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Who We Are

CEDO, Child Rights Empowerment and Development Organization, was established in November, 1992 and commenced full programme operation in January 1993. CEDO works with young people and other key populations in Uganda in their efforts to achieve self-reliance; exercise their rights and improve the quality of their lives. The impact group of CEDO's programming is Children and Youths. The major focus areas are: Social Security (Child Protection Advocacy and local governance); Economic Empowerment (VSLA); Education (Early Childhood Education and Primary Education) and Health (HIV/AIDS, and Adolescent Sexual Reproductive and Rights). To achieve these aims a four-fold programme strategy, namely, Capacity Building, Training and Development, Research and, Networking and Advocacy, is adopted.

Our Vision

CEDO envisages a nation where absolute poverty, poor health and rights abuse have been overcome and people live in dignity.

Our Mission

To promote the rights of children to a healthy secure and value adding childhood.

Our Values

Transparency,
Equity and gender parity,
Accountability,
Participation and
Service above self.

Where We Work

CEDO-Uganda works in the 13 Districts of Uganda particularly in: Wakiso, Nakaseke, Sembabule and Jinja (Central Uganda); Masindi, Hoima, Buliisa, Kikuube, Kyegegwa and Kiryandongo (Mid-western Uganda); Sheema and Rukungiri (South Western Uganda); and in Nwoya (Northern Uganda).

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

CCA:	Community Change Agents
CEDO:	Child Rights Empowerment and Development Organization
CHAU:	Community Health Alliance Uganda
DAC:	Day of African Child
ECD:	Early Childhood Development
EGR:	Early Grade Reading
IGAs:	Income Generating Activities
IPC:	Interpersonal Communication
NGO:	Non-Governmental organization
RTTR:	Reporting, Tracking, Referral, and Response
SBCC:	Social Behavior Change and Communication
SPM:	Selection, Planning, and Management of Income Generating Activities
SRGBV:	School Related Gender Based Violence
SRHRU:	Sex Reproductive Health Rights Umbrella Program
UPE:	Universal Primary Education
VACiS:	Violence against children in schools
VCCMCs:	Village Community Case Management Committees



Message from Executive Director, CEDO

Key achievement was CEDO's Successful closure of two ended projects, bringing on-board 3-new projects and, the expansion of the Child Sponsorship Administration Program into Nwoya District, in Northern Uganda. It is also worth noting the enhanced internal capacity to deliver quality services, especially to youths during the year ended.

Greetings. I warmly introduce to you our 2018 Annual report. In this report we bring you our achievements and learnings throughout the year ended.

Over the year 2018, CEDO continued to be successful through Sexual Reproductive Health and HIV service provision, ECD, Basic education, Livelihoods strengthening, and Food security programming.

By the close of the year, 12,966 direct beneficiaries had been impacted, out of which 8,465 (4140 males 4325 female) were young people aged 10–24 who were reached with SRHR Services and HIV Prevention.

CEDO directly supported 181 UPE Schools, 02 Community Schools and 03 ECD Centers; impacting 1,255 students (674 girls & 581 boys). Also, 3871 community members in the supported schools (2,234 males 1637 female) were reached with SRGBV and EGR messages under the “Tusomere Wamu” Campaigns; while 630 others (59 males 571 females) were reached with Economic Strengthening (Savings, & Entrepreneurship Development) skills trainings.

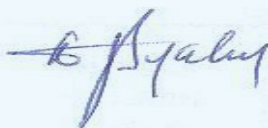
Moreover, a total of 630 (59 males, 571 females) were trained on VSLA methodology, financial literacy, and business skills in 21 Village Savings and Lending Associations (VSLAs).

Other key achievements included the Successful closure of three ended projects; the USAID/Uganda Private Health Support Program (in Feb 2018), USAID/DFID Funded GAPP Program (in June 2018) and the USAID/ Uganda Literacy Achievement and Retention Activity in Nakaseke (in August 2018). Project end evaluations of these three presented highly successful performance, with sustainable results. Moreover, two new projects also came on Board in 2018. These included: USAID/Literacy Achievement and Retention Activity implemented in Kyegegwa and Sembabule (under Cluster 2 grants) and, the SRHRU Program funded by the Swedish Embassy and implemented in Kikuube and Hoima in partnership with the International HIV/AIDS Alliance and Community Health Alliance Uganda. The Child Sponsorship Administration previously implemented in Masindi alone was also expanded into Nwoya District, in Northern Uganda in 2018. Also, it is also worth noting the internal organizational capacity to deliver quality services, especially to youths during the year ended was enhanced.

In 2019, CEDO will continue its collaboration with district local governments, line ministries of Health, Gender Labour and Social Development, our international and national partners to strengthen essential services for every child and young people in districts of operation.

