

## ***KURU KURURU FARMERS AND LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION***

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1. The Kuru Kururu Farmers Crop and Livestock Association was registered in the year 2007, at the time of the registration the membership was seven persons but, has grown to a large number of 50 members.
  2. The goal is to improve the standard of living of people in Kuru Kururu by increasing production and improving productivity of production systems in a diversified and sustainable world.
  3. The objectives of the organization are to create marketing opportunities for members produce and value added products, to facilitate training that will contribute to building capacity for improving efficiency and expand production of crops and livestock produce, also to foster an effective working relationship with key government and non-government institutions that will benefit the farmers with the Association.
  4. Through the Venezuelan Government some of these objectives have been achieved. There is a very co-operative linkage between Guyana and Venezuela with assistance for educating women and young persons and our organization has benefitted.
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5. Presently they are training one hundred and eighty persons in our community; some of these are Spanish courses for adult and children, capacity building and training in order to execute activities that will allow us to earn our own income and allow us to develop our communities. At present there are plans to increase the amount of courses and capacity building with the help of the Venezuelan Embassy and the Government of Venezuela.

6. The Venezuelan Government has shown great contribution to the lives of the less fortunate persons, who had no chance to education by moving into these areas and teaching these courses, so these persons at the end of the courses can use there skills to earn themselves a better life by having some sort of income.

7. The Venezuelan Government has shown great humanitarian value to poor people by assisting them also financially in their organization to develop skills training, children from different communities also received financial and material support which brings joy and recognition to poor families.

8. In our closing remarks we must say that the Venezuelan Government has made tremendous contribution in restoring and offering opportunities in human rights in the areas of education, poverty and social development. To this we add the statistics from the National Institute of Venezuela which indicates that Venezuela is one of the countries with less inequality in Latin America.

**Poverty** in Venezuela fell from 70% in 1996 to 23% in 2009.

**Education:** Venezuela occupies the second place in Latin America and the fifth in the world with university students enrolled. Besides that yearly through the missions thousands of Venezuelans access education yearly.

9. Finally our recommendation to the government of Venezuela is to continue on the same path it has drawn to set an example to the world of true respect for human rights in a deep and true sense.

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