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IN THE 7 +1 AREAS

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Hajjat Sebyala greening amidst Covid19 challenges



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Faith plan for people and planet (2021-2028) is a product of intensive Consultations between Uganda Muslim Supreme Council (UMSC) and Energizing Solutions Ltd (ES) and is based on two (2) Themes thus;

1. Planting trees as part of Sadakatul-Jaliah (Donation to God Per teachings), and inculcate a sense of Love, care and growing them for Rewards; here and in hereafter.
2. Commitment and willingness to act where "we first practice what we want to preach and then preach what we want to practice.

Introduction,

This Faith plan for people and Planet draws from the experiences of the previous 7 Year Faith long term plan and is based on the 7(seven) standard areas of Faith based initiatives plus 1(one) of involving Women in Environment protection activities from a faith perspective.

Background,

According to Uganda Government 2015 Reports, Uganda's forest cover has shrunk from 45% in 1890 to present 20.3% of the total land area and the rate of deforestation is estimated to be 1% per annum.

What has worked,

Through Greening Fridays and other UMSC and Energizing Solutions Ltd green initiatives including involvement of Women Groups , over 250,000 tree seedlings were distributed/ planted over a 9 year period from 2010 to 2019.

Lessons learnt,

This new Plan draws from Lessons Learned from the Expired LTFFP and the unaccomplished tasks are going to be rolled over in the new plan.

Justification of the proposed plan.

Faith Leaders have their divine Authority derived from the Holy books and they have definite followers that believe in them and look up to them for spiritual guidance yet they are still not well represented / not present on the Climate talks Big tables.

The Vision.

The Holy Scripture freeing Uganda of effects of climate change envisions Understanding & compliance by all Uganda Muslims to the Quranic provisions of Ayah 30:41.

The Mission.

Engaging Muslims in the selected districts of Uganda, in protection of the environment per the Islamic Teachings.

Geographical Scope.

5 (Five) Selected Areas will be covered as follows;

- 1) Uganda Muslim Supreme Council (UMSC) Headquarters National Mosque – Kampala Uganda’s Capital City.
- 2) Gomba Muslim Sub-county in Mpigi Muslim District situated in West Buganda Muslim Region 80 km south west of Kampala.
- 3) Luwero Muslim District in East Buganda Muslim Region 50 km North of Kampala.
- 4) Palisa Muslim District - Eastern Uganda, 196 Km from Kampala.
- 5) Arua Muslim District - Northern Uganda, 475 Km from Kampala.

Specific activities in the targeted in 7 +1 Key Areas

1. Assets

Afforestation – 4 New Forests to be planted in the 4 Rural Muslim Districts (Gomba, Luwero, Palisa and Arua) on 2 acres of Land each (8 Acres in Total).

2. Education & Youth

Environmental activities will be promoted in 28 schools and 7 institutions through; introduction of Greening Fridays, General cleaning days, Annual Environment talks, Green Friday Clubs, Competition quizzes on Islam & Environment, Interschool debates and formation of School Tree Nurseries and demonstration gardens.

3. Wisdom

A standard Greening Friday Tool/Manual to be used in customized Khutba (Friday Sermon) will be developed. 5(five) Training of Trainers and 4(four) Regional workshops will be Carried out to sensitize 20 Muslim leaders on the Greening Friday Tool.

4. Life style

Mainstreaming Environment activities in all religious and other activities will be scaled up. Will include fruit tree planting by all Key Visitors to UMSC. All Islamic Religious Activities in the selected 4 districts of Gomba, Luwero, Palisa and Arua will likewise incorporate elements of Environment sensitization / activity in all their Key religious activities.

5. Media & Advocacy

A communication and dissemination strategy will be developed, Specialized training organized for 10(ten) environment journalists with Regular radio programs, columns in Magazines, and a LEAN media team formed to produce a documentary of the Green Works.

6. Partnerships & Departments

Partnerships with National Forestry Authority (NFA) will be Maintained, relationship with National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA) will be initiated. Will work with Faith Invest to explore International collaborations.

7. Celebrations

GREENING FRIDAY will continue as the Main activity with 105,000 trees planted. A GREEN WEEK will be initiated to popularize Greening Friday. Faith based entertainment groups will be supported to produce Songs and other entertainment outputs on environmental protection. Initiation of **Hajjat Green day**.