I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our Partners: Swedish Embassy in Uganda, USAID/Uganda, DFID, Canadian Feed the Children, Amplify Change, Cardno Emerging Markets USA Ltd and RTI International and, the Local Governments in the different areas of operation. And, special thanks to CEDO Board of Directors, Staff, Volunteers and the community members who participated in various interventions, thus making it possible to realize these results.

For God and My Country.



Byabasaija Abdallah

Executive Director

PROGRAMME 1: EDUCATION

CEDO's education intervention focused on; 1) Strengthened capacity of MoES and other educational stakeholders to deliver Early Grade Reading; 2) Increased community and household level involvement in promoting literacy attainment; positive and supportive school climates through preventing and reducing incidents of school-related gender-based violence (SRGBV); 3) Strengthened capacity of the education system to implement SRGBV-related policies; and 4) Strengthened community commitment and capacity to provide SRGBV prevention and response programs. 5) Increased access to education by vulnerable children through ECDs.

Education interventions reached 5,126 beneficiaries, 3871 (2,234males 1637 female) community members under the Literacy achievement and retention activity.

We were able to achieve the above by;

- Trained 172 CCAs (130 in Kyegegwa and 42 in Sembabule). In Nakaseke, 188 CCAs had been trained in 2017, but continued to support the program in 2018.. CCAs mobilize and train the caregivers/gurdians on prevention of School Related Gender Based Violence (SRGBV).
- Built the capacity of communities on recording, management, and referral of SRGBV cases. In Sembabule; 165 cases were reported to the authorities (12 for sexual harassment including early marriages, 12 cases for bullying, 15 for corporal punishments, and 126 cases categorized as others while for Kyegegwa, nine (9) SRGBV cases were recorded and reported to the authorities (zero for bullying, 3 cases for corporal punishment, 6 cases for sexual harassment).



Children at Nyakyanika ECD Centre Receiving Scholastics from the Tugende Tutandike Program, Feb 12th 2019

- Established 51 community based case management plans (30 for Kyegegwa, and 21 for Sembabule).
- Disseminated SRGBV messages to 3840 (830 males; 3207 females) community members in Kyegegwa district through journeys activities
- Reached 1,304 (654 males, 560 females) community members through SBCC messages on supporting early grade reading (drama, radio, posters).
- Trained 3,840 (755 males, 3,085 females) community members in the nature, basis for and prevention of SRGBV.
- Distributed 24,960 story cards to 65 UPE schools in Kyegegwa district, and 16,238 story cards to 169 UPE schools in Sembabule district. The story cards were used by pupils and parents to support the Ugandan Ministry of Education and Sports Uganda learning campaign dubbed Tusomere Hamu which encourages parents to always read together with their children at home.
- ECD centres serving 1,255 (674 being girls & 581 boys) children and enrolled in both pre–and primary) they directly benefitted from learning processes at project supported primary schools and–with some of the children facilitated with scholastic materials and a daily hot mid–morning meal and other range of activities implemented by the project including teachers’ training, and other child protection support. Of these 369 (181boys, 188 girls) attended ECD in Masindi district.

In order to improve education outcomes amongst the children and youths in Masindi and Nwoya, CEDO in partnership with Canadian Feed The children continued to implement the Tugende-Tutandike Program in Masindi and Nwoya Districts.

During the year ended, 03 ECD centres serving and 06 primary schools all serving 2136 students (1,061Girls) were supported in both pre–and primary, all benefiting from learning processes at the program supported schools. By December 2018, 855 (381 boys& 474girls) were feeding on a daily hot mid–morning meal, 369 students received scholastic materials, while the other benefited from a range of activities including teachers’ training, safe spaces activities and other child protection support.

Built capacity of female teachers and pupils in the project supported schools on making re–usable sanitary pads using local materials

Through Tugende Tutandike programme, capacity of 63 pupils and 10 teachers (70 female) in Masindi district was built on making re–usable sanitary towels. The training covered three project schools of Nyakyanika, Kabalye and Kababiito. Additionally, pupils and teachers in these schools were also trained on; menstrual health, gender equality and norms.

The training aimed at empowering girls and boys to achieve their dreams and continue with their education past primary level. As a result of the trainings, Kabalye Settlement school is adopting this technique as a way of providing cheap and cost effective pads to in school girls who have reached their menstrual cycle days while in school.

Commemoration of the Day of the African Child (DAC)



Commemorating the Day of African Child at Kabalye Settlement School in Masindi. Centre facing camera is Gordon Balikagira, Education Officer- 16th June 2019.

