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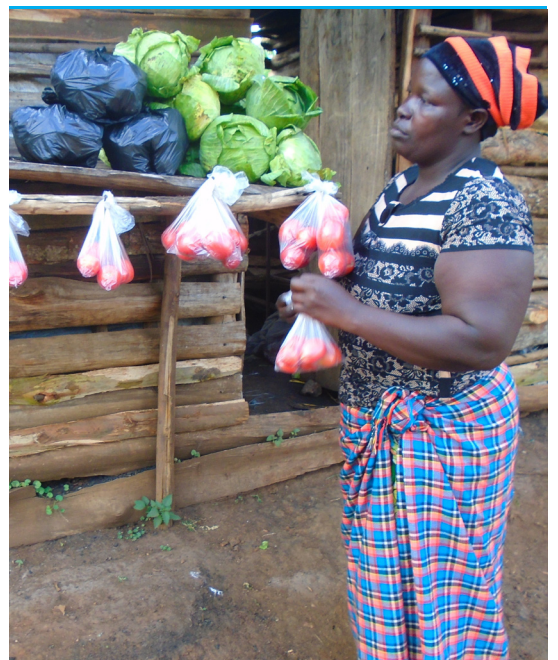
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List of Acronyms

AVET	-	Agricultural Vocational Education Training
CA	-	Child Ambassadors
CCMP	-	Church and Community Mobilization Process
CDOs	-	Community Development Officers
CEA	-	Civic Engagement Alliance
CFs	-	Community Facilitators
CLAs	-	Cluster Level Associations
CORPs	-	Communities' Own Resource Persons
CP	-	Child Partner
CPCs	-	Child Protection Committees
CPM	-	Collaborative Practical Model
CMC	-	Child Monitoring Committee
DRR	-	Disaster Risk Response
E CDCs	-	Early Childhood Development Centres
GBV	-	Gender Based Violence
HH	-	Household
LC III	-	Local Council three
LCV	-	Local Council five
ICCO	-	Interchurch Organisation for Development Cooperation
ICT	-	Information Communication Technology
IGA	-	Income Generating Activity
M & E	-	Monitoring & Evaluation
MOU	-	Memorandum of Understanding
NGOs	-	Non-Governmental Organizations
OVC	-	Orphan and Vulnerable Children
PACs	-	Programme Area Coordinators
PEAP	-	Poverty Eradication Action Plan
PTA	-	Parents Teacher Association
PWD	-	People with Disabilities
RBM	-	Results Based Management
SAO	-	Share An Opportunity Uganda
SHG	-	Self Help Group
SMCs	-	School Management Committees
STDs	-	Sexually Transmitted Diseases
TVET	-	Technical Vocational Educational Training
VAC	-	Violence Against Children
VHT	-	Village Health Teams
WASH	-	Water Sanitation and Hygiene

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Organisation Information

About us

Share An Opportunity Uganda (SAO - U) is a Christian founded Child Centred Non- governmental organization, that started in 1991 as a small save an orphan program. SAO was registered in 2002 as a NGO by Ministry of Internal Affairs Uganda and is the development arm of Baptist Union of Uganda.

VISION: MISSION:

A holistically developed child within the community.

To empower communities to provide for holistic child development.



Core values

1.Stewardship: The resources at our disposal are not our own. We are faithful to the purpose for which those resources are given and manage them in a manner that brings maximum benefit to those for which they are intended. We shall consistently serve our people with honesty, truthfulness, fairness, transparency, accountability, due diligence and responsibility.

2.Team work: The organization strongly believes in the benefits of team work. We shall promote team effort, interdependence and trust in the execution of our duties and build on the partnership to achieve our set goals at all levels.

3.Respect for diversity: Respect for different ethnicities, tribes, cultural and physical abilities. SAO works with people coming from different cultures and communities all over the regions of the country. SAO also focuses on People with Disabilities (PWDs).

4.Integrity: Recognizing that SAO is financially supported and answerable to all stakeholders, SAO shall act in a thoroughly transparent manner in all the organization's undertakings. We are committed to demonstrating accountability to stakeholders. SAO pursues her mission with discipline and commitment.

5.Christian Love: SAO holds with high esteem interpersonal demonstration of mercy, kindness and empathy. SAO staff shall engage by belief and practice the love Jesus Christ demonstrated to individuals and communities.

6.Collaboration: Recognizing that quality of life for children calls for input of all stakeholders; SAO Uganda shall not work in isolation. It is committed to inspiring dialogue from the bottom up, promoting consultations, building consensus, facilitating convergence, forging partnerships and engaging diverse stakeholders in achieving her vision and mission.

Areas of coverage

Buikwe district:

Makerere Walter Reed Project

Masaka District:

Church and Community Mobilisation Process (CCMP)

Mbale/ Manafwa District:

Tree planting project
Orphans and Vulnerable Children
Primary Health Care

Abim District:

Child Centered community Development Programme and Civic Engagement Alliance (CEA)

Kaberamaido District:

Children, Youth and Communities for Change (CYCC)

Sironko:

Community empowerment for the wellbeing of vulnerable children



Donors

- Transform Aid International (TAI)
- Red een Kind (REK)
- Tear Fund Netherlands
- Welsh Government
- Interchurch Organisation for Development Cooperation (ICCO)
- Kindernothilfe (KNH)
- Makerere Walter Reed Project (MUWRP)

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Foreword

2020 was an unusual year to say the least. This is true for all organisations, companies and countries. The COVID - 19 pandemic impacted every one both personally and financially.

But on behalf of everyone at Share An Opportunity Uganda, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our donors, supporters and partners for continuing to place their trust in us and enabling our successful and continuity as an organization during such a tough time.

I would also like to thank the whole SAO team for the exceptional and unwavering commitment, and the tremendous flexibility they showed during the lockdown and even after

it had been lifted. Together, the SAO team ensured that despite the challenges and the restrictions that came with the COVID 19 pandemic, work was done, targets were achieved and that they emerged from this crisis stronger than ever.

