



How a local club is helping women in Uganda feed their children

The soil in northern Uganda is some of the most fertile in the world. But many people simply lack access to resources to grow their harvest.

Women in Uganda are the caretakers of their family and when you invest in a woman, you invest in her household and her community.

That's the reasoning behind Zonta Club of Blackall Range's latest initiative.

They are throwing their weight behind Love Mercy Australia's Cents for Seeds campaign.

"This exciting project, a new one for our Club, will greatly assist women who are trying to make a better future for themselves and their families in difficult circumstances," said Zonta's June Robson.

"Everyone is invited to a morning tea to find out how we are supporting the Cents for Seeds project and also what else we do for the community, and you might meet some new friends."

Under the project, a \$30 gift provides a 30kg loan of seeds to a woman & her household in northern Uganda.

She is trained in farming and best agricultural practices and given a tool (a hoe) to use.

From an initial \$30 investment, she may see between 150-300kgs of harvest, offering income and food for the year ahead.

Through this project, she is taught how to maximise her income through income generating activities, how to save, what interest is and how to access welfare.

"The 30kg seed loan offers women the opportunity to earn an income, which can be turned into food, income, education & healthcare," said June.

The Zonta Club of Blackall Range Morning Tea will be held at the Mapleton Bowls Club on Friday June 24 from 10am. Tickets are \$20 and you can purchase on the day. Zonta is an international women's organisation supporting local and international projects. For info contact [nellierobson@hotmail.com](mailto:nellierobson@hotmail.com).

