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MESSAGE FROM CHAIRPERSON ALLIANCE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



Twenty-five years have elapsed and AMICAALL continues to soar by strengthening the capacity of elected and technical leaders in oversight, stewardship, accountability; coordination, planning, resource mobilization, advocacy, lobby, community mobilization for effective and efficient delivery of health services. This long journey has been possible through the support from development and implementing partners and untiring membership contributions.

As an Alliance, it is natural that the organization has faced a number of challenges such as limited resources both human and capital, change of development partners' funding direction, and effects of COVID 19 and the scare of new pandemic like Ebola. However, significant achievements have been made in strengthening capacity of urban leaders on governance, supporting advocacy agenda both at national and local government levels, capacity building of urban authorities for a strong health response.

In the years to come, AMICAALL will focus on scaling up its programmes to reach a wider urban constituency and also ensure the sustainability of its achievements made over the years.

I would like to implore all the urban Local Government fraternity, including Mayors,

Town Clerks, Local Coordinators as well as our development and implementing partners to continue to supporting the AMICAALL Programme because the future of Uganda is in good management of the rapid urbanization. On behalf of the Alliance Executive Council, I would like to thank the AMICAALL National Technical Advisory Committee (ANTAC), the Urban Authorities, Auditors, development partners and other stakeholders for the continual support and advice to the AMICAALL Uganda Chapter. The Executive Council is grateful to the Acting Country Director and her staff for their dedication and hard work for the success of the Alliance of Mayors. I wish to thank my colleagues that serve with on the Executive Council, for their insightful advice and untiring support to AMICAALL Uganda Chapter. As the Executive Council (2022-2026), we pledge to continue supporting the urban authority initiatives that contribute to the national and international agenda.

Together for a health urban population free from HIV & AIDS and other health challenges

Her Worship Regina Bakitte Musoke
CHAIRPERSON, AMICAALL UGANDA CHAPTER
MAYOR NANSANA MUNICIPALITY

MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING COUNTRY DIRECTOR



On behalf of AMICAALL, I am glad to share with you the 2021/22 Annual Report. The report gives an overview of the key achievements made in the year to strengthen the capacity of urban authorities for an effective and sustainable health response by delivering on our core mandate of advocacy, capacity building, resource mobilization, information sharing, networking and partnership building.

Within context, AMICAALL has comprehensively extended her interventions in 32 urban Authorities with support from DGF, UNAIDS, SIDA/UNFPA, UNDP. The unending support from our donors and other partners has allowed us to continue supporting urban Authorities to address pertinent issues through various interventions. As we conduct the 11th annual urban leader's forum and the 19th General Assembly, we look back at the past years with pride for the support from Government of Uganda Ministries, Departments and Agencies particularly Local Government, Health, Gender, Justice, Urban development, Uganda AIDS Commission and ACORD for the continued guidance and support. I

also thank the development Partners including DGF, UNDP, UNAIDS, UNFPA, SIDA, for the technical and financial support extended to AMICAALL.

We are hopeful that 2022/23 will enhance collaboration between AMICAALL and her partners in the realization of our future aspirations. Thank you for your continued support as we look forward to many more years of better urban governance for improved service delivery.

In a special way, I would like to thank, most sincerely the staff at the Secretariat for ensuring that the programs were implemented and results achieved results.

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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AMICAALL held its Urban Leaders Forum and Annual General Assembly (AGM) in February 2022 at NOB View Hotel, Ntinda. The Urban Leaders Forum was an opportunity for the Mayors, Town Clerks and AMICAALL Secretariat staff to gain knowledge on health policies and strategies such as the National HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan and the Ministry of Health plan for NCDs that impacted the work of AMICAALL. The Urban Leaders Forum was also attended by AMICAALL donors including UNAIDS, DGF, UNFPA, and other representatives from Ministries such Local Government, Health, National Guidance, Gender and Uganda AIDS Commission.

The AGM was attended by newly elected Mayors from the various urban authorities across the country. The major purpose of the AGM was to elect a new governing board into office. The voting process was competitive and successfully conducted. This has ushered in 12 members of the Alliance Executive Council with Her Worship Regina Bakitte, the Mayor of Nansana Municipality as the Chairperson and His Worship Sam Atul, the Mayor of Lira City as the Vice Chairman. The team was inducted on their roles and responsibilities and are tasked through the formed committees and other avenues to steer AMICAALL to a better performing organization for the period 2022/23 -2026/27.

The AMICAALL National Technical Committee (ANTAC) was inducted and took the oath of service in September 2022. The 12 member team is comprised of technical persons from Uganda AIDS Commission, Ministry of Local Government, Ministry of Gender, NAFOPHANU, UNASO, ULGA, UWASNET, and UAAU among others. The team will give technical guidance on the planning and implantation of thematic strategies as well streamlining institutional systems. The Chairman of ANTAC is Mr. Anthony Namara, a Commissioner in Ministry of Local Government.

