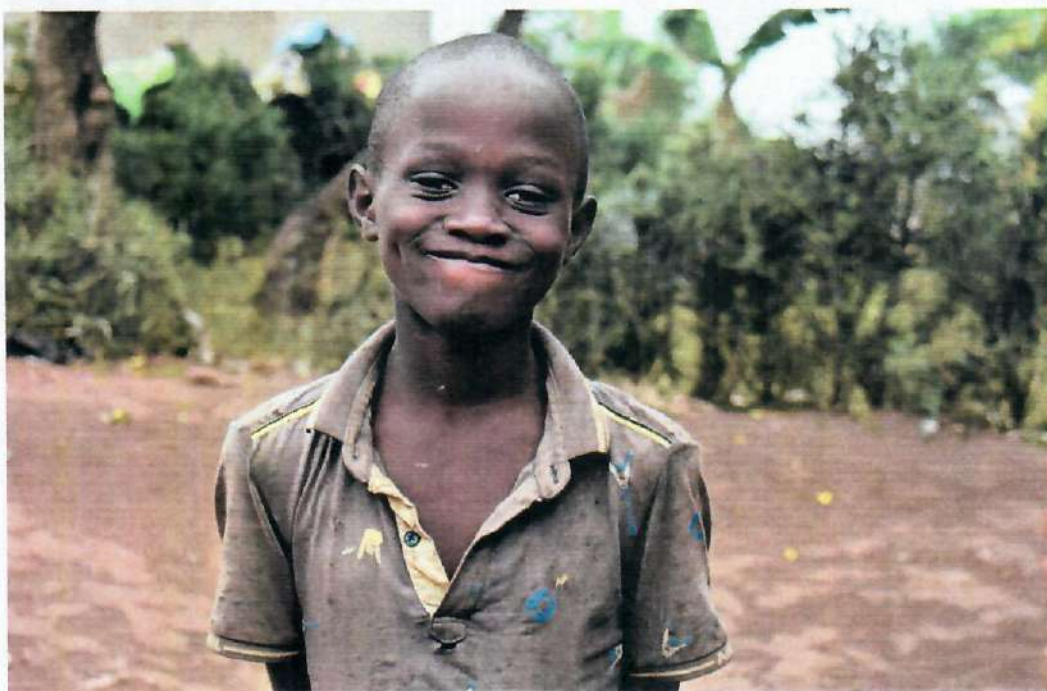


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10 YEARS OF PROVIDING CHILDREN AND
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ANNUAL REPORT 2021



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COMMUNICATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear friends, followers, partners and stakeholders in your different capacities!

I present to you the integrated annual performance report and financial report for the full year of 2021. After the formation of Alliance for Children and Youth Uganda 2012, we constituted ourselves as an NGO, established articles of association and established our offices, we have come a long way! And today I am proud of the far we have reached.

With our Organizational values of transparency, voluntary service, innovation, Advocacy, Gender and Cultural sensitivity, it made it possible to create, to shape and to cultivate small miracles and milestones with great effect, and finally energized us to overcome big barriers, and in order to help the local population of Kasese District, and sustainably do!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hannah D.'.



A4CY-U OVERVIEW

Alliance for children and youth Uganda is Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) that started in 2012 with a commitment of empowering communities affected by Poverty to meet their needs. We envision a society where all Children and Youth live to their full potential and their rights and aspirations are fulfilled. Our services are delivered through a community and family-oriented intervention model.

VISION

A society where all Children and Youth live to their full potential and their rights and aspirations are fulfilled

MISSION

To support Children, Youth and their caregivers to participate in socio-economic initiatives for improve livelihoods and sustainable development.

OUR BOARD

It comprises of 9 (5 females and 4 males) members drawn from different walks of life. The Board is responsible strategic direction and decision making of the organisation.

