EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We are excited to present to you our report for 2021. Despite the challenges of COVID-19 and closure of schools since March of 2020 in Uganda with rampant impromptu lockdown(s), the African Community Center for Social Sustainability (ACCESS) has continued to deliver on its mandate to the rural communities of Nakaseke. We have continued supporting 550 orphans and other vulnerable children to access educational materials while at home, increased clinic attendance and antenatal care completion, and significantly improved skilled delivery and immunization rates. Ninety five percent (95%) of the mapped children under 5 years have completed immunization schedules. We continued supporting households with income generation activities and creating new businesses or boosting the existing ones, 95% of the households can now get two meals a day.

Through the continued support of both local and international partners like you we have been able to provide medical care to 50,298 in family planning, 6,324 with comprehensive health care services, 1019 children (0-5years) immunized and provided 619 antenatal visits working through community health workers and sensitizing traditional birth attendants. Our laboratory was able to carry out 3,100 laboratory tests, of which 856 were for malaria, 382 for COVID-19 screening, and 1863 were for other testing.

We have continued to provide micro-finance grants, financial literacy and support Village Saving and Loan Association (VSLA) for 165 vulnerable women in the community with 150 (90%) opening up a financial account with a recognized institution. Through our go-green project, we have been able to plant 75,000 trees and set up a handicraft production unit for women.

We thank our partners and sponsors without whose support, these achievements may not have been realized. This report is a testament to what collective efforts of determined people can achieve despite the ongoing challenges paused by the pandemic and its after effects.

This report a detailed account of what we have been able to achieve over the last year with continued support of the community and our sponsors and well-wishers. We could not have done this without you! We thank you very much.

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We are very grateful to have completed yet another year. In 2022, we will be celebrating 20 years of existence in the community which we love. The journey has been full of lessons and good memories! Nothing warms our hearts like seeing the little girl we enrolled from Kalagi now attending University with hopes of becoming a great leader in our country. It is not every day that we get an opportunity to make a difference of this magnitude in people’s lives. ACCESS undoubtedly presents us an opportunity to help our brothers and sisters though the various programs that we are able to offer.

What is more fulfilling is the sheer effort and overwhelming support that we have received from the rest of the world. Though many members have not physically visited us, they are able to make generous contributions in different forms that directly reach and support that child deep in the villages of Nakaseke who would otherwise never have gone to school. Through this support and our great commitment, we have been able to impact over 200,000 individuals during our time of existence and continue to do exponentially more as our programs, expertise and reach continue to expand.
MESSAGE

from Partners for ACCESS (PFA) USA

Janice Levin, PhD
Founder, Partners for ACCESS
Erin S Nahrgang, RN
Executive Director, Partners for ACCESS

We continue to be impressed by ACCESS’s accomplishments and proud of its perseverance in the face of adversity. The fact that all of its programs have not only continued during the pandemic, but many have expanded, is a testament to ACCESS’s impact and durability. The model of community-based care has proven to be the cornerstone of its success, and should be viewed as the gold standard for healthcare delivery in resource-limited settings. Indeed, the saying “it takes a village” holds deep truth and meaning for Social Sustainability across all walks of life.

About 20 years ago, a widow that was HIV positive with three children was chased away by her in-laws out of a grass thatched house on a small piece of land left by her husband. The widow was unable to fend for her family. She spent most of her time with her children at the local referral hospital where she used to get her HIV medication. One day, she was found seated in the corridors of the hospital by compassionate local residents of the community to whom she narrated her story. Out of this painful experience, Dr. Robert Kalyesubula, Estherloy Katali and James Sewanyana created something new: a way to ensure that all of their neighbors could access health care, economic empowerment and education for orphaned children.