Among the elected Alliance Executive Council (AEC) were the representatives from the five regions of Eastern, Western, Northern, Karamoja and Central Uganda. Regional Representatives are required to mobilize AMICAALL members to participate actively in the organization's engagements like General Assembly, Regional meetings, and urban authority implementation of General Assembly resolutions. It is upon that background that the Northern Regional Representative HW Innocent Onega, the Mayor Paidha organized a meeting that took place in Kitgum Municipal Council on 6th May 2022. The meeting was attended by Mayors, Town Clerks, local coordinators, the RDC, DISO from the West Nile and Northern Uganda Urban authorities.

AMICAALL with technical and financial support from DGF reviewed its previous Strategic Plan (2017 -2022) and developed a new strategic plan (2022 -2026) and conducted an end of Project Evaluation for the DGF funded project. The strategic direction a revised vision, mission and goal that reflect the current operations of the organization in context. The Evaluation focused on the impact, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability and outcomes of the project

With funding support from UNDP, AMICAALL conducted the multi sectoral stakeholders' meeting on the 20th July 2022 at Eureka Hotel-Ntinda as a follow up on the initial meeting that was held in November of 2021 which preceded the orientation of the City leaders on NCDs and mental health.

AMICAALL in partnership with ACORD and funding support from SIDA/UNFPA, engaged urban leaders on the progress of previous action plans, the urban community on the issues that impact access to GBV/SRH/HIV services and also amplified the SRH/GBV/HIV awareness through radio talk shows in 12 urban authorities in 12 districts of Uganda.

KCCA together with its implementing partner AMICAALL Uganda Chapter, implemented the fast-track initiative activities in the (5) divisions of Kampala City. The activities engaged Social media influencers (SMIs) in the categories of young people, KPs including Sex workers, MSM, Bisexuals, WSW and the Transgender Community and priority populations like people living with HIV.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

The Alliance of Mayors and Municipal Leaders' Initiative for Community Action on AIDS at the Local Level (AMICAALL) is an association of African Mayors and other Urban Leaders formed to support sustainable solutions to the HIV and AIDS epidemic in African Cities and Municipalities. Subscribing to AMICAALL Africa, AMICAALL Uganda Chapter was launched on 28th November 2000 at the Mayors' Parlour when Ugandan Mayors, under the leadership of Kampala Capital City signed the Kampala Declaration. The chapter has since registered and operated as a National Non-Government Organization bringing together Mayors and other urban leaders from the Cities, City Divisions, Municipalities, Municipality Divisions and Town Councils across the country.

Since its first Strategic Plan in 2003, AMICAALL remains on two key strategic areas of focus: Leveraging on the mandate and strengthening the capacity of the Mayors, other elected urban Local Government Leaders as well as technical leaders to strengthen Coordination of the decentralized urban HIV and health response; oversight and stewardship and accountability; planning and resource mobilization; Advocacy and lobby; Community mobilization and demand creation as well as ensuring effective and efficient delivery of health services. The Strategic plan (2017 -2022) has been revised to give another Strategic Direction to AMICAALL in 2022/23 -2026/27. This annual report includes AMICAALL achievements including the developed Strategic plan, the AGM where the new AEC was elected, ANTAC, donor support for governance, non-communicable diseases, SRH, HIV,GBV and MICAALL partnerships.

3.0 HOW AMICAALL WORKS

The governance and management structures of AMICAALL Uganda span from the national level to the community levels. The Mayors and Town Clerks are actively engaged in developing policies, guidelines, and programme plans. They are also involved in the implementation, coordination, and oversight of the programmes. The following structures make up the organization

