

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1

A Refugee is a person who flees their home or homeland to seek safe refuge in another place. Uganda is a country with about two million such 'refugees', mostly from S. Sudan and Congo, with some from Somalia, Burundi, and Ethiopia. Uganda has 'friendly' policies that allow for rights to education, work, property, healthcare, and other (minimal) services. Yet access to enough nutritious food is a big problem. The vast majority live in 'camps' which lack most of the normal infrastructure we expect in the western world, which is the case for much of the present population in rural Uganda.

There are 13 settlements

1. Achol Pii

2. Bidi Bidi

3. Imperi

4. Kampala

5. Kiryandango

6. Kyaka II

7. Kyangwali

8. Nakivale

9. Pagirinya

10. Rhino

11. Rwanwanaga

12. Palorinya

13. Oruchiga

Seeds for Souls East Africa (S4SEA) desires to reach out and help as many as possible with the gift of garden seeds. There is a huge lack of vegetables and enough good food to keep people healthy, especially 60% of the population which is children. It is the goal of S4SEA and D3S to provide packets of appropriate varieties of vegetables, herbs, and pulse crops so the population of refugees might grow most of what they need to eat. Though plots are small, there is space to plant small gardens and even space outside the camps for cooperative gardens. The food provided by the UN and other international relief agencies is simply not enough, especially of fresh vegetables for minimum daily requirements toward good nutrition.



The plan is to grow much of the seed for our distributions within Uganda, grown by Ugandan widows via the S4SEA program 'Widows Seed'. What other seed varieties are essential will be provided by Day 3 Seeds, grown by us or purchased from seed-producing companies operating in East Africa. The packets of seed will be prepared by volunteers in both Uganda and the USA, all meeting or exceeding quality standards for 'Good Seed'.

The outreach project has a theme slogan, more of a nickname SEED 4 U!



A calendar and budget plan for 2021 is for four outreach trips to the four largest camps. Raymond Kaija, Director of Seeds for Souls East Africa, and his staff in Masindi, Uganda will coordinate the trips with authorities in Kampala and the camp officials. Each trip will be 7-8 days, with 6 persons traveling with Raymond while expecting 4-6 persons from that region to join him there for implementation of the distribution of seeds.



Also planned are small seminars about seeds, sowing and germination, and how to save seeds for future gardens. The target audience for such seminars is the more experienced gardeners within the camp, those who can grasp quickly what is being shared, and then share among their own neighbors in the camps. The seed to be distributed is funded by D3S (through the Love Challenge, dedicated gifts, and grants).



The need is for funds to initiate each journey - \$6,000 (transport, fuel, lodging, meals, educational materials). The travel calendar for each is tentative and fluid at this writing, but the goal is to visit the four camps (highlighted) within the first 6 months of 2021, with follow-up visits in the latter half of the year. The other camps will be planned for 2022 as progress and efforts of 2021 are evaluated for success.



The costs for these trips are not unreasonable and within reach. The impact of outreach can be amazing. Each trip has the potential for delivery of 250,000 packets of quality vegetable, herb, and pulse crop seeds. Plus, the refugees will realize that Christian neighbors within Uganda and from the USA have charitable hearts and loving concern toward their good health. The power of the Gospel becomes good and real, just as real as a good seed to plant.

This could be a great project for your congregation, church group, school, and classrooms, or business club. We humbly and boldly ask that you pray upon a gift toward this outreach effort. Thank You.