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Uganda Village Project is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and all contributions to UVP are tax deductible. UVP has an all-volunteer executive board, which means that nearly all of the money we raise goes directly to our programs in rural Ugandan villages. As a small charity, UVP strives to ensure that all donations are used as efficiently and effectively as possible.

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IGANGA DISTRICT, UGANDA

UVP operates within the Iganga district of Uganda, a densely populated, agrarian landscape of rolling green in the central-eastern part of the country. Iganga is one of the most impoverished districts, and suffers from poor access to health care, marginal or non-existent preventative health education, and sparse sources of potable water. As a result, the burden on health is high: malaria and gastrointestinal disorders are the leading causes of death for children under five, and the risk of maternal mortality is nearly forty times higher than in the United States. UVP was founded in response to this as an effort to bring sustainable public health interventions to the rural communities of Iganga.



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PUBLIC HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN IGANGA DISTRICT, UGANDA

Founded in 2003, Uganda Village Project (UVP) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization devoted to health improvement and poverty eradication in the Iganga district of Uganda. UVP works with the local government and partners with community organizations in Iganga in order to maximize local involvement and the long-term sustainability of its projects. UVP is directed by a U.S.-based executive board, overseen by a board of trustees, and employs two international staff members and several members of the local community year-round at its Iganga office. UVP offers both short-term (two months) and long-term internship programs for students and professionals that are dedicated to sustainable development.

WHAT WE DO

Designed by healthcare and international development professionals and students, UVP's ongoing projects include:

Shallow well construction: facilitating the construction of community-owned shallow wells in villages that do not have ready access to ground water.

Safe water systems: promoting household water purification and sanitation practices.

Malaria prevention: promoting awareness and facilitating affordable and sustainable mosquito net distribution.

Eye cataract screening: training community members to conduct screenings, and arranging hospital referrals for surgical treatment.

Facilitating emergency obstetric care: educating community health workers on identification of obstetric complications and managing perinatal and postnatal emergencies.

Family planning and reproductive health education: education and awareness of reproductive health issues.

Obstetric fistula referral: establishing referral networks between local health centers and hospitals that offer free surgical treatment for victims of obstetric fistula.

HEALTHY VILLAGES

Starting in 2009, UVP has embarked upon a new framework for our projects called Healthy Villages that aims to reduce poverty and improve public health at a district-wide level. In collaboration with the district health office in Iganga, UVP will target the primary health risks of the region through tailored community interventions involving capacity building, community organizing and empowerment, and advocacy. Healthy Villages targets 70 of the most needy villages in the district. The Healthy Villages model is designed to prioritize and address the specific needs of each community with programs that help to provide sanitation, safe water, and basic healthcare to rural families.

An outreach session at Bubogo Comprehensive Secondary School