Tugende Tutandike Programme led initiatives on 16th June 2018 at Kabalye Settlement Primary School to commemorate the day of the African Child held in Karujubu Division in Masindi Municipality under the theme of “*Leaving no child behind for Uganda’s Development*”. This division was selected to host the event because it

is considered in Masindi as one of the endangered area in terms of child abuse (early child marriages, child labour, and rampant school dropout in addition to parental negligence).

These acts against children are fronted by parents and other opportunists who take



Ms Patricia Peace Anyu, the Education Specialist at CEDO plants a tree in commemoration of the DAC 2018, as a sign of commitment by the local government and civil society to end child marriages in Masindi- 16th June 2018

advantage of them, yet no interventions are made to bring children out of the tragedy despite many development partners fighting to reduce child abuse. This issue was raised and still remains a key advocacy issue.

PROGRAMME 2: HEALTH

CEDO's Integrated sexual reproductive health and HIV program (SRHRU Program) focused on; Expanded access and increased use of quality, inclusive and integrated HIV and SRHR services among the vulnerable and key populations. 2) Increased adoption of safer sexual practices among vulnerable and key populations. and 3) An enabling HIV and SRHR environment for vulnerable and key populations.

CEDO is implementing a five year Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights Umbrella (SRHRU) Program funded by the Swedish Embassy in Uganda for the Period 2016 to 2021. During the year, the program reached 8,465 (4,140 male 4,325 females) using strategies like; peer led approach (Peer to peer), community dialogues, community theatres, outreaches and moonlights, establishment of youth friendly services (Safe spaces), youths led radio promotions, SRHR youth led health education session, Commodity distribution (IEC materials, condoms and lubricants), Youth led dialogues and dialogues with gatekeepers.

Through the above strategies, we were able to achieve:

- Provision of integrated SRHR and HIV prevention information to 8,465 (4,140male 4,325 females), Family planning 374 females, STI Screening 6,167 (3,074 male and 3,093 female), safe male circumcision 129 males, HIV testing and counselling 8,203 (4,160 male)



Second right with a brown neck scarf is Mr Kenneth Sunday, a Field Officer under the SRHRU Program conducting a Condom education with a small group of young people in Kikuube District, 13th September 2018)

- 4,043female), condom distribution 85,537, GBV counselling 197, distributed 44 IEC materials (T-shirts) young people 10–24 years through outreaches and moonlights
- Supported and mentored 19 health facilities to provide youth friendly services, in total 38 health workers were mentored
- Supported the establishment of 5 safe spaces for adolescent and young people seek and demand for quality inclusive SRHR services
- Referred and linked to care and support 86 clients for ART
- Conducted 3 quarterly stakeholders meeting with averagely 45 participants

Commemorated world AIDS day with Hoima and Kikuube district

CEDO–Uganda contributed and participated towards commemoration of the world AIDS day and 16 day of activism against GBV. integrated SRH services were provided to adolescents and young people including HIV testing and counselling, STI screening, and family planning. Besides that, Radio talk shows were conducted for both Hoima and Kikuube districts.

Dialogues on prevention of gender based violence were as well conducted where participants during the dialogues aired out cases of GBV especially in villages whereby women are mistreated by their counterparts/men according to participants, there's' need of continuous engagement of men in ending GBV through dialoguing. Creating an enabling HIV and SRHR environment for vulnerable and key populations as well as dialoguing to demand and hold government accountable for health resources.



CEDO Executive Director, Mr Abdallah Byabasajja Addressing Local Leaders At The Hand Over Of Safe Spaces Items For Health Facilities In Hoima And Kikuube Districts, 14/12/2019

Together with different partners such as local government 3 meetings with stakeholders were conducted to demand and hold government accountable for health resources and create an enabling HIV and SRHR environment for vulnerable and key populations. The stakeholders included both Political and Technical teams from the District Local Government, Religious Leaders and CSO representatives. A total of 20 (13 males, 7 females) stakeholders from Hoima district attended the meeting which focused on how best funding for sexual reproductive health can be increased. Local government leaders from Hoima and Kikuube districts gave commitment to fund SRH since government needs a healthy working population that is productive.

These included CAO, RDC, DCDO LCV representative as well as health center in charges of the 5 health facilities of Buteema, Kabwoya, Kapaapi, Sebigolo and Kaseeta. The above said officials appreciated the initiative of safe spaces since it gives adolescents and young people space to access SRH services.

PROGRAMME 3: FOOD SECURITY

CEDO's Food Security interventions in Masindi and Nwoya districts are supported by Canadian Feed the Children (CFTC). In 2018, the Food Security interventions targeted 784 (586F, 198M) adult resource poor community members, guardians and parents.

Food Security.

