



International Non-Governmental Organisations and Poverty Reduction in Uganda: A case study of Care International, Rukiga District

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Introduction

The study was undertaken to establish the role of International Non-Government Organisations (INGOs) in poverty reduction efforts in Uganda, focusing on Care International, an international NGO operating in Rukiga District in South-Western Uganda.

Objectives

The study was guided by three objectives, namely:

1. to examine how Care International's educational programmes have improved access to education of the poor in Rukiga District,
2. to assess how Care International's livestock improvement programmes have improved food security to the poor in Rukiga District,

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3. to examine how Care International's health intervention programmes have improved the livelihood of the poor in Rukiga District.

Methodology

The research study used the cross-sectional survey design and relied on the quantitative and qualitative approaches to collect data from 75 respondents who were selected using simple random sampling and purposive sampling techniques, of which only 60 positively responded to the study. Whereas quantitative data were analysed using descriptive statistics, namely, frequency tables; qualitative data were sorted and grouped into themes and presented using narrative text.

Key findings

The study found that several children in poor homes were provided with a chance to undertake formal education by Care International. It also found that Care International has achieved success in ensuring that children have a steady environment for improved development and learning. The study found that Care International in its anti-poverty efforts in Rukiga, did not offer livestock to farmers, but extends assistance to the poor livestock farmers by providing infrastructure for the marketing of their livestock.

Last but not least, the study found that Care International mobilises funds to support health care services in Rukiga District.



Key recommendations

The study recommended that INGOs engage the community in all its operations as it is the community. It is also suggested that both the Rukiga district authorities and the government jointly or in close coordination with INGOs, formulate anti-poverty strategies.

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