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“Working together to empower communities”

BACKGROUND I

Alliance Forum for Development (AFOD) Uganda is a non-profit, non-denominational, non-political and non-sectarian organization incorporated in Uganda with registration number 11619. AFOD Uganda is initiated by a group of young indigenous intellectuals' professionals who have volunteered to contribute generously to address and champion the voice of voiceless and needs of the vulnerable people. AFOD Uganda relies on local initiatives, partnership and collaboration with the Government of Uganda (GOU) and development partners including the private sectors for sustainable development.

AFOD Uganda's five-year strategic programme focus includes; 1) Health; 2) Nutrition, Food Security and Livelihood; 3) Environmental Health 4) Protection and Psychosocial support services; 5) Research and Innovation, 6) Institutional Capacity Building.

Our strategic programme areas are aligned to

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 1,2,3,9 and 17 of No poverty; Zero Hunger, Good Health and wellbeing; Industry, innovation, infrastructure; Partnerships for the goals respectively and GOU vision 2040. AFOD emphasizes local capacity resilience, climate smart technologies, strengthening hazard mapping and risk analysis (DRR) to ably inform our programming for both humanitarian and development interventions

AFOD continues to carry out its mandate of empowering and supporting disadvantaged local communities, children, women and elderly people and promotes community-led initiatives to be healthy, productive and self-reliant to restore hope and human dignity.

Our delivery objectives includes; 1)To provide essential health care and nutrition services including basic health supplies and increase

awareness among the vulnerable poor rural and urban communities in Uganda; 2)To increase household income levels through improved household food security through trainings in farming, agriculture and income generating activities; 3) To promote consumption of diversified, locally available nutritious foods for prevention of malnutrition, 4)To strengthen local institutions and stakeholders to be able to advocate and fight HIV/AIDS scourge, sexual and domestic violence, cultural imbalances causing health disparities and communicable diseases; 5) To develop and collaborate with local community based organizations (CBOs) to effectively deliver services for the needs of the vulnerable both in urban and rural communities; and 6) To create knowledge and innovations for evidence-based programming and better service delivery.

THEMATIC AREAS I

DEVELOPMENT AND EMERGENCY PROGRAMMES

AFOD Uganda seeks to strategically implement activities under the following thematic areas in line with the guiding policies of the Republic of Uganda. We are involved in both development and emergency programmes as below;

SP1 INTEGRATED HEALTH

Goal 1: Improved health status of individuals through provision of knowledge, expand access and utilization to quality health care and nutritional services and sustained better population health outcomes



Use of IEC/SBCC strategy for reaching different audiences with tailored SGBV and RH messages

MENTAL HEALTH & PSYCOSOCIAL SUPPORT

AFOD is working towards strengthening MHPSS service delivery linkages through capacity building in refugee hosting district of Adjumani. This project was informed by a baseline study conducted in November 2021 as an enabler for the implementation of the MHPSS project in the 6 health facilities of; Dzaipi, Bira, Ofua, Mungula, Ayiri and Openzinzi.

The target beneficiaries include; adolescents, youths, young women and extremely vulnerable individuals such people living with HIV/AIDS, disability and SGBV victims.



Community mental health dialogue



ART Drug refill in the communities

Kaahwa Scovia, a midwife in Idiwa HCIII-Itula Sub-county Obongi district, recaps, "I am delighted with AFOD's contribution towards provision of friendly adolescent sexual reproductive health services because my aspiration is to see a community free of sexual gender based violence. Before AFOD came in, Health workers in Idiwa HCIII had challenges communicating effectively with adolescents, conducting outreaches due poor mobilization and lack of transport to reach out to the communities, yet cases of teenage pregnancies and forced early marriages were rampant. Our training on provision of friendly Adolescent sexual reproductive health services in a stigma free environment has contributed to an increase in the number of Adolescents accessing reproductive health services at the facility. In addition, the change champions were trained from each village to offer counselling services, identify and refer teenage pregnant girls and SGBV cases to the health facilities" which has complemented our work.



SP2 NUTRITION, FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOOD

Goal 2: Improved household income and nutrition status of vulnerable food insecure households through improved agricultural production and increased access to markets.



Smallholder farmer working groups in Maaji III.