LIST OF A4CY-U BOARD MEMBERS AND CONTACTS

S/N	NAME	GENDER	TITLE/POSITION
1.	MR. KITANYWA SOWED	MALE	CHAIRPERSON BOARD
2.	MR. MUZIGITI JIMMY	MALE	BOARD MEMBER
3.	MR. KIMUGHA DENITH	MALE	BOARD MEMBER
4.	MRS. MASIKA EVELYEEN	FEMALE	BOARD MEMBER
5.	MRS. KABANYORO REBECCA	FEMALE	TREASURER
6.	MRS. ELLEN ITHUNGU	FEMALE	BOARD MEMBER
7.	MRS. RUTH MASIKA	FEMALE	VICE CHAIRPERSON
8.	ORD. ANNA BWABU	FEMALE	BOARD MEMBER
9.	MR. MUTORO JULIUS	MALE	BOARD MEMBER

ORGANISATIONAL OBJECTIVES

1. To strengthen the capacity of families, caregivers and other service providers to protect and care for their children and youth.



2. To expand the provision of essential services for the children and youth and their households.
3. To increase access to protection and legal services to Orphans and Other Vulnerable children.
4. To protect the Child survival and development through provision of improved Reproductive Health Services

ORGANISATIONAL THEMATIC AREAS

- 1) Child Protection and Youth Care
- 2) Social economic empowerment for the youth and caregivers
- 3) Provision of Sexual Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS Services and women Rights Promotion.
- 4) Environmental Protection, climatic Change and Adoption
- 5) Water, Hygiene and Sanitation
- 6) Capacity building, Research and Institutional Development

LIST OF STAFF MEMBERS AND POSITIONS

No.	NAME	GENDER	POSITION
1	KABUGHO JOVIAH	FEMALE	TEAM LEADER
2	NANVUMA SHAMILA	FEMALE	FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICER
3	MUHINDO JOSEPH	MALE	PROGRAMME OFFICER- YOUTH SKILLING AND EMPOWERMENT
4	MASIKA PATRICIA	FEMALE	PROGRAMME OFFICER – GENDER AND HUMAN RIGHTS
5	BALUKU BOB MORIS	MALE	PROGRAMME OFFICER – SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH OFFICER
6	KABUGHO JULIET	FEMALE	PROGRAMME OFFICER – COMMUNITY LIVELIHOODS OFFICER
7.	ISEMUSOBYA AMOS	MALE	PROGRAMME OFFICER – HIV/AIDS AND NUTRITION OFFICER
8.	BIIRA RINET	FEMALE	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
10.	MUHINDO ONIZ	MALE	DATA CLERK
11.	MBAMBU JOLLY	FEMALE	FIELD ASSISTANT
12.	MUSALE GEORGE	MALE	DRIVER
13.	SUNDAY YOWERI	MALE	SECURITY GAURD
14.	TUMUHAIRWE JAMES	MALE	SECURITY GAURD

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ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN 2021:

PROJECT 1:

GIRLS FIRST FUND FUNDED PROJECT

General Objective of the project: To contribute to the reduction of child marriage in Bugoye and Maliba sub counties in Kasese District through Economic empowerment and increased access to quality Sexual Reproductive services.

Activities:

1. Support 100 trainees to form clusters and supply them with startup toolkits

In 2020, A4CY-U identified and selected 100 young mothers from Maliba and Bugoye sub counties, and enrolled them for vocational skills training in Hair dressing, craft shoe making and sweater knitting.

After undergoing a 6-8 months training in these fields, A4CY-U mobilised the trainees in clusters of 3-4 girls and supplied them with start-up tool kits to enable them start own businesses, earn for a living and refrain from engaging in risky behaviours and child marriage.

- a) Trainees of hair dressing received the following items;

an electric hand drier, roller, shampoo soap, Bucket of hair relaxer and conditioner, some weaves and hair braids, a saloon mirror, combs, a trolley, a bench, needles, styling gel and rent for three months.

- b) Trainees of Craft shoe making received the following items: threads, hooks, gum, rubber, carpet, pipes (big and small), layers, lining, cutter, stone, harmer, scissors, nylon and tape measure.
- c) Trainees for sweater knitting received the following items: sowing machine, threads, tape measure, needles, table and stool, displaying stand, oil and three months' rent.

From the field monitoring reports, the trained and supported girls are doing well, clustered girls in hair dressing have got profits from their saloons and have started their own saloons in the neighbouring villages.