With the progressive lifting of the lockdown and the normalization of work, SAO registered some achievements such as the launch of the mobile courts in the Abim project. SAO also held important engagements with duty bearers and legislators among other core milestones that have put SAO in the public eye.

Regardless of the challenges, throughout the year, the main focus

was to see a holistically developed child in the community and therefore, SAO management and the Board's main area of focus was to ensure that all activities are well aligned with the strategic plan.

Therefore, with the continued support from our donors, stakeholders and partners, plus the strong team at SAO, the organisation will continue using its community empowerment approach to bring about a change in their areas of operation and in the lives of the children within these communities.

God bless you and enjoy reading this Annual Report.



Mr. Emmanuel Nsubuga
BOD chairperson

Foreword

Working amidst the COVID pandemic

It is my pleasure to present to you Share An Opportunity Uganda's 2020 Annual Report. This has been one of the most remarkable years for SAO Uganda as we literally saw God lifting us up from the dust and we can only say 'Ebenezer, this far have you brought us Lord! It is in 2020 that we learnt that we could work away from office and still ably achieve set targets. Amidst the lockdown and tight restrictions, SAO determinedly put her best foot forward to continue serving beneficiary communities in the most efficient and effective ways possible.

In response to the COVID 19 pandemic and its effects, the Programmes had to undergo adaptation, to address the immediate effects of COVID 19 and at the same time proceed with implementation within the guidelines from the Ministry of Health. SAO worked closely with the different project community leaders to prevent the spread of COVID 19.

Therefore, Information, Education and Communication materials in form of fliers with information from the Ministry of Health were translated into local languages, distributed and placed in strategic locations in the communities to create awareness about the basic facts of the infection and prevention. The staff also followed a Do No Harm approach in the delivery of programmes, ensuring that the way activities were delivered did not become an avenue for beneficiaries and other stakeholders getting infected with COVID 19. Therefore, all Standard Operating Procedures and guidelines by the Ministry of Health were observed. Hand washing with soap, physical distancing, the use of face masks were all enforced, as well as meeting community members in smaller groups. Our ability as a team to re-organise ourselves and deliver services within the statutory guidelines enabled SAO to register a

number of milestones as will be seen in this annual report. Amidst all the changes and challenges, our staff were our greatest resource, and I am proud to say we have a great team that is committed to working together for the success of the organisation. As we enter 2021, I would like to take a moment to recognize and appreciate the Board of Trustees, Board of Directors, all our funding partners, stakeholders, well-wishers, management and staff. A very special thanks to our funders who walked with us very closely and continued to trust us to do a good job even in the midst of all the uncertainties brought about by COVID 19. Together, we did an amazing job in 2020! I therefore hope that you enjoy reading this report and that it gives you more insight into SAO's work and the progress we have made as an organization in partnership with you.

Thank you all.



Carol masaba
National Director

OUR PROGRAMMES



A community borehole constructed by Share An Opportunity Uganda in Kaberamaido with the aim of ensuring that communities have access to clean water.

Children, Youth and Communities for Change (CYCC) programme in Kaberamaido

The project is implemented with support from Transform Aid International with an overall goal of, “Confident children and youth in a flourishing community.” It has four outcome areas which include;

- Communities able to plan and deliver children and youth wellbeing projects.
- Children have access to and actively participating in ECD, primary and secondary education in a child friendly learning environment by 2027.
- Children are safeguarded and influence decision at household and community level by 2027.
- Youth and caregivers with sustainable income to provide the basic needs of house holders and make a positive contribution to

community by 2027.

The project set a pace for building capacity of caregivers, children, youth and community based structures through organising them in Self Help Groups (SHGs), youth groups and children clubs which made it easy to enable them participate in project activities.

This also increased their understanding of effectiveness in bringing positive change to these communities, and ensured that the development process is assimilated and will spread in the surrounding areas in the long run.

There was noticeable improvement in children and youth identification and clear understanding of issues affecting them through their clubs and groups respectively which

gradually enhanced their confidence to participate in the community.

The projects’ adult engagement also increased stakeholders’ realization of children and youths’ meaningful contribution to the development process which actually led to their (adults’) appreciation of the need to listen and implement some of the children’s ideas.

Community people were getting more organized into groups, which contributed to their participation in the CYCC project. The willingness to participate was evident through respective groups i.e. 13 School Management Committees, 22 Child Protection and Safeguarding Committees, 53 Self Help Groups, 12 Youths Groups, 3Male groups, 10 Children Clubs and 30 Community

OUR PROGRAMMES



SAO with support from local partners has linked children with disabilities to rehabilitation facilities.

Owned Resource Persons. This was also confirmed during end of year monitoring that the per cent of target beneficiaries - both children and adult who were willingly participating in planning, implementation and monitoring of the project increased from 00%(baseline) to 22% at the end of financial year 2019/20.

Continuous sensitisation and training of the Local government staff about the CYCC programme and CP model made them appreciate and commit their support. Some leaders contributed and pledged support towards the CYCC project implementation and CYCC connections. For example Mr. Onya Edward, the Resident District Commissioner pledged and fulfilled continuous awareness about SAO approaches whenever he was given airtime on local radio.

Out of 7,374 children enrolled in partner schools, 369 children (5%) of the children were attending school regularly as caregivers provided most of the required scholastic materials to aid their learning. 7 School

Management Committees played their roles like periodic monitoring of their school plans to ensure that children were learning in a safe environment. An improvement on the number of pupils attending school regularly and obeying the schools rules and regulations was observed in all supported schools.

As a result of awareness sessions on the value of education by the project staff and school management committees, parents/guardians were challenged to give support to the children's education. For example, more frequent visits by parents were recorded in partner schools where parents became more active in doing physical follow up of their children while at school. Mr. Shaban Alunga, the head teacher of Okapel Primary School testified an increase in the number of parents who were willingly providing required scholastic materials and other obligations such as paying for development and mid-day meals among others. More parents were attending annual general meetings than before as witnessed in Oyama

primary school where average attendance increased from 60 parents in previous years to 150 in the year 2019/20. This was also confirmed by the end of year monitoring, that the percentage of targeted parents/guardians who were actively providing their children with necessary scholastic materials increased from 35% in June 2019 to 40% at the end of financial year 2019/20. This was to a large extent attributed to CYCC project's education component that commenced in July 2019.

