



**Sustain Micro Enterprise  
Annual Review Report  
July 2015 - June 2016**

## We strive for a world where women and children are free from vulnerability

We achieve our purpose through;

- Women empowerment and microfinance which empowers the vulnerable women to access business skills and small loans. With the skills and small loans, the women are able to start up small businesses to feed their children and increase on their household income.
- Child sponsorship and protection; this gives the orphans and vulnerable children an opportunity to access education, health care, bible study and mentorship. Child sponsorship is a personal way to demonstrate God's love by helping children and their families fight poverty.
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH); women, children and community has access to clean water, improved sanitation and hygiene which improves on their health. Something as simple as Hand Washing is saving lives of many women, children and families.



# FOREWORD



## A message from the Executive Director

It was an amazing year for Sustain Micro Enterprise! Your generous support and donations enabled us to reach out to vulnerable women, children and their families.

Special thanks go to Carole Gregory and St. Martin's Church Walsall for supporting the women, children and families, and the amazing love Carole has for the poor women.

Thank you Simon and Maria Kabi from Widows Center for sharing your love with the widows in Uganda.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has supported SME as we work towards our vision of building a world where women and children are free from vulnerability. Without your support, we cannot achieve it, thank you for standing with us.

**Samuel Wanyagira,**  
Executive Director

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## OUR IMPACT

- 120 small businesses created
- 150 women were able to provide at least one meal to their families
- 250 vulnerable women accessed business skills
- 110 children received food and other basic needs
- 60 families improved on their Sanitation and hygiene
- 4 new women groups were created
- 95 vulnerable women and families mentored



# WHO IS SUSTAIN MICRO ENTERPRISE ?

Sustain Micro Enterprise is a charity organization based in Uganda working with the poor women, orphaned and vulnerable children and their families since 2010.

We believe that to fight poverty, poor women and children in need must to be involved and empowered.

Our programmes aim at building a world where women and children are free from vulnerability by providing women empowerment, child sponsorship and protection, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).

*Sustain Micro Enterprise believes that no woman or child should be vulnerable.*

## Small loans received by the vulnerable women



Small loans to the vulnerable women means new hope. In Uganda, Many of the poor women cannot access any loan anywhere in financial institutions because they lack collateral security such as property or land. Thank God Sustain Micro Enterprise opened its hand widely to make small loans accessible to the poorest women. Women received loans and were able to establish small businesses and other income generating activities.

## Small businesses and income generating activities established by women

Without a business, many single mothers, widows and grandmothers and women in extreme poverty cannot feed their children and the result is that their families go on empty stomachs. With our work on the grassroots and your continuous support, we helped the women and their families establish small businesses and income generating activities. Small businesses such as retail shops, grocery, second hand clothes, brick making, fresh foods and restaurants were established and sustained.







### Lydia can now feed her 3 children with a small loan she received!

With a small loan, Lydia Hamba was able to start up a charcoal and firewood business in her local community. Lydia is very thankful and happy that she can now provide food and school fees for her children. "Because of the small loan I received through Sustain Micro Enterprise, my children are now happy," Lydia says.

### Business skills training



Our business skills training give an opportunity to the vulnerable women to learn about new skills on how to startup businesses and income generating activities. Business training also provides a source of hope to the poor women that they can start a new life in business.



### Mentorship



We continue to walk with the vulnerable women and their families a journey out of poverty. Once a small loan and business training is done, women and family Mentorship takes on. Our Business mentor supports the woman, child and family to push on life with a positive mindset. Through Mentorship, the poor women received ongoing business advice, small loan management and shared the Word of God to build their hopes.

### Women Group formation



Women groups are great tool which is used by Sustain Micro Enterprise to fight poverty among the vulnerable women. We saw more groups created during our year of work and we are very thankful to God. Through the women groups, all the other activities are conducted, women stories shared, relationship nurtured, word of God shared and hopes revived. 4 women groups were established.



### End of year women party



As the year came to end, the vulnerable women, children and their families had an opportunity to come together with SME to celebrate end of year. We are very thankful to Widows Center International for sponsoring the women and children party. It was colorful and enjoyed by the women and the children.



### Zip Wire Fundraising Challenge



Carole Gregory stood up to fundraise for the poor women and the children through the Zip Wire challenge. The money raised helped us to empower more women and establish a new women group known as "Mukisa Women Group". The word "Mukisa" literally means blessing. The women supported through the challenge were able to establish small businesses and their household incomes improved. We thank you very much Carole for fundraising for the women, children and their families, and thank you for loving us.

### Partnership



Partnered with COSIER children home in Jinja to improve children lives. Children received clothes and food all supplied by the vulnerable women supported by Sustain Micro Enterprise. 50 vulnerable children were reached. Our appreciation and thanks to Biba Kavass for supporting this partnership.