Above are beneficiary girls testing the usability of the sowing machine, and below are AACY-U Chairperson and District probation officer handing over the start-up tools to the beneficiary girls



2. Support the direct project beneficiaries and their families to form, register and operate group based savings associations

100 beneficiary girls and their caregivers have been mobilised to form Village Savings and Loans Associations to help in economic empowerment at both personal and household level, this will help in reducing helplessness that pushes

girls into risky behaviours including child marriages. 4 village savings groups have been formed where most beneficiary girls and their caregivers have enrolled and are investing some of their earned profits in form of savings and taking soft loans to support their small hustles.

3. Selection of 50 destitute households with 50 girls at risk of child marriage including girls in child labor

50 households have been selected and identified in target sub counties of Maliba and Bugoye sub counties, these include families from very vulnerable backgrounds from which young mothers come from. We hope and believe that when their economic status is improved to be able to take care of their daily expenses, send their girls back to school and delay child marriages.

Members of the destitute households shall be supported with small capital to start small scale businesses, and thereby join existing VSLA groups for savings and credit to boost their small scale businesses.

4. Support the project officer and sub county community development officer conduct monitoring of the project:

A4CY-U supported community Development Officers to conduct monitoring of the beneficiary girls and structures formed in the community. This helps in ensuring the project is on course and causing the desired impact in the community. Madam Labongo Ruth and Aida Inebyona the Community Development Officers of Maliba and Bugoye sub counties respectively have been instrumental in the success of this project, we truly appreciate their time and skills offered to this project work.

5. Support daily provision of Reproductive Health services to adolescent girls at the A4CY-Y Adolescent crisis centre.

The adolescent crisis centre at our Rwakingi Based main office, where adolescents both male and female, and young mothers get access to free SHR services. We procured drugs to support this centre, we also give mama kits to very vulnerable girls

who have been made pregnant, antenatal services and refer cases we cannot handle to nearby hospitals and health facilities.

Below are photos of the crisis centre



A total of 868 adolescents, youth and young mothers have reached the crisis center in the 12months, directly received services at the crisis center of which 152 (18%) came and asked for the services on their own, 12 (1%) were males and 844 females. 704 referrals were made by the adolescent mentors.

This can be segregated as below;

Table 1: Total number of clients, who visited the crisis center,

FEMALES	844
MALES	12
TOTAL	868

Table 2: Clients segregated according to services received,

ADOLESCENTS FOR ANTENAL	68
HIV TESTING AND COUNSELLING ADOLESCENTS	125
SYPHILIS SCREENED ADOLESCENTS	78
Clients tested for HCG	75
Clients for post abortion treatment	15
CLIENTS RECEIVED FOR FAMILY PLANNING	60
1COCs	06
2.INJECTA	51
3. implanon	03
ADOLESCENTS TREATED FOR STIs	160
Clients treated for malaria	60
Clients supplied with mama kits	68
ADOLESCENT MOTHERS REFERRED FOR ANTENATAL TO HEALTH CENTERS	68
ADOLESCENTS RECEIVED FOR PSYCHO SOCIAL SUPPORT with other services	641
Those for psycho-social alone	227
TOTAL REFERRALS MADE BY THE MENTORS	704

We have a qualified, trained and youth friendly nurse (see in Photos above), who tests, treats, counsel and refers the adolescents who come to the centre seeking the Sexual Reproductive Health services.

Our adolescent centre has been very much appreciated across the district for the youth friendly services provided to the community. We are proud for the 1% service we have given to the male youths as well, and we pledge to continue reaching out to them in our subsequent years of implementation.

6. Conducted one Community adolescent camps/Clinics in hard to reach areas of Maliba sub counties;

To Support young people to access a range of services and information relevant to their life decisions and are able to make informed choices with special focus on addressing VAC, child marriage, HIV/AIDs. From this activity 421 adolescents were reached with SRH services, messages on VAC, GBV, preventing child marriages and the further spread of HIV/AIDS. From the interactions with the stakeholders and beneficiaries, we realised that there's a need for an outreach centre for our services in Maliba. This will be part of our

next year's resolutions and we plan accordingly.

7. Facilitated our trained adolescent mentors with monthly facilitation for airtime for coordination

With the project officers for adolescents identified and referred to the crisis centre for more case management. This has improved on our presence in the community, visibility and eased follow up, referral and case management.

