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ACRONYMS

AGM	Annual General Meeting/Assembly
AMICAALL	Alliance of Mayors and municipal leaders' Initiative for Community Action on HIV&AIDs and health at the Local Level
CDC	Centre for Disease Control
CDO	Community Development Officer
CSW	Commercial Sex Worker
GBV	Gender Based Violence
HTS	HIV Testing Services
IGA	Income Generating Activity (s)
MAC	Municipality AIDS Committee
MC	Municipal Council
MEL	Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning
MoH	Ministry of Health
MWE	Ministry of Water and Environment
NAFOPHANU	National Forum for People living with HIV and AIDS Network Uganda
NCDs	Non - Communicable Diseases
PACK	Prevention of HIV&AIDS in Communities in Karamoja.
PLHIV	People Living with HIV
SAC	Sub-county AIDS Committee
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SRHR	Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights
TAC	Town Council AIDS Committee
TASO	The AIDS Support Organisation
TC	Town Council
UAC	Uganda AIDS Commission
TV	Television
USP	Uniformed Service Personnel
WASH	Water Sanitation and Hygiene

Foreword



This is the fourth year of, the Alliance Executive Council (Board) and National Technical and Advisory Committee (ANTAC). The governance structures, with support of the national secretariat have guided AMICAALL Uganda to realize its Strategic Objectives and workplan.

I like to take this opportunity to welcome the new members i.e. Municipal Divisions and new Town Councils. In the same vein, I congratulate the Mayors whose Municipalities have been elevated to City status.

I also congratulate us upon getting a new partnership with Democratic Governance Facility (DGF) and I welcome them into the AMICAALL family. The DGF project is being implemented in Iganga and Nansana Municipalities; Nauyo - Bugema and Namayumba Town Councils and Lubaga Division Urban Council. I am hopeful that the beneficiary urban authorities are already ripping fruits of good governance.

Lastly, I wish to thank members of AEC for supporting me to steer the organization. In this period we have had three statutory meetings.

Counting on your usual cooperation.

HW. Godfrey Kabbyanga Baluku Kime
CHAIRMAN, ALLIANCE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



On behalf of AMICAALL Uganda Management, I wish to acknowledge the vital support we received from different partners, stakeholders and staff that led to successful implementation of the planned activities for this year.

This year, AMICAALL received funding from DGF for a governance project which has been rolled out in five Urban Authorities (UAs) and has strengthened the management structure of the organization.

We acknowledge and extend special thanks to our long term Development Partners especially Irish Aid, UNAIDS (KCCA), UNFPA, AIDS Information Center, Global Fund and UGANET.

We are also grateful to the line Ministries of Local Government, Health, Gender, Labour and Social Development and Uganda AIDS Commission for their technical support and ensuring that AMICAALL Uganda remains a key partner in the national response. We also highly appreciate the support of civil society organizations like UNASO, NAFOPHANU, UWASNET, Straight Talk Foundation, TASO, and sister organizations like UAAU, ULGA.

Titus James TWESIGE
COUNTRY DIRECTOR

Executive summary

1.0 Background to AMICAALL Uganda Chapter

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. The Alliance was launched on 9th December 1997 during the 10th International Conference on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Africa (ICASA) in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. A coordination secretariat was set up in Windhoek, Namibia to support establishment of autonomous AMICAALL Chapters in all African Countries and coordinate mutual support, Information sharing, networking and advocacy.

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 City, Municipalities and Town Councils across the country. AMICAALL was founded in recognition of the unprecedented magnitude of HIV & AIDS in Cities & Municipalities in Africa, and the need to respond to the complex social, HIV/AIDS, health and development challenges inherent in urban areas.

Vision: A healthy and productive urban population free from HIV&AIDS and related diseases

Mission: To support the building of an effective and coordinated urban HIV&AIDS and health response

Goal: To strengthen the capacity of urban authorities for an effective and sustainable HIV&AIDS and health response.

Strategic Objectives:

Objective 1: To enhance leadership capacity for effective community engagement, advocacy and social mobilization for disease prevention

Objective 2: To strengthen technical capacity for enhanced and sustainable health and HIV&AIDS response in urban authorities

Objective 3: To increase availability and access to quality prevention, treatment and care services for HIV & AIDS, Sexual & reproductive health services and other related diseases and conditions among urban communities.

1.1 Introduction

This report covers the period 2018/19. Therefore, this report covers the period from October 2018 to October 2019. The report will highlight activities according to the three strategic objectives of the organization as per the strategic plan 2016/17 to 2020/21.