Figure 1: Organization Structure

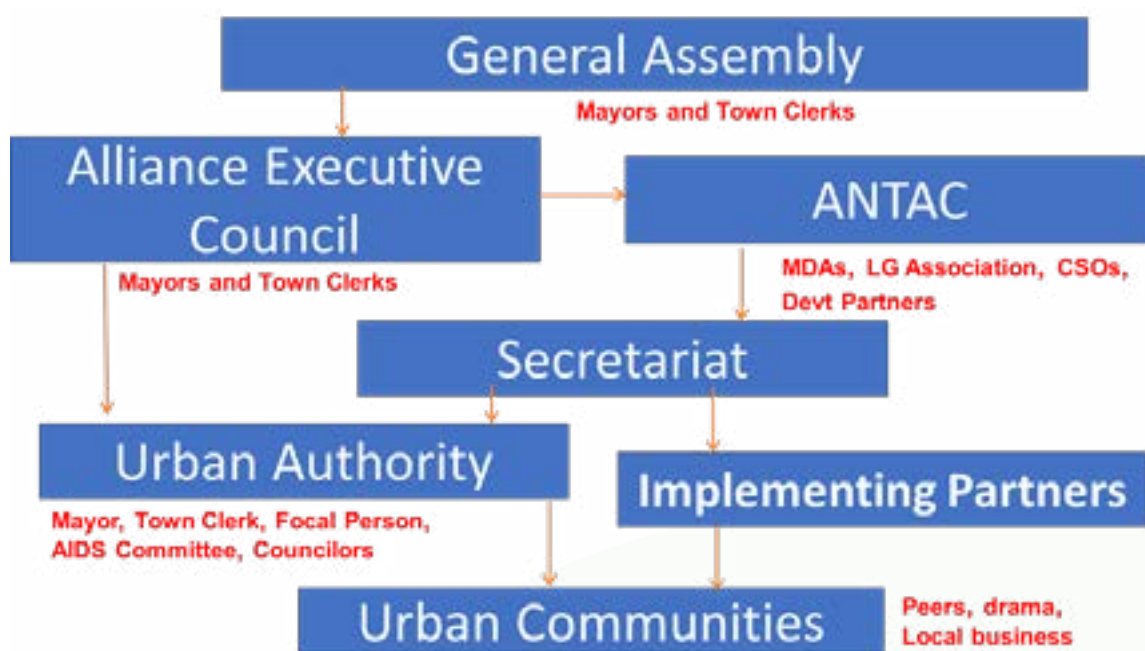
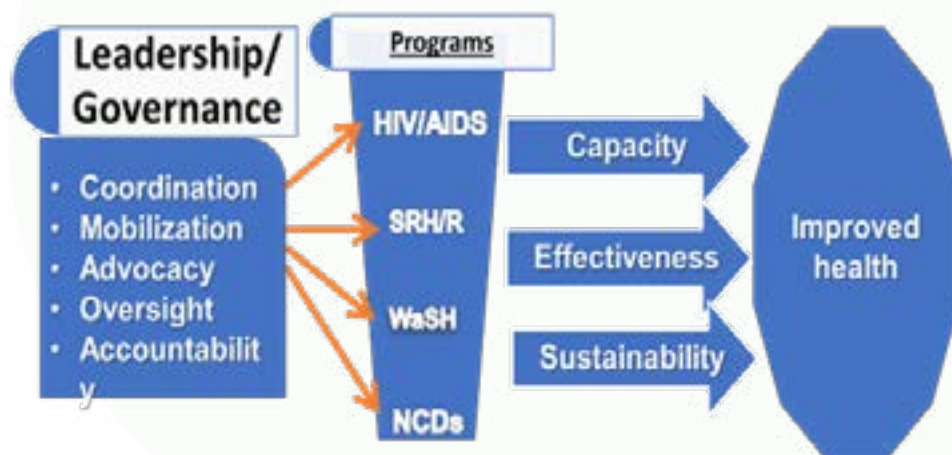


Figure 2: Engagements of Urban Authorities leaders

Engagement of elected Leaders for sustainable service delivery interventions- MAYORS



3.1 AMICAALL PARTNERS

AMICAALLL has implemented 5 funded projects in the reporting period as follows:

	PROJECT	FUNDING AGENCY
1.	Governance and accountability	DGF
2.	Fast Track for Cities	UNAIDS
3.	HIV/MCHNB/GBV/SHR integration	UNFPA/AIC
4.	Capacity building of Urban leaders	Global Fund
5.	HIV/MCHNB/GBV/SHR integration	UNFPA/AIC

3.2 WHERE AMICAALL WORKS

Program	Focus	Operation area
Governance Programme funded by Democratic Governance Facility (DGF)	Accountability , Human rights and access to justice, Women and youth, Enabling environment number event support learning (5 urban Authorities)	Nansana Municipality, Lubaga Division Urban Council, Iganga Municipality, Nauyo Bugema Town Council, Namayumba Town Council
Fast Track for Cities funded by UNAIDS	Fast Track Initiative and how the key leaders of municipalities and other urban centres will help to Eliminate of HIV in 5 KCCA Division	KCCA divisions (Kampala, Nakawa, Kawempe, Lubaga, Mankidye)
HIV/MCHNB/GBV/SHR funded by UNFPA/AIC	HIV/MCHNB/GBV/SHR integration 18 urban Authorities	Gulu, Pader, Lira, Abim, Kotido, Kaabongo, Dokolo, Amuria, Kaberameido, Bundibugyo and Yumbe, Hoima, Napak, Karenga, Moroto, Pader, Kotido, Nakapiripirit, Jinja, Mbale, Kampala and 5 divisions,
HIV/MCHNB/GBV/SHR funded by UNFPA/ACCORD	HIV/MCHNB/GBV/SHR integration 14 Urban Authorities	Gulu, Pader, Lira, Abim, Kotido, Kaabongo, Dokolo, Amuria, Kaberameido, Bundibugyo and Yumbe, Hoima, Napak, Karenga, Moroto, Pader, Kotido, Nakapiripirit, Jinja, Mbale, Kampala and 5 divisions,

4.0 ACHIEVEMENTS

4.1 ANNUAL URBAN LEADERS' FORUM AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 10th Annual leader's forum and Annual General Assembly took place on the 18th February 2022 at Nob View, Hotel-Ntinda. It was attended by 315 participants including mayors and town clerks of Cities, Divisions, Town Councils and other urban leaders including Government representatives, Development Partners, Private Sector and Civil Society across the Country.

