The Smart Village

ADDRESSING CHILD LABOR, SEX TRADE, AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING THROUGH POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND SELF-SUSTAINING VILLAGES.
THE MISSION

Pathway to Hope Africa's (PTHA) purpose is to empower marginalized communities in Uganda with the ability to break the cycles of chronic poverty and stop the process of trafficking women and children from villages. PTHA efforts build local capacities for self-reliance as well as increase access to resources and contribute to overall socio-economic transformation.
ABOUT PTHA

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT COLLABORATES WITH INDIVIDUALS, CHURCHES, AND ORGANIZATIONS IN AFRICA AND AROUND THE WORLD WHO SHARE OUR MISSION AND OBJECTIVES.

THE VISION

PTHA envisions a new generation of Africans with fresh hope that is built on a solid foundation of innovation, leadership, and a vibrant economy that frees men, women, and children from a marginal existence.
PTHA’S IMPACT

PTHA EFFORTS ARE FOCUSED ON HOLISTIC PROGRAMS THAT CREATE MODELS FOR SELF-SUSTAINING COMMUNITIES. PTHA PROJECTS INCLUDE REHABILITATING, MENTORING, EQUIPPING, AND EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH INCOME-GENERATING PROGRAMS.

PTHA PROGRAM HISTORY

Collaboration with and funds from the Morningside Rotary Club, District 5950, the Getsch Foundation, Mills Church, Minnetonka, and individual donors made the following projects possible.

01 DIGNITY RESTORED - POULTRY INITIATIVE

PTHA has implemented a poultry initiative in Kakiri, Wakiso District, to help over 100 households create income-generating poultry businesses. This project teaches financial skills, provides psychosocial care, and improves the nutrition levels of families in the community.

02 UGANDA SEWING CENTER

PTHA’s sewing center project in Nakivale has empowered over 220 women through teaching sewing skills, clothing design, fabric dyeing, and financial management. Feminine hygiene kits, diapers, and school uniforms that are created by women in this program further empower community members.

03 INTEGRATED NARRATIVE THERAPY

A crucial element of PTHA’s work involves the use of narrative therapy. Narrative therapy is integrated into PTHA programs to help women cope with the stresses of poverty while PTHA staff learn about the underlying issues that perpetuate the cycle of poverty in Uganda.
THE COUNTRY OF UGANDA

The majority of Uganda’s population live in villages throughout the country. PTHA aims to transform villages into self-sustaining communities that offer security and support basic human needs to combat sex trade and human trafficking.

SEX TRADE AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Because of the influx of thousands of refugees, Uganda has become a target for human trafficking. Displaced individuals’ lives are complicated by trauma, abuse, neglect, poverty, homelessness, and violence. This population is especially vulnerable to human traffickers that prey on human desperation and lack of opportunity.

A SOLUTION: SMART VILLAGES

The Smart Village model addresses the issues that are inherent in poverty-stricken communities. Through education and the creation of sustainable industries, Smart Villages address the rural challenges that result in vulnerability to human trafficking.
WHY THE SMART VILLAGE?

THE SMART VILLAGE ADDRESSES THE UNDERLYING PROBLEMS OF POVERTY AND LEADS TO A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRUCTURE. THE GOAL IS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND WOMEN THAT LEAVE THE VILLAGE IN SEARCH OF WORK OR INCOME.

Uganda’s Village Structure
80% of Africans dwell in rural areas. Agriculture and animal husbandry offer the greatest opportunity to fight poverty and provide food security in villages.

Address the Root Causes
Educating and empowering a village creates self-sufficiency. As a result, the root causes of the sex trade and human trafficking are eliminated.

Ssenyomo Village Pilot
Ssenyomo Village has been affected by sex trade and human trafficking. The village consists of a population of 623 people and 130 homes.

TRANSFORMING UGANDAN VILLAGES
Pathways to Hope Africa believes that rural villages can be transformed using the Smart Village model. The Smart Village project will effectively address the rural Ugandan challenges of poverty, hunger, disease, and security, the root causes of sex trade and human trafficking of women and children.

TRANSFORMING WOMEN’S LIVES
Women who are currently involved in the sex trade will benefit from the Smart Village project by receiving restorative care and reintegrative services. As villages achieve higher living standards, women will be motivated to return to Ugandan villages instead of living in city brothels.
THE SMART VILLAGE

THE SMART VILLAGE MODEL BREAKS THE CYCLE OF POVERTY BY ESTABLISHING THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO ENABLE A VILLAGE TO BECOME A SAFE, SELF-SUFFICIENT COMMUNITY FOR ITS RESIDENTS

The PTHA Smart Village project will use the HAVE operational concept in its program implementation: Health, Agriculture, Value Addition, Education, Security.

HEALTH

Health program elements will include medical services, education surrounding hygiene, sanitation, awareness of commercializing young girls, and early pregnancies.