### Sanitation and Hygiene talks



Hygiene and sanitation classes were taken to the vulnerable women. As part of the goals to reduce on communicable and preventable diseases among the vulnerable women, children and their families, hygiene and sanitation talks were conducted. Issues including hand wash, food preservation, toilet cleaning and maintenance, cabbage management were taught to the women. The women were taught to carry out Hand washing and building Tippy Taps.



# Looking into the Future

## Children programmes

We plan to incorporate child sponsorship and child protection programmes that will help address the needs of the orphaned and children in need. Working in the community with the vulnerable women has unveiled a lot of needs among the children that need urgent attention and response. We kindly continue to ask for your support to our cause as we work towards creating a better world for women and children.

## Volunteers

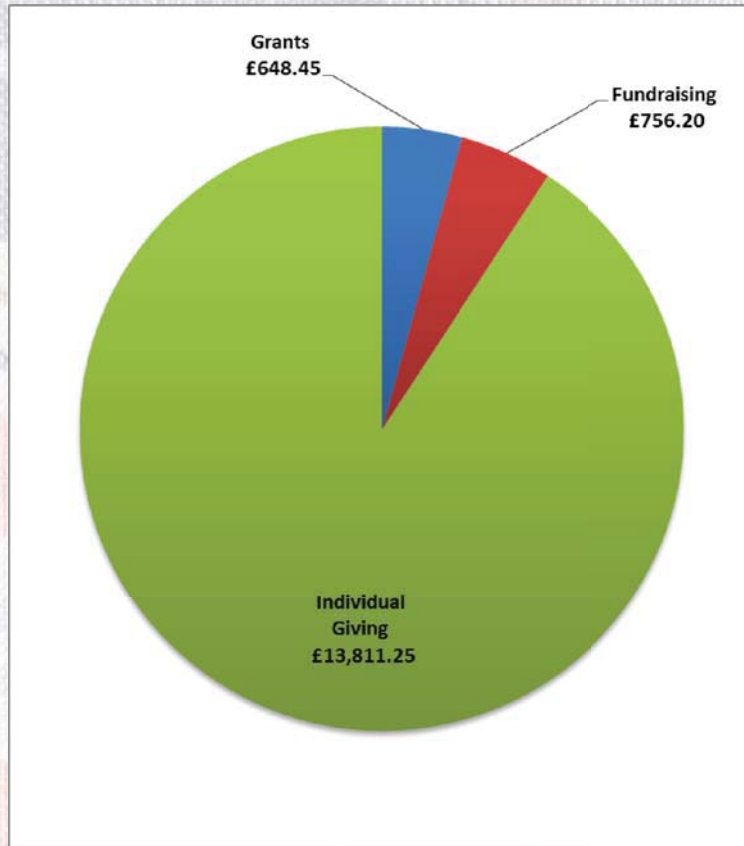
As our work expands, we would like to invite you to partner with us and share your time, skills, experience and resources with the orphaned and vulnerable children, and women. We need you to add on our capacity to serve.

Interested in volunteering with Sustain Micro Enterprise, email us at [info@sustainmicroenterprise.org](mailto:info@sustainmicroenterprise.org).



# Financial Overview 2015-2016

## INCOME



Total Income for 2015/2016:  
£15,215.90

## EXPENDITURES



Total Expenditure 2015/2016:  
£14,353.98

Much of your donations were spent on programs that benefit the vulnerable women, children and their families. We commit ourselves to using your donations to support the poor women, orphaned and children in extreme poverty.



**No woman or child should be vulnerable.**

### **How you can get involved ?**

Our work entirely depends on your generous support without which Sustain Micro Enterprise cannot deliver services to the vulnerable women and children. We are passionate about designing programs that can reduce the vulnerability of children and women hence break the cycle of poverty.

Join the Sustain family by giving today! Sustain Micro Enterprise provides a wide range of opportunities to get involved with our work.

**Sponsor a Child**, with your gift of £27, an orphan and a child in need will go to school, access health care and mentorship. You can also become a regular donor.

**Fund a woman business**; Donate £50 to empower a poor woman. With your donation, a poor woman gets access to business skills and a small loan, and start up a small business. The business will help provide a meal for her children and family.

**Give a Goat**; Donate £35 to buy a goat for a family. The goat to a family provides household income, children can get scholastic and it empowers families tackle poverty.

**Give for WASH**, with your gift of £25, vulnerable children and women and families will have access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene for improved health, and saving for families.

**Volunteer**; Use your time and skills to support Sustain Micro Enterprise to reach out to more vulnerable children and women.

**Become our Ambassador**, Represent Sustain Micro Enterprise in your community, school or church. Create awareness about our cause using our resources and materials online; spread the word about the plight of children and women

**Fundraises for us**, Get creative and come up with fundraising ideas and events that can help Sustain Micro Enterprise raise funds to support projects and programmes geared towards creating a world where children and women are free from vulnerability.







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