Under this component in 2018, we were able to achieve the following;

- Established three (03) Farmer Field Schools (FFS) and school gardens as pilots in all the supported centres benefiting the identified 356 farmers. The FFS are providing participatory season-long learning activities on better agronomic practices so that farmer beneficiaries can replicate the same ideas in their individual gardens to increase crop production and hence
- Improved food security. The trainings involve better ways of growing and
- Managing crops like maize, beans, orange fleshed sweet potatoes and pumpkin. Herbicide weeding to minimize tillage but also reduce the costs of production so as to maximize profits. The 356 farmers are quickly adopting the practices practiced at the famer field schools
- Twenty-one (21) households (7 per cluster) have been identified and given Pumpkin seeds while 30 households (10per cluster) were also identified and supported with orange sweet potato vines. The interventions promoted family farming which has led to food security and reduced



*LEFT: Farmers at Aviobolo Farmer Field School (FFS) located at the ECD Centre planting Maize.
RIGHT: Nyakyanika FFS planted with Orange Flesh Sweet Potatos
(April 2018)*

domestic violence due to increased food production in homes. The farm families have also been encouraged to establish kitchen gardens to supplement diets and nutrition. 65% of farmers are reporting increased food availability in homes.

- In a bid to increase household incomes, Tugende Tutandike program initiated a demand driven initiative on “pass on a goat”. It supports vulnerable households with goats for income generation at household level. The goat project was identified because of its easy management and quick returns, thus quickly increasing the income levels of the beneficiary households. 120 households were identified from the three clusters and a total of 40 she-goats and 03 he-goats goats were procured and distributed to the 120 households in Aviobolo sub county, in Masindi district. Farmers were grouped in clusters of three members each.

Resulting from the above effort, the project realized improving food security and nutrition for children, youths and their families.

Out of the 365 farmers (59% of women) who attended the agricultural training sessions and received improved seeds and vines, 69% reported increased production and availability of food in their homes. In addition, Farmers have adopted better farming practices as a result of trainings from the FFS which has also led to maximum utilization of their land; hence better yields leading to enough food in farmer household families



Farmers in Aviobolo Community in Karujubu Sub county celebrate on receiving Goats under the “Give a Goat” Intervention, August 2018.

As a result of training sessions on food security and Nutrition, there has been an Improvement in nutrition and feeding practices has been realized amongst HHs there by leading to few or even no cases of malnutrition and other illnesses related to feeding amongst children. As a result, it has contributed to reduced absenteeism from schools and improved children's performances

PROGRAMME 4: LIVELIHOODS SECURITY

CEDO's livelihood interventions in Masindi district are supported by Canadian Feed the Children (CFTC). In 2018, the livelihoods interventions targeted 784 (586F, 198M) adult resource poor community members, guardians and parents.

During the year 2018, 784 (198 males, 586 females) VSLA members were reached with Financial literacy trainings intended to enhance their skills in saving, financial management and investment. Among the topics trained; Select plan management skills (SPM), management of financial resources, and possible ways of generating income; these trainings have influenced women's control of resources and decision-making in their households.



Members of Mukama Murungi VSLA Group attend a Financial Literacy Training, October 2018. Standing is the Project Financial Literacy Specialist in a Session.

PROGRAMME 5: ADVOCACY AND CIVIC COMPETENCE

CEDO's advocacy strategy was focused to enhance private sector capacity to engage respective local governments at Sub County, municipal, and district level in the three districts of Masindi, Buliisa, and Kiryandongo to engage in local governance processes for effective public service delivery”



Throughout the year, CEDO reached 22,311 people (men, women and youth). Achieving the following;

- **Mapped out seven PSA and built their capacity on civic governance:** The project mapped out 7 private sector Actors (PSAs), and used results of each PSA to build capacity on civic education and advocacy skills. This enhanced the ability of civil society actors to hold local governments to account.
- **Conducted a training of seven private Sector Accountability Teams (PSATs):** In addressing the capacity gaps identified during the

organizational capacity assessment of the selected PSAs, the capacity of leaders for the 07 PSAs partnering with the project was built in a 03-day training workshop on civic education and advocacy skills. The trainees graduated into the Private Sector