The meeting provided a platform for urban leaders to build consensus on the alliance governance, joint planning, networking and collaboration for improved urban health. There was orientation the Mayors on the rationale and relevance of the Alliance, built the capacity of urban leaders on good governance, Eliminating Malaria, Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), Mental health, HIV/AIDS & Sexual Reproductive Health Rights, Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), since many were newly elected into Office. There was election of new 12 AEC Members into Office, the Chairperson of this board is the Mayor of Nansana Municipal Council, and the Vice Chairperson is the Mayor Lira.

The Annual urban leader's forum recommended the following; the need to increase the number of urban authorities reminding subscription, the mandate of AMICAALL Uganda be expanded to address the challenges of Malaria and NCDs in Urban Authorities in Uganda, Urban leaders committed to engage the private sector to invest in NCDs prevention activities such as setting up of gyms, organizing marathons & cooperate games, conducting nutrition clinics in urban areas, Organising weekly physical activity hours for Urban Authority staff and leaders, Strengthening awareness and advocacy for Malaria and NCDs in Urban Authorities and at National Level, Fundraising initiatives geared addressing NCDs, Malaria, HIV/AIDS and SRH Challenges, Revitalization and funding of AIDS Committees in all urban Authorities, among others.



(L) Ms. Enid Wamani, the Director Partnership, Uganda AIDS Commission making a presentation; (R) Closing remarks by the former AEC Chairperson Hon. Kabyanga Godfrey the Minister of State for National Guidance at the AGM, Nob View, Ntinda.

4.2 AMICAALL NATIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ANTAC) MEMBERS

The AMICAALL National Technical Advisory Committee (ANTAC) was inducted and sworn in by the Organisation lawyer. The Chairperson Board inducted the members on their roles and responsibilities, the secretariat staff presented departmental reports, Strategic plan, and the organisation structure. The swearing in was led by the organisation lawyer, Mr. Musedde.



Induction of ANTAC Members by the Chairperson AEC and the Organisation lawyer, Mr Musedde

4.3 THE SWEARING IN OF THE AEC AND ANTAC BOARD MEMBERS

The swearing in ceremony for the AEC and ANTAC members took place in March and September 2022 respectively at AMICAALL Office in Ntinda. The members were taken through Oath of Office by the organisation Lawyer, Mr Musedde. The AEC were inducted on their roles and responsibilities by Mr. Kisuze, a Corporate Governance Consultant, while the Chairperson AEC, HW Regina Bakitte led the induction for the ANTAC members.



Swearing in ceremony of the ANTAC Members at AMICAALL Office, Ntinda.

4.4 REGIONAL COORDINATION MEETING FOR NORTHERN AND WEST NILE REGIONS

In February of 2022, AMICAALL's top governance body, the General Assembly elected a new Alliance Executive Council (Board) which comprises of Mayors of Cities, City Divisions, Municipalities, Municipality Divisions and Town Councils. Among



the elected Alliance Executive Council were the representatives from the five regions of Eastern, Western, Northern, Karamoja and Central Uganda. Regional Representatives are required to mobilize AMICAALL members (urban authorities) to participate actively in the organization's engagements like General Assembly, Regional meetings, and urban authority implementation of General Assembly resolutions. It is upon that background that the Northern Regional Representative HW Innocent Onega, the Mayor Paidha organized a meeting that took place in Kitgum Municipal Council on 6th May 2022.

The meeting was attended by Mayors, Town Clerks, local coordinators, the RDC, DISO from the West Nile and Northern Uganda Urban authorities. The purpose of the regional meeting was to create a platform for raising awareness, building consensus and planning for coordinated joint actions to address ending Inequalities to end AIDS, promote healthy Cities Initiative, decentralized coordination guidelines within the northern region. The coordination meeting was funded by subscription and participation fees of the Urban Authorities of the North & West Nile.

HW Innocent Onega, the Northern Uganda region coordinator and Mayor Paidha addressing northern Uganda and West Nile urban leaders at the Northern Uganda Region meeting.

Some of the resolutions from this meeting were as follows; a northern Uganda leader's network was formed with three leaders for the regions. Ogwang Sam Paul for Lango Sub Region; Oketayot Kenneth Aroo as Vice Chairperson Northern Region and Ondonga Ratib Shaban as West Nile Region Coordinator. The annual subscription fees be maintained at the current rates for Town councils – Ugx 300,000, Municipal Councils – Ugx 500, 000, Cities – Ugx 500,000, City Divisions – Ugx 300,000, Municipal Divisions – Ugx 300,000. Include subscription money to AMICAALL in the annual budget for urban authorities. The money will be approved in the budget. New Town councils will be considered for subscription payment in the year 2022 -2023. Need to advocate for the AMICAALL to get funding through the local government like UAAU. AMICAALL should waive off arrears for urban authorities because they were affected by COVID for 2 year.