8. Women & Environment

To involve 100 families by scaling up environmental economic activities in Gomba County as per the previous plan and also ensure an entire family involvement, involve 10 (ten) youth groups and 10 (ten) women groups from the selected project districts.

Monitoring And Evaluation, will be done around targets set under the 7+1 core areas under the Activity Schedule - Action plan attached.

Budget Estimates are highlighted under **the Budget attached**.
As Ugx Shs. **3,159,540,000 (UK£ 672,243)**.

The 7Year FPPP - Introduction

This seven year Faith Plan for people and Planet (2021 2028) draws from the experiences of the expired seven year Plan by Energizing Solutions for Uganda Muslim Supreme Council for the period from 2012 – 2019 and it is going to cover five (5) main Geographical areas namely;

1. Uganda Muslim Supreme Council (UMSC) Headquarters National Mosque – Kampala Uganda’s Capital City.
2. Gomba Muslim Sub-county in Mpigi Muslim District situated in West Buganda Muslim Region 80 km south west of Kampala.
3. Luwero Muslim District in East Buganda Muslim Region 50 km North of Kampala.
4. Palisa Muslim District - Eastern Uganda, 196 Km from Kampala.
5. Arua Muslim District - Northern Uganda, 475 Km from Kampala.

The selected upcountry areas are affected by deforestation. In totality the plan targets afforestation, massive sensitization, capacity building, various economic friendly environmental activities (energy saving initiatives), efforts towards best practices, and planting of 150,000 (one hundred and fifty thousand) fruit & indigenous trees.

Background

¹As a result of the COVID 19 Pandemic, the effects of the climate change crisis due to carbon emission show that 10% of the greenhouse emissions come from waste.

²The state of Uganda forestry report 2015, reports that Uganda's forest cover has shrunk from 45% in 1890 to present 20.3% of the total land area and the rate of deforestation is estimated to be 1% per annum. Uganda is at a risk of losing all its forests if deforestation continues at its present rate, there would be no forests left in 40 years.

The climate change impacts in Uganda show that there has been 0.2 degree Celsius increase in temperatures every decade since 1960 and may increase up to 5.3 degrees Celsius by 2080.this means a lot because the increase in temperatures increases transpiration and water loss from soils, thereby destroying seedlings and crops. Rainfall projection will decrease by roughly 188mm by 2080 and also a shift in seasons.

¹ UNEP Report 2020

² Ministry Of Water & Environment Report 2015

³What has worked?

This plan draws from the experiences of the expired 7 year Long Term Faith Plan (2012 – 2019), supported by Alliance for Religions and Conservation(ARC), the Gomba Women Environment Protection Project that started in 2011 and the experiences of Hajjat Sebyala Aphwa as a climate change ambassador for British Council. Under these portfolios, Hajjat Sebyala as director of Energizing Solutions Ltd, has used a faith based approach to reach out to hundreds of people in Uganda and beyond with inspiring messages on climate change mitigation. Some of the people reached include; leaders of Uganda Muslim Supreme Council (UMSC), Muslims of Old Kampala mosque (the biggest mosque in East & Central Africa), corporate women, Community Based Muslim women groups, etc. This outreach work has contributed to a number of achievements as follows;

1. Greening Friday initiated and got it gazetted on the UMSC Calendar as an annual event on every Second Friday of the holy Month of Ramadhan and held for 12 years since 2010.
2. Distributed over 250,000 tree seedlings to community based groups, Muslim leaders, Muslim community and the General Community.
3. Directly reached over 200,000 people in the mosques via Friday Sermons (Khutba) for 12 (Twelve) years and several millions through the media coverage before, during and after the activities.
4. Concretized partnership with National Forestry Authority (NFA) of Uganda who donated Tree seedlings for all the 12 years.

