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TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES THROUGH HEALTH SYSTEM STRENGTHENING

Message by the Executive Director

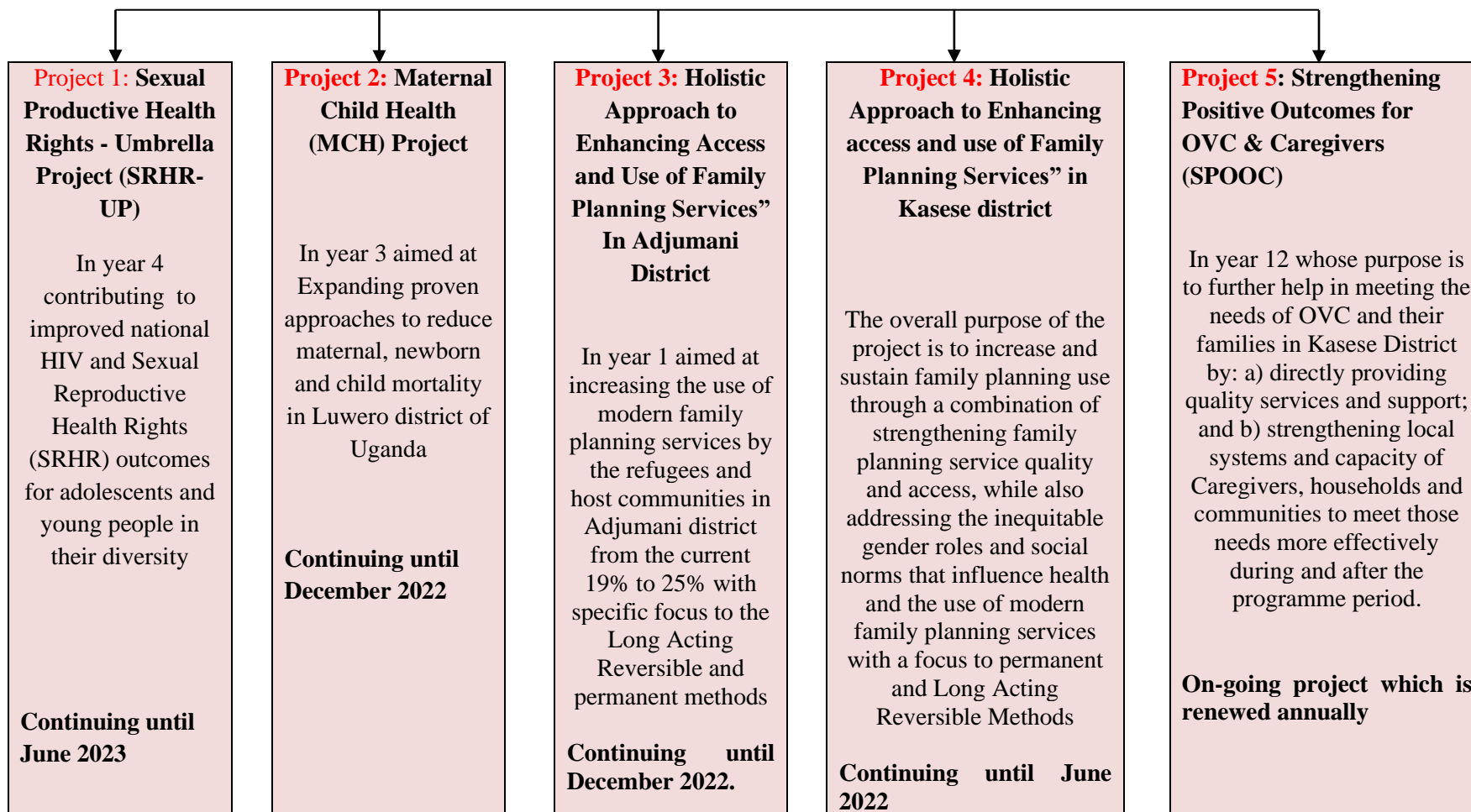
The year 2019 was a fruitful period for Action for Community Development (ACODEV). Donors continued to consider ACODEV as a partner of choice. Bergstrom Foundation, Frontline AIDS, Stephen Lewis Foundation and IZUMI provided the required funding that enabled ACODEV to achieve 95% of its plan for the year. Key achievement for the year included:

- (a). improved the health system of 14 health facilities (HC3) in Kasese by re-skilling the midwives and clinical officers in the provision of Permanent and Long Acting Reversible methods of Family planning. These 14 facilities were equally supported and acquired quality equipments used in the provision of Long Term Family planning services
- (b) Strengthened collaboration with Ministry of Health, United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Uganda Family Planning Consortium that has enabled ACODEV to effectively participate in national strategy discussion at the national levels in regards to issues of sexual reproductive Health including family planning targeting refugees and men and women in Reproductive age.
- (c) Strengthened the participation of the Board of Directors on matters of Governance and Leadership. Through Board Meeting, the Board effectively provided foresight and oversight to the organization.
- (d) Expanded the reach of services to 100,000 women and Children through our new projects (SRHR projects in Kabarole, Kamwenge, Kitagwenda and Kyenjojo; MCH project in Luwero working through 12 Public Health Health facilities

ACODEV will leverage on the achievements made during 2019 to reach out to additional vulnerable children, women and adolescents targeting the hard to reach areas in the districts such as Ntoroko, Bundibugyo, Adjumani, Rubilizi and Mitooma. Going forward, emphasis will be placed on improving further the administrative systems and Program Management.