Farmer Group Practicing sowing vegetable seeds Zone III-West



Home visits by CGVs to assess behavior change practices and adoption of Tippy taps for hand washing in households

SP3 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (WASH & SEM)

Goal 3: improved sustained access to community managed Water sanitation and Hygiene services that will eventually contribute to reduction of morbidity and death due to WASH related diseases.



key hole garden in Maaji III

SP4 PROTECTION & PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES (PPSS)

Goal 4: Increased community participation and involvement to promote access to quality welfare of both children and adolescents, eliminate all forms of SGBV and provide psychosocial support.



SP5 RESEARCH AND INNOVATION (R & I)

Goal 5: Improved service delivery to the community through innovation and research for better health status of vulnerable communities.

SP 6 INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Goal 6: Enhanced capacity of AFOD Uganda to lead, manage, plan, implement and report on program instituted Board to provide stewardship

AFOD Uganda strategic programme Model for effective service delivery;

To maximize use of scarce resources and results, AFOD Uganda chapter, will employ the following modalities to garner stakeholders participation and engagement for accountability for community programmes;

1. Strengthening upstream advocacy, coordination and strategic communication with key stakeholders and decision makers at both National, regional and district levels;
2. Partnership building and creating alliances with both local and international agencies, UN agencies, NGOs, associations, groups, volunteers and learning institutions to advance community course and build resiliency;

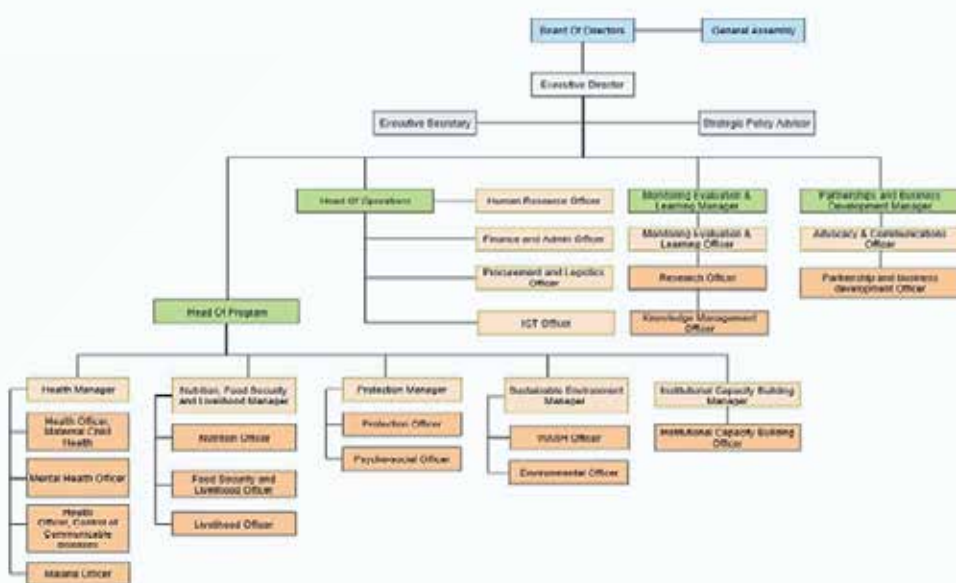


3. Strengthening community support systems and existing structures (e.g. VHT, CDD, HHPs, Family support groups, community court system etc) to enhance their participation, ownership and sustainability for community initiatives.

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Organizational Profile



AFOD UGANDA ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE



DESCRIPTIONS OF GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES

AFOD Uganda has strong governance structure supervised by the General Assembly as the policy making body to which the Board of Directors are accountable to. The Board members are composed of the; Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 members of the organization staff. The board is solely responsible for making decisions and approving policies, capacity and development plans for the organization.

LAYERS OF MANAGEMENT OF PROGRAMME ACCOUNTABILITY & EFFICIENCY;

1. Board of Directors- Responsible for providing oversight management, policy formulation and compliance, and resource mobilization.
2. Executive Committee and senior Management team- Responsible to provide the required technical assistance to steer programming, planning, implementation and monitoring; and finally, capacity building.
3. Field level and support team- This category is solely responsible for day-to-day planning, implementation and monitoring of the AFOD Uganda programmes in close collaboration with communities and other stakeholders.

