



*“I came to the Coady Institute to gain more experience for community development through learning in class and from the experience of other participants in the rest of the world.”*

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I plan and ensure that local project committee meetings take place and evaluate the project activities monthly. I also ensure that project work is done at the grass root level in the villages under my project area; including medication of older persons and children, senior citizen home visitation, village based group fellowship meetings, hygiene and sanitation through awareness creation and quarterly home hygiene competitions. I also ensure that project workers under the program execute their duties in line with the organizational goals to achieve good results.

ROTOM envisions “older persons living dignified and fulfilled lives in Jesus’ name.” Our core objectives are improving the emotional and physical health of older persons and lessening the burden of dependants on older persons by supporting grandchildren under their care. Through these objectives, we have seen older persons’ self esteem in Uganda rise and the economic level of older persons households rise. Older persons and orphaned children under our program have been able to access free medical care and safe water. We have seen impoverished orphaned grandchildren under grandparents’ care graduate and become teachers for primary schools. We have seen these children graduate from vocational courses like tailoring, hair dressing, and construction trades.

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