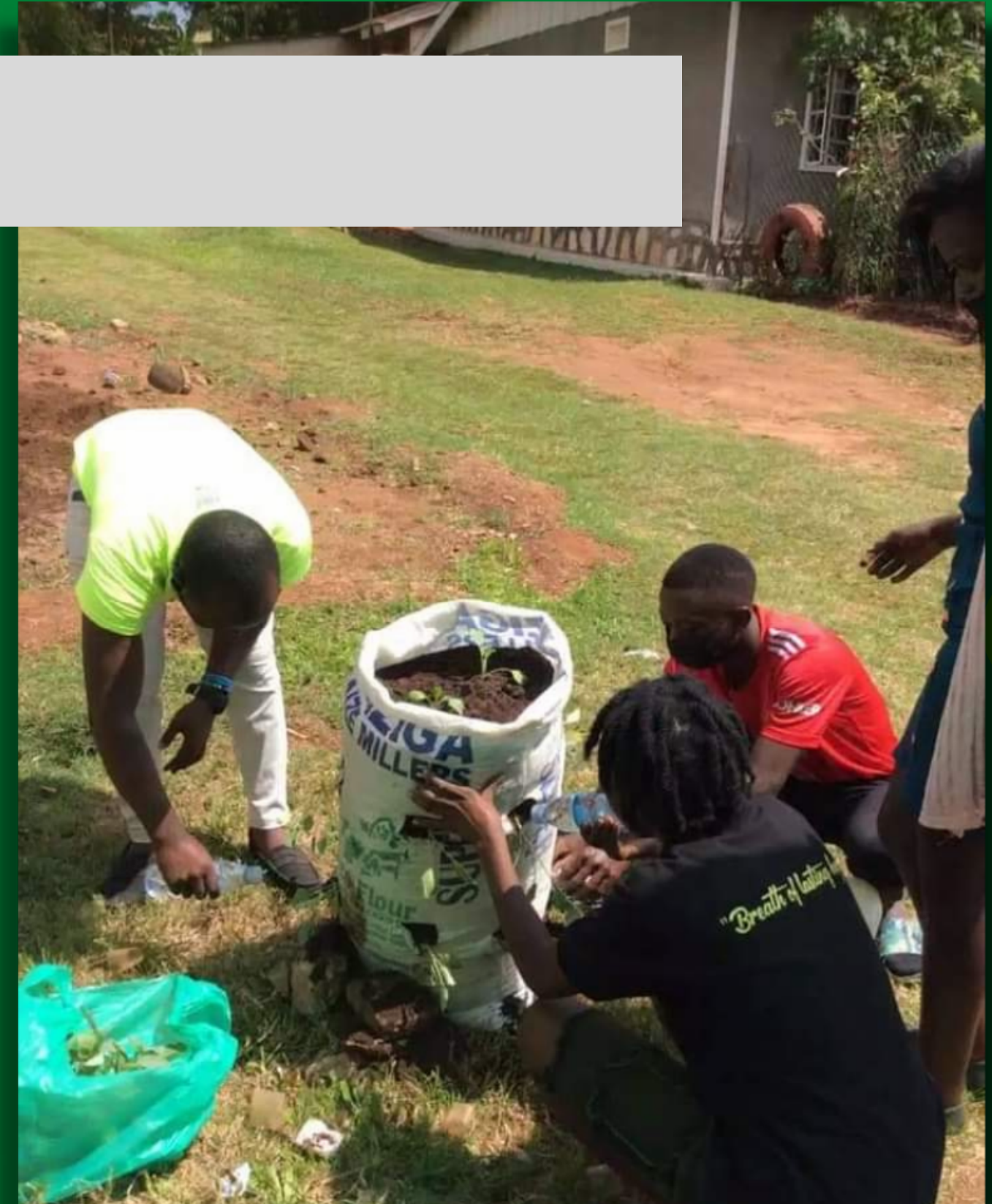


The other gap is most youths not getting a chance to get involved in politics and leadership due to over stay in power by the senior leaders also impending on the expression of democracy of not only the youth but the entire community. Also the absence of platforms that can inform, empower and educate communities about their roles in the leadership systems and how they function causes a huge knowledge and application gap that urgently needs to be filled. However, according to the project, these gaps can be filled through mobilizing and capacitating the community and local government leaders with knowledge, skills and methods on how to use their positions to present and represent the issues arising in their communities, how to influence and also get the youth to actively get involved in participating in their local government leadership and development issues.

Summary of 2021 Project Performance

Ghettogogreen Project (GGG2)

With the aim of increasing youth resilience towards climate change mitigation and adaptation, GGG2 has led to the birth of young green ambassadors in Kirombe. This is evidenced by the increasing number of youths in Kirombe that volunteer to advocate for a greener and cleaner Kampala on different platforms. These green city champions have so far developed three social action projects (SAPs), through which they are creating commendable works that are geared towards increasing climate change mitigation and adaptation in Kirombe ghetto community.



The SAPs formed are the Active Youth Voice for Climate change which focuses on increasing climate change awareness among local community members, Agaliawamu charcoal briquettes making that focuses on reducing deforestation in Kirombe through making charcoal briquettes and the green richer yields youth group that focuses on increasing youth engagement in urban farming.





Additionally, the project led to the establishment of quarterly community youth parliaments in Kirombe. This was aimed at increasing youth advocacy on climate change and its related effects on the community. This activity brought together both the youths and their leaders on different levels as the discussed issues that affected the environment and in turn resulted into climate change. Over 50 youth participants have benefited from the community youth parliaments as their climate change knowledge has increased significantly.

Furthermore, there was establishment of a community youth demonstration garden which aimed at empowering the people with hands on skills in urban farming as a climate change mitigation measure. Over 60 community members have visited the demonstration garden and they as been equipped with skills in urban farming at no cost at all. The garden was established in August 2021, along lower church road Bbina which makes it accessible to all community members.

The project further empowered five youths from Kirombe with agri-business knowledge and skills through a 10 day agriprenuership bootcamps training that was carried out in the area. These five youths were able to establish a joint urban garden that was geared at increasing youth resilience towards climate change as well as providing employment to these young people.

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The project has empowered over 30 youth leaders at all levels in Mayuge district. This has been achieved through establishment of engagement platforms such as leadership trainings and community youth parliaments that have leadership gap between the leaders and other development stakeholders in the district. This was because the absence of platforms that can inform, empower and educate communities about their roles in the leadership systems and how they function causes a huge knowledge and application gap that urgently needed to be filled.

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Furthermore, through the leadership empowerment training held in Mayuge, 25 youth leaders were empowered with leadership, advocacy and budgeting skills that have ably boosted their leadership careers. This is evidenced by the number of youth beneficiaries who are now representing their colleagues at district level. They have also been able to advocate for clear accountability from other development stakeholders on how tax payer's money is being used for development



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