As a Board we have worked closely with the founders to scaleup the organization mission and vision while further centering top local talented residents in decision making. Over the past twenty years, the African Community Centre for Social Sustainability (ACCESS) has established women led teams and supported them to improve their capacity to effectively manage finances, human resources and fundraise from Uganda and beyond. Through this commitment, ACCESS is deeply committed to community-led initiatives. We have effectively monitored and provided guidance in program design and implementation. This past year, more than ever, we’ve witnessed the power of community action. The leadership at ACCESS has supported activities that alleviated barriers to care caused by COVID-19 restrictions, advocated for personal protective equipment, dispelled misinformation and facilitated community health workers and service providers to be safely on the frontlines of fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite the many huddles, we at ACCESS have witnessed significant improvements in maternal, child, reproductive health and non-communicable diseases management and immunization health outcomes within our benefactor communities. I am much honored to be a part of this very progressive institution.

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COVID-19 Second Wave Response

We promoted vaccination and combating misinformation, advocated for our CHW and Staff vaccination, advocated and lobbied for COVID-19 RDTs and supported the district public communications campaigns to ensure accurate, timely information reaches all residents of Nakaseke District.

Maternal and Child Health Promotion

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Malaria Care and Management

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We are doubling down on ensuring that our CHWs are equipped with bed nets, rapid tests, treatment drugs, training and monitoring to deliver effective malaria case management at the household level. We have treated 234 cases of malaria a 5.7% increase from the same period in 2020.

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We also work in partnership with Reproductive Health Uganda Katikamu to provide permanent contraceptive methods.

We provided 18,304 Couple Years Protection (CYP) in 2021. Couple year’s protection is a measure of the number of years that a couple is protected from pregnancy from a particular contraceptive method. This is a 21% decrease from the same period last year. Fewer contraceptive services were provided at many government health facilities in Nakaseke because we reduced the number of community health workers by half due to loss of funding for the sexual reproductive health project. Furthermore, our community outreaches were stopped due to COVID-19 when new movement restrictions went into place.

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Sexual and Reproductive Health

Malaria Cases Managed in Children Under Five Years

Couple Years of Protection* provided from 2017 to 2021

* Couple-Years of Protection (CYP) is the estimated protection provided by family planning (FP) methods during a one-year period, based upon the volume of all contraceptives sold or distributed free of charge to clients during that period.
Our vision is to be a center of excellence in training, medical care and research in Africa. We aim to influence government-based health systems through research in Africa.

The Balamu Center for NCD research, education and care was established in 2020 to build upon the successes of the initial 3-year project, the Else Kröner-Fresenius Stiftung Center of excellence for Patient Centered Care. We aim to use the same opportunity to consolidate, expand and improve care for patients with non-communicable diseases in Nakaseke district of rural Uganda. The major achievements in 2021 include: NCD clinic attendance of almost 4,000 visits by over 1,000 unique patients which were seen by well qualified and experienced clinicians. In addition, we developed two research study protocols.

The Makerere University School of Biomedical sciences – Research and Ethics Committee (SSBREC) and the Uganda National Council of Science and technology (UNCST) approved both protocols. We are currently implementing these studies. We have also developed a tool to assess the knowledge, attitude and practices of nurse tutors at ACCESS school of nursing towards NCD management and control.

Furthermore, we will also adapt this system for use by the community health workers (CHWs). As a way of expanding our networks, we have held various stakeholder engagements with officials from the Ministry of Health, the local government of Nakaseke District and the district health office. In addition, we have also established a community advisory board (CAB) that provides guidance and insights for the community aspects of the project.

We conducted 36 community outreaches to individual community members, and 24 community campaigns reaching 420 individuals and over 10,000 people respectively with contraceptives and maternal child health services information. We also conducted 2 youth-focused outreach events in Nakaseke Town Council, conducting community environmental protection awareness campaigns and SRHR information dissemination reaching over 5,000 people. These community outreaches and campaigns together with youth community activities were closed for most of 2020 and in the second COVID-19 wave in 2021 thus decreasing the numbers.
This year, ACCESS Lifecare Center continued providing essential services while managing the deadliest wave of COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic. Patient volume has returned to the levels we saw prior to the second wave of COVID-19. We attribute this increase in patient visits to the resuming of the community outreaches, mobilization and referral by the community health workers. We had a noticeable increase in the number of skilled deliveries completed at our health facility and an increase in the number of children turning up for immunization.