Child protection was a contentious issue in Kaberamaido where there was previously no functional child protection mechanism. It was good to note that as a result of establishment and capacity building of the Child Protection Committee members (CPCs), children and community people begun reporting some cases of child abuse to relevant authorities through the CPCs. For example, in Acongwen and Gweri villages, cases of child marriage and neglect were reported to CPCs and handled as per their guidelines. Due to increased understating of the roles and responsibility of child protection committees, 6 out of the 22 CPC members managed to detect some child protection violations and reported them to relevant authorities. Through the guidance and supervision of the Community Development Officers (CDOs), each partner village managed to establish a system of recording child abuse cases at village level which are still functioning and contributing to child safeguarding at household and community level. Total number of local structures Worked with for this reporting period

- 3 Health units (health centre II, III and IV) supported in promotion of

Total number of beneficiaries for this reporting period

Category	SHGs		Children		SMCs		CPCs		Youths	
	M	F	B	G	M	F	M	F	M	F
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TOTAL	973	3816	130	264	653					

primary health care services including hand washing to prevent COVID-19 and provision of adolescent services during celebration of international youth day.

- 12 youth groups comprising of 326(188 males and 138 females) members.

- 13 School Management Committees supported in continuous awareness creation on the value of education.

- 22 Child Protection and Safeguarding Committees supported in continuous awareness creation on child safeguarding.

- 53 Self Help Groups acted as entry for all project interventions at village level.

- 3 Male groups supported in mobilization of more men in project interventions.

- 10 Children Clubs supported peer learning about children rights and responsibilities.

Achievements

As a result of the 264 (116M, 148F) targeted members who were trained on their roles and responsibilities, there was increased understanding of child protection practices among caregivers and committee members. 12 of the 22 Child Protection Committees (CPCs) were able to track records of child abuse cases and took responsibility of informing leaders whenever there was violation.

Through training and coaching in basic business skills within the existing SHGs, more target caregivers were able to apply the acquired skills to



start and manage business ventures. Among the notable skills applied were proper record keeping and marketing. It was recorded during the end of year monitoring that at least 10 percent of caregivers were applying the acquired business skills while managing their micro enterprises such as buying and selling silver fish, buying and selling vegetables and roadside selling of roasted cassava among others.

One of the enabling factors was the ability to borrow from the groups and invest in the business, which was also evident an increasing drift of members' borrowing i.e. from 487 women in December 2019 to 621 in June 2020.

Increased participation in businesses led to increased income and ability to save. For example, group savings increased from UGX 14,025,200 in December 2019 to UGX 18,902,300 in June 2020.

Changes that happened as a result of the CYCC project at different levels:

Child and youth:

- There was meaningful participation and progressive acceptance by adults of children and youth since SAO deliberately made sure that these two groups constitute part of the CPCs and village task forces. Their contribution was considered by adults and they (Children and Youths) had started appreciating the child protection system.

- Children could recall and reflect on at least 5-10 child rights which formed an initial stage for demanding and defending them (rights). They were gradually appreciating their responsibilities by ensuring their safety like actively participating in cleaning meeting venues, play grounds, water sources and helping their parents with daily work. This was appreciated by parents especially during lockdown period.

- Children in schools participated in creating school feeding gardens



and decided which crops to plant and when to harvest.

- There was an improvement in the number of children who reported to school early to learn in the 1st term of 2020 with most of the required scholastic materials. This was the case during first term of the year in February 2020 where average attendance on day one was 15% higher than previous terms.

Household

- SHG members established small businesses which contributed to their earnings. This attracted participation of children and SHG husbands since they realised the changes brought about by increased earning to the family such as easy access to basic needs and reduced burden to male spouses regarding provision for families.

- Families of children with disabilities were able to appreciate that children with disabilities if supported could equally participate and benefit as

other children. Some children that were originally kept indoors were allowed to participate in review meetings for children, go to church and were no longer perceived as a curse.

- Families were cooperative in the prevention of the spread of COVID 19; they adhered to the set guidelines by the Ministry of Health.

Community

- The number of parents visiting schools improved; more parents were paying development fees on time and these enabled schools complete the teachers' quarters so that teachers could spend more time in school than before.

- Youth-adult partnerships came up in the community unlike before as reported by the youth and other stake holders which greatly supported the youth in the day to day group functions. For example, some community members gave out land

to the youth to be used for the group benefit; ox ploughs to help the youth raise an income. In Okuku village, 2 adults joined the youth group as advisers. This partnership was instrumental in conflict resolution and execution of tasks within the group.

- There was a gradual attitude change in the community towards the youth initiatives which was attributed to their involvement in proposing solutions to the existing community problems.

For example in Abirabira parish, the youth cleaned around the community health centre, borehole and worked on the drainage system which was appreciated by the community, during one of the community meetings, the health in charge and chairperson LC 1 narrated, 'the youth have now turned into responsible members of the community because they are now helping the community to solve part of its problems, we need to support and work with them.'

Civic Engagement Alliance (CEA) project Abim



Members of the Farmers Association during one of the trainings at Lotuke subcounty offices.

The Civic Engagement Alliance project was in its final year. It was a Lobby and Advocacy programme targeting food security and improved livelihoods for marginalized groups of youth, women and People With Disabilities (PWD) in two subcounties of Awach and Lotuke in Abim District;

Project goal

The overall goal of the project was to ensure improved livelihood for women, youth and PWDs in Abim as a result of having inclusive markets for selected value chain enterprises of maize, millet and cassava.

The project was being implemented in three pathways under a consortium of five organizations. SAO was implementing pathway three which is; Smallholder farmers (SHFs) empowered to access viable markets for the three value chains of maize, cassava and millet.

