

### Aim

To **INCREASE MILK AND MEAT** production in Busoga and Teso

To **COMBAT MALNUTRITION** in children

To **IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE** for rural families

### Method

To **UPGRADE** the small local goats with **LARGER EXOTIC BREEDS** - Boer or European dairy goats

Uganda's once thriving agricultural economy was destroyed by the reign of terror of Idi Amin and the ensuing civil war. Since then Ugandans have been working hard to reconstruct their country, but it is a great struggle to improve the economy because:

(a) The price of coffee, a major export crop, is very vulnerable to world market fluctuations.

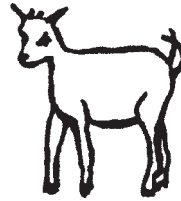
(b) 20% of the coffee export earnings went to service foreign bank debts. Uganda paid much more to UK and other Western banks than it received in aid from these countries. Fortunately this has now changed.

(c) Malnutrition is still widespread and 13% of children die before the age of 5 from diseases which good food, clean water and cheap medicines could prevent or treat.

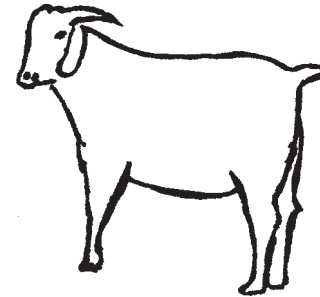
### MEAT INCREASE

First Cross - doubling of growth rate

Weight at 6 months of age



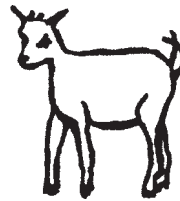
Local Goat  
7.5 kg



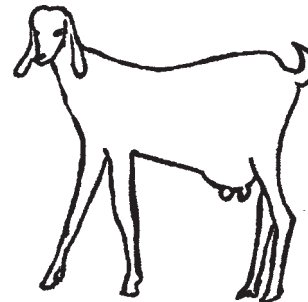
Improved First Cross  
15 kg

### MILK INCREASE

Amount available for family use



Local Goat  
Nil



Improved First Cross  
1-2 litres a day

Milk is still in short supply in Uganda

Compare these figures:

Uganda 20 litres per person per year

UK 231 litres per person per year

### MANY THANKS TO SUPPORTERS

Our very grateful thanks go to everyone in Montgomeryshire and Shropshire who helped to fund the Cattle AI Project and are now raising money for the current Goat Improvement Scheme in Busoga and Teso and the Orphan Project in Kumi.

Funds are being raised:

► to buy improved Boer or Toggenburg bucks for village groups to serve the local does. The South African Boer will produce largerr meat breed and the Toggenburg will improve the milk yield.

► to train veterinary assistants in improved goat management and equip them to supervise village groups and train farmers

► to establish a pedigree breeding unit to ensure a future supply

► to support the Kumi Orphan Project, which supplies goats, chickens and orange tree seedlings to young orphaned children within the families who care for them and trains older orphans to act as their supervisors

We hope that at least 800 households will benefit from increased meat and milk production and, as neighbouring villages see the benefits of goat improvement, these will spread to many more families. In addition, many orphans will be helped to provide for themselves in the future.

**The UK and Uganda have similar land areas but many differences**

	UK	Uganda
Population (millions)	61	31
Rural population	8%	87%
Child death rate*	5	130
Access to safe drinking water**	100%	60%
Access to Health Service**	100%	57%
Life expectancy (years)	78	51
Energy use (kJ per head)	3871	23

\* under 5 years of age per 1000

\*\* in rural areas

**Other shocking facts:** there are an estimated 2,500,000 orphans in Uganda and the % of those living below the international poverty line of \$1.25 a day is 52%

UNICEF figures for 2007, taken from [www.unicef.org/infobycountry](http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry)

**WOMEN ARE THE KEY**

Women are the key to the success of the Goat Improvement Project. They do 75% of farm work and bear the main responsibility for family welfare. They also take in many of the orphans in this area of Uganda, either as part of their extended family or simply as concerned villagers.

Extra milk and meat from improved goats will mean women can nourish young children, improve their own health for their work, and use money from the sale of surplus milk to pay school and medical expenses (no NHS in Uganda and only primary education is free at present), thus making an overall improvement in family life.

**DOLEN FFERMIO**

Dolen Ffermio (Farming Link) is a network of farmers and others in the rural community in Montgomeryshire and the Shropshire border area. It was founded in 1989 with the aim of promoting awareness of the problems facing farmers in the developing countries. The plan was to widen this remit by forming practical links overseas and, two years later, the group set up a project to assist the development of a cattle artificial insemination service in Busoga, Eastern Uganda.

Following the success of this project a second practical link grew out of requests from the poorest people of Busoga and neighbouring Teso who didn't have enough land for even one cow but who could keep a few goats.

For the past 6 years we have also been helping to fund and support the Kumi Orphan Project (more details on our gift catalogue).

If you would like to know more about the projects, or to become involved, please log on to our website:

[www.dolen-ffermio.org.uk](http://www.dolen-ffermio.org.uk)

or contact Lorna Brown, Bronafon, Bridge Street, Llanfyllin (01691 648709) or Richard Jones, Babbinswood Farm, Whittington, Oswestry (01691 679699) or you can email us at [admin@dolen-ffermio.org.uk](mailto:admin@dolen-ffermio.org.uk). We'd be delighted to hear from you.

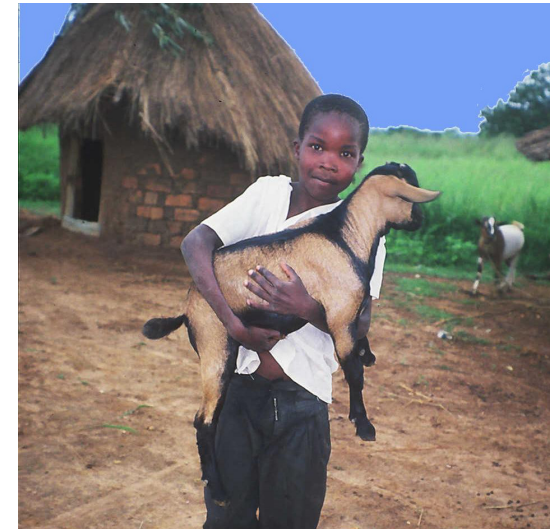
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**GOAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

to increase

meat and milk production in

**Busoga and Teso, Uganda**



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