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Non-government Organisational Sustainability in Uganda amidst Decreasing Donor Funding: A Case Study of Kamwokya Christian Caring Community

Sustainable funding is very vital for Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to implement diverse programmatic interventions which not only benefit the communities but also improve the standard of living of the people. Therefore, the study sought to find out how NGOs in Uganda sustain themselves amidst decreasing donor funding with specific reference to Kamwokya Christian Caring Community. The objectives of the study included finding out the different financial sustainability strategies employed by the NGOs to ensure financial sustainability; the effect of donor funding on organisational sustainability; the prerequisites for attaining financial sustainability. The study used a sample of 58 respondents with questionnaires and face to face interviews as tools of collecting data for the given area under research. The data were analysed in a qualitative and quantitative manner. The study found out that Kamwokya Christian Caring Community uses proposal writing, donor search, government funding, building donor relationships, and income generating activities to help it achieve financial sustainability. The study deduced that donors help the organisation to attain sustainability by funding some of the sustainability initiatives, carrying out external audits to ensure accountability and some of the prerequisites are a good financial system, strategic planning, timely and proper reporting. The study recommended that management effectively rolls out the financial sustainability strategy to all staff in form of trainings, include the skills in financial sustainability as part of requirements for new recruits, enlarge the base of their local revenue, and engage the corporate body as a technique to raise funds and more so donors to slowly move away from giving grants to giving loans but with small interest rates so that NGOs can develop a business mind.

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