Achievements

Enhanced national level engagements

In 2020, the project realised

enhanced national level engagements for a regulatory framework that supports market linkages for SHFs. A set of laws on agricultural production, storage and marketing were developed and the initial findings during the process of developing the laws were presented to members of the CEA.

These findings were to be used to provide clarity to the Ministry of Trade Industry and Cooperatives to consider strengthening mechanisms to adopt recommendations to the Markets Act to help farmers access market for their produce.

Strengthened Public-Private Partnership

There was strengthened public-private partnerships to leverage access to market, extension services and value addition. The small holder farmers of Abim (Abim West Farmers' Network) were linked to companies such as Ngeta Tropical holdings, Alito Joint Christian Cooperative, Mukwano, NABUIN agricultural research institute, UN WFP and other civil society organizations like Caritas

for better markets, post-harvest handling equipments, quality seeds, and extension services.

MoUs with Alito Joint Christian Cooperative and Ngeta Tropical Holdings were also signed. Ngeta Tropical Holdings was to provide agricultural loans, extension services and market to all the farmers who are registered with them. SAO Uganda also facilitated a district Food Security and Livelihoods (FSAL) coordination meeting for partners in the district. Child advocacy focusing on child nutrition and child labor were highlighted during the meeting.

Extension workers trained

There was increased capacity of extension workers and community facilitators in implementing national level pro-poor value chain lobby and advocacy. The skills that were attained by 36 participants including government extension workers, media persons, community own resource persons, farmer leaders among others will majorly be of use in promoting pro- poor initiatives that

will help small holder farmers have better access to markets for their products and services.

As a result of such trainings, there was evidence of soft skills among stakeholders that could be used for lobby as the program winds up. 18 community facilitators were able to roll out the lobby life skills to five farmer groups across three Sub Counties of Awach, Lotuke and Morulem.

Formation of a farmers' network

One farmers' Network; Abim West Farmers' Network (ABWEFAN) was formed and was functional. This achievement was important due to strengthened relationship between the Sub County leadership, Small Holder Farmers and value chain actors for better service delivery to small holder farmers. This came through the efforts that SAO had with Small Holder Farmers and, lobbied from the Sub County and District Local Governments for a more unified and harmonized farmers Association.

Increased agricultural budget

As a result of the two national level advocacy meetings that SAO had legislators, the national agricultural budget for FY 2019/2020 was increased by 6% compared to that of 2018/2019.

Laws formulated

A set of laws, policies and Acts that facilitate storage, processing, transportation, buying and selling of agricultural produce were developed. This was another important achievement at national level. This will be key in any further engagement with the Ministry of Trade Industry and cooperatives as lobby is done to have the recommendations to the Markets Act implemented.

Community Church Mobilisation process (CCMP)

Church and Community Mobilization Process (CCMP) is a capacity building and life skills process which positively impacts people's lives through acquisition of knowledge and skills with an overall purpose of empowering people to holistically transform their situation using God given locally available resources. CCMP is working with 11 Baptist churches in greater masaka region.

In 2020, the CCMP programme implementation followed a prescribed design of locally initiated projects and evidence of transformation documented in 11 Baptist Church communities of Luti, Kigasa, Kabagala, Lwetamu, Luwanga Kipyra, Maguluka, Kyamukama, Nakatete and Kyamulibwa.

Increased Income generating activities

As a result of a series of training, beneficiaries engaged in productive and profit making ventures realised an improvement in their livelihoods and gaining financial independence.

Household set goals were evident at personal, family and community levels with clear activities and strategies to achieve them as well as pointers of transformation. There was increased appreciation and use of the locally available resources like soil, land, trees and people among others.

Growth in resource mobilization At Luwangakipyra Baptist Church, participants grew in their ability to mobilize resources at both church and house hold level. They also learnt needs prioritization. Through this, they identified that churches had a need for a well - constructed pit latrine. Members mobilized UGX 300,000 towards the same in cash and materials worth UGX 400,000. They realized that looking for resources locally is better.

There was also an increase in the monthly church offerings in the participating churches in 2019/ compared to 2020. The average monthly giving increased from UGX 1,678,000 to UGX 2,850,000.

Community members attracted to



CCMP members during an economic empowerment training



A pit latrine that was built at one of the churches as a result of community mobilisation

8 out of 11 Churches that SAO worked with had credit and saving groups as unifying factors. Each of the groups had an average of 50 members. They had attracted more community

Christians will handle their money better than other groups in the community.

Pastors' learning visit
SAO hosted a group of 10 Pastors

from Baptist Union of Uganda - Soroti Region who came to for a learning visit - to see how CCMP is implemented in Masaka; to see its impact on the Church and community in Masaka, and see if they can implement it in their Churches. 4 Churches that are practising CCMP were visited.

These visits were made to members who are engaged in the CCMP project in different practicing churches. SAO was able to verify their income generating activities and the progress they were making. Feedback was helpful to inform the next course of action.

Makerere Walter Reed Project (MUWRP) in Buikwe

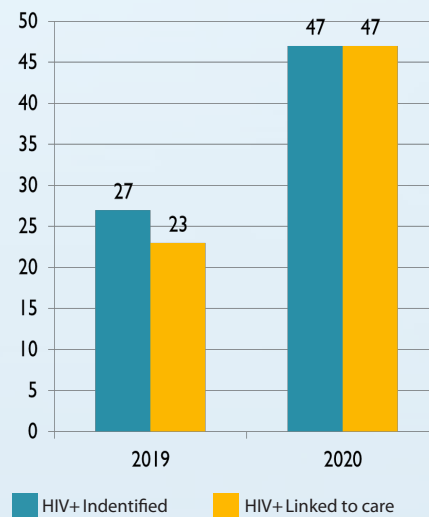
At the beginning of 2019 SAO entered into a partnership with MUWRP to implement a number of interventions in Buikwe district as part of the strategy to achieve 95-95-95 (95% of people living with HIV knowing their HIV status; 95% of people who know their status on treatment; and 95% of people on treatment with suppressed viral loads.) which culminates into ending AIDS by 2030