5.0 STATUTORY MEETINGS

In addition to the AGM that took place in February 2022 where AEC members were elected, two quarterly meetings were held at the AMICAALL Office, Ntinda. The meeting held in March 2022 focused on inducting AEC members on their roles and responsibilities. A Corporate Governance Consultant, Mr. Kisuze was hired and led the process. The secretariat staff made presentations on the programmes, finances and Audit, work plans and budgets and strategic direction for AMICAALL. The quarterly meeting in June 2022 focused on reviewing and approving reports, work plans and budget for the year 2022/23, and the audit report.

6.0 STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

With financial and technical support from DGF, the Secretariat contracted HOFODE firm to review its Strategic plan (2017 -2021) and develop another Strategic Plan (2022 -2026). The Strategic development which commenced and ended September 2022 involved consultative and validation meetings with the secretariat staff, AEC, ANTAC, regions and local coordinators.



The consultants from HOFODE guiding the Strategic Plan development process at the AMICAALL Office, Ntinda.

A report of the reviewed Plan is in place and a final Strategic Plan (2022 -2026) has been shared with Board of AMICAALL and DGF.

6.1 NEW STRATEGIC PLAN DIRECTION

Vision: A healthy and inclusive productive urban population.

Mission: To support effective and efficient inclusive services in urban communities.

Goal: To strengthen the capacity of urban authorities to deliver sustainable and Inclusive services to the urban communities.

AMICALL core values:

- Partnership and networking
- Rights- based approach
- Transparency and accountability
- Gender sensitivity
- Community empowerment
- Responsiveness to urban health needs
- Social Inclusion
- Team work

Priority Programme Areas of Focus

AREA #1: Environmental protection
AREA #2 Public health
AREA #3 Institutional capacity development
AREA #4 Greater Economic Opportunities
AREA# 5 Policy and Advocacy.

Strategic Objectives

1. To enhance the capacity Urban Authority Leaders on environmental management by 2027
2. To strengthen the technical capacity of urban authorities in prevention, care on HIV and AIDS, TB, Malaria and NCDs in their communities by 2027.
3. To build the leadership capacity of urban authorities to deliver effective and inclusive services by 2027
4. To Support urban authorities to deliver inclusive economic and livelihood opportunities in their communities by 2027
5. To build the capacity of urban authorities in policy and advocacy for quality service delivery by 2027

Overall Strategic Outcomes

- Improved solid Waste Management
- Improved hygienic practices in urban areas
- Improved urban vegetation (60% of the urban vegetation cover restored)
- Increased knowledge on HIV prevention and treatment for urban authority leaders and communities
- Reduced malaria infection in urban areas
- Increased knowledge on food security and livelihoods in urban areas
- Increased knowledge on policy and advocacy for the urban authorities
- Increased knowledge of leaders in service delivery

Theme of the Strategic plan 2022/23-2026/27

“Delivering Inclusive and Effective services to the urban communities

7.0 END OF PROJECT EVALUATION FOR THE DGF FUNDED PROJECT - STRENGTHENING GOVERNANCE IN URBAN AUTHORITIES

The DGF funded project activities ended on 30th September 2022 but the close out plan is up to 30th December 2022. DGF funded the End of Project Evaluation. The process was conducted by a consulting firm RHAMZ International. The evaluation focused on assessing the impact, effectiveness, efficiency, outcomes and sustainability of the innovations and interventions of this project in the urban authorities. The report outlines the outcomes of the project and adaptations in the five urban authorities of Nansana and Iganga Municipalities, Nauyo Bugema and Namayumba Town councils and Lubaga Division. The methodology included observations, administering questionnaires, key informant interviews with former and current mayors, town clerks and local coordinators in the five urban authorities and secretariat staff. A final report was produced and shared with DGF.

8.0 PROJECTS STATUS

8.1 Strengthening Governance in Urban Authorities funded by DGF

The project was successfully implemented in the five urban authorities of Nansana and Iganga Municipalities, Nauyo Bugema and Namayumba Town councils and Lubaga Division. The secretariat is currently implementing a close out plan to end 30th December 2022.

8.2 Non Communicable Diseases (NCD) funded by UNDP

8.2.1 Multi-Sectoral Urban Leaders follow up meeting to strengthen governance on Mental Health and NCDs Health Cities Initiative

The multi-sectoral stakeholders' engagements included following up on the action Points and recommendations highlighted during the Nov-Dec 2021 Orientation meetings in the nine cities of Gulu, Lira, Mbale, Jinja, Hoima, Fort Portal, Mbarara, Masaka and KCCA-City hall. These meetings also involved city departments, CSOs, private sector and other development Partners. The purpose of the stakeholders' meetings was to follow up on the NCDs and mental health integration action plans and recommendations in regard to integration and advocacy for prevention and management in all departments in the cities.

