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## FACTS & FIGURES

Arapai Sub-county  
Soroti, Uganda

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participants

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**8** DECENT WORK AND  
ECONOMIC GROWTH



## ACWW Project Fact File: Empowering Vulnerable Women and At-Risk Girls Arapai, Soroti, Uganda

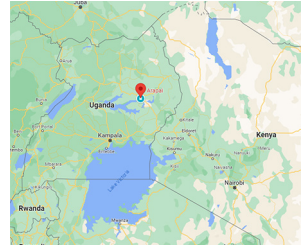
The aim of this project is to empower vulnerable women and at-risk girls by improving household incomes, nutrition, and livelihoods through sustainable and scalable agricultural-led enterprise and Village Savings and Loan Association group activities. It is delivered in partnership with Youth with a Focus Teso

### Objectives

- Enrol 100 women and girls into 4 community-based training groups.
- Establish 4 demonstration plots to train the participants in organic and sustainable agriculture cultivation and techniques such as beekeeping, post-harvest preservation and marketing and cultivation.
- Provide technical assistance and farm inputs and equipment to each training group.
- Promote organic vegetable cultivation, fruit and coffee tree growing and beekeeping within the community.

# So how does it work?

- Partner organisation Youth with a Focus Teso conducted baseline assessment surveys with individual participants and with focus groups to inform the knowledge gaps among the participants, and the implementation of the project activities.
- A successful partnership between YWAFT and the local authorities was achieved through clear distinction of roles established at the first stage of project implementation and commitment from each side to the success of the project objectives. This partnership has safeguarded the activities of the project into the future once all activities were implemented.



## Tell me more...

Identification of project participants by local authorities using YWAFT selection criteria established a strong working relationship between the two service providers and helped community support for the project.

Some of the outcomes so far include:

- 600 coffee tree seedlings planted.
- 16 beehives procured and distributed among the training plots, successfully colonised by bees.
- All participants were trained in organic vegetable cultivation increasing awareness among the participants and community of sustainable organic cultivation methods.

Youth with a Focus Teso report: *“The baseline survey report was the strongest component of this project because the report brought out underlying issues concerning the plight of women and girls to the limelight to the wider community for future remedial actions and interventions.”*

## Partnerships between NGOs and Community-Based Organisations

The capacity building component of this project formed strong teams in the community for the continuation of this project.

The district, sub-county, parish and village leaders have known their roles and owned the project initiative and will continue to ensure that the project stays relevant and sustainable.

Building this local capacity is a crucial part of the project and contributes to the strength of all participants.



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