2.0 Key interventions and achievements by objective

2.1 Objective 1: To enhance leadership capacity for effective community engagement, advocacy and social mobilization for disease prevention

- a) **Organize the annual Urban Leaders' health and HIV/AIDS Forum (ULF) and AGM as advocacy platforms for information sharing and learning.**

The 7th ULF was conducted in Maria Flo Hotel, Masaka Municipality on 25th October 2018. It was attended by City, Municipality and Town Council Mayors and Town Clerks as well as Civil Society Organizations who totaled to 200 participants. The forum was held under theme "Strengthening Leadership and Governance; evaluating the progress of the decentralized response of HIV/AIDS and Health in urban authorities."



Participants pose for the photo after the 2017/18 Urban Leaders Forum and Annual General Assembly in Masaka Municipality

- b) **Conduct quarterly regional meetings targeting the urban leaders and other duty bearers as platforms for advocacy, capacity building, experience and information sharing**

With support from Global Fund through the Uganda AIDS Commission (UAC), AMICAALL conducted three regional meetings namely Central, Western and Northern with the following objectives;

1. To share current strategic information on the trends, strategies and opportunities in the national and decentralized health and HIV/AIDS response in the context of urban settings.
2. To create awareness to leaders on their roles in leading the decentralized response in urban areas.
3. To discuss and develop consensus on the priority joint actions to address the urban health and HIV/AIDS challenges

The meetings were attended as follows;

Central regional meeting had 88 participants (72 Male 16 Female) who represented City Divisions, Municipal Councils and Municipal Divisions.

The Western regional meeting was attended by participants (...M.....F) who represented Municipalities, Municipal Divisions and Town Councils

While the Northern regional meeting we attended by 98 participants (84M 14F) representing Municipalities, Municipal divisions and Town Councils.



Participants of the Central regional meeting

- c) **Support urban leaders to conduct campaigns to promote human rights and reduce stigma and discrimination among key populations, adolescents, women, PLHIV and other vulnerable groups in urban areas**

AMICAALL in partnership with UGANET under the Global Fund, conducted one day Municipality leaders meeting with the objectives to introduce the activity to urban authority leadership and other stakeholders; to conduct a needs assessment with the urban leadership and participating stakeholders; to orient State Attorneys on HIV/TB & human rights related issues. A total of 74 (54M 20F) participants attended the meeting with each Municipality represented by a Mayor, Member of Parliament, Town Clerk, Speaker, Community Development Officer (CDO), State Attorney, AMICAALL Local Coordinator and 2 Civil Society representatives from CSOs working in the areas of HIV/TB or Human Rights in the municipality as well as representatives from the relevant ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs), Key Populations (KPs). Some of the cross cutting issues included lack of confidentiality among service providers, Stigmatization and limited access to information. Action plans were developed for implementation by respective urban authorities.



Participants of the the meeting on HIV/AIDS,TB and human rights held at Imperial Royale Hotel on 19th September 2019

- d) Participate in alliances/consortia with influential groups such as religious and cultural institutions, businesses, champions and role models, media and CSOs to create a common platform for HIV&AIDS, SRHR WASH, NCD advocacy**

AMICAALL as a member of the national organizing committee has actively participated in the role out of the second phase of the Presidential Fast Track Initiative (PFTI). This has created awareness for the urban leaders on the 90-90-90 targets to eliminate HIV by 2030.

- e) Participate in national, regional and international conferences to share AMICAALL Uganda best practices, raise the profile of the Organization, exposure of staff/urban leaders and mobilize new funding partners**

AMICAALL participated in the 6th DGF Annual Partnership Conference which provided an opportunity for implementing partners, the Facility Management Unit, the Steering Committee, the Board and other stakeholders to share thoughts and information on a wide range of issues in the political, social economic and cultural arena and learning from each other. The conference was held on the 2nd day of October 2019 at Xanadu hotel, Kampala and attended by by DGF implementing

- f) Develop strategic partnerships (e.g with CSOs and the media) to empower urban leaders and communities to demand accountability from duty bearers**

AMICAALLL with support from DGF facilitated elected and technical leaders of Nauyo Bugema Town Council to conduct 3 community meetings. The community meeting were intended to address the misconceptions and wrong expectations citizens have of leaders and their roles and responsibilities and to equip citizens with knowledge about their roles in the governance of their areas. The meetings took place in three wards (Napoli Lower, Bukasakya, Bugema Qoran) and involved 94 (59M & 35F) participants.