This activity has been summed up with follow up visits and case management for child rights violations especially for child marriages in the community. In 2021, we managed to report, refer and follow up 21 cases and rescued 13 girls from child marriages, 4 of these have gone back to school and the rest enrolled on vocational skills training courses within the district.

PROJECT 2:

ACCELERATING EPIDEMIC CONTROL IN FORT REGION (ACE-FORT) WITH SUPPORT FROM BAYLOR UGANDA:

Background

This project is premised on the aim of contributing to the general project objective of, **"Strengthening community engagement towards achievement of the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets and ensuring delivery of quality HIV/TB and psychosocial services along the continuum of care"**.

Alliance since 2018 is implementing a Community Health Facility Bi-directional Linkage Framework and OVC program an aim to contribute to the above Objective.

Activities conducted in 2021:

1. Clients referred from the community to the health facility for Antenatal Care Services (ANC).

A total number of 1,162 pregnant mothers were identified from the community and referred to the health facility and of these 1149 reached the facility, given the service and returned the feedback to the CSO from January to end September 2021. This has been the most successful activities what we have been scoring to 100% throughout the project life until in October 2021.

Community workers and Para social workers identify mothers during the community outreaches health educate them about the importance of Antenatal, and encourage them to go to the facility to start Antenatal. The PSW/CHW gives a referral form to the client which is given to the health work at the facility to sign after offering the service and later the feedback is brought back to the PSW/CHW who later submits to the Office to documentation into the Community facility register and file.

2. QI collaborative projects completed between the CSO & Health Facilities.

In collaboration with the supported Health Facilities of Buhaghura HC III, Bugoye HC III, Hima HC III and Kitswamba HC III, we identified a challenge of unaccounted positive adolescent who are not enrolled on OVC program. Together with the facilities agreed to have a collaborative QI project of increasing the proportion of C/ALHIV and HEIs screened and enrolled on the OVC program from the current 83% C/ALHIV and 90% for HEIs to 100% by Dec 2021.

Since the start of the quality Improvement project, we have managed to identify, screen and enrol 28 OVC on the program through the quality improvement project in the facilities of Kitswamba, Bugoye and Hima sub counties with which we have been together in the QI project.

3. Number of active beneficiaries served by OVC programs (CPA) for children and families affected by HIV/AIDS

This is an indicator that directly affects the OVC. This indicator mostly looks at activities around knowledge change/awareness, prevention and protection of both caregivers and OVC and constant target that is assigned to us by the funder in the annual performance contract. And this target number is supported for the whole year on quarterly basis.

A total number of 577 OVC and Caregivers were served in the quarters of Jan to March, April to June, July to September and lastly in Oct to December. Of these 442 (76.6 %) were OVC and 135 (23.4 %) were Caregivers.

However, we served more than our 535 agreed target by 42 OVC as per



the 2020/2021 RBF Performance contract due to the following reason

- **Change in enrolment criteria**

Before the recent signed RBF contract the enrolment criteria whether the child and caregiver affected or infected with HIV, the whole household with or without Positive children would be taken and enrolled on the program and this changed to household with only HIV positive, this meant exiting all other household with positive caregivers but no positive child. However, this became so difficult to exist some household who are so vulnerable without any package to keep them moving but rather to keep them on program as we forge a way out on their exit strategy.

- **Reduction in targets.**

The general reduction of targets in the sub counties without packages became a biggest challenge justifying to the sub county authorities for existing households that have been on program but still critically vulnerable. This highly affects our reputation and that of the funder in the community.

In contributing to this objective, a number of activities have been carried out in 2021 as follows;

- a) **Gender based violation (GBV) and HIV screening.**

This is a must do activity on a quarterly basis, which is implemented to ascertain cases of GBV which given the conditions and nature of our beneficiaries (infected or affected by HIV) could cause more harm and if there is any kind of violence especially physical violence, we could offer prevention services to prevent more infections with in the family.

442 OVC's have been screened for GBV and HIV on quarterly basis and their results documented and filed in their household files at the organization.

- b) **Monitoring of Viral load.**

The viral load of 136 HIV affected OVC and 115 caregivers, has been monitored from the facilities VL slips put in their household files at the office. For those who are virally suppressed are encouraged to keep taking pills on time and with good feeding. The unsuppressed have been supported through monitoring to adherence to drugs. Un-suppression to drugs is mainly attributed to limited access to nutritious foods

since most un suppressed cases are attributed to poor feeding.

