

Give a Gift of Hope and Opportunity A Microcredit Loan, A Goat, Emergency Food and Medication



Emergency Food and Medication - While fleeing the Congo, and as adults walked by, 18 year old Angela picked up four month old Ruth whose mother had died. Angela has struggled to care for herself, Ruth and younger siblings since. Their needs include milk and medication, and the ability to provide sustainable income. Read more about Angela on the PeopleWeaver website.

Other women struggle with sickness, which keeps them from doing the labor intensive farming and other tasks involved in caring for their families. Few can afford medication and often do not fully recover before they become sick again. When asked how the PeopleWeaver programs could be improved, they replied “help with our sickness.”



Microcredit - The Kyangwali Women’s Microcredit Project is successful. The women have been able to create successful businesses and repay their loans. These businesses have allowed them to better care for their families and some have been able to send their children to school. The women meet regularly and have formed the **Tuungane Club** (come together) to do community service. Jeaninne, a young orphan who cares for her two sisters, said she felt alone but now feels she is part of a family. Erina, who is a widow, said she now “has hope when she had none.” As loans are repaid, the funds are used to provide more loans. We have many applicants hoping to receive a loan. \$75 provides one loan.



Goats - Goats are extremely valuable in the community. Goats provide protein for children. The offspring are kept for future breeding or sold to provide money for medicine and other necessities. The goat manure helps the women to grow more vegetables in their gardens. Pregnant goat - \$65; adult - \$50; young female - \$35.

The women are Congolese refugees living in the Kyangwali Refugee Settlement in Uganda; almost all are widows or orphans.

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