

Uganda – Finance I Workshop from June 29, 2014 to July 26, 2014

Twenty nine Sisters from sixteen congregations participated in the SLDI Finance I Workshop which took place at the ARU Secretariat in Kampala. Twenty five Sisters were from Uganda and three Sisters came from Sudan.

The workshop was facilitated by CORAT Africa. They gave the Sisters both theory and practice. The Sisters were given several assignments which were marked and evaluated sometimes during the class. The facilitators accompanied them in their process of learning and they were always available for them to clarify areas that were not clear to guide and support them. There were group discussions, sharing experiences and reflections. They were able to develop individual mentoring plans, create the various books of accounts in Excel, write project proposals, etc.

The participants were also addressed by Sr. Jane Wakahiu, LSOSF, Ph.D., Executive Director of ASEC and the SLDI Project Manager. Sr. Jane was accompanied by Dr. Donald Miller, Professor of Religion and the Director of the Center for Religion and Civic Culture at the University of Southern California. Dr. Miller is working with us to evaluate SLDI and HESA programs and many other projects funded by the Hilton Foundation under the Catholic Sisters Initiative. They engaged the participants in the discussion of what they had learned and how they hoped to utilize the knowledge they have learned when they go back to their communities.

The workshop went well and the participants appreciated the opportunity to attend a very enriching workshop. They were all grateful for the laptops and text books which eased their work.