Below is AACY-U giving food supplements to unsuppressed OVC's on program



c) Prevention services and awareness.

This activity mainly focuses on the negative OVC of positive caregivers and or with positive sibling. The main reason for this activity is to ensure negative OVC remain negative by health educating them about the possible ways of keeping themselves safe despite staying with positive ones. This activity was done in quarter Jan to March and July to September quarter in. This has kept 306 OVC'S negative throughout the 2021 year.

4. OVC served with 3 or more core program areas

With an objective of ensuring all OVC's are served with 3 or more CPAs

of food security, Economic strengthening, Health and Protection. This indicator looks out to activities that directly affects the wellbeing of both the OVC and the caregivers. It also targets an annual constant number that was given by the funder to be served on quarterly basis in a specific annual performance contract. The activities under this indicator are geared towards household graduation from vulnerability.

A total of 535 of OVC and care givers were served with a number of serves such as startup kits to caregivers, scholastic materials to OVC, Health education to both caregivers and OVC, agricultural advisory services to caregivers, child protection session to both caregivers and OVC, School fees to sub candidate classes with direct support from Baylor Uganda.

With intention to serve the households to be able to graduate from vulnerability, we planned a long-term strategy to empower the households with hands on skills for economic gain. The strategy that began in January 2021 was meant stretch to the end of the year and more. This was planned as the major activity on which other activities shall be laid to have household

empowered and are able to live by their own.

Below is one of the household that graduated in 2021, receiving part of the graduation package.



Given the nature of implementation which is quarterly based and result based financing (RBF), the strategy was clustered and implemented quarterly. The plan that started in January-March quarter with training of 120 household that were clustered into 7 groups for easy teaching in basket weaving was successful.

Below are caregivers of Bugoye and Kitwamba Sub Counties being involved in shopping basket weaving.



Photo below shows male involvement in Basket making



After a two-month training in shopping basket weaving in Jan-March quarter and in their clustered group the caregivers were given weaving materials as startup kits in April - May June quarter as part of the long-term strategy of empowering the households and caregivers ahead of graduation. During the training and distribution of weaving materials, the sub county CDO was involved to build the capacity of the caregiver groups in VSLA management and sustainability.

Below are caregivers and OVC'S of Bugoye Sub County, after receiving VSLA start-up kits and scholastic materials.



In order to empower caregivers and their OVC's, after distributing the startup kits we followed it with comprehensive business skills and formation of Village saving and loans Association (VSLA) and distribution of saving boxes and other materials such as a calculator, counter books, personal saving booklets and saving dishes.

Below is AACY-U staff handing over savings materials to a group in Hima Town Council.



Below is a VSLA group in Hiima during a weekly meeting



Alongside the long-time strategy of eliminating vulnerability, other services with in different core program areas where being offered as follows;

- Child protection:

Child protection services have been offered on quarterly basis where the CDOs for different sub counties are facilitated to monitor the child protection issues and give child protection tips. Continuous child protection to ensure that our beneficiaries protected. A one-day training was done at their respective sub county offices to build caregivers capacity in identifying, reporting and seeking support when faced with child rights violations.

Below is a child protection sessions going on with caregivers in Kitwamba Sub County.





- Food and nutrition

Monitoring of 137 households and making a target of 440 OVC on the Agricultural advisories which were provided to their households. The activity moved on well and most of the planted products germinated, apart from a few which failed to sprout due to some reasons like limited rain, the tomatoes did not work well because of poor timing of season.

Below is Oniz AACY-U staff distributing food supplements to OVC beneficiaries in Rukoki Sub County



- Education

Despite the fact that in 2021 schools continued to be under lockdown, we kept monitoring our beneficiaries at home, where we ensured that they keep in school moods. In doing so a number of activities were done since January as follows.

We monitored the OVC in sub-candidate classes who are being sponsored Baylor Uganda on the school fees program. We also distributed scholastic materials to all continuing classes who were preparing to rejoin school after the ministry of education's plan of reopening schools. The distribution was before the second lockdown announced on 18th of June 2021.