- **Produced and disseminated civic Education Information materials:** CEDO produced civic Education Information materials that included; 1 pull up banner, 1 straight banner, 1500 stickers, 1000 posters, 1000 brochures and 240 T/shirts. These materials all carried messages on local budgeting and accountability. The purpose of the IEC materials was to increase Civic awareness and sustained public debate on issues of service delivery in the project area. These IEC materials were distributed through community forums. Additionally, CEDO used multiple communication channels including the local FM radios and aired out 02 radio spots messages, 898 spot messages.
- Increased capacity of private sector associations to demand for quality public services affecting their work in the project area CEDO facilitated 26 business community dialogues that enabled the Private Sector Actors to trace the flow of the local raised revenue and its allocations, and cost efficiency. This was a private sector mechanism to strengthen public accountability. This interaction was specifically done through community dialogues and round table meetings at different local governments. Resulting from the above, the following was realized; construction of the Nyamahasa ACE Storage Facility in Kiryandongo. Development of the maize value chain Ordinance in Kiryandongo, establishment of demonstration gardens to test germination rates of seeds, establishment of community extension volunteers in Kiryandongo to support on the agriculture extension services , Follow-ups by the Nyamahasa ACE on the commitments by the local government revealed that the district local government increased budget allocation to agriculture extension services from 600,000shs in 2016/2017FY to 17,000,000shs in 2017/2018 FY for each sub county engaged in maize production. Mutunda Sub County received a Veterinary extension officer and the entomologist to support the sub county in livestock and apiary development respectively and; the recruitment of the fisheries officer was in the process.

- In 2017, CEDO with funding of GAPP Program, conducted a national dialogue on deficits in the agricultural extension service delivery. The theme of the dialogue was “The Effect of Inadequate Agricultural Extension Services on Local Government Revenue Generation in Uganda: Evidence from Bunyoro”. The event brought together different relevant Stakeholders and relevant Institutions in Uganda including the Ministry of Agriculture, Members of Parliament on the Agricultural Sectoral Committee, Uganda Local Government Association, NAADS/ Operation Wealth Creation, GAPP Program, Economic Policy Research Centre, Local Governments in Bunyoro region, and representation of three CEDO supported Farmers’ PSAs from the districts of Masindi, Buliisa and Kiryandongo.

Follow-up on the results of the dialogue actions in 2018 indicated that;; In Masindi eight (08) new agriculture extension officers (03 Veterinary and 05 Crop Husbandry) have already been recruited and posted to the sub counties. In Kiryandongo, (01) Veterinary and (02) Crop Husbandry Extension Officers have also been recruited and posted to the most affected sub counties. One of the 02 new extension officers has been allocated to beef up Mutunda Sub County where the issue of extension has been highly demanded. Recent follow-up by CEDO Field Staff to the sub counties of Pakanyi in Masindi, Mutunda in Kiryandongo and Kiryandongo Sub County in Kiryandongo District revealed that all Extension Staffs were now well equipped with Motorcycles and facilitated to do their work.



On left of Photo, Training of PSA focal persons as Private Sector Accountability Teams while on right of the Photo Adubango Micheal the ACE Manager presenting a dialogue paper to the participants on the 29th March 2018



Success stories

TUGENDE TUTANDIKE PROGRAM; A CFTC funded program transforming lives of communities



Asiimwe Joyce

Asiimwe Joyce aged 45; is a widow and lives with her 7 children and other 3 adopted children. She is a resident of Kyarugangara village, Karujubu Division Masindi District.

Joyce started benefiting from CEDO programs in 2012. She first joined the VSLA, and later enrolled her youngest daughter Kabasiita Violet aged 9 years to the community school supported by the program, from where she completed her Early Childhood Education. Since the ECD Centre had no primary section, Violet was taken to the neighbouring government primary school, almost 4 km away but also supported by the program. This year (2018), Violet is in P.4 and performing well. With the VSLA, Joyce was able to acquire loans cheaply in order to pay for her children in school and also cultivate the land that her husband left for her. Now, 3 of Joyce's children have graduated from school and are working.

When the farmer field schools were introduced, she also benefitted from these through the trainings conducted which include better farming and agronomic practices, climate smart and gender roles, She has been able to



Joyce Asiimwe feeding her chicken. Food security is very important for the family's well being.

she constructed a crib with the knowledge from the FFS where she keeps her maize awaiting better prices.

Through the food security program, she has been encouraged to grow certified seed and trained in other agronomic practices like proper crop spacing, fertilizer application, pest and diseases control and management.


She has also benefited from orange sweet potato vines and pumpkins which have provided her with another source of income and food to her family. Through the Money she has saved in the VSLA she was able to start up a Goat project and construct a pane for her goats and chicken. Joyce is one of the first beneficiaries of pass on a Goat project and also volunteers to do community extension work for her community.



Joyce weeds her cassava plantation with one of her adopted son

Early Childhood Centres Transform Children's Lives ECD Pioneer Beneficiaries

Erosia Phiona

A close-up portrait of Erosia Phiona, a young girl with a bright smile, wearing a red and black patterned scarf. She is looking slightly to the right of the camera.

