

The Edith M Ellis 1985 Charitable Trust

Bumba Foundation

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1.1 Please summarise what you are seeking from us

We aim to provide the transformational change in young people's and the community's value and skills in agriculture and home farming which will achieve the long-term sustainability in reducing poverty and increasing the community's resilience to pandemics, famine and environmental changes. The programme will provide the education, skills and knowledge to increase the household income and food security, whilst reducing the community poverty level.

1.2 Tell us more about your project, the impact it will have on those it aims to help, and why you consider the proposed approach to be innovative

Uganda is one of poorest countries in the world, with only 62% of the population finishing primary school. The Bumba Foundation focuses the work in the Budaka District, which is ranked as one of the poorer districts in Uganda and ranked 76 lowest out of 82 districts in terms of education quality, with some of the highest levels of poverty, unemployment, low education quality and high levels of illiteracy (23.8% of children aged 10-17 years are illiterate). The latest government statistics have highlighted that 31% of the population is living below the minimum poverty scale of 3,000Ush a day (66p) but in Budaka District it's even worse with 4 out of 10 people (40%). This level of poverty means almost half the population in the district doesn't have the funds for three meals a day (with 19% surviving on just one meal a day), medical support, soap, clothing or any other necessities of life. With this level of poverty, the community is very vulnerable to man-made and natural disasters and with insufficient government/ community funding, there is limited capacity to address new crises.

To address the challenges in Budaka and to fight famine, it's essential that the community can adapt to the changing environmental conditions/ droughts and gain education, skills and knowledge in sustainable home farming. Educating young people is a key element in making the transformational change required and achieving the long-term sustainability in reducing poverty and increasing community's resilience to pandemics, environmental changes and instability. With over 75% of the Ugandan population below the age of 35 years and 85% of the 15-25 years age range are unemployed, this is the reason we have targeted this age group for the new programme.

Over the past 4 years, we have developed an agricultural vocational skills centre with the investment in the infrastructure (£48,000) to create demonstration gardens with innovative irrigation systems, the construction of the training facility & piloting a peer education project. The demonstration gardens have been created to provide a practical learning environment which uses improved innovations, irrigation systems and sustainability farming methods, to support individual and community knowledge and skills sharing.

The new programme builds on the success of the project and allows us to scale up the community reach and impact through a peer education methodology. The project will provide young people not in work or education with an apprentice training programme, focused on practical knowledge & skills in self-sustainable farming, which will provide the transformational change needed to reduce poverty. Once the apprentices have been trained they will become the community educators and through seed funding, will develop their own home-farming microsites which will be used to share the knowledge and skills they have learnt to the wider community. The project will educate 12 community educators who will deliver 120 workshops & reach a further 1,200 young people & community members each year.

In 2021, we gained support from an award-winning documentary maker (Anna Keel) and a sponsor, to make a short 8 minute documentary to highlight the impact of our agricultural project. This film is called "We Will Grow" and can be viewed on YouTube through the following link: <https://youtu.be/EPGTazvgAco>

1.3 Which grant-giving categories does your project fulfil?

F - Sustainable development

1.4 Which country is the project based in?

United Kingdom (GB)

1.5 Will the project continue after initial funding has ended?

No

1.6 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?

The project will measure the quantitative outcomes of the programme through reviews of the set outcomes while the qualitative outputs will be reviewed with young people, communities and local government, through interviews, case studies & feedback on the change of behavior, the adoption of home farming & statistical data. The statistical data will also measure the reduction of poverty, using government statistics on the community poverty scale (which measures insufficient food, medical support, clothing, etc).

2.1 Expenditure

EXPENDITURE ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES
Demonstration Gardens	£1,513	
Apprentices/ Community Educators	£4,217	
TOTALS	£5,730	

2.2 Income

INCOME SOURCE	TARGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT RAISED	NOTES
Grants & Trusts	£9,708	£5,750	
Fundraising	£1,500	£1,250	
TOTALS	£11,208	£7,000	

2.3 What is the total amount (in £ sterling) your organisation is requesting from The Edith M Ellis Trust?

£2,500

2.4 Has your organisation made an application to The Edith M Ellis Trust before?

No

2.5 Please state your organisation's annual turnover (in £ sterling)

£50,513

2.6 Do you wish to upload your audited accounts or financial statement?

No

2.7 Please tell us where payment should be made if your application is successful

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3.1 Your name

Martin Tilbury

3.2 Your contact telephone number

0161 9732786

3.3 Your position within the organisation

Chair of Trustees

3.4 Your email address

bumbafoundation@yahoo.co.uk

3.5 Organisation name

Bumba Foundation

3.6 Please state the status of your organisation

UK Registered Charity (Charity number: 1145624)

3.7 Please summarise what your organisation does

The Bumba Foundation is a small UK registered charity which provides sustainable education opportunities for young people and communities in vulnerable areas of Uganda through innovative projects with community ownership. The projects focus on providing access to quality education, improving health & sanitation, reducing poverty, whilst increasing individual and community sustainability. Since 2011 we have successfully raised the funds to build and run two community primary schools and two vocational skills centres.

3.8 UK correspondence address for organisation

40 Dane Road, Sale, Cheshire, M33 7AR

3.9 UK telephone number

0161 9732786

3.10 UK charity number (if applicable)

1145624

3.11 Year established

2011

3.12 Website (if applicable)

<http://www.bumbafoundation.com>

3.13 Social media accounts (if applicable)

Twitter: @BumbaF

Facebook: @TheBumbaFoundation

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/BumbaFoundation>

4.1 How did you hear about The Edith M Ellis Trust?

Previous application to The Edith M Ellis Trust