A leader addressing the community in Nauyo – Bugema about the responsibilities of elected leaders and technical staff

g) Develop and disseminate appropriate IEC/BCC materials and messages specifically targeting urban communities

AMICAALL in partnership with AIC with funding from UNFPA, developed and designed leaflet with key messages and service delivery points on Gender Based Violence (GBV), HIV/AIDS, Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH) for the Key populations. These will be distributed in January 2020. With support from DGF IEC materials on budgeting and planning have been developed and will distributed in November 2019.

h) Facilitate functionality of decentralized coordination structures and mechanisms for HIV/AIDS, SRHR, NCDs, gender and WASH in urban authorities

AMICAALL with funding aid from Irish Embassy, through the PACK consortium supported the functionality of 35 (28 sub county and 7 urban authority) HIV/AIDS coordination and review Committee meetings in Karamoja. Success Stories from supporting coordination and review meetings of MAC, TACs and SACs include;

- Nakapiripirit TAC supported one PLHIV women group with a grinding mill, registered and prepared another PLHIV group to benefit from CDD in the next quarter.
- Tapac SAC assessed and prepared one PLHIV group to receive UWEP funds to improve their livelihood and income generation.

- Moruita SAC conducted two HIV sensitization meetings using the sub-county resources, while the Elders' representative a members of the committee sensitized his Kraal members on HIV and cultural issues.

District, Urban Authority and sub-counties supported with the functionality of AIDS Committees operation:

No.	District	Sub-county (s)
1	Abim	Abim Town Council and sub counties of Alerek, Lotuke, Morulem, and Nyakwae
2	Kotido	Kotido Municipality, and sub counties of Kotido, Kacheri, Rengen and Panyangara
3	Moroto	Moroto Municipality and sub counties of Tapac, Katiekile, Nadunget and Rupa
4	Nakapiripirit	Nakapiripirit Town Council and sub counties of Moruita, Namalu, Lolachat and Nabilatuk
5	Napak	Lorengchora Town Council, sub counties of Ngoleriet, Lokopo, Iriiri, and Matany
6	Kaabong	Kaabong Town Council, Lolelia, Sidok, Karenga, Kalapata, Kathile and Kapedo sub counties
7	Amudat	Amudat Town Council and sub counties of Loroo and Karita



Kaabong Town Council AIDS Committee drawing an HIV/AIDS risk map during a quarterly meeting

i) Support urban authorities to establish systems and mechanisms for collection, analysis and reporting to inform advocacy and decision making

With funding support from DGF, AMICAALL provided technical and logistical support (computers) to planning units of five urban authorities (Iganga and Nansana Municipalities; Nauyo Bugema and Namayumba Town Councils; Lubaga Division Urban Council). The computers have enabled the planning units to improve on records keeping and reporting. Set up and manage various online media platforms for generating and sharing strategic information on HIV, WASH and NCDs response.



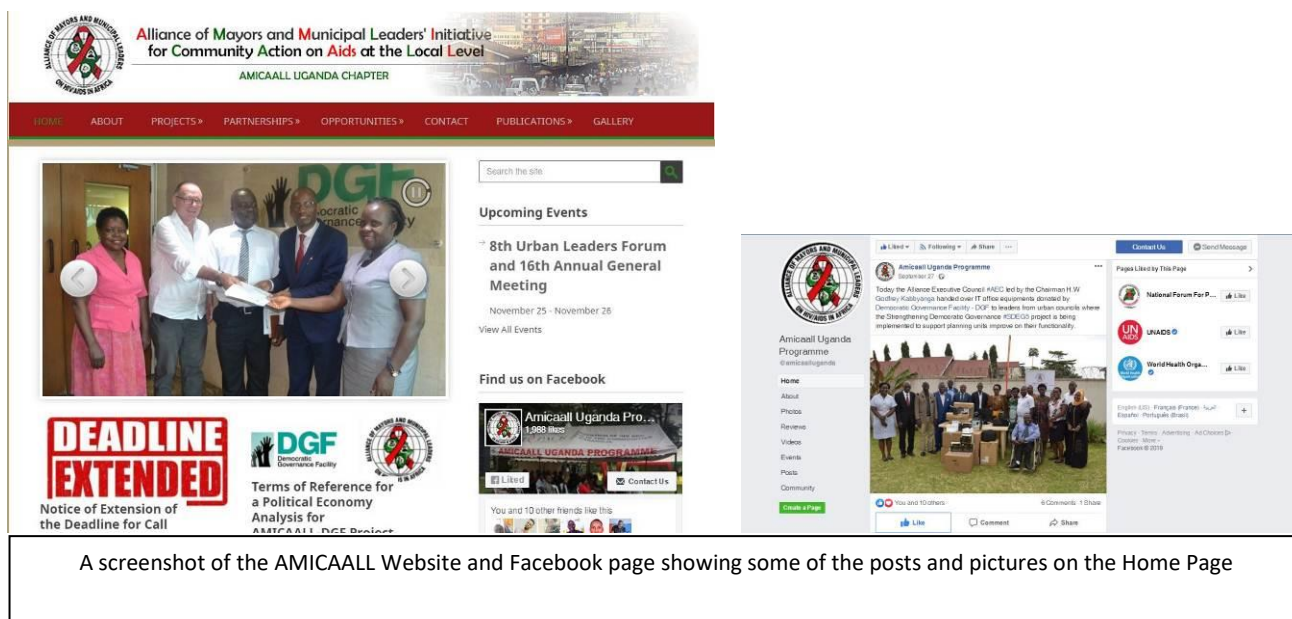
A MoLG officer conducting a needs assessment of the planning unit in Nauyo -Bugema Town