Erosia Phiona is 13 years old and have just completed my PLE this year (2018) at Kababiito ECD and primary school. She joined she ECD centre (Baby class) in 2009 at it's inception. Phiona quotes: *"Schools used to be miles away and many children were not going to school because of the distance that was involved. I am happy that the centre was upgraded into a Primary school giving me the chance to complete my primary 7"*. Children do not suffer walking long distances anymore unless it is by their parent's choice. CEDO built a classroom block for the ECD, introduced a saving culture which has helped our parents to borrow from and they are in position to buy scholastic materials, pay our school fees and feed us. I have just completed my exams and I am hoping for the best in 2019. My father is Onesi Okuti and mother Alion Louisa.



Summary of Achievements under the USAID/Uganda Private Health Support Program- implemented in Central and South Western Uganda:

With funding from USAID/Uganda Private Health Support Program, From March 2017–February 2018 (12 months), CEDO implemented in the Districts of Wakiso, Jinja, Sheema and Rukungiri the “Skills and Livelihoods Training in Income Growth and Enterprise Development for HIV/AIDS Peer Support Group Members and VSLA Group Members Project”. This project increased the ability of HIV/AIDS peer support groups members, Village Savings and Loan (VSLA) group members, and their respective households to pay for health services through economic strengthening initiatives.

The project targeted to reach out to 6000 HIV/AIDS peer support groups and VSLA group members with the necessary vocational and livelihood skills to raise themselves out of poverty and provide for their healthcare. For the period of January–February 2018, the project reached 4,049 participants trained on Start and, Improve Your Business (SIYB) modules (68% of project target). A total of 1,977 participants (93% of target) were placed for trainings in urban farming; while 1,794 project participants (90% of target) had undertaken vocational skills trainings to enable them start own enterprises. In addition, 1,077 participants were placed for apprenticeship in different partnering institutions and artisans. Moreover, 139 sensitization sessions had been conducted in which project participants or households were mobilized for linkage to Health Insurance.

Resulting from the above, 100% of the targeted beneficiaries were able to prepay for health insurance at Integrated Community Based Initiatives (ICOBIs) by February 2018 enabling them to avoid catastrophic health expenditures and sought health care anytime they needed it without worrying about medical bills. A total of 1,106 individual enterprises were established through this effort. Besides, 66 groups (39.2% of the total supported groups) had developed group investment plans out of which 26 groups of those facilitated to develop group investment plans received start-up capital from the project (13 group level grants provided to the 26 groups).

Following the training needs assessment, the project provided 754 project beneficiaries with 15 sessions/trainings on marketable vocational skills such as outside catering, tailoring especially for school uniforms, fishnet mending, trading in produce, saloon, crafts and garment making. A total of 4,049 beneficiaries in 139 sessions were reached with vocational skills training surpassing the total project target of 2400 in 120 sessions

Below is a summary of the total, of people reached with marketable vocational skills training per district;

District	SHEEMA	JINJA	RUKUNGIRI	WAKISO
Total Number of Sessions	58	49	29	3,139
Number of Beneficiaries 4042	1,879	1,281	775	107

Vocational skills training in Shuuku Town Council C.O.U, while the M&E Officer interviewing the participants and the local artisan during the training session on tailoring. The participants were able to gain knowledge and experience which they are going to use to start their own livelihood skills

Male Youths placed for internship on hair cutting (barber, while other target beneficiaries were showing their skills on their colleagues during saloon apprenticeship training.

Trainees of the internship in Kashozi Division Sheema District showing off some of the products that they have been able to make as a result of apprenticeship skills training that was conducted by St Benedict Vocational Institute



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Improved modern farming methods Practiced by targeted Households:

In 2018, CEDO trained 709 (479 Sheema, Rukungiri 230) beneficiaries in modern small-scale farming and value addition. The trainings involved demonstration sites specifically handling one trend of Coffee, Passion fruits, piggery and Banana at Matysoro, Kyangyenyi in Sheema district Butagaya, Bwengye Rural and; Budondo in Jinja district.

Cumulatively, 1,977 beneficiaries (93% of project target) of the 2,000 target beneficiaries were trained in modern small-scale farming and value addition since project inception (Sheema 1,527, Rukungiri 230, Jinja 220 and Wakiso).

Facilitated experience sharing sessions resulted into beneficiaries registering their businesses from the vocational trades



Practical lessons on banana production by the trainees in one of the venues to show their practical skills that they had acquired in establishment and trench making

In 2018, CEDO supported the flourishing trained clients on vocational skills to share testimonies with young newly trained beneficiaries on how the project intervention directly or indirectly impacted their respective lives. A total of six (6) experience sharing meetings were conducted (3 Sheema, 2 Rukungiri, 0 Jinja and 1 Wakiso) and as a result, young newly trained young people got motivated to start and register their business with the relevant authorities.



Mr Wadanda sharing his experience to the group members in Matsyoro of how VSLA has helped transform his household from where he has been able to save money to purchase livestock like goats.