These interventions are in four categories which are:

- OVC interventions
- KP/PP Interventions
- Adherence campaigns
- SGBV Prevention Activities

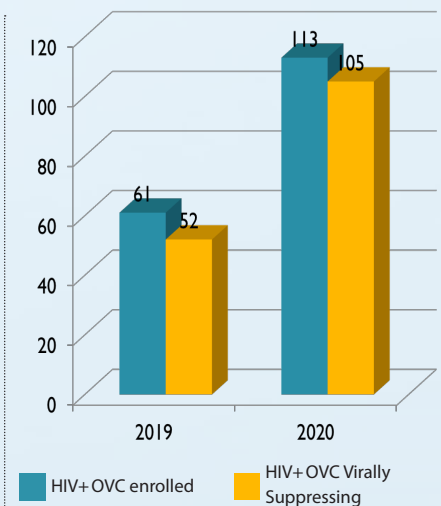
In 2020 all HIV positive people who were identified through the outreaches (Moon lights and Day time outreaches) were linked to care representing 100% linked thus surpassing the target of 95%. This excellent work compared to our previous performance in 2019 where we achieved 85% linkage to care.

No. of HIV+ identified Vs No. of HIV+ Linked to care

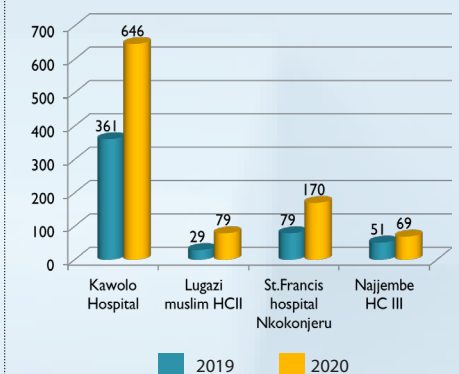


Viral load suppression

Out of 113 HIV+ OVC, 105 are virally suppressing which is 93%. Though we have not hit the mark of 95% there is an 8% increase in the viral suppression rate in the HIV+ OVC supported from the 85% performance of 2019.



There is increased reporting of SGBV cases at Health facilities for post violence care from 520 in 2019 to 964 in 2020 which is a 64% increment



Primary health Care Programme in Mbale

Through trainings and dialogues with VHTs, OPLs and CHPs we have realized these achievements. Impacts caused by the PHC interventions

The number of deliveries in Health units has increased from 339 to 843 this has been a result of continuous sensitization

The number of immunizations has increased from 281 to 435

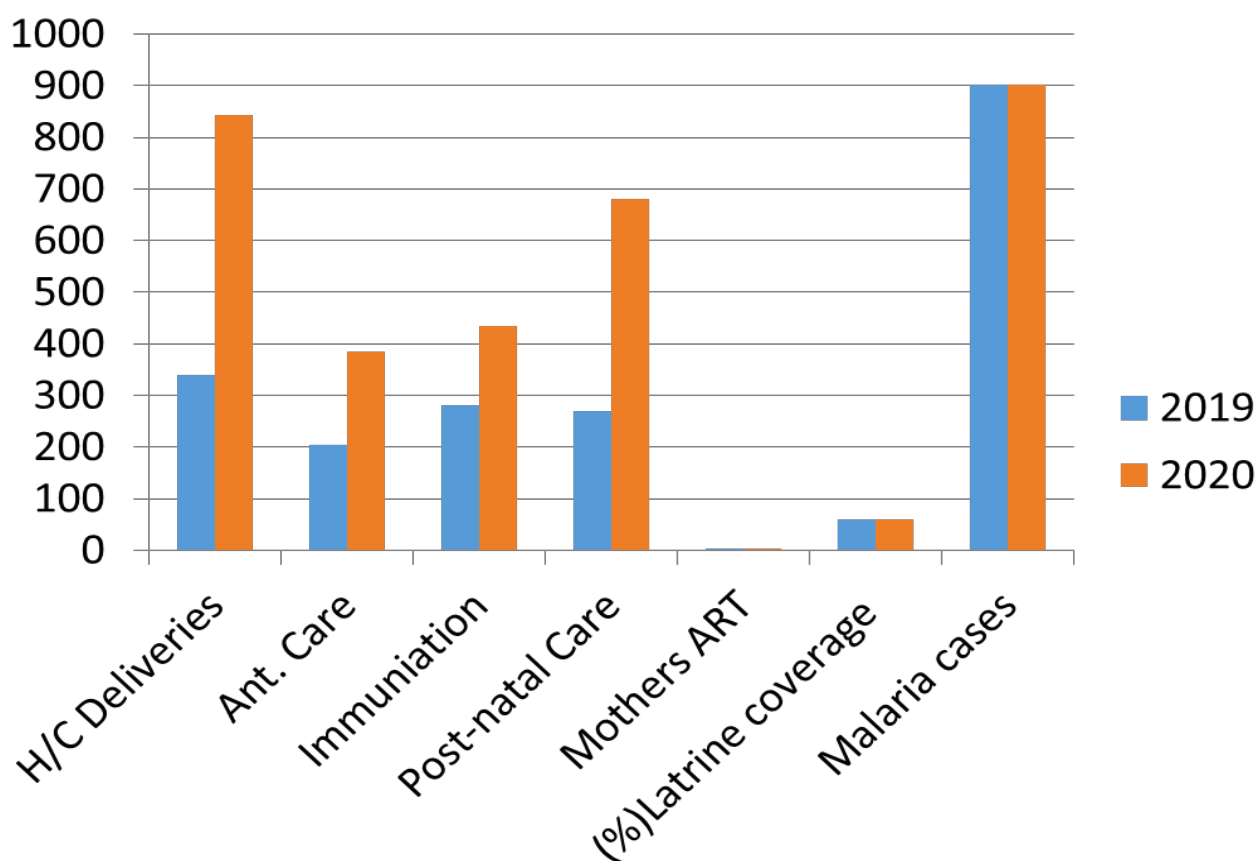
There is promotion of hygiene and sanitation due to improvement in latrine coverage that has increased from 59% to 60%

The number of malaria cases confirmed at health facilities reduced from 901 to 782

There is reduced child mortality rates due to increased attendance of antenatal health care services and postnatal services.

