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## **Policy on Purpose of Donations for Umnga Farmers Training Group**

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## 1. Introduction

Umnga Farmers Training Group is dedicated to fostering sustainable agriculture, enhancing rural community development, and empowering the next generation of agricultural leaders. Donations are crucial to our mission, enabling us to provide educational opportunities, training to Rural Communities, and resources to local projects and learners alike. This policy outlines the specific purposes for which donations will be utilised.

## 2. Objectives

The primary objectives of the donations received by Umnga Farmers Training Group are:

- i. To provide bursaries for disadvantaged students pursuing agricultural studies but cannot pay for themselves.
- ii. To facilitate training and development programs for emerging communal farmers.
- iii. To develop and maintain the Agripedia online learning platform.
- iv. To establish and support Rural Community Development through Agriculture initiatives.

## 3. Purpose of Donations

### 3.1. Bursaries for Students

Donations allocated for bursaries aim to:

- Support students from rural and underprivileged backgrounds in accessing quality agricultural education.
- Cover tuition fees, educational materials, accommodation (when it is required), and other associated costs for students pursuing studies in agriculture-related fields.
- Encourage the pursuit of advanced studies and research in sustainable agricultural practices.

### 3.2. Training and Development Programs

Donations designated for training and development will be used to:

- Organise workshops, seminars, and training sessions for learners/communities on modern farming techniques, sustainable practices, and business management.
- Provide access to expert trainers, agricultural scientists, and industry professionals.
- Develop and distribute educational materials, including guides, manuals, and multimedia content.
- Facilitate hands-on training opportunities, including farm visits, and practical demonstrations.

### 3.3. Agripedia Online Platform

Funds allocated for the development of Agripedia will:

- Support the creation and maintenance of an online platform dedicated to agricultural education and resources.
- Develop a comprehensive database of articles, tutorials, videos, and interactive tools covering various aspects of agriculture.
- Ensure the platform is accessible to students, and educators, with user-friendly navigation and multilingual support.
- Regularly update content to reflect the latest research, trends, and innovations in agriculture.

### **3.4. Rural Community Development through Agriculture**

Donations aimed at rural community development will:

- Support projects that enhance the livelihoods of rural communities through sustainable agricultural practices.
- Fund the establishment of community gardens, cooperatives, and infrastructure necessary for production.
- Provide resources for the development of infrastructure such as irrigation systems, storage facilities, and transportation networks.
- Promote initiatives that encourage community participation, knowledge sharing, and collaboration among farmers.

## **4. Administration and Governance**

### **4.1. Allocation of Funds**

- A dedicated Board/ committee will oversee the allocation of funds to ensure they are used effectively and transparently.
- Regular audits will be conducted to monitor the utilization of funds and ensure compliance with this policy.
- Detailed reports on the usage of donations will be provided to donors and stakeholders periodically.

### **4.2. Transparency and Accountability**

Umnga Farmers Training Group will maintain transparency in all financial transactions related to donations.

- Regular updates on funded projects and their outcomes will be shared with donors through newsletters, reports, and the organisation's website.
- An annual report will be published, detailing the impact of donations on the organisation's objectives and the progress of various initiatives.

### **4.3. Donor Engagement**

- Donors will be recognised for their contributions through various channels, including the organisation's website, newsletters, and events.
- Opportunities for donors to engage with funded projects, such as visits to training sessions or community development sites, will be facilitated.
- Feedback from donors will be actively sought to improve the effectiveness of the funding programs.

## 5. Conclusion

The Umnga Farmers Training Group is committed to using donations to make a meaningful impact on agricultural education, training, and rural community development. Through transparent management and dedicated efforts, we aim to create sustainable and thriving agricultural communities. This policy ensures that all donations are directed towards achieving these goals effectively and responsibly.

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This policy sets the framework for UFTG's interaction with donors and funders, ensuring that all contributions are handled with integrity, transparency, and accountability.

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