The multi-stakeholders' meeting laid the ground for the subsequent meetings and actions aimed at strengthening coordination of NCDs and mental health preventive and advocacy activities in cities and other urban authorities.



Mayor Masaka City reading a communique on behalf of urban leaders



Mayor Gulu City committing on NCDS and Mental Health in Gulu

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The Multisector Orientation meetings in the 8 cities were attended by 165 participants - 67 females and 99 males. The participants included Town Clerks, Deputy Town clerk, and heads of departments for production, engineering, public health, education, community development and Physical Planning. Others were political leaders who included secretaries for health, mayors, Deputy Mayors, secretary for finance and works and physical planning, RCCs, Youth councilors; representatives from civil society and the private sector.



Participants of the National multi stakeholder's feedback meeting on NCDs & Mental Health at Eureka Hotel-Ntinda.

Among the challenges identified included; Limited Knowledge among the communities on NCDs and Mental health, None Existent of Inclusive health Plans, High rates of domestic Pollution, High rate of Drug, Alcohol and energy drinks abuse, Insufficient Support and funding for NCDS and Mental health, Inadequate and Unharmonised Data on NCDs & Mental Health, Low involvement of all key players to create awareness such as religious community, among others.

The recommendation included the following;

- ☐ Strategic Partnerships with private sector for fundraising and creating awareness in the urban authorities through NCD& Mental -Themed Marathons, Runs, Health Camps and festivals
- ☐ Integrating NCDS &Mental Health and HIV/AIDS response is key. HIV clients should be assessed for NCDs before Connection to care to avoid fatal side effects
- ☐ Continuously raise awareness on NCDs and Mental health by both technical and Political leaders.
- ☐ Develop IEC materials for easy access to information by the population.
- ☐ Financial Planning for NCDs and Mental Health should be deliberate as an integral part of development.
- ☐ Departmental Review Meetings should monitor progress of integration of NCDs and Mental health activities.
- ☐ Orient More Political and technical leaders on NCDs & Mental health in all urban Authorities (Cities, City Divisions, Municipalities, Municipality Divisions and Town councils). Enforce Bye laws on NCDs and Mental Health Prevention and Managements like the Use of Chimneys in small and large scale factories to avoid air and other Pollutions.
- ☐ Circulate the certified list by UBOS to all the wholesalers and distributor to regulate the supply of un authorized energy drink in the Community.
- ☐ Greening Cities for example Creating Space for children and adult Park for relaxation, walking, physical exercise for both children and adults, gazeting Physical activity days.
- ☐ There is need to for an NCD and MH coordination structure to ensure integration and implementation of related activities is done. This can be scaled up in all Urban Authorities and an orientation made to ensure functionality. .

8.2.2 National Multi-Stakeholders Feedback Meeting on NCDs & Mental Health

With funding support from UNDP, AMICAALL conducted the multi sectoral stakeholders' platform/meeting as a follow up on the initial meeting that was held in November of 2021 which preceded the orientation of the City leaders (both political and technical) on NCDs and mental health for stakeholders. The meeting was held on the 20th July 2022 at Eureka Hotel-Ntinda.

It was also a feedback meeting to stakeholders on the City based follow up meetings on the action plans and recommendations highlighted during the orientation meetings in the nine cities of Gulu, Lira, Mbale, Jinja, Hoima, Fort Portal, Mbarara, Masaka and Kampala Capital City hall. The purpose of the stakeholders' meeting was to share feedback and come up with strategies to implement NCD and mental health activities at National Level.

The multi-stakeholders' feedback meeting Laid the ground for future partnerships and engagements for NCDs and mental health preventive and advocacy activities in Cities and other urban authorities (Municipalities and Town Councils).

The Stakeholder meeting targeted 32 participants (Females -17, Male-15) who included urban authority leaders, Ministry and Departments and Agencies, members of parliament (NCD forum), development partners, civil Society organizations, private sector, AMICAALL staff and the board.



NCD follow up meeting in session in Jinja City with stakeholders

Some of the recommendations during the feedback meeting included;

- Demand, Plan and Enforce Safe and decongested Walk ways.
- Enforce NMTs usage, NMT policy.
- Encourage Physical Education in schools-Monitor and supervision the implementation of the operating time tables
- Orient Teachers on Physical education and skills
- Identify one school center (this could be regional) to make it a model school for PE, equip it, Build Capacity, Quality teachers in multi sports to expose the children to more opportunities.
- Assessment of fitness levels to advice on what is expected of us in regard to different bodies and status. – Screening and Linkages & referral for further management (Regulate FIT (Frequency, Intensity & Time)
- Mass sensitization on health diets in schools
- Regulate junk food markets (road side foods.
- Advocate for mindset change of the population in regard to food preparation, food handling, and Rich-poor standards of living and sensitize community with key health living Information.