Lessons learnt and Challenges to be addressed

Lessons learnt from the previous FLTP will guide the new Plan, and the unaccomplished tasks are going to be rolled over in the new plan. Strategies are devised to address the encountered implementation challenges as highlighted in the table below;

No	Challenges	Strategy
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³ The Previous Faith Long Term Plan (2012- 2019)

1	Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) There was no capacity in form of funding and human resource to do the M&E.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Included in this plan are Logistics (equipment such as; a vehicle, computers especially laptops, Digital camera, tablet and M&E specialist on environment) to effectively monitor and evaluate the distributed and planted trees, especially outside Kampala.
2	The previous seven year plan largely focused on the national leaders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new plan will be implemented in the selected Muslim district which shall be a project district targeting lower leaders in the structure.
3	There is increased demand for eucalyptus trees as opposed to fruit and indigenous trees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging and sensitizing communities to plant eucalyptus trees only on Hill tops. • Continuous sensitisation and NFA distribution of indigenous and fruit trees other than eucalyptus.
4	Demand for fruit trees exceeds capacity.	Increase networking with strategic partners and sourcing for more resources to fund environmental activities so the gap can be covered.
5	Lack of suitable policies within UMSC structures about environmental issues.	Come up with suitable possible environmental guidelines within UMSC structures for sustainability.

Justification of the proposed Plan

This seven year plan envisages increased engagement and ownership of the project by communities due to inclusion of Muslim districts from the various regions of Uganda inspire more Green action within the Ummah, build networks and connections.

Faith Leaders have their divine authority derived from the Holy books and they have definite followers that believe in and look up to them for spiritual guidance. This places them in a better situation to advocate for positive behavioral change towards environmental sustainability through continuous preaching and using their well established and coordinated structures.

Vision

The Holy Scripture freeing Uganda from the effects of climate change.

*We desire to ensure full Understanding & compliance by all Uganda Muslims to the Qur'anic provisions of Ayah 30:41 which states "...evil has appeared on land and sea because of what the hands of men have earned that God may make them taste a part of that which they have done **in order that they may Return...**"*

Mission

To engage Muslims in the selected Districts of {(Gomba, Luwero , Palisa & Arua) plus UMSC headquarters in Kampala)} as project sites in scaling up protection of environmental activities as per the Islamic Teachings in relation to the major seven plus one (7+1) areas of implementation which include; Assets, Education & Youth, Wisdom, Lifestyles, Media & Outreach, Partnerships & departments and Celebrations + (plus) Women

Specific Objectives:-

1. Afforestation, devise ways of planting or replanting 4 different forests through Encouraging tree planting in the community.
2. Scaling up sensitization programs for Muslims on the causes and effects of climate change, to identify areas where human activities have contributed to the problem and devise remedies.
3. Produce customized Khutba (Sermon) on the teachings of Islam about sustainable use of the environment through adaptation and mitigation measures.

4. Mobilize and encourage communities to start up income generating activities for economic empowerment and environmental sustainability.

Geographical Scope of the Plan

The plan will be implemented over a seven year period (2021 – 2028) in the selected areas of Gomba Muslim county, Luwero Muslim district, UMSC headquarters central Muslim district, Palisa Muslim district in Eastern Uganda and Arua Muslim district in Northern Uganda.

⁴The areas selected are highly populated and they take charcoal as an economic activity which has resulted in high rates of deforestation and land degradation. There is poor rural electrification and costly electricity which makes 89% of Ugandans use firewood and charcoal as the main source of fuel to cook.

Activities

In totality the plan targets, massive sensitization (efforts towards best practices), capacity building, various environmental and mitigation; encouraging of environmentally friendly economic activities (energy saving initiatives), and planting of 150,000 (mainly fruit & Indigenous) trees over the seven years distributed as 21,000 at national level during the annual Greening Fridays; 6,400 in four selected demonstration forests; 46,800 in Luwero; 20,000 in Gomba; 5,800 by women groups & on Hajjat Green day ; 25,000 to be planted in Palisa and 25,000 in Arua -(for detail please see **work plan attached**).

The plan will be based on 7+1 key areas listed below⁵

1. Assets

The new activities in the four new targeted areas of Gomba, Luwero, Palisa and Arua Muslim districts will be to plant a forest using indigenous trees in all, 2 acres per district which will contain an estimate of 800 trees per acre. UMSC AWQF department to identify land in the selected project areas, but if it is not available, suitable Land will be acquired for the purpose.