AFOD UGANDA REGISTRATION STATUS

AFOD Uganda was incorporated in 2015 with ministry of Internal Affairs, NGO board registration number 11619 and Office of Prime Minister at National and Districts of Operation.

OFFICE LOCATION



CURRENT DONOR

UNWFP, IDI, ViiV Health care foundation & Positive Action UK & ACF

PROSPECTIVE PARTNERS/DONORS

UNICEF, BRAC, STRONG MINDS, USAID, IOM, UNHCR, KOICA, JICA & DFID.

PROGRAMME FACT SHEET FY 2020/2021 ACHIEVEMENTS.

SO1 : Increase access to integrated health promotion, disease prevention and curative services for children, women and men in districts

Adolescents' sexual reproductive health (Goal: To contribute to improvement of reproductive Health outcome and the standard of living of adolescents in the refugee settlements and the host communities of Adjumani, Moyo and Obongi districts.).

KEY OUTCOMES:

- 100% (12) of the health facilities offering friendly Adolescent sexual reproductive health services
- 240% (3,470) Adolescents aware of HIV status with increased protective behavior/knowledge on HIV/AIDS
- 67% (134) reduction in early marriage cases and teenage pregnancies
- 55% (95) Adolescents accessed integrated cervical cancer screenings
- 19% (170) reduction in SGBV cases among Adolescents and youth in the communities
- 108% (2,157) of adolescents accessed family planning commodities
- 52% (103) Adolescents identified, tested and treated for STDs
- 61% (1,224) girls trained on menstrual hygiene management and making of reusable pads
- 51% (354) of Parents/elders with increased willingness and ability to report and respond to cases of SGBV.

Comprehensive Community HIV/AIDS service and linkage in Adjumani district Uganda. (Goal: To improve access to comprehensive HIV/AIDS care through capacity-building initiatives and community linkages in Adjumani).

KEY OUTCOMES:

- 72% (801) clients underwent HIV counselling and testing, received test results and aware of HIV status
- 5% (9) of HIV+ cases identified and linked to care and support services
- 47% (398) clients resumed care after follow up disaggregated by 371 HIV Clinic, 12 TB clinic and 11 MBGP
- 17% (8) of TB+ cases identified and linked to care and support services.
- 48% of non-suppressed clients provided with Home based adherence counselling able to suppress

- 71% (670) of the clients were reached with an innovative approach of ART refill to ensure access to ART during the Covid-19 lock down
- 100% (36) mothers followed up to complete early infant diagnosis to improved early infant diagnosis, initiation on ART in HIV infected neonates and retention in care

SO2: Increase access to and utilization of quality nutrition, food security and livelihood products and services for children, women and other targeted persons in the districts of focus

Emergency Food and cash distribution in Adjumani and Palorinya Refugees settlements (Goal: To improve food security of the refugees by ensuring sufficient quantity and quality of food assistance in a timely manner to the targeted beneficiaries)

KEY OUTCOMES: ADJUMANI REFUGEE SETTLEMENT:

- 95% (61,747) beneficiaries reached with in-kind food
- 97% (29,855) households reached with in kind food and cash vouchers
- 95% (7,657.283) MT of food distributed
- 92% (153,170) of planned population reached with cash based transfers
- 99% (36,384,180,000 Uganda shillings) cash vouchers disbursed to 153,170 verified beneficiaries
- 23 small holder farmer groups formed with 655 members.
- 13 VSLA groups saved 6,771,000 Ugandan Shillings

KEY OUTCOMES: PALORINYA REFUGEE SETTLEMENT

- 99% (19,683) of households reached with in kind food and cash vouchers
- 99% (14,913.793) MT of food assistance distributed which enhanced household food security
- 99% (118,097) of planned population reached with in-kind food which enhanced household food security
- 3% (46,018,000 Ugx) cash vouchers disbursed to 1,211 verified beneficiaries
- 15 functional VSLA groups with 494 members (124 Males & 370 Females) established
- 23 Smallholder's farmer's groups with 538 members trained on financial literacy and small business incubation
- 1,439 (588 Males & 851 Females) small holder farmer's groups with improved skills on IYCF.
- 13 functional VSLA groups with 330 members (46Males & 284 Females) established in 6 FDPs
- 23 small holder farmer groups with 655 members established and trained on financial literacy
- 655 individuals trained on business incubation focusing on poultry production

MNCH/TSFP implementation in Koboko refugees and host communities and Bidi-Bidi-Yumbe (Goal: To improve nutritional status of vulnerable communities through provision of knowledge and expand access to utilization of quality nutritional services.