AMICAALL board member hands over a computer to the Mayor Namayumba Town Council as other recipients look on

j) Set up and manage various online media platforms for generating and sharing strategic information on HIV, WASH and NCDs response.

AMICAALL has set up and joined online platforms, like Website, Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp groups, and email groups. These platforms are used to share information on NCDs, WASH, governance and HIV/AIDS as well as , opportunities like fundraising, events, and programmes with members and other



k) Support management systems at Secretariat for effective urban Health and HIV&AIDS response

During this period, AMICAALL was able to acquire Quick books for the Finance department and also a database was developed for the PACK project. The quick book package has improved financial analysis, reporting and storage.

I) Conduct quarterly AEC and ANTAC meetings

During this period four Alliance Executive Council (AEC) and four AMICAALL National Technical Advisory Committee (ANTAC) meetings took place. As a result, these organs have been able to review and approve organizational policy documents, do staff recruitment and contribute to resource mobilization.



AMICAALL staff making a presentation to Members of the Alliance Executive Council (Board)

2.2 Objective 2: To strengthen technical capacity for enhanced and sustainable health and HIV&AIDS response in urban authorities

This objective involves capacity building for the Secretariat staff, urban leaders and the urban communities.

a) Support Monitoring and Evaluation functions at the AMICAALL secretariat to support program delivery and develop capacity of urban authorities in monitoring and evaluation

Under the DGF project, AMICAALL was able to develop and share a monitoring tool and guidelines to be used by the leaders of the five urban authorities while implementing the governance project. The tool is used to monitor ongoing projects in the selected urban authorities.

b) Document and disseminate success stories, good practices of interventions addressing the needs of key populations and support their replication in other urban authorities.

With support from Irish Aid through the PACK project, AMICAALL facilitated the AIDS Committees in the sub counties of Karita and Loroo (Amudat district). This has resulted into actions by leaders to limit the drinking hours during market days from midday to seven o'clock with the aim of reducing alcohol abuse and related HIV exposure incidences.

With support from DGF, there is improved governance in urban authorities of implementation. A case study of Nauyo-Bugema Town Council revealed that a business committee was established during the induction of elected leaders and technical staff and is currently fully functional.

Additionally, implementation of the governance project has revealed a good practice from Lubaga Division urban council where Councilors focus on service delivery to people without fronting partisan politics.

2.3 Objective: To increase availability and access to quality prevention, treatment and care services for HIV & AIDS, Sexual & reproductive health services and other related diseases and conditions among urban communities

a) Provide technical assistance to build capacity of urban authorities to mainstream HIV&AIDS, gender, WASH, NCDS and SRHR in their work plans and budget

During the Central Region meeting held in Masaka Municipality on 20th February 2019, AMICAALL in partnership with UAC and with funding support from Global fund, built the capacity of the urban leaders on HIV/AIDS mainstreaming. As a result urban authorities have formed AIDS Coordination committees with 15 members each to support HIV/AIDS mainstreaming .



The UAC Director Partnerships, Ms. Enid Wamani, presenting HIV/AIDS coordination and mainstreaming guidelines

b) Conduct integrated HIV-SRHR service delivery outreach camps to increase access and utilization of HIV /AIDS and SRHR services towards the 90-90-90 strategy in all urban authorities in Uganda

The 90-90-90 strategy aims at 90% of HIV positive people knowing their status, 90% of the HIV+ people being on medication, and 90% of HIV+ people on medication realizing a suppressed viral load.. As a contribution to the targets, AMICAALL conducted 21 outreach camps during which 5,449 people were reached with HIV Testing Services and 2,247 people received Sexual Reproductive Health services.



