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The housing crisis in Uganda

This project is entirely based on sustainable, affordable housing in Uganda especially among the youth and what can be done to improve the situation. Accessing affordable housing in Uganda is still a very big challenge especially among the younger population yet these constitute the biggest part of the county's population (73%). According to the Ministry of Lands Housing and Urban Development, Uganda has a deficit of approximately 1.7million habitable houses. This has not only affected the socio-economic aspects of Ugandans' lives but also the environmental and natural resources such as wetlands and forests which are at risk of massive destruction leaving future generations hanging in the balance.
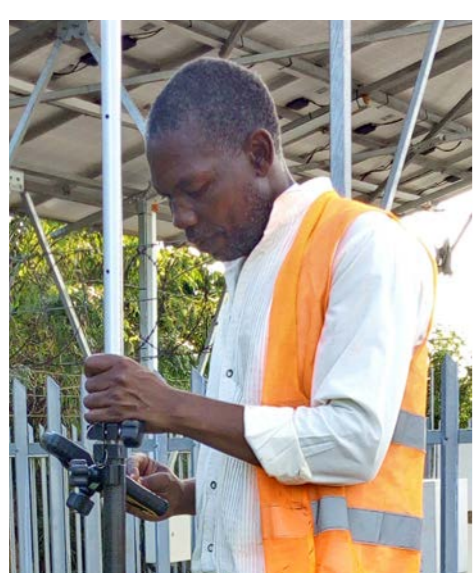
The cause of this is mainly poverty and ignorance but also, lifestyle is seen as another issue where the majority of the young population live in informal settlements. In such a scenario, there is no technical support services, for example the planning and construction of decent, affordable houses. Large families of ten to fifteen members have also left land resources at the verge of becoming less productive. A lack of affordable housing in rural areas has led to increased rural to urban migration which results in the youth becoming more economically vulnerable. Lack of technical know-how and persistent poverty stand as the major causes of inadequate housing among them, they can provide cheap labour and free land due to parental ownership. Sustainable and affordable housing development in Uganda can be enhanced by;

- Forming youth groups with the purpose of achieving good housing consumption,
- Organizing community based small housing cooperatives.

This Project for Good can create a positive impact on sustainable and affordable housing development in Uganda by highlighting the major factors to be put under serious consideration.

This project is dedicated to one Rural Youth Community of Mangira Village in Nagojje Sub-County Mukono District where the writer originates.

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