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Sustain for Life demonstrates sustainable agriculture techniques to produce nutritious food for hospitals while training vulnerable and marginalised community members, mainly women. The enterprise improves livelihoods at two locations in southwest Uganda and creates new markets by selling surplus food.



Sustain for Life, Uganda

BUSINESS MODEL

Sustain for Life's hospital gardens at Bwindi Community and St Francis Mutolere Hospitals in Uganda provide patients and staff with food while offering a platform for training communities in sustainable agriculture, nutrition and sanitation. This helps them become self-sufficient, using low-cost solutions to combat hunger.

Sustain for Life generates income by selling surplus food produced in its gardens. It also helps participants replicate the skills they have learnt in their own communities, increasing the impact of the enterprise.

ENTERPRISE FAST FACTS

Location	Buhoma and Kisoro
Year founded	2010
Sector	Agriculture
Product/Service	Nutritious food for hospital patients

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Social impacts:

- Providing sustainable agricultural skills for disadvantaged groups, especially women.
- Creating job opportunities for women and promoting gender equity.
- Improving hospital patients' health through nutrition.

Environmental impacts:

- Implementing sustainable organic agriculture.
- Improving land use and energy efficiency by teaching more environmentally forms of food production and processing.
- Promoting recycling and waste management during training courses.

Economic impacts:

- Establishing new collaborations between small producers and creating new markets.
- Providing community members with new or alternative opportunities for generating income.
- Introducing community members to new, high-income crops that can be sold to external markets.

” Sustain for Life teaches important agricultural skills, at the same time providing a sustainable solution to combat hunger, food insecurity and poverty.

Scaling up activities:

- Increase production by 40% to provide sufficient vegetables for the entire patient and staff population at two hospitals.
- Train 400 community members in sustainable organic agricultural skills, agribusiness, low-cost technologies, sanitation, nutrition and income generation.
- Sign contracts for the sale of surplus vegetables to tourist camps and other commercial entities to ensure the enterprise's sustainability.
- Establish partnerships with other organisations and community groups so the enterprise can be replicated in other places, including a school for visually and hearing-impaired children in Kisoro, remand homes, informal settlements and at the Kampiringisa National Rehabilitation Centre.



” Sustain for Life explicitly assesses and responds to the needs of women, helping them promote sustainable development in their community.



Partnership

- **Sustain for Life** developed the agricultural enterprise at two hospitals in southwest Uganda and continues to support them.
- **Bwindi Community Hospital** donates land and directly implements the project through training in sustainable agriculture skills and producing nutritious food.
- **St Francis Hospital Mutolere** provides land, promotes sustainable organic agriculture, produces quality food for the hospital.



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About the SEED Initiative

The SEED Initiative identifies and supports promising small scale social and environmental entrepreneurs around the globe, entrepreneurs who while working towards a greener economy also tackle poverty, marginalisation and social exclusion. SEED provides these entrepreneurs with know-how and networks, taking the lessons learnt at local level up to decision-makers to promote evidence-based policy making. For more information please write to info@seedinit.org or visit:

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