
**NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT ACASE STUDY OF
NANSANA MUNICIPALITY WAKISO DISTRICT****1 Kulu Ashirafu, 2 Namuyonga Rebecca****1, 2 Metropolitan International University****ABSTRACT**

The study aimed at the impact of non-governmental organisations and women empowerment and it was guided by the following objectives: To assess the relationship between NGO and women empowerment in Nansana, to establish the contribution brought by NGOs in Nanasana municipality Wakiso district and to examine the challenges affecting NGOs in Women empowerment among the women in Nanasana Municipality Wakiso district. Random sampling was to be used where two parishes was to be chosen to represent the six areas e.g., kilaka, Muyenga and for convenient purposed, a sample of 60 respondents was used for interviews and answering of questionnaires. Data collected was analyzed and the responses on the subjects was categorized in frequency counts and score tables with varying percentages calculated. Interpretations and conclusions drawn according to the number of occurrences of each item which information presented in tables. From the findings, NGOS had great positive contribution in Nanasana like providing clean water through put up water source in many places, defending human rights by helping those whose rights have been abused, in education they helped in providing leaning material in different areas to students

The government should build more technical institutions in the area, because there is only one which accommodates few students.

Key words: non-governmental organisations and women empowerment

Background of the study

NGO is a term that has become widely accepted as referring to the legally constituted NGO created by natural or legal persons with no participation or presentation of any government. In the case where NGOs are funded totally or partially by government, NGOs maintains its non-Governmental status and excluded government representatives from membership in the organization unlike intergovernmental organization (Winny et al., 2023).

In Uganda, there are many NGOs which participate in different activities towards Women empowerment among the young people (Faridah et al., 2023). They contribute 80% in development and most of them are based at district level as well as municipality level. These NGOs help focus on future investment to target the raising income as well as improve the quality of life of young people (Tasha et al., 2023). They carry out measures to increase on the house hold income, they focus on

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road improvement, land, agriculture, rural market, employment, labour productivity, rural credit and financial services, micro and small-scale enterprises. They carry out measures to improve the quality of life of the women, they target the provision of basic services like Primary Health Care, Primary education, water and the environment as well as disaster management (Anthony et al., 2023).

Nanasana Municipality as an area of study, found in Nanasana municipality Wakiso district which is in Buganda Kingdom in mid-central Uganda and other Municipality in Wakiso district include. Nanasana Municipality has got different parishes which include; Kazo, Nabwelu and Katasiha (Victoria et al., 2023). In those areas, industrialization is the major economic activity where by 80% of the young people grow crops on small scale like maize, rice, all this at subsistence level. There are also other activities like brick laying, poultry, and cattle keeping. All these require support from NGOs to perform some services for the purpose to achieve efficiency (Christopher et al., 2022).

Different NGOs operate Worldwide, in Africa, and Uganda and in Nanasana Municipality. These organization involve some transfer of certain public function and services to in order to improve on the development of an area (Racheal et al., 2023). If these NGOs achieve their objectives in Nansana Municipality, by the next 20 years poverty among the women were reduced at a rate less than 10%

(absolute poverty) and below 30% (relative poverty) (Godfrey et al., 2023). This can be done through the expansion of health centres, Primary schools, access to safe and clean water, increased income for house hold as well as security of the young people and property (Zulaikah & Rebecca, 2023). (MFPED, 2006). It was because of this background that, a study is done to find out the role of NGOs in alleviating poverty among the women (Faridah et al., 2023).

Statement of the problem

According to ministry of gender report of 2017 big number (90%) of young people in Nanasana Municipality are living below the poverty line, and this was far much higher than the 31% nationwide (Rashid et al., 2023). NGOs play an important role in Women empowerment for the development of the rural area where they get involved in areas such as provision of safe water, roads, sanitation facilities, primary health care, but their role was not fully known in Nanasana Municipality (Zowena et al., 2023). When these NGOs come into existence, it was a big challenge since most times they come in the middle of the financial year when most of public organizations budgets and priorities areas have been set. But they also come with different plans, objectives, conditions, priorities, and strings attached which do not favour young people's immediate needs (Jac & Kazaara, 2023). Therefore, this study set out to examine the roles of NGOs in Women empowerment among the women of

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Nanasana Municipality Nansana (Musaibah et al., 2023).

Objectives of the study area

- 1 To assess the relationship between NGO and women empowerment in Nansana.
- 2 To establish the contribution brought by NGOs in Nanasana municipality Wakiso district.
- 3 To examine the challenges affecting NGOs in Women empowerment among the women in Nanasana Municipality Wakiso district.