Using our community structures and through our monthly and quarterly home visit the OVC were counselled and encouraged to keep reading the already distributed self-study reading materials to ensure they are in school moods. This activity directly contribute to the 4th organization core value of Basic education and development which in long run to the organization vision of A society where all children and youth live to their fully potential and their and inspirations are fulfilled



Above and below: caregivers and OVC's receiving scholastic and reading materials.



- Psychosocial Support

Given the nature of our beneficiaries (affected or infected with HIV) and given the myths with HIV, there is need to psychologically support the beneficiaries. This activity is given on quarterly basis were PSW and A4CY-U staff continuously home visit the households of caregivers and OVC's on program and through this caregivers and OVC are counselled about positive living, adherence and different ways of prevention and economic development.

- Provision of chlorine tabs

Coupled with the above distinguished support to our beneficiaries, we avail aqua safe chlorine tablets to help in purifying water to ensure beneficiaries have access to safe clean drinking water. Thereby reduction in illnesses like diarrhea and dysentery among affected and infected children and caregivers.

Below is Amon A4CY-U Social worker training caregivers about use of chlorine tablets,



Later he distributed some of it to them.



PROJECT 3:

THE MENSTRUAL HYGIENE MANAGEMENT (MHM) PROJECT:

Objective of the project

To provide Menstrual Hygiene education, functioning water and safe and private sanitation facilities together with access to sanitary materials to enabling girls to attend school, even during menstruation.

Safe management of menstrual hygiene is fundamental to the dignity and wellbeing of women and girls and this relates with A4CY-U agenda and mandate.

Activities implemented

- i. **Inception meetings among 05 target schools and administrators for buy in and support to the project.**

With this activity was attended by 75 members in total, who included Senior Woman and Male teachers, Head prefects, members of the school management committee and parent's teachers association. The district Education office was equally involved in these meetings. All the schools, sub county and district leaders welcomed this meeting.

- ii. **Training of senior women and male teachers in MHM**

A total of 30 teachers from 05 schools have been trained and can ably support girls with menstrual hygiene challenges in the target schools.

- iii. **Facilitated training of girls in 5 target schools in Reusable Menstrual pads**



Above: girls in RUMPS training and below girls showing finished pads



10 trainings have been conducted among 698 girls of menstrual age in the 5 target schools in Maliba and Bugoye sub counties.

Due to public demand, mothers in Ibanda village requested A4CY-U to come to their women's group and have them trained in make reusable Menstrual Pads. 02 trainings have been conducted, one at Ibanda Catholic church and the other at Ibanda Health center III. Women

were so much pleased with this training and pledged to pass the same knowledge and skills to their fellow women and girls in menstrual age. A total number of 89 women were trained in Ibanda village and many other women are in need of this training but the organization is having financial constraints since it's not donor funded.

iv. Training girls and women in the use of Menstrual Cups"

Having passed news on national TV stations (NBS) that Kasese girls are exchanging sex for pads, an private sector institution Eco Options partnered with A4CY-U and provided 300 pieces of Menstrual cups.

Girls and women in Muhokya especially those in the internally displaced camp were trained in using the cups and impressed the new method, owing to the fact that there was limited water and access to enough privacy for washing and drying of cloth like pads.

Having discussed the myths and misconceptions about the menstrual cups, this type of pads was enormously loved by the mothers and the young girls.

v. Observing the Menstrual Hygiene day

This an annual awareness day on May 28 to highlight the importance of good menstrual hygiene management (MHM) at a global level. It was initiated by the German-based NGO WASH United in 2014.

In developing countries, women's choices of menstrual hygiene materials are often limited by the costs, availability and social norms. Adequate sanitation facilities and access to feminine hygiene products are one part of the solution. Creating a culture that welcomes discussion and makes adequate education for women and girls is of equal importance. Research has found that not having access to menstrual hygiene management products can keep girls home from school during their period each month.

This day was commemorated at Nkaiga primary school in Maliba Sub County, the event attracted 1237 guests, and girls shared experiences and got necessary support and advise to challenge MHM barriers to attaining their full potential.



SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT 2021:

Amounts received per project in 2021	
PROJECT	AMOUNT
BAYLOR ACE FORT	26,438,132
UWONET	33,000,000
MHM	12,000,000
GFF	123,570,700
TOTAL	195,008,832

CHALLENGES

1. Limited finances to implement the organizational approach/strategy, the family oriented model to community development. At A4CY-U we recognize the fact that

everybody is born and natured in a family, therefore a great need to target the foundations of the family if meaningful change is to happen in the world. As an organization, we still lack finances to roll out this approach to the whole Kasese district.

2. Overwhelming numbers of children, youth and caregivers who are vulnerable and need our services. We serve limited targets as per donor requirements and available resources. This leaves many helpless community members with no options. We have presence in Busongora North constituency in Kasese District leaving 80% of Kasese without our services. There's need for more resource mobilization to be able to reach further than the population we are currently serving.
3. Limited popularization of national laws, district ordinances, cultural pronouncements and Sub County based by-laws. Uganda is party to articulate and well-designed policies and laws at all administrative levels but

most of these have remained on paper. This has proved a challenge that limits our work, yet as an institution has impacted on our work.

4. Just like any other institution around the world, COVID 19 slowed down our work, incurred some unplanned expenses like purchase of masks, sanitizer and other items to remain relevant to the needs of the community we serve.
5. Abrupt change in the enrolment criteria. Since the inception of RBF mode of financing Baylor Uganda has continuously changed the criteria for a person to qualify to be on the program where even those that have are already on program and we are progressing with them in changing their economic status are forced out of the program (exiting without graduation) even without a resettlement package which at times pulls our performance down and consequently affects the organization reputation in the community. For example since 2018 the program was

targeting infected, affected and poverty stricken household, it later changed to purely infected and affected in 2020 (household with any positive child or and caregiver) and in 2021 it changed to only household with positive OVC and others were exited without graduation and we are forced to look for new ones that meet the current enrolment criteria.

6. Continuous change in indicator definition in the ACE FORT Project. Since inception of Result based financing in 2019 Baylor Uganda has kept changing indicator definition annually in the performance contract this has greatly affected the performance during verification.
7. Last disbursement in funds which at times affects implementation especially when the organization has no more advance us for implementation this at times affect the period of implementation

RECOMMENDATIONS

Government agencies should come up strongly to implement the passed laws, policies and strategic plans if

quality service delivery is to be achieved. May laws and policies are kept on paper leading to unbalanced development especially for people living in hard to reach areas.

Popularization of government laws and policies should be emphasized. Duty bearers and stakeholders should be facilitated by government to understand and popularize the available laws.

Continuous fundraising by A4CY-U to connect with partners who can help support the most vulnerable children and youth in Kasese and Rwenzori region as a whole.

Creating safe spaces for children and youth to participate fully and live dignifying lives. Today, even the homes our children live and stay in are no longer safe, it's a duty of parent, leaders, duty bearers and stakeholders to ensure children and Youth stay in safe and comfortable environments.

It's equally our duty to create awareness about the misconceptions about different gender and Human rights issues around children and youth. These include child marriage vocational skills training and girl child education. The belief that vocational skills training is for academic failures

is a wrong one, girls have equal right to education just as boys and not to be looked at as a source of bride price, this is the new way to go, we need to correct such myths and misconceptions among the parents and community members.

SUCCESS STORIES

Biira Medrine, a resident of Bugoye sub county;

And a beneficiary as got this to say;

"I thank Alliance for children and youth Uganda for the skills I have acquired through their efforts, I dropped out of school because I got impregnated at an early age and I was still interested in schooling, but I couldn't get a chance of going back to school until I was identified by the area LC1. While I was at home, the LC1 had an opportunity of hearing about Alliance for Children and Youth Uganda who were looking for girls of my category to be supported with hands on skills. So I was assessed and qualified to be supported. I was trained in hair dressing I finished my training and I was given a startup kit with rent I really appreciate their efforts because I am able to earn at least 30000-50000= per month, take care of our family and my child spend and have a balance for saving for other activities. As we were clustered in a group of five people, we have managed to buy some items that were not given to us. Items like chairs, curtains, and basins and even pay electricity bills." something from what I learnt."

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*Below is Medrine (in a red cap)
attending to one of her customers*

