

Club's Support for ISSE Solutions Making a Difference for Ugandan Mothers and their Children

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During the Rotary year, 2014-15, the club made a donation of \$2500 to ISSE Solutions, with headquarters in Kelowna, to assist the organization in implementing humanitarian projects in Uganda.

In an update at the club's meeting on January 22nd, International Service Director Linda Frandsen, reported that the club's donation, with other donations from the Kelowna community, had made a profound difference for women and girls in Uganda in 2015.

This financial support continues to provide ISSE Solutions with the means to empower mothers, fathers and grandparents who do not have a reliable source of income to care for the children of their families by enabling them to establish business enterprises whereby the profits would be used first and foremost for the education of the children; and to educate girls about their reproductive health. Reusable sanitary kits sewn by teams in Kelowna and Kampala, were also provided to the girls receiving this education.



Linda's report included how \$850 of the \$2500 donated to ISSE Solutions had assisted three women to each establish a business which had a significant impact on the families of these women through a program called **ISEE Mama Nguvu**.

Fadhilah Kabajungu, a 30 year old single mother with six children between the ages of one year and eight years, received \$500 to enable her to purchase a computer, photocopier, card reader and paper supplies for her stationary shop.

Salume Semme, a 29 year old married mother of seven children from two to 15 years, received \$175 from the club's donation, to provide her with a popcorn machine and popping supplies which enabled her to diversify her home vegetable sale business.

Edith Mayande, a single mom with three children still at home and attending school where she must pay school fees, expanded her small business to include popcorn sales as a means to increase her profit with the \$175 she received. Her business originally only involved the frying of cassava chips and samosas from her home which was then sold to the local schools.

ISEE Solutions is a grassroots society that focuses on projects in Uganda focused on sustainability, education and empowerment.