KEY OUTCOMES:

- 89% (519/580 assessed) households practicing vegetable gardening
- 100% (705/705 CGVs trained and assessed) with improved Nutritional knowledge on diet diversity
- 89% of households/individuals practice hand washing before eating, cooking, before breast feeding and have tippy taps etc.,
- 85.4% of father's care groups adopted positive behavior changes e.g.; offer support for ANC services for pregnant wives.
- 92% (452) of VHTs oriented on care group approaches-MIYCAN.

SO3: Improve access to and utilization of safe water, sanitation, hygiene services and sustainable environmental management services in health facilities, schools and communities in the districts of focus

- Focus will be paid on this strategic objective.

SO4: Increase access to and demand for social protection, gender-based violence services for children, women and other vulnerable persons in districts of focus

- 68,003 food and 120,165 cash litigation cases effectively handled in Adjumani
- 10,211 litigation cases handled in Palorinya Obongi District and 800 persons of concern supported

SO5: Strengthen capacity for research and innovations to inform policy and practices.

Some of our evaluation results are being used by various government departments and NGOs to develop programme that are reaching millions of people:

- The rapid needs assessment for flood response in Moyo and Adjumani district local government (NOV, 2020) supported the office of the prime minister in their response to address the problem.
- Drug and substance abuse survey in Adjumani (Sept, 2020) with findings published in the daily monitor of Wednesday March 16th 2022
- Survey on addiction management towards a healthy, productive and sustainable wellbeing in Adjumani (Aug 2020).
- Gender and safety audit survey in Adjumani (Oct 2021) provided recommendations for possible mitigation actions.

SO6: Strengthen organizational capacity to effectively and efficiently govern, lead and manage the country program.

- Focus will be paid on this strategic objective

LESSONS LEARNED AND GOOD PRACTICES:

We learnt some few lessons and noted some good practices that are worth scaling up to improve country program performance in the years to come. These include the following:

- Networking is indispensable for the success of programme goal
- Increasing community involvement is a good strategy to garner support for sustained behavior change
- Too often lessons learned are not shared widely with peers in other geographical settings. This is a missed opportunity because these experiences if shared can help overcome similar health challenges
- Creativity, innovations and programme integration are very important in providing alternative solutions to programmatic challenges.



OUR PRIORITIES FOR 2022-2023

- Look to leverage strategic partnerships for transformative action in humanitarian and development interventions.
- Establishing wider levels of collaboration/consortium with other partners to ensure we collectively achieve greater impact, including governments, multilaterals, institutions and corporates.
- Focus on implementing COVID 19 resilient projects for instance maternal health and teenage pregnancy, GBV interventions and market systems strengthening
- Prioritize and or solicit funds to support pilot livelihoods resilient and Nutrition sensitive interventions
- Lobbying for grants and advocating for mental health services to contribute in achieving sustainable development goals.
- Engage in IGAs by establishing AFOD rehabilitation center in West Nile and Agro-forestry development projects.
- Strengthen programme implementation using the AFOD 2P model that emphasizes systematic integration of core program components and creating synergies for operation efficiency.
- Develop our internal and external Knowledge and share it through outcome harvesting, adopting best practices and applying the knowledge in a way that helps the staff, partners and communities to work more effectively and efficiently.
- Scale up promising and good practices within the current geographical scope and other planned regions.



MISSION

To work with rural poor, marginalized and vulnerable communities to improve their social economic status and quality of life

BELIEF

In AFOD we believe and trust in God for every challenge and in every window of opportunities for transformation.

VISION

AFOD envisioned a healthy, educated, productive, just and peaceful and united society.

CORE VALUES

AFOD Uganda core values stands to be competent, drive for results, accountability, integrity, ethical code of conduct, gender responsiveness & respect for human rights & dignity in implementing its country program interventions.



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