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**Q1** Name of the organization:

SEMUTO OLDER PERSONS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (SOPEDA)

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**Q2** The purpose of the organization:

Semuto older Person's Development Association was formed out of a need to bring together older persons as a forum through which to address social, cultural and economic and technological development challenges facing them.

OUR VISION

To be a model older persons' organisation having a holistic approach to healthy ageing with dignity in Uganda

OUR MISSION

To be an organised older person developmental organisation serving members in the spectrum of ageing for sustainable good livelihood as senior citizens

OUR AIMS

The aims of Semuto Older Persons Development Association are:

- To bring together and foster understanding amongst older persons from the diverse communities in Semuto Town Council in particular and Uganda in general and be a model of replication.
  - To promote developmental activities, mutual support and joint aid among our members.
  - To establish older persons' cell groups to become members as groups and participate in different social and economic development activities
  - To use social and economic activities to share culture, technology and experiences.
  - Lobby and advocate for member older persons' rights and opportunities for sustainable development backed by the Uganda Constitution, the Older Persons Act 2013 and the 7 of 17 laid down UN Sustainable Development Goals.
  - Mobilise funds in a savings and credit model and solicit external funds by way of grants or loans for affordable and accessible financing to support older person's enterprises thus leveraging their capacity to fight, ignorance, poverty, diseases and age with dignity.
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**Q3** Information as to the programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the human rights of older persons:

WHAT WE DO

What we do are embedded in the following strategic objectives

Objective No. 1: Empowering member older persons to have increased household incomes to reach 10 times above national per ca-pita by 2021 through sustainable economic enterprises appropriate to older persons supported with cooperative model financial services.

Objective No. 2: Increasing older persons' engagement in national development programs through awareness and sensitisation on their social, cultural, economic, environment and human rights aspects.

Objective No 3: Promote networking among and outside membership for partnership development locally and internationally.

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### Q4 Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international level:

1. We participate in national and international day of older persons day celebrations annually
2. Our organisation is registered and member of International Federation of Ageing (IFA).
3. We are members of Global Alliance of Rights of Older Persons (GORAP)
4. Promotion of economic empowerment activities of older persons in our designated areas.
5. Promotion of Equal Opportunities

Semuto Older Persons Development Association will not discriminate on the grounds of gender, race, colour, ethnic or national origin, sexuality, disability, religious or political belief, marital status or age as older persons may have orphans or vulnerable children under their care.

6. Human rights advocacy, defence and lobbying for social inclusion and protection of older persons
7. Wide networking with national and international older persons organisations with a view of sustainable partnership development.
9. We participate in national stakeholder older persons meetings and conferences for effective articulation of older persons issues.

### Q5 A list of members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality:

1. Frederick Lutaakome Musisi- Chairman- Uganda
2. Pascazia Nassali - Vice \Chairperson - Uganda
3. Wilson Bisasso - Secretary - Uganda
4. Deborah Nakisozi Asst Secretary - Uganda
4. Regina Nabukeera Treasurer - Uganda
5. Stanley Mugerwa Publicity - Uganda
6. Betty Nambooze Zone Leader - Uganda
7. Alice Mbawadde Zone Leader - Uganda
8. Ezekiel Serugooti Zone Leader - Uganda
9. Damion Munyakaaka Zone Leader - Uganda

### Q6 List of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions:

1. Member Subscriptions
2. Projects
3. Development Partners

### Q7 Copies of the annual or other reports of the organization with financial statements (File size limit is 16MB):

**SOPEDA ANNUAL REPORT 2017.doc (155.5KB)**

### Q8 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

**SEMUTO OLDER PERSONS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE.jpg(318.7KB)**

### Q9 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q10** A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members, the names of organizations that are members and their geographical distribution:

Semuto older Person's development association was formed out of a need to bring together older persons as a forum through which to address social, cultural and economic and technological development challenges facing them.

The organisation has now more than 128 members with a leadership. Members regularly meet once every month and resolved to mobilise funds under a savings scheme intended for social care and support of members in times of specified needs. This is to enhance a saving culture among older persons. It is towards establishment of a savings and credit program for members to access affordable financing to support economic enterprises run by older persons.

Friends of Elderly a national operating organisation in Uganda country wide is a member.

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**Q11** A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization (File size limit is 16MB):

**The Constitution SEMUTO OLDER PERSONS DEV ASSOCIATION.doc (70KB)**

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**Q12** Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q13** Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

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**Q15** Website

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