

# Africare Uganda program briefing note –2008



## About Africare

Africare is a U.S.-based and Africa-focused international private charitable organization founded in 1970. Africare has since been a leader in a variety of development initiatives. To-date, Africare has delivered more than USD 715 million in assistance, representing more than 2,500 projects and millions of beneficiaries.

Africare works to improve the quality of life in Africa, assisting families, villages and nations in areas of Food Security and Agriculture, and Health and HIV/AIDS, Water Resources Develop-

ment, Environmental Management, Literacy and Vocational Training, Micro Enterprise Development, Governance and Emergency Humanitarian aid.

## Africare in Uganda

In Uganda, Africare's presence dates back to 1979 with emergency support to the victims of civil war in two districts of central Uganda. Gradually, Africare's programmatic focus has evolved from emergency assistance to developmental projects with Health/HIV/AIDS, agriculture and food security, and water/sanitation as the main focus areas. Over the past decade, Africare Uganda has implemented over 25 projects; in 22 districts amounting to approximately \$20m. At present, Africare's current program covers 18 districts in all

geographic regions of Uganda and is providing services to over 351,435 beneficiaries. There are currently six ongoing projects, totaling approximately \$9million that are funded USAID (Food for Peace, PEPFAR, and Child Survival and Health Grants), Proctor & Gamble, and the Africa Well Fund. Previous project funding partners include UNICEF, IFAD, Bono, and GlaxoSmith-Kline.

Africare Uganda works closely with communities and the Local Governments right from project inception through project implementation, laying strong emphasis on participatory development. All project emphasize "community-driven" approaches, to foster inclusive participation and endogenous processes.

## Project interventions



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# AFRICARE UGANDA

## Multi-Year Assistance Program (MYAP)



Members of a food security committee, Awimon village, Kaberamaido District weed their vegetable nursery bed. The project assisted the farmers with improved seed and trained them in nursery establishment.

This is a PL 480 Title II project funded by USAID/Food for Peace, and implemented in a consortium led by ACDI-VOCA, composed of Africare, LWF, TASO and several Local NGO grantees covering 17 districts of Northern Uganda.

The program collectively aims to reduce food insecurity in a vulnerable population of 170,600 individuals by increasing the quality and quantity of agricultural production.

Project objectives include improving household nutrition; increasing household income; improving com-

munities' capacity to withstand shocks; improving farm-to-market roads; and enhancing conservation and management of natural resources.

Africare's mandate covers districts of Amuria, Kaberamaido Soroti; Lira and Apac in North Eastern Uganda. This project runs from February 1, 2007 through June 30th 2011.

The Africare MYAP has a budget of \$6m, to provide training and assistance to 29,600 farmers in nutrition and hygiene practices, improved agronomic practices, marketing, Natural

Resource Management (NRM), post-harvest handling, and rehabilitation of farm-to-market roads in Soroti, Amuria and Kaberamaido.

The MYAP project office is based in Soroti with two satellite offices in Amuria and Kaberamaido, and utilizes project mobile teams to implement the natural resource management component of this project in Lira and Apach Districts.

This project possesses heavy road equipment and a fully fledged road-construction team

## Community-Based Orphan-care, Protection and Empowerment (COPE)



Africare Uganda COPE project, supports over 702 OVC in secondary school through block grant approach.

COPE is a \$10 m, multi-country, five-year Africare project funded by USAID-PEPFAR and implemented in Uganda, Rwanda, Mozambique and Tanzania. In Uganda, this project is executed in Ntungamo and Isingiro Districts. The goal of COPE Uganda is to reduce social economic impact of HIV-AIDS on 20,000 orphans and vulnerable children and their caregivers. The project objectives are:

1. Enhanced community capacity to coordinate

care and support OVC and caregivers;

2. Increased access to life Skills, Peer Education Support to OVCs
3. Increased access to educational services for OVC;
4. Increased access to healthcare and nutritional support and food for OVC and caregivers)
5. Increased access to income generating opportunities for OVC and Caregivers

**Illustrative accomplishments to-date:**

- 16,781 OVC served
- District Child Forum is functioning
- 96 Orphan Care Committees, with a membership of 1,024 formed/trained
- 45 Service CORPS Volunteers trained
- 68 COPE Clubs with a membership of 8,751
- 450 Peer Educators trained in HIV Prevention
- Supplied 4,030 OVC with long-lasting ITNs.

## Safe Drinking Water for Uganda (SDWU)



A demonstration on how to use the PUR product to make water safe for drinking.

With funding support from Procter and Gamble (P&G), Africare Uganda implements a \$50,000 six-month Safe Drinking Water for Uganda (SDWU) pilot project in Soroti District, Northeastern Uganda.

This project period is from December 2007 through May 2008. The project goal is to reduce the incidence of waterborne diseases among 1,500 persons in the target area.

The target area is a community with water sources that were affected by floods that hit the Teso region between September and November 2007.

The project targets communities with highest needs for safe

drinking water but with access to unclean water sources.

The project promotes access to safe household drinking water through the supply and use of P&G-manufactured PUR water treatment flocculants, and improvement of personal and household sanitation.

The project works in partnership with local government to train community members in improved sanitation practices by utilizing behavioral change education and social marketing of the PUR flocculent.

### Summary Results

- 1,500 people utilizing the PUR product in the project area (100%)
- 72,000 PUR sachets distributed to beneficiaries (100%)
- 120 out of 150 families reported positive behavior change, including latrine construction (80%)

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## Enhanced Technical Support for OVC services in Western Uganda

The Technical Support Organization (TSO) is a USAID-PEPFAR funded program managed by the CORE Initiative country wide. Africare is responsible for the Western Uganda Zone covering the districts of Buliisa, Bundibugyo, Hoima, Kabarole, Kamwenge, Kasese, Kibaale, Kyenjojo, and Masindi. The project budget is \$570,000 for the period from June 2007-June 2009.