Building ACODEV as sustainable organization will continue to be central. As guided by the Board, sustainability agenda will mainly focus on building the African Leadership Centre and establishing of the franchises as interventions that will contribute to stable income to the Institution.

Projects Implemented in 2019



Service Delivery

1.1. Family Planning

During the year, ACODEV continued to support the Government of Uganda to achieve its Sexual Reproductive Maternal Child Health Strategic plan. ACODEV contribution centered on increasing and sustain family planning use through a combination of strengthening family planning service quality and access, while also addressing the inequitable gender roles and social norms that influence health and the use of modern family planning services with a focus to permanent and Long Acting Reversible Methods.

The intention of ACODEV's work focused on decreasing unintended pregnancies, maternal/ infant death, unsafe abortion, adolescent fertility and total fertility as a strategy of improving the wellbeing of individuals, families, communities in Kasese.

The goal for 2019 was to achieve 49,976 Couple Year of Protection (CYPs) of 147,878 in Kasese district

Table showing methods provided during the year per month.

Condoms	Pills	Depo*	Sayana Press	VHT referral Implanon	VHT referral Jadelle	VHT referral IUD	VHT referral TL	VHT referral Vasectomy	Total methods provided
1867	171	615	713	512	481	91	9	0	4459
1649	193	424	638	544	458	102	10	3	4021
1877	181	470	572	666	323	98	6	1	4194
1351	160	473	600	681	402	94	6	0	3767
2679	308	715	1064	1277	603	82	29	1	6758
3975	327	800	1249	1196	558	76	33	2	8216
4569	472	991	1347	1136	527	95	32	2	9171
4392	444	863	1461	1398	654	139	31	2	9384
5350	539	848	1511	1173	580	118	22	1	10142
6586	575	859	1518	1319	623	144	24	0	11648
4809	434	1009	1561	1680	994	185	43	2	10717
6458	575	913	1419	1235	1349	337	37	3	12326

Table 1: VHT services and referrals for the different FP methods per month

Key achievements:



(a). **Training of Health Workers:** ACODEV intervention included support to the Government of Uganda towards the strengthening of the Health system including skills development of the Health workers in 11 HC3 facilities in Kasese district as well as , equipping the facilities with equipments that support delivery of Permanent and Long Acting Reversible methods of family planning. With the Technical support from the MoH, twenty two (22) Midwives and eleven (11) Clinical Officers were training in the insertion and removal of LARC..

Fig 4: Trained Health Work inserting Implant

(b) **Provision of Equipments:** ACODEV adopted a performance based incentivized approach, Based on performance, the facility is rewarded. The amount of incentive that facilities accumulate is used to procure equipments. The table below indicates the equipments provided to targeted facilities

	HEALTH CENTRE	ITEMS	QUAN TITY		Health Centre	Items	QUA NTIT Y
1	ST. PAULS HCIV	Post partum IUD sets	2	4	MUSHENENE HCIII	Alligator forceps	1
		IUD insrtion set	2			Post partum IUD sets	1
		Gallipots	2			Artery forceps	4
		Instrument Drums	1			IUD insertion sets	2
		Gas cylinder with stove	1			Instrument drums	1
		Examination couch	1			Disinfectant buckets	2
		BP Machine	1				
2	KARAMBI HCIII	Alligator forceps	1	5	MUKATHI HCIII	Alligator forceps	1
		Post partum IUD sets	1			Post partum IUD sets	1
		Artery forceps	4			Artery forceps	4
		IUD insertion set	2			IUD insertion sets	2
		Gallipots	2			Instrument drums	1
		Instrument drum	1			Disinfectant buckets	3
		Gas cylinder with stove	1				
		Non electrical sterilizer	1				
		Disinfectant buckets	3				
		BP machine	1				
3	BWESUMBU HCII	Alligator forceps	1	6	MUHINDI	Alligator forceps	1

				Hcii		
		Post partum IUD sets	1		Artery forceps	4
		Artery forceps	4		IUD insertion sets	2
		IUD insertion sets	2		Gallipots	1
		Gallipots	2		Instrument drums	1
		Instrument drum	1		Gas cylinder with stove	1
		Non electrical sterilizer	1		Disinfectant buckets	1
		Disinfectant buckets	3			
		BP machine	1			

Sexual Productive Health Rights

IN 2019, ACODEV continued to be instrumental in supporting the Government of Uganda in addressing the national HIV and Sexual Reproductive Health Rights challenges through the sexual Reproductive Health Rights –Umbrella (SRHR-UP) project. This project is being implemented in the districts of Kabarole, Kamwenge and Kyenjojo. The project contributes to improved national HIV and Sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) outcomes for adolescents and young people in their diversity (A & YP) including those living with HIV, those affected by HIV, those selling sex, those injecting drugs, vulnerable children, fisher folk, boda boda drivers and young LGBTQ people. The specific objectives of the project are; (a) To expand access and increased use of quality inclusive and integrated SRHR and HIV services among vulnerable and key population (b) To increase adoption of safer sexual practices among vulnerable and key populations (c) To create an enabling environment for increased utilization of HIV and SRH services among vulnerable adolescent and young people aged 10-24 years. (d) To strengthen the institutional capacity of implementing organizations (NGOs/CBOs) to deliver quality and inclusive SRHR and HIV Programmes in Uganda.