Ms Gorret testifying to the groups in Kashozi experience sharing meeting where he has to enjoy the benefits of health insurance where now she can now take her household members to health facility (BCM) in Kabwohe at almost no cost

Apprenticeship skills training renewed hopes of former school drop outs in Kashozi Divison

Prior to enrollment on apprenticeship skills training, the above young girls below 18 years had dropped out of school in their later primary for reasons including early pregnancy, and peer pressure. Their drop out had diminished their future but with the implementation of PHS project, CEDO identified them and attached them to local artisans for apprenticeship skills training, and provided them with startup tools after course completion.

As a result, they were able to make school uniforms which they sell to parents for schools in Kashozi–Kanekye village, Kashozi Divison and they are realizing increased household income enabling them to meet needs of their siblings.



Some of the HIV/AIDS Peer Support Group Members trained in Tailoring Skills in Kashozi–Kanekye village in Sheema District. The training was aimed at improving their skills for self-sustenance (Feb 2018)

Summary of 2018 Amplify Change Project Achievement

Ending Child marriage in Uganda; A CSO led Advocacy Campaign in Masindi district

Project Goal:

To increase the commitment of policy and decision makers to implement the NSCM&TP and to ensure the operationalization of the NSCM&TP in Masindi district

Achievements:

- Key line ministries and stakeholders at district and sub county level mapped hence making it easy for the project staff to penetrate the District with the project activities.



In Black Jacket: Masindi District Chairperson, Mr Cosmas Byaruhanda speaking with a visiting team from the Girls Not Brides Uganda Alliance Secretariat and CEDO.

- Data was been collected & used in foras to advocate for the implementation of the NSCM & TP which led to the allocation of funds by the District to implement the strategy in Masindi.



TABULATED DATA FROM 4 HEALTH CENTRES

Age	Sub counties			
	Budongo	Miirya	Karujubu	Pakanyi
10-13yrs	01	0	01	0
14-15yrs	13	27	22	16
16-17yrs	279	184	219	151
TOTAL	292	211	242	167
	32.1%	23.1%	26.5	18.4%

- Through community Dialogues and continuous engagements with sub county duty bearers on the dangers of child marriages, they have allocated funds to ending CM.



- With CEDOs intervention through the Amplify change project, the District council was able to include activities on ending child marriages into the District workplan specifically under community (probation office) this is successfully being implemented in 2019.



Awareness Raising on Ending Child Marriage & Teenage Pregnancies in Masindi.



Challenges:

- Some cases are reported and followed up by police but disappear from the resident state attorney's office.
- Parents report cases but do not follow up or end up cancelling them
- Some cases are not reported for fear of hatred and revenge at community level.
- The police form 3 have been used to scare the perpetrators by some parents of these girls.
- In some instances girls tend to increase their ages especially during antenatal visits.
- Inadequate funding to local government to operationalize National Strategy against child marriage(probation office).
- Limited knowledge on existence of laws and lack of enforcement of the existing laws.
- High levels of poverty amongst the population which increases the risk of child marriage.

Recommendations:

- Lobby for more funds to be allocated to local government to implement the national strategy
- Continuous awareness raising at all levels to popularize the NS and the roles of different stakeholders

- CSOs should work closely with government and local government structures to ensure sustainability of the campaign and implementation of the strategy.

Lessons learned:

- There is lack of community awareness in some places especially the rural setting
- Child marriage is an issue in many of these sub counties but the leaders are silent about it.
- The enforcement of laws and policies in regard to CM&TP is still lacking
- For issues of child marriage to be included in the government work plans, it has to start with pressure from the village level
- While we amplify the campaign and advocacy on ending child marriage and other forms of violence against children, it is important to put in mind service delivery (after rescuing a violated child what next?)

Promising practices:

- Involving the champions to front awareness campaigns is a good innovation and CEDO has benefitted a lot from this.
- Working with other implementing partners is key b'se it helps to bridge the gap especially with lack of certain services that are not offered by the implementing Organizations.
- Involving both political and technical leaders in awareness campaigns is a good practice.
- Merging activities on ending child marriage to other related projects during implementation has worked well for CEDO.

