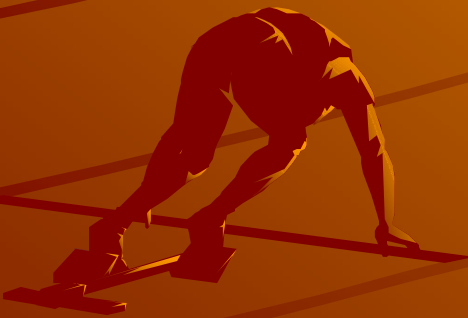


# Rotary Savings

What is It?

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# We also call it “SUSU”.

- ✦ It's a form of savings that African women and their families do on a fortnightly basis.

It involves groups of women (20 or more) contributing an agreed amount of money and has been going on for the past 6-7 years

# Benefits of SUSU:

## 1. Emotional Benefits:

- Builds trust
- Builds relationships
- Brings joy and understanding
- Keeps communities stay in touch.
- The system is very flexible, as members' needs are recognized and prioritized based on their urgency. And when people are late in contributing, other members are understanding.

It's much more than just the money, it's more importantly about bringing women, families and communities together.

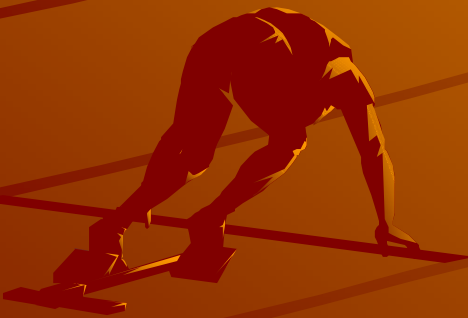
# Benefits of SUSU:

## 2. Financial Benefits:

- Enables people to help their families back in Africa.
- Provides transport for people who are responsible for the travelling of their families to Australia via the family reunion visas.
- Teaches people the discipline needed to save for important things in their lives, as it is a compulsory, no withdrawal saving as opposed to saving in a bank, where you can withdraw money at many time when needed.

# Community Celebrations

- ✦ Has played a very important role in providing Moral support and keeping families and communities together.



# Celebrated Occasions:

- ✦ Baby Showers
- ✦ Naming ceremony
- ✦ Bereavement
- ✦ Weddings
- ✦ Parties
- ✦ Visitation (Whenever a family member, a friend, a community member is ill, everyone is entitle to visit them either in the hospital or home).
- ✦ Babysitting (We provide babysitting for one another whenever its needed whereby no appointments are necessary. Sometimes all you have to do is ring and bring the kids over).

# Baby Showers:

- ✦ Every woman in my community that had a baby in Australia had benefited from baby showers.

The women provide baby gears, food, continuous visitation, cooking and cleaning, until the new mum gets back on her feet..

It is a culture we came to Australia with and we intend to keep it, it defines us.

✦ Thanks for listening, hope it helped your understanding of our culture.