8.3 SRH, HIV/AIDS, GBV Project funded by SIDA/UNFPA/ACORD

AMICAALL in partnership with ACORD and funding support from SIDA/UNFPA, engaged Urban leaders on the progress of previous action plans, engaged the urban community on the issues that impact access to GBV/SRH/HIV services and also amplified the SRH/GBV/HIV awareness through radio talk shows in 12 urban authorities in 12 districts of Abim, Kotido, Moroto, Napak, Nakapiripiriti (Karamoja sub region), Kaberamaido and Amuria (Eastern Uganda), Gulu; Pader, Yumbe (northern Uganda), Kiryandongo and Bundibugyo (Western Uganda). The engagements were conducted in the Month of June 2022 with the purpose of strengthening the capacity of City Authorities, Municipal and Town Councils to develop and implement gender inclusive and health development plans.



Community Dialogues in Nakapiripiriti and Napaak

The leaders follow up meetings and community dialogues were facilitated by four (4) AMICAALL staff teams, assisted by the urban authority and district local coordinators, the community development officers, the Mayors, health teams majorly health educators and health inspectors among others. Each district was given an opportunity to select a media house to host a radio talk show, do the recording at the community dialogue, edit and produce use the material in different media.

An estimate from the radio stations indicates that at least 10,729,000 people were reached with programmes on SRH, HIV, GBV and COVID. A total of 792 persons (70% females) participated directly in the community Dialogues, leaders follow up meetings and radio talk shows.

An average of 420 community members participated in the community dialogues in the 12 districts. Community Dialogues were held in the 12 urban authorities as the first activity. Each dialogue meeting was attended by an average of 30 participants who included representatives of religious leaders, PLHIV, councillors, teachers, cultural leaders, GBV survivors, VHTs, business men and women, peer mothers, sex workers, parish chiefs, bar attendants, journalists, women councillors, police personnel, among others. The purpose of the community dialogue was to generate first hand issues on SRH, HIV, GBV and COVID that were affecting the people in the urban community.

An average of 180 leaders attended the follow up meetings in 12 urban authorities in 12 districts. These included the Mayors, Community Development Officers, Town Clerks, Health department representatives, Expert clients, District HIV Focal Persons, Speakers, media houses representatives, Police personnel majorly Child and family Officers, Planners, Deputy Mayors, Deputy Town Clerks, Education Officers, ART in charges among others.

A total of 12 radio talk shows were held in the 12 urban authorities. Each radio talk show had 4 panellists. A total of 48 panellists. The radio stations where the talk shows took place included: Heritage FM for Nakapiripiriti, Saviour FM Amuria, Kumam Broadcasters Ltd in Kaberamaido, UBC Radio for Bundibugyo, Mega FM for Gulu, 92.4 FM for Pader, Ateker Moroto FM for Moroto, Etoil A Karamoja Ltd for Kabongo and Kotido, Kiryandongo Media Services

Ltd for Kiryandongo, Woebil Communications Ltd for Abim and AKICA 104.7 FM for Napak. On average there were 12 callers per radio talk show, totalling 144 people who called in inquiring on various issues around SRH, HIV and GBV. It is estimated that a total of 10,729,000 million people were reached by these radio stations because the radio coverage includes the districts and urban centres of Omolo, Gulu , Lamwo, Agago, Pader, Kitgum, Apac, Lira, Kwanja, oyam, Kole, Aleptong, Nwoya, Abim, Kotido, Kaabongo, Otukey, Dokolo, Amulata, Amuria, Kaberamaido, , Katakwi, , Soroti, Serere, Bundibugyo and Eastern congo, Yumbe, Arua, Adjuman , Maracha, Koboko, Moyo, Masindi, Apach, Hoima, Buliisa, Napak, Karenga, Moroto, Pader, Karenga, Amudat, , Nakapiripiriti Amudat, Jinja, Mbale, Nakaseke, Nakasongola , Kayunga and Buyende.



Live Radio talk show on Etoil A Karamoja FM in Kotido Municipality.



Radio talk show at Mega FM, Gulu City

8.4 UNAIDS / KCCA Fast Track Cities Project-Kampala.



During the period the New Country Director UNAIDS Ms Jacqueline Makokha and Ms Tseday paid a courtesy call to AMICAALL Office in Ntinda to familiarise themselves with the organisation. They were received and briefed about the organisation by the Secretariat staff.