Research questions

1. What is relationship between NGO and women empowerment in Nansana municipality Wakiso district?
2. What are the contributions brought by NGOs in Nanasana Municipality Nanasana municipality Wakiso district?
3. What are the challenges affecting NGOs in Women empowerment in Nanasana Municipality Wakiso district

Methodology**Research design**

The researcher employed case study design. According to H. Odum, the case study was a technique by which individual factor whether it could be an institution or just an episode in the life of an individual or a group was analysed in its relationship to any other in the group. Burgess has used the words “Social microscope” for the case study research design. While Pauline V. Young describes case study as “a comprehensive study of a social unit be that unit a person, a group, a social institution, a district or a community (Mark et al., 2023).

Population of the study

In this process different categories of young people were involved and data collected from each group was used to achieve the objectives of the study. They included house hold heads 5, NGOs services 6, and beneficiaries 4. The NGOs like Africa 200 network, and Uganda change agent.

Sampling techniques

Here different samples techniques were used to determine for the study purpose. Random sampling was to be used where two parishes was to be chosen to represent the six areas e.g., kilaka, Muyenga and for convenient purposed, a sample of 60 respondents was used for interviews and answering of questionnaires.

Methods of data collection.

Different methods of data collection were used depending on the type of data collected.

Questionnaire

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Amin (2005; 269) stated that a questionnaire was a carefully designed instrument for collecting data in accordance with the specifications of research questions. It consisted of a set of questions to which the subject responded in writing. This was given to local leaders in the area.

Data analysis

Data collected was analyzed and the responses on the subjects was categorized in frequency counts and score tables with varying percentages calculated using SPSS (Nelson et al., 2022). Interpretations and conclusions drawn according to the number of occurrences of each item which information presented in tables.

RESULTS

Table 1 presents NGOS in Nanasana and their role in Women empowerment

NGO	The Role of NGOs in poverty alleviation
Goal Uganda	Provide clean water in community
World Vision	Health
Save the Women	Teaching in hand crafts
NESIDA	Women empowerment programs

This NGOs show their commitment to pursue the needs of the poor, which is reflected in their respective vision and mission Statements. These Statements include promotion of the rights and well-being of the poor

NGO contribution to Women empowerment among the women

Table 2 shows the contribution of different towards Women empowerment among the women

NGO	CONTRIBUTION
GOAL UGANDA	Clean water
World vision	Education
Save African child	Human right defending

NGOS have great positive contribution in Nanasana like providing clean water through put up water source in many places, defending human rights by helping those whose rights have been abuse, in education they help in providing leaning material in different areas to students (Emmanuel et al., 2023)

Table 3 shows Problems that are affected by NGOs in Women empowerment among the women in Nanasana Municipality Wakiso district and Solutions to problems faced by NGOS

NGO	Problem	Solution
Goal Uganda	Limited funds	Getting donors

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Save the poor	Luck of people attention	Sensitization
World division	Few workers	Add on work force

In the table above the researcher found that different NGOS face different problem, in Goal Uganda they were facing the problem of limited fund and to overcome such a problem they adopted to attract donor for more funding. Save the poor had a problem of luck of people's attention they solved it by sensitization of people about their work (Richard et al., 2023). World division had problem of few workers and they solved it by recruiting more workers in the organization

Table 4 shows causes and Solutions to the of poverty among the women in Nanasana Municipality Wakiso district

Cause	Solution
Lack of jobs	Giving startup capital by government
Negative attitude towards work	Sensitization of people about work
Lack of information	Government should publish new jobs
Poor planning	Sanitization by NGOS and government

According to table 4, it was found that there were a quite a number of possible solutions to curb poverty among the women which include; Giving startup capital by government, Sensitization of people about work, Government should publish new jobs, education and training investment to improve information resources for women entrepreneurship courses and strict recruitment policies (Damasus et al., 2023)

Conclusions

The researcher suggestions of tensed relationship between the people and NGOs activity my study reveals an amiable relationship towards poverty reeducation. NGOs were identified as having a constructive complementary relationship with the local people (Faridah et al., 2023). Thus, they are not seeking to replace the help people to overcome poverty, but rather point them in the right direction.to words poverty reeducation, this is evident in NGOs initiating interventions with associated models which they encourage government to take up and duplicate through partnership with local State authorities. However, the constructive nature of NGOs' complementarity in their relationship with the community as identified from the study, NGOS put people in there day to activities.

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More so, NGOs identification as critical watchdogs contradicted the research proposition that NGOs make government reluctant to effectively tackle poverty.

Recommendations

Parents should enroll their children to school in order to acquire education to increase on their skills and the ability to do white color jobs and reduce their dependency on their parents (Emmanuel et al., 2023).

The government should construct more industries in the area to attract women employment. The government should build more technical institutions in the area, because there is only one which accommodates few students.

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