



# Annual Report 2017

Giving Hope Foundation (GHF) joined the rest of the world to celebrate the World Hepatitis Day through a series of events organized and attended by several Civil Society Organizations and members from the Ministry of Health. Celebrations were marked with a 6Km charity walk through town and ended at



Makerere University Sports ground where activities like Hepatitis testing, vaccination and several talks to raise awareness were held. GHF also joined CSOs in Kasese and Gulu districts to commemorate with similar events.

GHF also attended the African Liver Hepatitis Association's (ALPA) annual general assembly that was held in Sheik El Sharm in

Egypt. GHF further attended that World Hepatitis Summit and General Assembly that was held in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

We are in the process of setting up a portal that will connect and share information about viral hepatitis including patient stories from all over the world. Hepatitis Voices will also be a platform for archive and interactions between patients, CSOs, Governments, medical practitioners, advocates and patients.

## **Stay Safe Club**

GHF usually carries out activities in secondary schools to improve life skills of young adults with emphasis on entrepreneurship, awareness on health issues like HIV, Viral hepatitis and also using simple technologies to improve their lives. This year we unfortunately did not fully participate in our planned activities in schools because of limited funds and volunteers. We only held activities in first and second terms at Caltec Academy Kabojja and International School respectively. We however held three group counseling sessions session with boys from MWYFC and also held a meeting on alumni who are now engaged in employment. The counseling sessions supported holiday making youths with a

goal of supporting and preparing them as they transition from towards adulthood.

To sustain our activities under the Stay Safe club, GHF has contacted and discussed with participating schools to pay small fees for such sessions as they help guide their students in their study, as well as offer mitigation to violent activities like strikes and drug abuse in schools.



## Makerere West Youth FC

We are in the process of setting up two parallel teams of young children (Under 8 years) one in Makerere Kikoni and the other in Bulyango village in Hoima



District. This process takes time and resources but initial steps have been taken to ensure that MWYFC name and goals are realized in the long run. We are also planning sustainability of activities of the team through paid football galas, shirt sponsorship as well as parents paying some fees for their children to participate in some training sessions and events. GHF will also seek contribution from parents when children travel to play football matches.

## Renewable Energy Technologies

GHF's business arm Awamu Biomass Energy continues to grow in the private sector. We have committed funds to support the scaling up of the business. We have also been creating business models that will ensure growth and expansion. The business also is in the process of setting up a Board of Directors which will guide the growth of the business.

The enterprise participated in several fundraising and networking events both locally and on the international scene. Our work and products were showcased

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# Kochherd am Teststand

**Bioenergy 2020+ | Afrikanischer Unternehmer leistet mit innovativem Kochherd Beitrag zur Lösung der Umweltprobleme in Afrika. Wieselburger Forscher begeisterte, Partner gesucht.**

**WIESELBURG-LAND** | Das Kompetenzzentrum für Biomasseforschung Bioenergy 2020+ am Technopolstandort Wieselburg lockt Gäste aus der ganzen Welt an. Vergangene Woche war es der afrikanische Unternehmer Nölbort Muhumuza, der in seiner kleinen Werkstatt in Kampala Uganda hocheffiziente Kochherde erzeugt.

Rund eine Milliarde Menschen in Afrika sind darauf angewiesen, mit Holz zu kochen. Meist geschieht dies auf sehr ineffiziente Weise über offenen Feuerstellen oder mittels Holzkohle. Der enorme Holzverbrauch für die Holzkohleerzeugung und die Herdstellen führen zu einer Dezimierung der

Wälder mit negativen ökologischen Folgen. Die effizienten Kochherde der Firma AWAMU von Nölbort Muhumuza erlauben es, den Holzverbrauch zu

halbieren. Ein weiterer Vorteil des innovativen Kochherds sind die niedrigen Rauchgasemissionen. Diese lagen bei der Messung im Labor von Bioenergy

2020+ bei einem Betrieb mit Holzbriketts im Bereich von heimischen Grenzwerten für Holzöfen. In einem nächsten Schritt soll untersucht werden, ob man mit brikettierten landwirtschaftlichen Reststoffen den Holzverbrauch weiter senken könnte. Noch muss die Finanzierung für das Projekt gesichert werden und es wird nach weiteren Partnern gesucht. „Vor allem für Hersteller von einfachen Brikettieranlagen kann das interessant sein, da sich die Chance ergibt, neue Geschäftsmodelle und Vertriebswege in Afrika zu erschließen“, erklärt Manuel Schwabl, der Leiter der Abteilungen Direct Heating Systems und Emission Technology & Research.



Wissensaustausch im Technopol Wieselburg, von links: Jens-Michael Kirchof, Manuel Schwabl (beide Bioenergy 2020+), Johannes Schmidl (Save Energy Austria), Nölbort Muhumuza (AWAMU), Manfred Wörgetter (Bioenergy 2020+), Cornelia Schenk (ADA), Christian Rakos (proPellets Austria) und Harald Stressler (Bioenergy 2020+).

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in two major newspapers in Austria and Germany which has not only helped increase attractiveness for investment but also increase awareness of our products and services that have a triple bottom line. Awamu stoves were also covered in the Daily Monitor twice in 2017 which saw us gain increased market interest in Uganda. The “Awamu” brand has continued to grow and gain interest from businesses and NGOs that have environmental programs; they wish to include our product in their portfolio. Our production capacity remains a challenge to meet such demands – hence the need to scale up our operations.

## Agriculture

GHF this year embarked on an interesting journey to improve financial, literacy and health in vulnerable communities in Uganda. We drew a plan and began pilot activities in Kiraira Village, Hoima district. The ambition is to create what we call “Villionaires” (or village millionaires – poor households that have secured financial, health futures as well as increasing literacy levels in this community). We plan is to setup activities that would increase value addition to agricultural harvest at the grassroots. We also wish to see a community where children and adults have access to information and technology that would help them improve their own lives both in education and health. We started on plans to add value to wasted mangoes through juice extraction and fruit drying as well as planting improved cassava yields. This pilot program will run for two years as we assess its viability and take lessons before they can be scaled up to neighboring villages and communities.



## **Networking and Partnership**

GHF participated in activities of the networks such as DENIVA and Latek stay Alliance Uganda. Awamu Biomass Energy is also a member to the Biomass Energy Efficient Technologies Association (BEETA) as well as the Uganda National Alliance on Clean Cooking (UNACC). We have creating working partnerships with several local businesses and NGOs to increase our social and environmental impacts in Uganda.