

## **THE IMPACT OF ONLINE CONFERENCING VIA ZOOM**

I am Sr. Judith Atukwatse, a member of Sisters of Our Lady of Good Counsel Congregation, Mbarara-Uganda. I have just completed my course of SLDI Finance and am grateful that after the first workshop I used the skills I acquired to contribute to the community.

When the President of Uganda, pronounced a second total lockdown in the country on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021, most activities came to a standstill including church services. As sisters we realized that the Christians needed to continue praying so that they do not lose faith and pray for the end of the COVID19 pandemic. As a sister, one of my responsibilities is to catechize. Spreading the gospel and making people attend Mass virtually was the idea that came in my mind since I have attended my SLDI Finance workshop via zoom. Without hesitation I suggested this to the parish priest, that we could use online conferencing via zoom and also go live on Facebook, a suggestion he quickly accepted but requested me to teach him how to navigate zoom. I taught him and then we started having mass while the parishioners attend virtually. And the Christians are very appreciative of this.

On this note, I would like to thank very much ASEC Programs sponsored by Conrad Hilton Foundation. I feel indebted to humanity and will always give back to the community the skills that I acquired during my SLDI training with ASEC-Uganda. Right now, I am comfortably using the skills to help the youth in projects writing and management which has kept them so busy during this lockdown and the Christians are attending Mass virtually from wherever they are. I whole heartedly thank God for this great opportunity. I feel confident that I will not let Him down.

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