Due to Covid-19 pandemic, some of the planned activities were affected more especially on the number of community based health workers that were to be trained.

OUTPUT	ACHIEVED (2020/21)	PREVIOUS (2019/20)
Health Centre deliveries	843	339
Antenatal care	385	203
Immunization	435	281
Postnatal attendance	680	270
Mothers initiated on ART	3	4
Latrine coverage	60%	59%
Malaria confirmed cases	782	901





One of the tree nursery sites located in mbale Busiu Sub county.

The tree planting project in Mbale

Tree planting project

The programme is being implemented in areas of Mbale District with an overall goal of “Contributing to the planting of 25,000,000 trees in mount Elgon region by 2025.”

All the 13 tree nursery bed operators have been enrolled in their SACCO which has enabled them access savings and credit.

Seven tree growing champions groups of an average of 25 members

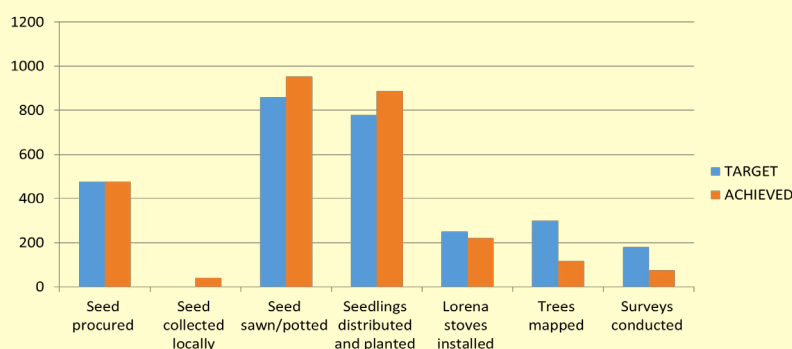
are functional and these have spurred tree growing activities in 8 model villages.

Lorena stoves

Over 220 Lorena fuel saving cook stoves have been constructed and

being used in over 150 families this has reduced fuel wood consumption up to 50%.

INPUT	ACHIEVED	TARGET	% ACHIEVEMENT
Seed procured	475kg	475kg	100%
Seed collected locally	40.5	No target/limit	N/A
Seed sown/potted	953000	858,000	111%
Seedlings distributed and planted	886,145	780,000	114%
Lorena stoves installed	220	250	88%
Trees mapped	117,085	300,000	39%
Surveys conducted	743	1,800	41%



Tabulation of inputs Vs output with the core objective of increased tree cover in mount Elgon region

Community Empowerment for the wellbeing of Vulnerable Children Project, Bunyafa- Sironko

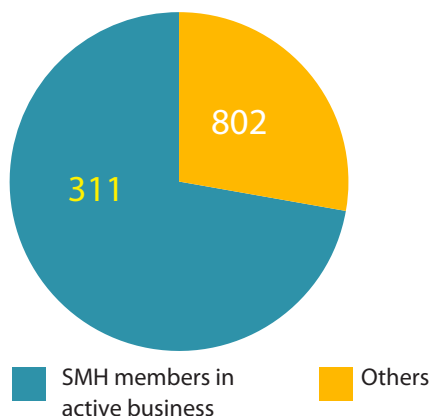
The community empowerment for the wellbeing of vulnerable children Project in Bunyafa, Sironko District was in

its third year of implementation. The overall outcome of the programme is:-
72% of SHG vulnerable women are

in active businesses. The others are too old to manage but they use their grandchildren to help them.

Improved quality of life for 2650 vulnerable children in Bunyafa sub county by 2025.

Items (Aspects)	September 2020	December 2020
Total number of Functioning SHGs.	53 SHGs	55
Number of SHG members.	1052	1113
Children in SHG member households.	3113 (Boys 1392, Girls 1721)	3110 (Boys 1390, Girls 1720)
Total number of functioning CLAs.	1	2
Total savings of all SHGs.	5,717,552	9,332,752
Total Capital of SHGs.	6,651,152	10,724,152
Total loans given out (cumulative).	17,459,302	27,298,502
Loan to Saving ratio.	1:3.05	1:2.93
External funds accessed by SHGs if any. Mention amount and source.	NIL	UGX 800,000_Hon. Nandala Mafabi.



• 85% SHG members out of the targeted 1000 were actively participating in sharing experiences, ideas, giving support to each other in activities such as digging, harvesting coffee, maize, beans etc. In times of sickness and death they have always

supported one another. (households)

- 2 CLAs were performing their roles and responsibilities in regard to SHGA.

- 55 SHGs out of the targeted 80 groups were saving, borrowing and repaying loans in their groups.

- SHG members had identified profitable IGAs which earned them daily income that enabled them save weekly.

Child Centred Community Development Programme in Abim



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Number of community members that were sensitized on the community based causes of disability.

There was increased capacity for the school Management Committees (SMCs) to lobby for their schools. For example through the SMC initiatives, a two block teachers' quarter house was constructed in Gotapwou Primary School, a kitchen was built in Orwamuge using community contributions while in Gangming and Barotuke, they managed to lobby for solar lighting systems for their schools.

3. Children in partner communities accessing basic education in Awach and Lotuke sub counties .

Under outcome three, teachers were equipped with skills in special needs teaching. 16 teachers trained and now have capacity to identify special needs cases and offer necessary support. The teachers were also trained in basic Braille and Ugandan Sign Language (getting more training through U-SIGN APP).

The Early Childhood Development (ECD) caregivers received training in making locally made play materials which efficient but cost savings. And also two ECD centres have been formed in Barotuke and Gotapwou

This programme was in its fourth year of implementation and in 2020, the focus was on three outcomes which include:-

1. Strong child protection systems in Awach and Lotuke sub counties.

To achieve this, 2 by-laws on child protection were formulated and passed in Awach and Lotuke Sub counties respectively. These By-laws will be popularised and enforced in 2021. Additionally, two mobile court

session sat and in the process 9 cases were handled thus leading to quick and timely justice.