Kirunda's Story



Mr. Kirunda Martine is a focal person for Key Population programming at Sebigoro health centre III, Kikuube/Hoima district which boards with DRC. Sebigoro health centre III, serves over 9 landing sites of Nkondo I, Nkondo II, Nyawaiga, Sebigolo Kyevunda, Wanjock Ususha Ndokene Bulinga with an estimated population of 17,497 people out of that population, 1/3 (5832) people are estimated to be between the age of 15 to 24 years. Majority of the population are

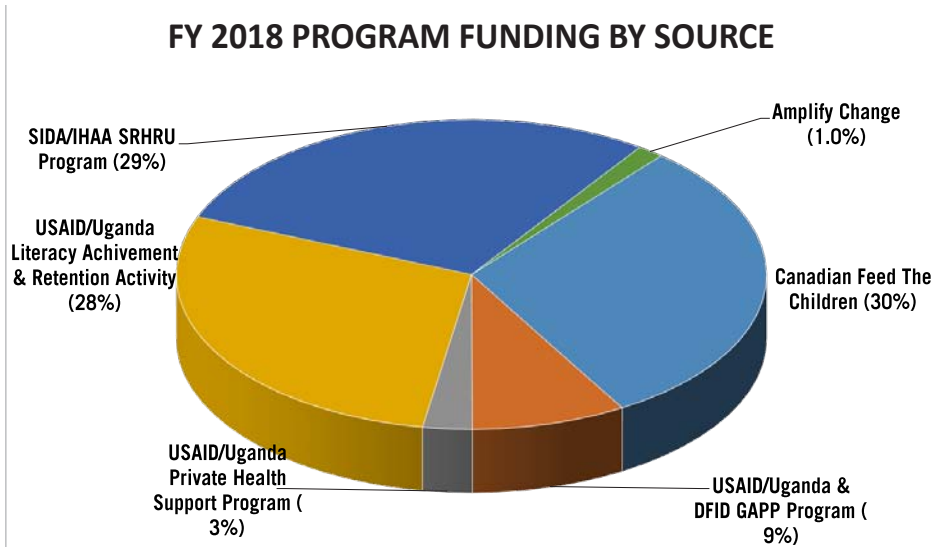
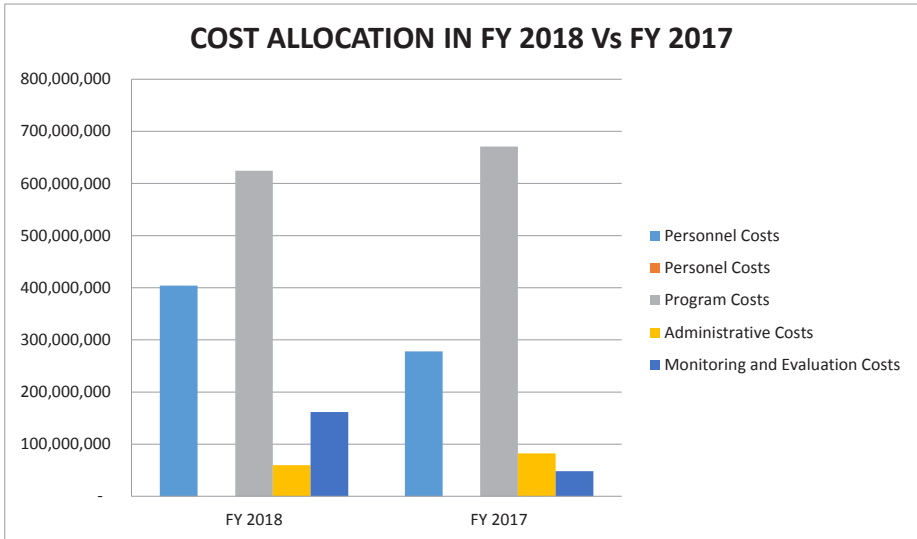
He appreciates CEDO and its allies for the SRHRU program specifically training the facility staff in provision of adolescent friendly health services and creating a safe space at the facility. According to him, before the SRHRU Program was introduced at the facility, key population and young people found it hard to access sexual reproductive health services due to a) stigma associated to SRH services, b) Poor attitudes of SRH service provider's/Health workers and c) lack of SRH commodities like family planning, condoms and a conducive/enabling environment for peer to access SRH services.

The safe space in Kikuube/Hoima district, has served over 243 fisher folks, sex workers, and slum dwellers. with basic SRH counselling, family planning, HIV testing, STI screening and condom education and distribution. Only in a space of three months. He is hopeful that with time the safe space will attract more key population thus increasing demand and uptake of SRH services.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2018

The table below analyses the overall revenue realized in the last two years and cost allocation:

CATEGORY	2018 ACTUALS	2017 ACTUALS
INCOME		
Grants Received	1,306,220,149	1,228,572,643
Other Income	-	-
Total Income	1,306,220,149	1,228,572,643
RECURRENT EXPENDITURE		
Personnel Costs	403,948,110	278,140,200
Program Costs	624,399,647	670,880,499
Administrative Costs	59,618,492	82,443,000
Monitoring and Evaluation Costs	161,733,610	48,450,669
Special Projects	-	
Total Expenditure	1,249,699,859	1,079,914,368
Surplus/Deficit for the year	54,560,290	148,656,258
Refund to Donors	1,960,000	-
Balance Carried Forward	54,560,290	148,656,258



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