

Outreach

with 2010 highlights



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500 older persons receive radios!

The number of people who were benefited by the ministry of ROTOM in 2010 increased by over 260% compared to 2009. The number of those served rose from **30,647** in 2009 to **112,571** in 2010. The increase was mainly due to new projects that targeted communities in which the older persons live. The focus was on attaining the following four key strategic objectives of:

1. Improved physical and emotional health.
2. Increased income and food security.
3. Promoting spiritual growth of older persons and those under their care.
4. Building an effective, sustainable and learning organization.

The major highlights of the year were the construction of a water system in Kahama, building houses for seniors, staff training and Christmas celebrations.

At the Christmas Celebrations each supported older person and widow received the gift of a radio fitted with batteries. The older persons also danced, sang and clapped as they gave moving testimonies. Many could hardly contain their delight and surprise. These radios will help the seniors stay connected and informed on what is happening in the community.

Ronah Niwagaba



A radio for Christmas!
An ecstatic George William Kateregga on receiving his present

ROTOM thanks all partners and friends for their commitment in seeing older persons live dignified and fulfilled lives!

Hundreds benefit from Landslide Response

ROTOM was also able to reduce the impact of floods and landslides that hit several parts of Kabale District. We provided a three months supply of food supplements to 170 beneficiaries whose fields of sorghum, maize and beans were destroyed. This helped them through to the next harvest.

Protected springs were built for Wacheba, Rwabuhimbira, Kandago and Kafuka villages whose water sources were destroyed. Four households whose

latrines were destroyed also received support.

Residents of the villages that were affected, received sensitization and Aqua safe for water purification to reduce the risk of water-borne diseases.

In all activities, the community (grandmothers, children, women and men) participated actively. The participation included provision of stones, and unskilled labour for building wells and mobilization.



New spring protected by ROTOM

"I am full, having received from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God." Colossians 4:18



Updates:

Staff Development: Erican Turyahama and Edith N. Kazimba attained diplomas in Community Leadership from Coady International Institute, Canada.

Supported by SLF, **Grandmothers** in Kenya, South Africa and Uganda **exchange letters** through PENAF, GAPA and ROTOM.



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Developing older persons' households' capacity to engage in income generating projects



Cosmas Siryakwere and his son with their bee-hive in December 2010

Sponsoring a Senior...

For only \$30 or Euro 25 a month, you can sponsor a senior in Uganda to:

- Receive a regular hot, nutritious meal
- Access safe water and housing
- Receive free regular medical screening and treatment
- Receive weekly home visits from volunteer counselors
- Participate in regular Christian support fellowships
- Engage in income and food security activities

As a sponsor you will receive annually, a photo, update report and two letters from the senior.

Improved Health: Continuous medical screening, provision of mosquito nets, improved housing and sanitation, increase of supply of clean water and access to medical services has led to improvement of health of older persons and their dependants.

YEARS / PROJECT	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
• Senior Sponsorship	67	124	179	160	263	303	324
• Grandmothers Support				150	150	150	150
• Dependent Children				100	150	120	120
• HIV/AIDS Widows							20
• HIV Prevention Education	1,451 of whom were older persons						40,741
• Kahama Water Supply	300 households, many of whom are headed by elderly						300
• Sanitation Education	6,001 households, 260 of whom are headed by elderly						6,001
• Landslides Response Project							387
• Evangelism Program			5,355	14,100	23,236	30,074	64,528
TOTAL	67	124	5,534	14,410	23,799	30,647	112,571

ROTOM: Older persons living dignified and fulfilled lives!