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Kajubi and Nakiwanda farm their way to a better old age

Posiano Kajubi and his wife Alice Nakiwanda were victims of Uganda's 1980s war. Residents of Kambugu sub-county, Kiboga district, the couple were commercial farmers until 1981 when they were forced to flee their home by the guerilla war that brought in Uganda's current government to power. Because Kiboga, their district

was at the heart of the so called Luwero Triangle where the war was fought, they had to seek cover elsewhere.

One day while taking refuge at a relative's home in Entebbe, some 40 kms south of Kampala, they were attacked by suspected robbers. Kajubi was shot in



▲ Alice Nakiwanda shows the goats she bought with her grants.



▲ Ponsiano Kajubi and wife, Alice Nakiwanda, together also bought pigs, built a better house (not in picture) and are planning a church wedding

the chest and wounded during the attack. Although he recovered from his injuries, the 75-year-old was left permanently disabled.

Returning to their home in 1986 after the war, the couple literally had nothing to go back to. Besides losing four of their five children to the war, they also lost all their cows, goats, sheep, and all. Nakiwanda had to become the family breadwinner. For the next several years, they struggled to get by.

Then in November 2011, their long awaited Senior Citizens Grants came. Between the two of them they received Shs 160,000 (about £34). For once, they had hope. The money has consequently proven to be their turning point.

“We had nowhere to start from; so, I had to move around the villages to sell my labour to earn a living,” Nakiwanda says. “All we had to do was stick to basics- get something to eat and get where to sleep

because there was no way we could have recovered what we lost,” she said.

When they received their first grant payment of Shs 160,000 in 2011, a neighbor advised Nakiwanda to buy a pig in the hope it would be a steady source of income.

“I decided to buy a boar,” she says. “When it matured, people in the village started bringing their sows for insemination. Every time a sow was inseminated by my boar, the owner of the sow gave me one piglet.”

Soon the couple had grown their pig herd from one boar to several pigs; which has seen their income multiply several times.

When we visited them in October (2017), Nakiwanda said all she needs now is to wed her husband, since they now have the capacity to do so.

About the Social Assistance Grants for Empowerment (SAGE)/Senior Citizens Grants

UKaid and Irish Aid have been working with the Government of Uganda since 2009 to establish a national social protection system that would support the poorest and most vulnerable. The UK and Republic of Ireland are currently reaching 154,000 Ugandan Senior Citizens with social grants, many of whom rely on the cash transfer to change their poverty status and provide opportunities for a better future for children in their care. Senior Citizens use the cash transfer to increase their food and health expenditure, provide scholastic materials children in their care, and to start small investments that further enhance their incomes. It is expected that a total of 226,000 older persons will be reached by 2020. In Uganda, about 3 million children are under the care of older persons.

With the UK and Republic of Ireland's help, Uganda will have a national social protection system that will be able to support all of those living in poverty.

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