There was increased participation amongst children club members. This was successfully achieved through children adult forums, entrepreneurship training, reusable sanitary pads making, training of Community Owned Resource Persons (CORPs) on child friendly methodologies and other usual club activities such as Music Dance and Drama (MDD) and debates.



respectively.

827 community members were sensitized on the community based causes of disability. A total of 220 children with disabilities (CWDs) diagnosed and referred/ linked to services and 16 CWDs linked to rehabilitation services. Additionally, 100 households of the children with disability were empowered with socio-economic skills.

Households and community hygiene and sanitation improvement

1050 members, 100 small holder farmers, 50 children with disability households and 20 PIP members empowered on proper hygiene and sanitation. 80 VHTs empowered on sanitation monitoring and follow up.

Improving Integrated Sustainable Livelihoods in Abim

100 SHG members were empowered on modern farming and vegetable growing, 1000 SHG members were empowered agro forestry, 100 youth were empowered lifeskills and entrepreneurship and 100 SHG members were empowered on livestock management.

200 households empowered with knowledge and skills on gender inclusive Agriculture.

200 families were empowered and developed gender inclusive family improvement (PIP) plan. This increased family participation in family development.

20 innovative farmers (PI's) were empowered on business management, savings and lending and linked to Post Bank for Agricultural soft loans for poultry and piggery farming.

Improved correspondence between sponsors and ambassadors

A total of 724 ambassadors had been recruited out of 750. Out of these 550 are families/ households (FAMs), 101 are child ambassadors (CAM) and 73 are children with disabilities (CAM+). 547 sponsored families and children corresponded with sponsors.

Success Stories

ANNET NABUKWAS

New business venture yields more earning on market

I am Annet Nabukwasi a resident of Busiru village in Bunyafa Sub County in Sironko district.

I am 35 years old, a member of Yedana Self Help Group (SHG) which was formed on 10th October 2018. Currently the group has 20 members. Before I joined the SHG, I had no source of income or any business skill; I could not afford to pay school fees for my 4 children. Their father couldn't neither support them in better schools, so I was compelled to take care of them even though I did not have anything.

I started saving UGX 200 per week but later increased to UGX 400 per week because members wanted to take bigger loans.

We were given enterprise selection training by our Community Facilitator (CF) in November 2018 where with the knowledge I had in baking I realized that I could start the baking/snacks business since there was demand for 'samosas' and 'mandazi' in the center.

I borrowed a loan of UGX 50,000 to buy materials for making snacks. Within the first week, I used 10 packets of flour and made a profit of UGX 25,000. This was because of ready



Nabukwasi prepares snacks at her local built kiosk. She started the business with a loan worth UGX 50,000.

market and good taste of my products as testified by some customers. Within one month, I managed to pay back the first loan with its interest amounting to UGX 52,500.

At first, I used to hawk the products but now my customers buy from my kiosk and supplying Bugambi primary school staff where I got a tender. Due to high demand, I took a second loan amounting to UGX 100,000 to add more materials and within one month I realized sales increasing to 205,000. Before corona virus pandemic, my

husband used to help me while children were in school but now the entire family has joined me to boost the business instead of employing outside people. With that,

I am now assured of regular income which has enabled me pay my helpers by providing fees, food, clothing and scholastic materials to my four children in time.

My plan is to construct a permanent house and buy Friesian cow for more stable income.



Vegetable business booming in Konje center which earns Ayisat profits.

NAGUDI AYISAT

Vegetable business as an economic booster in my household

Nagudi Ayisat, 43 a resident of Konje village in Bunyafa Sub County in Sironko district is a member of Dubana Self Help Group (SHG) which was formed on 22nd of October 2018 constituting 17 members.

She narrates; “before I joined the SHG, I had no source of income or any business skill, I could not afford to pay school fees for my 6 children. I started saving UGX 500 per week but later increased to UGX 1000 per week because members wanted to take bigger loans. We were trained by our Community Facilitator (CF) in December 2018 and later February

2019 on business skills and, how to start up micro businesses in our communities. I gained interest and borrowed a loan of UGX 40,000 to buy items/vegetables for startup. I began with cabbages, tomatoes, bananas on a small stall and within a week I made some mild profits of that provoked me to continue running the business however small it was. Interestingly my first sales earned me a profit of UGX 4,000 that week. Within one month, I managed to pay back the first loan with its interest amounting to UGX 42,000. With the increasing customers I took second loan amounting to UGX 80,000 to add more vegetables and realized

sales increasing to 120,000. When I assessed that customers would demand for charcoal whenever they bought items on the stall, I quickly bought the idea and went in for bigger loan worth 250,000 and I stocked 4 bags of charcoal. On every bag I earn at least 15,000 as profit. With that, I am now assured of regular income which has enabled me pay school fees, food, clothing and scholastic materials for my children in time.

My plan is to stock at least 50 -100 charcoal bags and become a chief supplier, wholesaler/distributor in Konje town board/center. And also to see that I buy cross breed animal that would provide milk and other products for the family.” All this is possible with the intervention of SAO-U in partnership with KNH

A permanent house built as a result of CCMP trainings

DONOZIA is 54 years old, a devote Roman Catholic and a member of Luwanga Kipyra Baptist Church CCMP. He lives with his wife, 4 children and 3 grandchildren.

He was apprehensive at first, to join CCMP because it was introduced by another “religion” and he thought nothing good will come out of it. Before joining CCMP, he says he had no development plan. He says that he used to work with his wife in the garden and could not save any money neither think of investment. He also started to build a family house but it had stopped on the ring beam level for 6 years.

However, after joining CCMP and attending the Bible studies and trainings, he says that he realized God doesn’t want him to live in poverty and that God gave people resources to use and meet their needs. He therefore



joined the SACCO at Luwanga Kipyra Baptist Church and started saving UGX 4,000 every sitting.