The project objective is to enhance technical support for OVC services in the 9 districts of Western Uganda. To achieve this goal, the TSO fulfills two

primary functions:

1. Support the National OVC response.
2. Strengthen technical and managerial capacities of districts and CSOs to effectively implement OVC activities.

### Key achievements to-date

- Disseminated of the National OVC Policy and underlying strategies, in all the 9 district
- Mapped the geographic coverage of OVC service providers in the 9 districts
- Established multi-sectoral OVC district coordination committees in 9 districts



Project staff facilitate a meeting with Kabarole District Officials hold a meeting on OVC Quality Standards.

- Developed 5-year district OVC strategic plans for 9 districts
- Rolled-out the national quality standards for OVC Service provision
- Supported local governments to conduct CSO capacity needs assessments.

## Community-base Integrated Management of Child Illnesses (CIMCI)

The CIMCI plus project is a \$1.7m project that has been implemented in Ntungamo District from 2003 through 2008. This project is a follow-on activity to CIMCI-I. The project objective is to reduce morbidity and mortality of children under five through the promotion of specific household and community behaviors related to growth promotion and development, disease prevention, home management, decision-making and care seeking.

CIMCI broad objectives are

- (1) Provide adequate child health knowledge, skills and support to families and communities
- (2) Improve home-care for sick children;
- (3) Promote timely and appropriate behavior for seeking healthcare from service providers
- (4) Improve the quality of care amongst service providers
- (5) increase compliance with advice and treatment from health workers.

The key project intervention areas are childhood malaria, diarrhea diseases, HIV-AIDS, immunization, and nutrition.

CIMCI is implemented in line with Ministry of Health IMCI framework, with respect to national policy on IMCI, and the Ntungamo District Health Services for linkages and support from facility-based health out-reaches through out the district. Other implementing partners include the local councils at the sub county and parish levels.



A mother in Ntungamo District prepares her baby for growth monitoring at a health facility.

## Africa Well Fund/Invisible Children Project

Africare Uganda implements a \$100,000 water project in the Districts of Gulu, Pader, and Amuru, in Northern Uganda.

The project period of this project is from December 2007 through May 2008. This project is implemented through Africare's partners, the Invisible Children, and it aims to improve water and sanitation in Northern Uganda.

The project objective is to increase access to safe water and sanitation in rural communities of Acholi sub region in Uganda. This activity reaches about 2,600 beneficiaries in the three target Districts.

The project constructs water and sanitation facilities in communities and schools where formerly displaced people are resettling.

### Key achievements :

- Drilled and installed 4 boreholes
- Constructed 24-stance drainable latrines
- Refurbished a water tank
- Repaired a water tank drainage system



Students of Atanga secondary school, in Pader District test water from a newly constructed borehole.

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## SELECTED RECENT AFRICARE PROJECTS

Project description	Location and period	Sector
Uganda Food Security Initiatives (UFSI) Phase I and II. Funded by USAID/FFP - \$8,9 m	Kabale District 1999-2007	Food Security and Agriculture
Community-Based Integrated Management of Child Illnesses (CIMCI) Phase I. Financed by USAID/CSHGP - \$1million	Ntungamo District 1999-2003	Child Survival (Health)
Integrating and Scaling Up Technologies for Resource Poor Potato Growers. Sponsored by IFAD through Intl. Potato Center - 390,000	Kabale District 2004-2007	Agriculture
Title II HIV/ AIDS Initiative. Funded by USAID through ACIDI-VOCA - \$206,428	Ntungamo District 2001-2006	HIV-AIDS
BAPPA I and II (ERI). Funded through CIAT -\$100,620	Kabale 2000-2006	Agricultural
HIV/AIDS & NRM: USAID-funded, through ECOTRUST : \$120,000	Ntungamo District 2004-2005	HIV-Health
Uganda Malaria Partnership Program (UMPP). Funded by Glaxo Smithkline through AMREF - \$96,135	Kanungu District 2003-2006	Health
HIV/AIDS Service Corps II. Funded by Donner-\$12,503	Ntungamo District 2003-2004	HIV-AIDS
Malaria and Childhood Illnesses Secretariat (MACIS). Funded through NGO Secretariat CORE Group - \$ 84,805	Kampala 2003-2005	Networking and Partnership building
Rwentobo Scholarship Fund. Funded by Various Private Donors at \$6,250 per year	Ntungamo District 2003-2007	Education support

## Success story



Caregivers loading their first consignment

Under the income generation component of the COPE project, Africare supports the eco-

nomie empowerment of households with OVC. Edith Karugaba, Mutara Peter Kabanza, and Allen Sekoni are members of the Kamunyiga cluster, a savings group of about 40 members that was formed by COPE beneficiary caregivers in 2006.

Africare trained the cluster in group dynamics, business, and financial management principles before linking them with a private firm sector company that exports dried fruit. The company concluded a contract with COPE clusters including Kamunyiga, to train these OVC caregiver groups in fruit-drying, handling/cutting, packaging, and hygiene and also provide

them with solar drying panels on credit. Kamunyiga's first consignment earned them a profit of 361,500 UGX (USD 195) after investing 178,000 UGX (USD 96) in fresh bananas. The second consignment resulted in a profit of 374,000 (USD 202). These results encouraged other caregivers to join this activity. Group members have since formed a saving and credit scheme that helps them meet their subsistence needs and to resolve any household emergencies. "We were all very happy to discover such a profitable activity from bananas that are plentiful in our area." Edith Karugaba.

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