

THE MUHABUZI HICSUM BAKERY

ISINGIRO DISTRICT UGANDA.

**RE: TRAINING PROJECT BENEFICIARIES IN NAKIVALE SETTLEMENT RUBONDO
SUB-BASE CAMP TUPENDANE DAIRY YOUTH GROUP IN BAKERY
PRODUCTION:**

Introduction:

In Uganda, youths constitute 70% of the country's population of which 13% are unemployed. The communities where they live are prone to poverty due to lack of jobs and other alternative sources of income like lack of capital to start small and medium businesses, Lack of basic skills like Bakery among others. This has been a general problem to both nationals and refugees youth in Isingiro District. This makes them vulnerable and unable to compete favorably in getting dignified employment in private sector where most of the youth earn income from in the country.

MUHABUZI HICSUM with funding from SPAZIO SPADONI Supported to skill the youth in Bakery Production such that they can be self- employed and be able to earn a living and improve their standards of living.

Goal

To impart practical skills and knowledge to the youth so that they are able to earn a living without struggling looking for jobs for sustainable gainful employment as well as spreading the works of mercy to the community members both Youth and caregivers.

Objectives

- To equip the youth groups with practical skills in order to have alternative source of income.
- To promote business growth amongst youth to achieve self- reliance.
- To create opportunities for youth groups to benefit from other Government programs
- To Mentor the youth groups and give them skills on how to survive in competitive world.

Methodology

The participants were mobilized by staff from MUHABUZI HICSUM Bakery in group meetings where they were taken through the procedure of Baking Cakes, Mandazi, donuts, chapattis' and daddies production. Practical session involving hands on were conducted and group members taken through participatory approach. All the participants were allowed to participate in order to gain the skill.

Training materials.

All the materials were provided by Muhabuzi Hiscum Bakery staff that went to train the youth group in Rubondo sub-base camp.

Results.

A total of 20 participants were trained on Bakery production in different items that is cakes, mandazi, Daddies, Chapats and donuts. The group members were taken through the theory part and the practical part as well as the mixing ratios in order to produce quality products.

The group members were also taken through customer care session and the advantages and disadvantages of treating customers with care or anyhow.

The participants were taken through the training sessions for three weeks.

Challenges.

- The youth are too expectant from the project team
- Late coming by some participants
- The store where the youth kept materials is not secure security wise.
- The youth are un able to get all the required items to concentrate on the production.

Lessons learnt.

- The group members were very happy for the skills gained and promised to put in practice what they acquired.
- Group members thanked MUHABUZI HICSUM and SPAZIO SPADONI and the trainers for giving them an opportunity to have alternative source of income on their own.
- There is need for the group members to contribute money and shift from their store to another place where the room is permanent and conducive for the business.

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