There will be construction of water harvesting technologies in all districts for watering the planted trees mainly.

⁴ Ministry of water and Environment report 2015

⁵ The core seven areas plus one

2. Education & Youth

2A. what was done

Lessons and Activities in the Expired Plan as below will inform the new plan



ES staff greening kisasi Academy School, 201



Greening Friday in a Primary school, 2014



Greening in Bulo secondary school, Butambala 2014,



Water bottle irrigation at Hawa secondary- 2019

2B. what is to be done

This plan intends to scale up and concentrate more in schools (in 21 new schools and 7 institutions) and youth leaders and youth groups through the following activities;

- Introduction of greening Fridays in the schools.

- General cleaning days.
- Annual environment talks.
- Green Friday clubs.
- Competitions on Islam & environment.
- Interschool environmental debates.
- Establishment of school nurseries by students.
- Establishment Educational Demonstration gardens.
- Conduct youth trainings on environmental issues.

3. Wisdom

3A. what was done

In the expired Plan, capacity was built for over 22 Sheikhs/Imams in environment protection plus Greening Friday sermon (Khutba) as below,



District Khadhs sensitization seminar in 2013



District Khadhs after the sensitization seminar

3B. what is to be done

In this, it is planned to,

- Develop an environmental training manual with an Islamic teaching with Ayats & hadith.
- Develop environmental policy guidelines within UMSC Structures.

- To do capacity building in getting a standard Greening Friday Tool to be used to promote green initiatives. The tool will be translated in 5 local languages to suit particular regions.
- Conduct Training of Trainers (TOTs) for religious leaders, secretaries of social services and women in the five (5) Muslim regions in Environmental protection.
- Conduct 5 regional workshops in environmental protection, conservation and preservation.

4. Lifestyles

4A. what was done

In the previous plan, the environment was mainstreamed in a number of activities, like weddings, graduations etc. and at UMSC headquarters each key visitor planted a fruit tree to commemorate the day and sensitize. Examples of visitors, who planted trees,

1. His Excellency the President of Uganda, Y.K Museveni, 17.11.2016.
2. DFID's Jenn Ruddick planted on 8.5.2019.
3. Mufti Ismael Menk planted it on 21. 6. 2019.



Grandaunts receiving a living present



A living present on a wedding



H.E the president of the Republic of UMSC Headquarters 2016

DFID guest greening 2019 at UMSC Uganda greening

4B. What is to be done

In this plan it is intended to scale up this practice of mainstreaming environment in all activities so that sensitizations continue up to the lowest structure in the selected Muslim Districts. The giving out of Living presents (trees) will continue during all activities that take place such as graduation parties, introduction ceremonies, weddings and Mauled etc.

5. Media & Advocacy

5A. What was done

The expiring programme has done very well in this area with wide coverage for both print and electronic media.



New vision E- Paper greening Friday 2021



Greening Friday 2021 published in National paper 2 05.2021

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DuBk_VUL6Ng -(Greening Friday 2013)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w3NeOZcyEGM> -(Vernacular TV coverage of greening Friday at Makerere University Business School)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6x0uQp7-wdM> - Greening Friday 2014

5. B what is to be done?

It is planned to,

- Intensify and add the use of social media to widen the scope.
- In a bid to increase knowledge on Islam and environment among the Muslim community, a communication and dissemination strategy will be developed.
- Specialized training will be organized in partnership with National Environmental Management Authority(NEMA) & National Forestry Authority(NFA) to enhance the capacity of journalists in reporting on the environment.
- Regular radio and TV programs (talk shows), columns in magazines, alongside a lean specialized media team will be promoted to increase publicity on Islam & environment.
- A high profile sensitization workshop will be held for the top leadership of the selected media houses.
- Develop environmental educational outreach programmes using available media.
- Develop a greening documentary on the green initiatives.

6. Partnerships & departments

6A. what was done

Our strong strategic partnership with ARC and with the National Forestry Authority (NFA) has been very outstanding; they have donated indigenous and other trees on all occasions especially the 12 Greening Fridays as illustrated below.



