

UGAIRISH

project

Carlow-based charity UgaIrish Project has been helping in Baale, a fishing community of about 400 people, on Lake Victoria in Uganda, since 2013. We have, amongst other things, provided a bore-hole for drinking water, sanitary facilities, a three-classroom kindergarten school, twice-monthly doctor visits and set up a women's co-operative with support for vegetable growing and dress-making.

However, fish stocks in Lake Victoria are declining, and new government regulations on fishing net mesh size, intended to conserve the stocks, make it increasingly difficult for the fishermen to scratch a living. We want to set up a fish farming co-operative, rearing fish in floating cages on the lake, as an alternative livelihood for them. We want to give them hope, and a future.

Initial capital costs of the venture are not high, less than €1500 to make three cages as a pilot project, but it then takes about 8 months to bring the fish fry to marketable size, and the feeding and related costs during this time will be about €9000. Thereafter it should be a self-sustaining venture. With provision for some initial training and support by experienced cage fish farmers, we estimate that we will need about €12,000 to get the project started.

Can you help?

Send a cheque to UgaIrish Project, Cloydagh, Carlow,

or transfer to

Bank: PTSB, Shamrock Plaza, Carlow

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with reference Fish Farm,

or give cash to one of our collectors,

or organise a fun fundraiser (do please let us know!).

If you give €250 or more of your own money which has been taxed, we can claim back the tax from Revenue. It really magnifies your donation.

Visit our website www.ugairishproject.org or our facebook page [ugairish project](https://www.facebook.com/ugairishproject) for further details on our activities.

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Top – repairing nets for the old way of fishing. Bottom – a floating cage for fish farming on Lake Victoria

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