





Donor

Austrian Development Agency (ADA)



Period

Apr 2019 to Mar 2024



Targeted Districts

Arua, Gulu, Terego,



Total Budget

€5,250,000



Reach

182,358 people

Direct Reach - 37,938
(M 14,606 • F 23,332)

Indirect Reach - 144,420
(M 55,602 • F 88,818)



Partners

Community Empowerment for Rural Development (CEFORD), Thrive Gulu



CMP

CARE Canada



SDG

5 GENDER EQUALITY

1 NO POVERTY

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

The Central Problem

Uganda's population has rapidly expanded in the last ten years. As the population is growing, so is urbanization. Studies show that rural-urban migration is on the increase not only for Ugandans but also for the refugees. The refugee policy in Uganda allows free movement for refugees and therefore quite a number of them tend to migrate to the urban areas for better opportunities. Unfortunately, the conditions in the urban areas are more challenging for the illiterate and semi-literate people to access jobs. Social services such as health, education and water is competitive hence increasing the vulnerability of especially women and girls to negative and harmful coping strategies such as transactional sex, early marriages and unwanted pregnancies. Therefore, WAYREP is addressing female urban poverty considering the pace of urbanization and how poorly prepared municipalities and city councils are for absorbing a rapidly growing number of urban dwellers. Many of them are unemployed youth and sometimes refugees. This project can help inform and improve local institutional programming on urban socio-economic empowerment and GBV prevention and reduction.

Overview

Uganda is currently dealing with some of the world's most pressing humanitarian and development challenges. The country hosts more than 1.3 million refugees, mostly fleeing conflicts in neighboring South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It is also undergoing rapid urbanization and has one of the fastest growing young populations in the world.

The Northern Region is of particular concern still recovering from decades of conflict and is home to nearly a million refugees from South Sudan of whom 86% are women and children.

At the same time, the presence of refugees is exercising enormous pressure on natural resources and straining the livelihood base for host communities. Jointly Ugandans who do not see a future in rural deprived communities dependant on rain fed agriculture try their chance in cities, poorly prepared to meet the challenges and risks that await them there.

Introduction

Women and girls, both Ugandan and refugees, are particularly affected by the impacts of conflicts, displacement, and urbanization. They often only have

very limited or no access to social and economic capital, face various barriers to access dignified and sustainable livelihood opportunities, and are at high risk of engaging in harmful coping mechanisms. In this context, many women and girls continue experience different forms of gender-based violence, abuse, and exploitation.

Brief Description

WAYREP is strengthening the resilience of refugee and Ugandan women, girls and youth to live a life free from violence through increasing self-reliance.

WAYREP works to enhance sustainable and dignified livelihoods for women and youths, reduce acceptance to GBV, enhance support to GBV survivors and ensure increased accountability of the government of Uganda on the implementation of relevant frameworks for women and girls' protection and rights. The project targets women, girls and youth in urban areas of Gulu and Arua cities, rural and refugee-hosting communities in Terego district (Omugo host and Omugo settlement)



Approaches/methodology

WAYREP has established Y/VSLAs as a platform for building social and economic capital; rolled out community-led behavior change and communication strategies through SASA and Role Model Men/Boys methodologies; and is working to increase accountability of government on the implementation of international, regional and national frameworks for the protection of women and girls' socio-economic rights and life free from violence.

Overall Objective

Strengthened resilience of refugee and Ugandan women, girls and youth to live a life free from violence in Uganda.


Specific Objective

Increased self-reliance of Ugandan and refugee community members in West Nile and Northern Uganda, particularly women and female youth

Target Groups

 **44,600**
Direct reach

 **250,000**
Indirect reach


 **33,500**
Women and Adolescent Girls

who are at high risk of exploitation and abuse, including survivors of GBV. Most of them are affected by the impacts of conflicts, displacement, and urbanization and have limited or no access to social and economic capital.

 **11,100**
Young Men and Boys

Who are at high risk of engaging in harmful coping mechanisms, perpetrating violence and lack psychosocial and socio-economic support.

 **Peri-Urban and Urban**
Communities

 **Refugee and Host Communities**
In and around Rhino settlement (Omugo), Arua and Gulu towns.

 **90**
Staff

From national service providers for training in GBV and women rights

 **30**
Staff

From Community based organisations (CBOs) for evidence-based advocacy activities

Expected Results



Enhanced safe, sustainable and dignified livelihoods/ income, in particular for women and female youth

Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs) and specific Youth Savings and Loans Associations (YSLAs) will be the main platform to support women, girls and young men at risk in accessing dignified livelihood and income generating opportunities and for building their social and economic capital through coaching, mentoring and other capacity building activities



Reduction of the acceptance and tolerance for gender-based violence (GBV) in target areas

SASA Activists and Role Model Men and Boys (RMMB) will be trained to challenge harmful gender norms and reduce GBV in their communities. Mass sensitization campaigns will address GBV and promote positive masculinity and women and girls rights to dignified livelihoods and a life free from violence.



Enhanced psychosocial support of survivors of gender-based violence (GBV), abuse and exploitation

Service providers and community-based psychosocial support structures will be supported to improve services for GBV survivors, recognizing that if trauma is not addressed, access to socio-economic opportunities cannot be recognized.



Increased accountability of the Government of Uganda on the implementation of relevant international, regional and national level frameworks for the protection of women and girls' socio-economic rights and a life free from violence

Advocacy work will focus on local, national and international initiatives to promote the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda as well as women and girls' participation and protection, in displacement and increasingly in the urban context. Social accountability tools will be used to strengthen women and girls voice and ability to influence their access to socio-economic empowerment and a life free from violence. to socioeconomic empowerment and a life free from violence