A young person being counselled before receiving his HIV results at a Moonlight testing in Lorengechora Town Council

- c) **Conduct edutainment and awareness activities such as sports gala, street Jams, Drama and film shows to mobilize key populations, adolescents, youths and general population for HIV /AIDS and SRHR services**

Seven (7) street events were conducted in 7 urban authorities. The events included artists performing songs to sensitize people on modes of HIV transmission and how it can be prevented. Some urban authorities had a band with school pupils and students marching in the streets and carrying placards with HIV prevention messages.



Pupils of Nakapiripirit P/S marching through the streets to mobilize the community for HTS during a street event



Nakapiripirit Seed Sec School marching during a street event to mobilize the community for HTS

- d) **Conduct community sensitization dialogue meetings to increase awareness and mobilize for HIV and SRHR services**

Empower individuals and groups of targeted key populations, adolescents and young people with peer education and life skills for HIV prevention

AMICAALL conducted dialogue meetings in the Karamoja region with key populations focusing on the topics like HIV prevention, SRHR - relationship between STIs and HIV among others. During these meetings, among the key cross cutting issues highlighted were majorly limited knowledge on STIs, child neglect, poor health seeking behaviors by the youth and other members of the community as well as limited access to HIV and SRH services. As a result 21 community outreach camps were conducted which provided HIV and SRH services like HTS, STI screening to the Key populations.



A Security Personnel making a presentation during a dialogue with key populations in Lorengechora Town Council, Napak district

e) Carry out Advocacy, social mobilization and community awareness campaigns on HIV, TB, hepatitis, and other related diseases

In partnership with AIDS Information Centre and UNFPA, AMICAALL conducted advocacy and community awareness activities in 18 urban authorities namely; Abim TC; Kotido MC; Moroto MC; Napak – Lorengechora TC; Nakapiripirit TC, Kaabong TC, Kaberamaido TC; Amuria TC, Kiryandongo TC; Gulu MC; Pader TC, Yumbe TC, Bundibugyo TC and Kampala (Makindye, Lubaga, Nakawa, Central, Kawempe Divisions). The activities involved

- I. 18 dialogues with 451 (267M; 184F) participants (including Sex Workers, truckers, Fishing Communities, Sex Workers, Refugees, Cross border Communities, Truck drivers and middlemen, Cross border, Sex Workers).
- II. Additionally, 12 radio talk shows were conducted on issues of Sexual and Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDS, Gender Based Violence.
- III. A leaflet was developed with key messages on about GBV, HIV/AIDS, SRH for the KP populations also showing the service delivery points.



The Mayor, Bundibugyo Town Council, Mr. Kakonge Edward (Center), the Senior Health Educator, Mr. Majid Abdallah (left) and the AMICAALL Uganda Country Director (right) during a radio talk show



The HIV- FP: Ms. Akello Betty making a presentation on the HIV/AIDS situation in Pader District (seated Extreme left is Mayor Pader)

3.0 Financial Report

This Financial report is for the period July 2018 to June 2019. The objective of the report is to give an overview of the organization's current financial status. The content of this report consists of the following;

4.0 Challenges

- **Inadequate financial and human resources:** As result forty four percent of the activities in the workplan were not implemented.
- **Poor subscription payments:** This has hindered Secretariat capacity to effectively provide services to members. Despite the 2018/19 AGA resolution to write off 43% of accumulated subscription arrears on condition that the members clear the balance by June 2019; few members responded positively.
- **Increasing number of urban authorities:** AMICAALL is unable to reach out to the new members for induction about the alliance.
- **Sustainability:** AMICAALL is still highly dependent donor funding which comes with stringent conditionalities like limited scope of operation and unallowable administrative expenses like rent
- **Competing priorities:** This has led to securing of external facilitators in time a challenge.

- **Low rates:** Under the governance project, the rates for implementation are stringent and below the leaders expectations

6.0 Recommendations

- The board and management should put more efforts towards resource mobilization like securing the Presidential pledge.
- There is need to increase staffing at the Secretariat so as to reach out to the increasing number of members and ability to accomplish annual workplan.
- There is need to review the current Strategic Plan
- AMICAALL needs more efforts towards implementing the sustainability strategy which includes having permanent home and rentable facilities.
- There need to review the governance project rates and align them to the revised government rates.

5.0 Lessons learnt

- Unlike other projects that AMICAALL has implemented before, the organization has learnt that governance is about processes and procedures.

7.0 Conclusion

Despite of resource human and financial challenges, AMICAALL Uganda was able to achieved 56% of the targeted annual workplan activities of 2018/19.



Artistic impression of proposed AMICAALL Uganda house