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture program components include poultry farming, fish farming, greenhouse farming and nutritional education. Women will be taught sewing skills.

VALUE ADDITION

Instruct residents on how to enhance their vocational investments. Examples include using byproducts, creating new food products and learning how to increase food shelf life.

EDUCATION

The program will ensure all children receive an education. Adult vocational education will be provided, including instruction on business skills.

SECURITY

Security issues related to housing, safety, and food security are addressed by the Smart Village model.

REINTEGRATION

Women affected by prostitution will be given help to return and reintegrate into the community. Narrative therapy will be used for emotional restoration.
PROGRAM ELEMENTS

The essential elements of PTHA’s Smart Village project address the root causes of sex trade and human trafficking: poverty, hunger, disease, and security and support the healing and reintegration of women affected by sex trade and human trafficking.

HEALTH

• Medical services are established.
• Clean water and sanitation are established.
• The village is educated on hygiene, sanitation, nutrition, and management of health-related resources.
• The village is educated on the risk of early pregnancies.
• Awareness campaigns are performed to warn against the commercializing of young girls for income.
• Parents, guardians, and the community are educated about Albinos.
• Narrative therapy sessions are conducted through Community Study Circles for women reintegrating into the village.

AGRICULTURE

• Agricultural projects are established, including greenhouse farming.
• Poultry farming projects are created.
• Animal husbandry programs are instituted.
• Facilities to process and store the farming and agricultural products are built.
• Veterinary care services are established.
• Education about nutrition and value-added elements is provided.
• Women are taught sewing to provide vocation and viable skill sets.
VALUE ADDITION

Village residents are taught methods to increase the value of their vocation.

• Vocational training facilities are provided.
• Instruction is given on best practices for food production
• New forms of food production are presented.
• Residents are taught about food storage methods to prolong shelf life.
• Instruction is provided on the use of animal byproducts for fertilizers, animal feed, etc.

EDUCATION

• Work with local schools will be implemented to ensure all children are receiving an education.
Village residents are taught skills to manage their vocations (i.e., agricultural projects, farming, sewing);
• Entrepreneurial training is provided.
• Financial management and record keeping are taught.
• Village banking is established.
• Adult education related to awareness of social issues related to the sex trade and human trafficking will be established.

SECURITY

• Electronic surveillance will be implemented to keep residents safe.
• Livable housing with basic amenities will be built.
• A village infrastructure with clean water and sanitation will be developed.
• Food security will be realized through farming, vocations, and food preservation.

REINTEGRATION

• The poultry project will be used to provide alternative income to women practicing prostitution in city brothels.
• The women will visit the village to collect eggs in order for them to experience an alternate way of life.
• The women will be assisted in moving to a Smart Village through restorative and reintegration efforts.
• Narrative therapy, already in use by PTHA, will be key to reintegration.
• Community circles will be established to reintegrate women and to strengthen community relationships.
The ultimate goal of the Smart Village model is to create self-sufficient communities. In order to launch the program, significant investments of money, time, and effort are required. PTHA’s experience in implementing Ugandan projects will provide a strong foundation for the success of the Smart Village project.

The Smart Village model requires initial investments to build the village infrastructure and purchase supplies.

**MONETARY INVESTMENT**
Initial funding is required to:
- Establish the village infrastructure including water and sanitation
- Form health care services
- Build homes
- Construct industry buildings
- Build a vocational training facility
- Buy initial supplies for farming, agricultural, and/or sewing vocations

PTHA will solicit funds through its fundraising channels. However, the initial funding will require monies from major donors, possibly including the Ugandan government.

**VOLUNTEER AND VILLAGE EFFORTS**
PTHA and volunteers will work with village residents to build the Smart Village.
PTHA’s project efforts often consist of partnering with other organizations to achieve program outcomes.
PTHA’s cooperative efforts have experienced considerable success in the past.
PTHA’s Smart Village project will solicit volunteers from Uganda and from the United States to help build the first Smart Village in Ssenyomo.

**MONITORING AND SUPPORT**
PTHA will provide ongoing support for the Smart Village project using PTHA Ugandan staff.
Additionally, PTHA has partnered with a church in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, to connect U.S. volunteers with families in Uganda.
The U.S. volunteers will maintain contact with their Uganda families to receive updates on the family’s status. These connections create accountability and will help ensure families do not succumb to pressure to sell their children.
HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

THE SMART VILLAGE PROJECT PROVIDES A MODEL THAT CAN BE READILY REPLICATED IN VILLAGES THROUGHOUT UGANDA

The Smart Village project offers hope for Ugandan villages and provides alternatives to the destructive practices of the sex trade and human trafficking.

WITH YOUR HELP, PATHWAYS TO HOPE AFRICA CAN:

- BUILD FUNCTIONAL COMMUNITIES
- EMPOWER MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS
- RESTORE DIGNITY