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## Volunteers Needed — UCF

The UCF is seeking volunteers (students, professionals & ordinary people) from anywhere in the world, who may be able to support our work on a one-time basis, or on a continuing basis, in any of the 2 ways below:

- 1). Skills-based volunteering (i.e., devising a creative communication strategy for two online campaigns).
- 2). Field volunteering (providing hands-on help on one of our projects, once the COVID-19 outbreak has abated).

### About Us:

The Uganda Community Farm (or the UCF) is a nonprofit social enterprise situated on 12 acres in Namisita, a village in a remote part of Kamuli, eastern Uganda. Our goal is to put the rural poor in the remotest areas of eastern Uganda on a self sufficient path from extreme poverty.

Our approach is twofold:

- 1). We identify a specific crop of interest, and grow it ourselves on the UCF's 12 acres. We then get many other rural poor farmers to do the same, by providing them with seed, and the needed agronomic training.
- 2). From here, we build market linkages for our collective produce, so we can market it under a single umbrella — together with the produce that has been grown by ourselves at the UCF.

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**1). Online/virtual skills-based volunteering — to help amplify our two campaigns here below:**

Help us devise a creative communication strategy to bring these two campaigns to the attention of the masses:

- a) The UCF has a campaign that is calling on the world to revisit its approach to ending global poverty, and to get the UN Global Goals back on track, once COVID-19 has abated. Here it is: <http://citizencall.org/>
- b) The UCF is running a fundraiser (here: <https://go.rallyup.com/endpoverty>) whose goal is both to 1) help rural poor farmers in our region rebuild from the economic hardship arising from COVID-19, through our white sorghum project, and 2) help rural poor farmers in our region build resilience, by enabling us to develop the agro-processing plant that we have described here: <http://www.ugandafarm.org/plant-details>

We are looking for digital volunteers and social media creatives to help amplify the above two campaigns, via digital media, so they are seen by people across the world.

P.S. – you may also want to see UCF founder Anthony’s article in The Guardian (published 1/1/2020), on why he is counting on the UN Global Goals, after a lifetime spent in extreme poverty: <https://bit.ly/2toxRLp>

## **2). Field volunteering (providing hands-on help on one of our projects, once COVID-19 has abated).**

### a). OUR WHITE SORGHUM PROJECT:

Rural poor farmers tend to become more energetic in doing what they do when they realize that people from different parts of the world are physically visiting them to see their work, or even to share with them new ideas and experiences where possible. If you are a prospective volunteer who has no specialized agricultural knowledge on sorghum or cereal growing, then just come visit our farmers and take a tour of their fields!

OR, if you happen to possess some agricultural expertise, the main areas where our farmers need help are:

- Training on common pests and diseases in sorghum, and how to control them.
- Soil enhancement technologies and any other crop systems for improving yields.

### b). OUR INTENDED AGRO-PROCESSING PLANT:

We will only need hands-on volunteers for our intended plant after raising the needed funding for this plant.

To see the kind of hands-on help that we will need in developing this plant after raising support, please visit our fundraiser ([go.rallyup.com/endpoverty](http://go.rallyup.com/endpoverty)) and see the phrase “How You Can Help” at the very bottom of the page.

### **Food, accommodation & local travel for field volunteers:**

For onsite volunteers, we welcome people who’d like to stay with us for any length of time (be it 5 years).

The UCF is located on 12 acres in Namusita village (also called Namisita), 22km away from the nearest town, Kamuli, and 189km (one way) from Uganda’s capital Kampala, or 219km (one way) from Entebbe Airport.

Ideally, unless someone prefers food that isn’t grown at the UCF, or chooses to stay at a hotel during their time here, food and accommodation is available (and is free) at the UCF. We have 2 main types of food that are abundantly grown at the UCF, all year round: banana and maize (eaten as posho), with beans and peanuts. We also frequently supplement these with foods bought from Kamuli town—rice, potatoes, greens, etc. With water, we have a borehole at the UCF. If needed, bottled water is also available in the nearby small towns.

Accommodation is especially basic: a few staff quarters at the UCF office, and a big hall which primarily acts as a storehouse for pooling our farmers’ produce at harvest. The latter is cleaned regularly and can be used as housing for large groups of volunteers — even if it’s time for harvesting (because there is still enough space in there).

We also have 2 motorcycles for community outreach; a small car for airport transfer, and a truck that primarily carries supplies/produce to and from local farmers. When not in use, these vehicles can as well be used by our volunteers to tour local places, e.g. on weekends, or during those days when no field work is scheduled. For large groups of volunteers, the truck can also be used in touring nearby places, e.g. the source of the Nile River in Jinja.

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If interested in working with us in any of the ways above, please contact Anthony on: [anthony@ugandafarm.org](mailto:anthony@ugandafarm.org)