



Donor

FCDO



Period

Oct 2020 to Dec 2021



Targeted District

Arua



Total Budget

€410,119



Reach

995 people

Direct Reach - 96

(M 36.96 • F 59.04)

Indirect Reach - 899

(M 346 • F 553)



Partners

MSI, ITAD, ThinkPlace



SDG



Problem Statement

Social and gender norms within the West Nile Refugee settlements I Uganda privilege the rights of men and boys, over those of women and girls. This limits empowerment and rights of women and girls such as regrading ability to control when to have sex, and/or become pregnant. Insufficient or inaccurate information about sexual reproductive health (SRH) as well as prevailing social norms prevent women and girls from accessing lifesaving SRH information, services and products. In addition, lack of privacy at health centres deter adolescent girls from visiting and receiving family planning services.

Solution

CARE under Aspire project implements Social Analysis and Action (SAA) and Values Clarification and Attitude Transformation (VCAT) activities with members of Village or Youth Savings and Loans Associations (V/YSLA) to shift gender and social norms in V/YSLA so that women and adolescent girls are empowered with SRH information and economic potential to purchase SRH services that are not provided in public Health Facilities.

Expected results

- Women and girls feeling more confident, with improved knowledge, attitudes and capacities to make decisions about their bodies. As a result, they are better able to avoid unintended pregnancy and protect themselves from the consequences of unsafe abortion.
- Decision makers and gate keepers - individuals, family members, community power holders (including VSLA/YSLA members) understand the consequences of unintended pregnancies and unsafe abortion. This results in improved acceptability of family planning (FP) and approval of women and girls' decision making;
- Increased social support and better access to information. women and girls are able to access stigmatised yet lifesaving SRH services especially FP, Emergency Contraception (EC) and post abortion care (PAC);
- Women have increased access to financial resources for FP, EC, PAC services and products.

Intervention Approaches

CARE is a major partner implementing the Gender analysis, social norms change, and women's economic empowerment through its innovative approaches of Role Model Men and Boys (RMM&B) and Village savings and Loans association (VSLA) in the refugee setting. The project focuses on SRH demand creation and supply working both at community through, outreach sites, and private providers

working in consortium with Marie stopes Uganda. This is an empowerment model that builds capacity of RMM&B and women and girls in VSLA/YSLA to demand for SRH services at health facilities, outreach sites, and improving the purchase power among women and girl's groups to buy family planning supplies from private providers in drug shops and clinics.



Project Innovations

- CARE is implementing Social Analysis and Action (SAA) and Value Clarification and Attitude Transformation (VCAT) activities with V/YSLA groups and community leaders that is transforming women and girl's attitudes and social norms that restrict women and girl's use of SRH information, services and products.
- Working together with Thinkplace, CARE is implementing the human centred design (HCD) with V/YSLAs groups to design a funding mechanism to provide members with cash to meet their urgent SRH needs, especially emergency contraception, family planning and post-abortion care. Two groups with membership of 47 people are to benefit, and this will be scaled up using the lessons learned.
- CARE working with Thinkplace has used HCD methodology to design interventions with refugee men to meet their needs, including SRH, to cultivate positive masculinity, and to champion the right to SRH, especially for women and girls and other marginalized groups. South Sudanese Refugee men men are already supporting their wives in SRH service health seeking and increased uptake of family planning
- CARE with Marie stopes Uganda are working with private sector to improve access to SRH products and services in refugee settings at subsidised prices. The focus is on drug shops that can be supported by Marie stopes through capacity building and strengthening their SRH supply chains for SRH to subsidise their services.

Participant Quote

"It is good to get trained in a new skill, but my dream is to open a new business that me and my Husband can work together". One woman from the VSLA in Omugo refugee settlement

Achievements

- 84 Role Model Men and Boys (RMM&B) reached with SRH information to cultivate positive masculinity, and to champion the right to SRH for women and girls in their setting
- 150 VHTs provided with Personal protection equipment to mitigate COVID 19 Infection at work
- 150 supplied with VHT/CBF kits (T-Shirts, Gumboots, Reflector Jacket, Umbrella, Training tools & Stationery) to enhance their work in communities
- 56 women and Girls from VSLA/YSLA reached with SRH information aimed at increased access of services in these groups.
- 20 CARE staff and partners trained as TOT on SAA-
- 114 bicycles procured for Village Health Teams (VHTs) to conduct SAA activities among women and Male groups.
- 60 Women were facilitated to attend International Women's day events
- 103 members from RMM&B group and 2VSLA/YSLA groups reached with COVID 19 Personal protection equipment as prevention measure for COVID 19