He says that in this SACCO, they meet twice a month. He says he was committed because he wanted to save money to build his own house and engage in commercial farming (onion farming) as a way of attaining financial

independence. He went on to increase his monthly savings from UGX 4000 to UGX 20,000 and above

He saved UGX 2,000,000 and also got a loan of UGX 1,500,000 from the CCMP SACCO. He was able to roof his house and he is now staying in it as he does the other finishing work on it.



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A life saved through SAO's PHC programme

On Thursday 1st April 2021 at around 10pm, heavily pregnant 35-year-old Moureen Mutonyi started experiencing contractions that would later lead to the birth of her 8th child, she thought that the birth would be as easy as the first seven.

"I have been giving birth to my children from either home or in the hospital. But the process has always been fast yet with no complications. But with the trainings from the community health workers, I had decided to be giving birth from hospital" the mother of eight explains.

But unfortunately, she got into labour late in the night and yet the distance from her home to the nearest health facility was long, "I decided to have the child from home

with the help of a trained traditional birth attendant."

However, when the baby came out, trouble set-in. "The placenta refused to come out (retained placenta) and I was bleeding a lot." The adults present sent for one of the Operational Leave Healthy Worker, Mr Moses Wamukote to come to Mutonyi's rescue.

Mr Wamukote was initially a Village Health Worker, who was trained by Share An Opportunity Uganda (SAO U) through the Primary Health Care (PHC) Program in Mbale to become a Community Health Promoter and later an Operational Level Healthy Worker.

As an Operational health Worker, Mr Wamukote identifies health

related cases within his community, coordinates with the nearest health units to ensure that those that need medical attention receive it immediately and also links patients to the motorcycle ambulance for easy transfer to health facilities.

In Moureen's case, when Wamukote reached her home, the mother of eight had already fainted. "Due to the bleeding, by the time we arrived, Mutonyi had fainted but fortunately, I had come with the ambulance driver, I called the maternity wing of Busiu Health centre IV to inform them of an emergency case that was being brought in by the ambulance rider."

At the facility, Mutonyi got help and is now back home with her family.

EQUIPING COMMUNITIES TO FIGHT COVID 19



Children were taught how to make masks



In Kaberamaido, we gave out soap to the communities.



Training communities on hand washing became key in our programme implementation.

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACTIVITIES



Some of the decorative items that child rights group members in Abim made in 2020



Youth in Abim received training in hairdressing



In Masaka, the youth received training in cartering. After the training they started a cartering company,



Children and youth were equipped with skills in vegetable growing.

PICTORIAL



Women in Kaberamaido were trained in various income generating activities such as the making of snacks



A classroom block that was built as a result of advocacy from children.



Through out the COVID pandemic and the subsiquent lockdown, family is what kept everyone going

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

		2020	2019
	Note	Ushs	Ushs
Incomes			
Direct contributions - Donors	9.8	2,662,722,315	3,366,029,894
Other Incomes	9.9	99,480,567	43,472,330
Total Incomes		2,762,202,882	3,409,502,224
Expenditure			
Project Activities	9.10	1,674,491,184	2,253,150,999
Other personnel costs	9.12	37,159,988	31,017,475
Office Running Expenses	9.13	180,686,619	266,711,157
Motor Vehicle Expenses	9.14	98,112,518	85,931,198
Other Project Expenses	9.15	14,386,900	43,624,052
Local Contributions expenses	9.16	285,000	5,021,000
Equipment and Assets	9.17	29,556,509	51,056,276
		2,718,343,017	3,374,424,825
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		43,859,865	35,077,399
Accumulated Fund b/f		530,272,562	495,195,163
Accumulated Fund c/f		574,132,427	530,272,562

STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE

		2020	2019
	Note	Ushs	Ushs
Assets			
Non current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment		517,474,212	517,474,212
		517,474,212	517,474,212
Current Assets			
Financial Investments	9.4	-	100,000,000
Cash and Bank Balances	9.6	537,477,045	354,342,281
Account Receivable	9.5	1,666,860	40,941,759
		539,143,905	495,284,040
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	9.7	126,000	126,000
		126,000	126,000
Net Assets		1,056,492,116	1,012,632,252
Represented By:			
Capital Fund		517,474,213	517,474,213
Accumulated Fund		539,017,904	495,158,039
		1,056,492,116	1,012,632,252
		1,056,492,116	1,012,632,252

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUND

	Capital Fund	Accumulated Fund	Total
	Ushs	Ushs	Ushs
As 1st July 2018	545,647,029	495,195,163	1,040,842,192
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	-	35,077,399	35,077,399
Asset Movement in the Year	51,056,277	-	51,056,277
Assets Depreciation in the Year	(79,229,093)	-	(79,229,093)
Prior Year adjustment	-	(35,114,523)	(35,114,523)
At 30th June 2019	517,474,213	495,158,039	1,012,632,252
As 1st July 2019	517,474,213	495,158,039	1,012,632,252
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	-	43,859,865	43,859,865
Asset Movement in the Year	-	-	-
Assets Depreciation in the Year	-	-	-
At 30th June 2020	517,474,213	539,017,904	1,056,492,116

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	2020	2019
	Ushs	Ushs
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	43,859,865	35,077,399
Adjustments for:		
Prior Year adjustment	-	(35,114,523)
Operating Cash flows		
Changes in Accounts receivable	39,274,899	(33,535,676)
Changes in Accounts payable	-	(195,633,902)
Net cash Changes in operating activities	83,134,764	(229,206,702)
Investing Activities		
Capital Expenditures	-	-
Net cash generated from investing activities	-	-
Financing Activities		
Changes in Financial Investments	100,000,000	210,000,000
Net cash generated from financing activities	100,000,000	210,000,000
Net Increase in Cash and Cash equivalent	183,134,764	(19,206,702)
Cash and cash equivalent at 1st Jul	354,342,281	373,548,983
As at 30th June	537,477,045	354,342,281
Statement of Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalent		
Closing Cash and Bank balances	537,477,045	354,342,281
	537,477,045	354,342,281



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