NFA donated indigenous & other trees on Greening Friday 2021

NFA donated trees in 2010

6 B. What is to be done?

In this, it is planned,

- To continue with NFA Partnership and explore other new ones, government and Nongovernment.
- To continue supporting Uganda Muslim Women Association(UMWA) to do nurseries for fruit trees namely; Avocado, Jack Fruit, Black Berries, Mangoes, Guavas, Soursop, Royal Nut, Nkomamawanga(Pomegranate).
- To work closely with Faith invest of UK to explore possibilities of New International partnerships.

7. Celebrations

7A. what was done

Greening Friday was the flagship activity in the previous plan as illustrated below.



Green Friday khutba 2019



Green khutba 2021 under SOPs



Greening Friday 2021



Greening Friday 2019

7. B what is to be done

In this,

- Greening Friday will continue to be the key activity.
- In Kampala at UMSC we intend to have a green week to popularize Greening Friday.

- Identify and support four (4) faith based entertainment groups in the new project areas to compose and produce songs, messages and other entertainment outputs on environmental protection. The songs will be promoted during key celebrations such as; Iddi, graduation parties among others. media houses will also be encouraged to regularly air the songs.
- **HAJJAT GREEN DAY (Green walk)**
This is an initiative which is added to the new plan to promote and commemorate her work on women’s empowerment in relation to the environment and carry it forward as an economic activity. At least 5,800 trees will be planted. The green walk will be annually flagged off at the point agreed upon by the project team. This walk shall be flagged by high personalities in the community.

8. Women Economic Development & Environment

8A. what was done

In the previous plan, Gomba Women Environment Development Group(GWEP) was promoted where at most 50 families were supported to start environmentally friendly economic activities including;

1. Training in Islamic farming.
2. Training in climate smart agriculture.
3. Training in food security and sustainability.
4. Some planted coffee and Mutuba trees along their family gardens.
5. Training in energy saving stoves.
6. Training in charcoal briquette making.
7. Training in water harvesting technologies.
8. Training in mushroom growing.
9. Waste management.
10. Horticulture



GWEP Members under a training 2014



GWEP Climate smart Agriculture training

GWEP member watering seedlings



GWEP member showing Tomatoes planted on the Hilltop

8B.What is to be done

In this new plan we intend to scale up and target 100 families, 10 youth groups and 10 women groups from selected project districts.

Note:

The eighth area is not part of the core themes of faith invest but it is proposed in this plan drawing experience from the previous plan. The 50 families from the Gomba Women Environment group that were involved have improved their livelihood. It is a fact that women in Africa are most affected by the effects of climate change.

Thus, "the impact of climate change has different effects on women and men, and indeed children as well. The impacts are greater on women because they aggravate situations of poverty – [it is] women who have to go further for water, who have to

cope with the house being flooded or intense drought so that there is no food insecurity”

According to research, women produce 80% of the food in the developing world which is a double edged sword as they are majorly involved in activities which affect the environment. At the same time, they are more affected by the effects of climate change. In Uganda it is even worse because the food basket is mostly dependent on women’s Labour as men are normally into social activities like clubs, watching football and other sports with a sizeable number just sitting at home or drinking alcohol and waiting for the woman to put food on the table.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The plan will have a specific monitoring and evaluation strategy to keep track of proposed activities and document lessons learnt for wide dissemination. The strategy includes the following activities.

- i. Conduct a situation analysis at inception of the project to document attitudes, perceptions, and existing practices on use of the Muslim faith to promote environmental sustainability.
- ii. Annual reflection meetings with stakeholders to review the progress in implementation of project activities.
- iii. Quarterly support supervision visits to implementing partners.
- iv. Quarterly reporting on progress of activity implementation.
- v. Documentary on the key lessons learnt during project implementation.
- vi. Midterm evaluation (at three & a half years) of the 7 year faith Plan.
- vii. Summative evaluation at the end of the 7 year Plan.

Targets have been set for the 7+1 core areas that will guide the process of monitoring project activities over the course of implementation.

BUDGET ESTIMATES

Budget estimates for the faith Plans for People & planet come to Ugx sh. 3,159,540,000
(UK £ 672,243) Please see **Budget attached**

12% of the budget will be self-funding through sponsorships like part of the seedlings solicited from NFA and others at low cost from supported tree nurseries.



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