Having implemented this project since 2016, the focus of the year 2019 was to (a).strengthening the capacity of peer leaders and health providers to deliver quality and friendly services, (b) creating a more sustainable movement for improved SRHR & HIV outcomes for adolescents and young people in their diversity (c) embed new guidelines from WHO & UNESCO to strengthen outcomes and increase resilience and empowerment.

In 2019, ACODEV innovations focused on strengthening resilience and empowerment, Investing in the creation of a youth-led movement that goes beyond peer education and provides spaces for young people to organize themselves and develop capacity; strengthen interventions to reduce stigma and discrimination; and strengthen the delivery of comprehensive sexuality education is need to support effective delivery of the project results.

HIV service delivery to OVC & Caregivers

With funding from Lewis Foundation, ACODEV continued to support Orphans and Volnerable Children and their Care Givers in Kasese districts(in the sub counties of Bwera, Nyakiumbu, Kisinga & Munkunyu) . The overall goal of the of the intervention is to improve the wellbeing of Orphan and Vulnerable Children (OVC) in Kasese district. Key interventions during the year included a) direct provision of quality services and support; and b) strengthening the capacity of Caregivers, households and communities to meet the needs of OVCs more effectively during and after the programme.

Under this intervention, ACODEV applied a 'Surround the child' care support system, which is an innovative, child centered approach to OVC service programming that makes lasting changes in the lives of the most vulnerable children. The child is surrounded with key services packages of Health, Education, Livelihood and Social Welfare.

Health Interventions::

(a).Beneficiaries gained comprehensive knowledge about the benefit of knowing ones HIV sero status as well as adopted positive practices and behaviors' such as consistent and correct use of Long Lasting Insect Treated Net (LLINs) and consistent and correct use of condoms for those that are sexually actively.



Fig2: OVC child sleeping under LLINs

The HIV+ individuals were initiated on ART and have continued to adhere to treatment through VCT and psychosocial outreach in the community. The Project did not only link OVC with primary and secondary education support, and enrolled out-of-school youth in its vocational training programme but it also, strengthened economically the Action Support Groups.

Economic Empowerment:



ACODEV adopted the ***OVC Farmer Field Model*** where Care givers of the OVCs were guided through a process of agriculture for economic empowerment through the whole cycle of planting to harvest and identifying alternative means of survival such as VSLA in order to meet their basic needs while not being exploited by business traders. Each of the OVC Caregiver that grow grow coffee were enrolled in the VSLA groups that had been established at community level in view of raising basic income as alternative means for survival

Food Security

As part of improving food security, 60 Household heads were trained by the sub county Agriculture extension workers on how to grow vegetables in backyard gardens as indicated in the photobook there under



OVC CARE GIVERS GIVEN SEEDLINGS



Cabbage Garden in the Backyard



Tomatoes planted in Sacks in the Backyard



Onions planted in Sacks to Minimize space

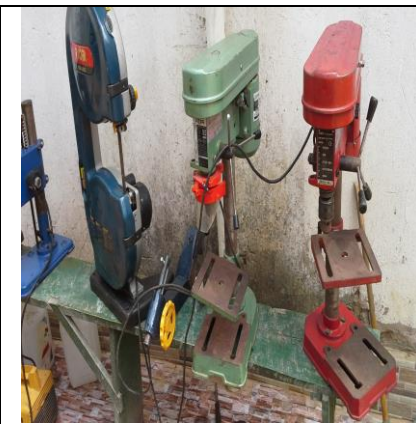
Fig3: Sample of OVC Care Giver Backyard Gardens

The OVC care givers were introduced to backyard gardening of growing vegetables such as Cabbage and onions to improve their nutrition status. The surplus would be sold to earn additional income.

VOCATIONAL SKILLS

In 2019, ACODEV targeted 150 OVCs and equip them in multiple skills through its vocational training center in Bwera – Kasese District; 50 girls for tailoring and garment cutting, 5 boys for tailoring and garment cutting, 45 girls for hair dressing and saloon management, 29 boys for welding and metal fabrication and 19 boys for carpentry and joinery.

During the year, ACODEV acquired modern equipments for saloon, carpentry and Welding. Through this investment, 50 OVC girls acquired skills in Tailoring and Beauty Saloon. In addition, 15 acquired skills of in making crafts. The sample of their works is as indicated here under. OVC boys have acquired skills in Welding and carpentry





RETOOLING OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE