

KITOVU MOBILE AIDS ORGANISATION

#UGM2016

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ABOUT KITOVU MOBILE AIDS ORGANISATION

Kitovu Mobile aims to create an empowered community with the ability to cope with HIV/AIDS and its impact. To improve the quality of life of people affected by HIV and AIDS, Kitovu Mobile works with communities in the areas of prevention, care support and capacity building.



[#UGM2015 runners being shown around by Kitovu Mobile](#)

Kitovu started in 1987 in response to the overwhelming impact of HIV/AIDS in Masaka district. Initially the main purpose of Kitovu Mobile was to care for people with HIV and AIDS and conduct preventative education. Today its operations have expanded to include the communities affected by the disease not only the patients themselves.

Today Kitovu cares for over 4,000 people living with HIV and AIDS, as well as training 2,000 disadvantaged youth in modern sustainable agriculture to ensure they have a source of income. Uganda is such a rich and fertile land that farming is actually extremely difficult to manage, Kitovu works with the farmers from disadvantaged communities, who do not have the knowledge to farm effectively, to help them turn their land into a sustainable source of income. This helps the communities live with AIDS and support themselves.

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Winston Churchill described Uganda as the “Pearl of Africa” and so it should be the breadbasket of Africa when it comes to farming and produce. But, due to poor governance and a lack of understanding by many landowners, the full potential of Uganda’s fertile land is not being utilised. This leaves thousands of people in poverty that could be earning sustainable incomes.

This falls directly in line with Kitovu’s mission as many of the rural communities, who have been heavily impacted by HIV/AIDS could still be sustaining themselves through proper farming.

The 2015 fundraising supported Kitovu Mobile’s work to combat this issue with runners in 2015 building a new dairy cow structure in a demonstration farm, to be used to train rural farmers. They also kick-started a “pass on a cow” initiative, where we donated a cow to a farm with the intention of the first calf being passed on and donated to another community.



The dairy cow in it’s new structure, receiving injections from the local vet

But with over 800+ beneficiaries the work is far from complete. We want to replicate this project across other communities to grow it across the Masaka region. Your fundraising will therefore be supporting Kitovu Mobile to continue to reach rural farmers and their communities by helping to fund a second dairy cow structure and dairy cow.

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Kitovu Mobile's work in health care within Masaka is so vital to the community; to the point that they are the only palliative care service in the whole region. This means without their hard work, sufferers of severe illness would not have a place where they and their families can be properly cared for within their last days.

But, whilst this program has come under threat, due to lack of funding and resources, due to your fundraising the marathon can help sustain this vital organisation. We are linking with Kitovu Mobile to help them develop their sustainable hostel project. This project comes from the need for accommodation from volunteers who come internationally and domestically to support the work that Kitovu do. Currently, the volunteers are housed in relatively expensive hostels within town but by having their own hostel, Kitovu can save money spent on accommodation and put it directly into their palliative care unit. The hostel will also be open to the general public so even when volunteers are not around, with the right marketing Kitovu Mobile can continue to make money.



Income is also being generated for families supported through Kitovu Mobiles agriculture programs. The first dairy cow donated by our 2015 runners has already had a calf that has been passed onto another fully trained family to help them dig their own way out of poverty. It is also pregnant again so another family has been lined up to give the next calf a home.

Incredibly, thanks to the amazing funds that the Uganda Marathon runners have raised, the huge amounts of data that Kitovu collects is now being recorded efficiently, allowing for targeted funding into most needed areas. This is thanks to the laptops that have digitised all of Kitovu's record keeping.



THANK YOU FOR MAKING ALL OF THIS POSSIBLE!