UNAIDS in partnership with IAPAC provided technical support to Kampala City to implement the project. The project focused on four strategic areas of work namely;

- a) Promote and ensure that Cities have agreed City implementation plans in place to drive the response
- b) Politically enabling environment is created within which plans can be implemented.
- c) Essential strategic information is available for tracking progress and informing the response
- d) Cities have adequate capacity to implement plans

The four area of work were implemented within the following objectives;

1. Promoting leadership, accountability and impact in the HIV response through strengthening critical partnerships, creating an enabling environment, and developing robust implementation plans to optimize HIV service delivery and update free from stigma and discrimination.
2. Supporting Cities to coordinate the collection, analysis and reporting of available strategic information and data on HIV epidemic and response, and facilitating the use of data to track progress, including on the Fast-Track City dashboards, and to inform the necessary action for Fast-Tracking the response.

KCCA together with its implementing partner AMICAALL Uganda Chapter, implemented the fast-track initiative activities in the (5) divisions of Kampala City. The activities engaged Social media influencers (SMIs) in the categories of young people, KPs (e.g. Sex workers, MSM, Bisexuals, WSW, transgender Community) and priority Populations like people living with HIV, etc. The activities included the following;

8.4.1 Support the development and operationalization of a robust and strategic city implementation plan, aligned to national and other strategic plans; this was conducted in December 2021 at Mbale Resort Hotel-Mbale City). It was attended by the Technical KCCA staff from relevant directorates and departments, representatives of key government Agencies (UAC, Ministry of Health) as well as representatives of key Implementing Partners (IAPAC, AMICAALL, UNAIDS, IDI etc.). They reviewed the performance of KCCA in the implementation of the previous strategic plan and developed a new five- year City HIV Strategic plan in reference to the recently updated national strategic plan



KCCA HIV Strategic Plan review and update in Mbale Resort in December 2021

8.4.2 Support Division AIDS Committee members to conduct field and supportive supervision visits;

As part of process of improving the functionality of Division AIDS Committees, the 15 members of the Division AIDS Committees in each of the divisions were facilitated to conduct one support supervision visits in project implementation sites. The visits targeted selected health facilities, markets and other trading areas, informal settlements and landing sites among others.

8.4.3 Convene Bi-annual accountability meetings of city and political leaders, partners, private sector and stakeholders to assess progress in the HIV response (Forum for mayors) at Division level;

The purpose of conducting these accountability forums was to provide a platform spearheaded by the political head of the division (Mayor) in which leaders and stakeholders come together to provide accountability on what they are doing as regards provision of HIV and AIDS services in the divisions. During this period, the bi-annual accountability forums were held in all the five KCCA divisions of Lubaga, Central, Makindye, Nakawa and Kawempe.

The forums were chaired by the division Mayors and they were well attended (Lubaga 27 participants; Females- 17 & Males -10, Central; 26 participants; 11 females, 15 males and Makindye; 27 participants 15 males 12 females, Nakawa; 38 participants 16 females & 22 males, Kawempe; 25 participants 13 females & 12 males). The participants included the elected leaders (Councilors, representatives of city traders association (KACITA), representatives of the Cultural institution of Buganda, Civil Society (including representatives of people living with HIV, KP organizations etc.), the division technical team led by the Town Clerks and the Division Medical Officers among others.



The Mayor Kawempe Division addressing participants during the Bi annual Accountability forum in Kawempe Division

9.0 FINANCES

Source of funding/ Donor	Focus areas	Amount
DGF	Governance and accountability	106,319,480
USAID/UNAIDS	HIV FAST TRACK	590,187,471
UNFPA/ACORD	SHR/HIV/MCHNB/GBV	94,175,229
UNDP	NCDs and Mental health	58,323,730
Membership Subscription	Governance	15,550,000
TOTAL		864,555,910

10.0 STAFFING

Guided by the Human Resource policies all the staff were contract as volunteers including Restituta Kaguma Nabwire as Acting Country Director, Ramulat Andiru- Finance Manager, Ruth Birabwa Program Development Manager, Julie Masika as volunteer programme specialist, Micheal Kisembo Program officer, Cathius Twinamatsiko Program Officer- Capacity Building and Partnerships, Chandiru Hanifa Administration officer, Joshua Kalyesubula Accountant and Moses Mutyaba Driver .

11.0 CHALLENGES, RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

11.1 Challenges

1. Suspension of DGF operations in the country, which affected the Governance Project implemented by AMICAALL. The follow on project worth two billion Uganda shillings that was to start in 2020 was not realized. DGF has ended operations in the Country.
2. Minimal numbers of staff at secretariat which affects outreach to the membership and eventually remittance of subscription.
3. Organization debts amounting to Ugx 128 million that is affecting the operations of the organizations.
4. Low remittance rate of subscription by urban authorities
5. Donor dependence
6. Effects of the Pandemics i.e. COVID 19 where donors have reduced funding to CSOs. It is increasingly becoming difficult to access donor funding in this era.

11.2 Recommendations

1. Come up and implement better strategies to collect subscription
2. Continuously build the capacity of Urban Leadership to ensure ownership of the organization and support to the Secretariat.
3. Take the idea of building a permanent and coming up with an enterprise.

11.3 Conclusion

AMICAALL is open to learning, adaptation, innovation and building partnerships.

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