



USAID ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN (OVC) WEST CENTRAL ACTIVITY



A one visit to one of the families in Lukwera subcounty, Kassanda District.

ABOUT ACORD

Agency for Cooperation in Research and Development (ACORD-U) Uganda, formerly the Ugandan branch of ACORD international, has been actively involved in the country's development and humanitarian efforts since 1979. As a local extension of ACORD International, it has evolved into a Ugandan National Non-Governmental Organization. Rooted in the belief that communities are the agents of change, ACORD-U operates with the vision of contributing to Uganda's development and providing humanitarian responses to vulnerable communities in rural and peri-urban areas.

VISION

A society in which all people are able to achieve their rights and fulfill their responsibilities

MISSION

We work in partnership with marginalised communities and those who have been denied their rights to analyse their situations and jointly find sustainable solutions to improve their wellbeing

CORE VALUES



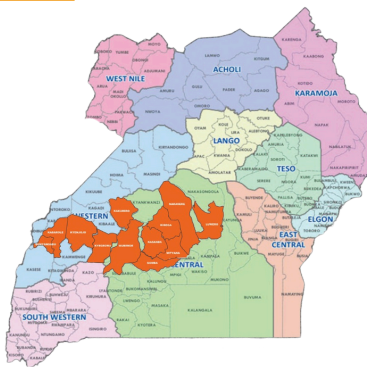
ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

ACORD Uganda received an award from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in 2022 of \$11,933,564 for five (5) years from September 30th, 2022, to September 29, 2027, to provide support to Orphans and Vulnerable Children and Adolescent Girls and young women (AGYW) in west and central Uganda. This Activity targets vulnerable children and caregivers in 12 districts of Gomba, Kakumiro Kyenjojo, Luwero, Mityana, Mubende, Kyegegwa, Kasanda, Nakaseke, Kiboga, Bunyangabu, Kabarole and Fort Portal City.

The Activity Goal is to have improved well-being of children and youth through comprehensive interventions that enhance sustainable prevention of new HIV infections and continued care for OVC and their caregivers and expand the reach of OVC core activities.

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ACTIVITY GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE



KEY FACTS

- Number of districts :12 plus 1 City
- Period of Performance - 5 years (09.30.2022-09.29.2027)
- Target beneficiaries: CL-HIV, HEI, Children of FSW and Adolescent Mothers
- Committed Budget: US\$ 11,933,564

ACORD Uganda Development and Humanitarian Programming.

The Activity interventions contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals on ending poverty, Zero Hunger, Good Health and Well being, Gender Equality and health and sanitation and are aligned with the Uganda National Child policy (2020) which promotes protection of Children's Rights. They feed directly into ACORD Uganda strategic areas of focus which include;



One of the children under the education subsidy at Kasaka P/s in Gomba district

USAID OVC WEST CENTRAL ACTIVITY CORE PROGRAM AREAS



HEALTHY

Survival
and
Health



STABLE

Economic
stability and
Security



SAFE

Care and
Protection



SCHOOLED

Education
and
Development

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

Delivery of family-based child focused HIV sensitive case management for OVC households.

Data driven programming and capacity building of community structures, d) Collaboratively work with Clinical Partners, Economic Growth Partners, and LGs.

Improve uptake of Innovations and Learning through e-CMS, Mental health integration and piloting GIS.

Deployment of more frontline staff and volunteers to provide services and support to OVC households

Strengthening of district CBSDs to scale up OVC service delivery through District Action Centres and Child Wellbeing Committees.

Private sector engagements to harness synergies for comprehensive service delivery

Taking critical interventions to scale and ensuring quality service delivery guided by Activity/Line ministry Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)



Care and Treatment Specialist second from left, social worker (left) and Parasocial worker (right) developing an adherence and care plan for an adolescent in Kyenjojo District

WE TARGET TO REACH

Primary Beneficiaries
(0-18+ Years)



Some of the students of Coptic Star Junior School that benefit from the Education Subsidy

SCHOOLED

Enrollment, Retention and Progress

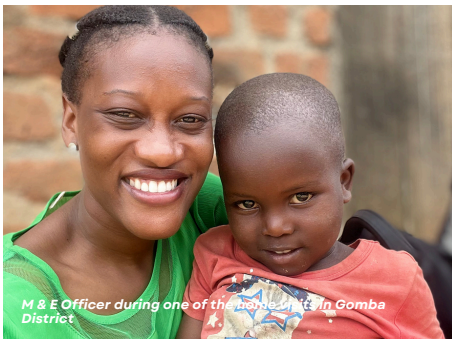
- Payment of school fees.
- Retention in school.
- Ensuring regular attendance in school.
- Children perform above average and progress from one class to another.

HEALTH

- OVC are supported to know their HIV status.
- CLHHIV enrolled on OVC.
- HIV exposed infants supported
- TB Screening.
- Sensitization on HIV Prevention.



Care and Treatment Specialist Pill counting during an adherence counseling session in Luwero District.



M & E Officer during one of the home visits in Gomba District

CARE AND PROTECTION

- Support and manage violence against children cases.
- Popularization of SAUTI 116 in all sub-counties.
- Activation of DAC centres in 12 districts and one city.
- Train caregivers and teenagers (SINOVUYO).
- Train boys out of school in No Means No
- GBV Prevention Education

STABLE

- Formation of VSLA groups (Savings and borrowing)
- Training groups in Financial Literacy
- Training Apprentices in hands on skills.
- Alternative Skilling



VSLA Group in Gomba District during one of the meetings