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Saving and Loan Association (SLA)

We started the Women Empowerment program as sub grantee of an OVC project in 2011.

The most active and numerous group was in Bame, Ikate Waterside, Lagos, and it was composed by men and women. Once the project has been completed, they became autonomous, setting up an informal cooperative, developing small businesses and production activities.
Savings and Loan Association (SLA) and Friendship Meeting

We have sustained the women empowerment program all through today, meeting the women at the monthly Friendship Meetings, sustaining them and quite often also their children, not only through micro-loans and trainings, but also through basic health care and education.
Friendship Meeting & Local Community Involvement

Loving Gaze likes to involve local associations in the Friendship Meetings, not only for their donations, but also to increase the awareness of the program and to actively involve their members, creating a positive and exchange driven atmosphere during the monthly events.
In 2015 we split the women in two groups.

The first group has about 40 members (Friendship meeting Precious Women SLA group)

while the 2nd group (PLWHA/PMTCT SLA group) also has about 40 members.
Monthly Vocational Training

So far we organized about 12 different vocational skill acquisition trainings including training on the making of Liquid soap, Vaseline, Insectides, Stove threads or wicks, Key/tablet soap, Pastries and Snacks making likes Chin-chin, Doughnut, Puff-puff, Buns, Egg-roll, fish roll and Tailoring etc.
Training home made products

Each month, a volunteer, among the group of women, or among Loving Gaze network, teaches to the rest of the group a new technique (e.g. tailoring an apron or making liquid soap). We provide the first batch of raw materials and the end products gets distributed among the children and the participants.
Training home made products

The next month the same women bring to St Kizito what they made and after a quality control, St Kizito buys their product, allowing them to kick off their activity."
Micro credit to support the start up of their own activities

Based on their skills, and the market viability of the area where they live, each of them started their own small business. We promote the saving education and keep a close eye on their effort to pay back their loans, when granted. Marketing homemade products helps them sustain their families.
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