A total of 5693 visits were conducted in 2021. This is a 41% increase from the same period in 2020. With support from Gould Family Foundation, we have been able to acquire COVID-19 management equipment and supplies, and people have also come to trust ACCESS Lifecare Center for COVID-19 management (testing and care/management).

Orphans and other vulnerable children Schools in Uganda remained closed from March of 2020 through the end of 2021. This year, ACCESS continued supporting orphans and other vulnerable children to access scholastic materials and education materials delivered directly to children’s homes by a committed team of community health workers and social workers. Parents/Guardians supported the children in completing and learning the material. Working together with a team of expert teachers, they were able to assess the students at their own homes and record their academic performance to prevent delaying students’ advancement in education. A total of 2,120 education materials were delivered to 139 beneficiaries.

While schools remain closed, there are several challenges faced by the young girls and boys at home. ACCESS has continued to provide counseling to young girls to avoid early marriages and unintended pregnancies, sensitized about COVID-19 and promoted good hygiene, sanitation and nutrition.
ACCESS School of Nursing and Midwifery

The ACCESS School of Nursing and Midwifery was initially closed due to the pandemic and some of our tutors and clinical instructors were on unpaid leave with only a few senior school management teams on a salary. But, later the medical institutions were permitted to operate with only the candidate classes and observing all the COVID-19 standard operating procedures issued by the Ministry of Health Uganda. These two cohorts returned to campus, studied for a few weeks and sat for their exams. Our students in the fourth set of recruitment (set 4) and the fifth set of recruitment (set 5) successfully passed the exams with the pass rate of 100% and 99% respectively. When set 4 and set 5 completed their exams, the government permitted set 6 and set 7 to come back to the school, we also immediately started verification of set 8 students and enrolled 323 students. The school also obtained three scholarships for three vulnerable students from Balamu NCD project. ACCESS social worker guiding a parent with preschool children how to support the children to learn at home.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Through the collaboration with WWK (With Women Kisoboka), we provide micro business loans to vulnerable women. Small business owners use the interest-free loan to start or boost their business and make loan payments at their own pace. The repayment is based on what the business can afford to return. On completion of the loan, another loan is awarded which is twice the amount previously borrowed. This is done to ensure that the business grows and generates income to sustain the family.

The program has recruited 170 households who access funds to support their families. From the beginning of the program, we are planning to graduate women whose Poverty Probability Index (PPI) changes below the project target of 15% as a result of participation in the program. At baseline, the program started with the average Poverty Probability Index (PPI) of 28% and we will graduate all women whose PPI will reduce below 15% after three years of implementation.

The project has enabled 92% of the women to provide basic needs of their households, contribute to medication costs, and wellbeing of the household.

Micro and Nano Financing
Poultry Keeping

ACCESS has supported a group of 14 women to start book making. The women’s intention is to produce books in groups and sell them to the community and use the funds to support their own households.

Briquette making

Briquetting is the process of converting all types of agricultural and forestry waste into solid fuel. Briquettes are formed in cylindrical logs. The product is a replacement for using firewood and charcoal as fuels and can be used for cooking in the rural community. Briquettes are ecofriendly which helps to reduce pollution, contributes to a greener environment and reduces the use of trees for firewood and charcoal. The briquettes are sold in the community helping households to generate income and contributing to environmental conservation. The production is still low because we are currently hand-making the briquettes. We plan to acquire the necessary technology that we can use to produce more quantities and high-quality briquettes to meet the community and national demand. A total of 150 women were trained in the making of briquettes.

Book Making

We provided training to vulnerable households in binding exercise books. These have a high demand in our community as every child needs an exercise book to go to school. Families produce books that they can sell to generate income for their households. This project empowers youths and women to engage in bookmaking instead of charcoal burning which is a major factor for environmental degradation in our community allowing the survey that was conducted in Q4 2019. 98% of the parents wanted ACCESS to establish a full-time learning program for their children from Monday to Friday. Through the leadership and support of Grace's Promise and the Herrick family, ACCESS obtained starting funds to construct a permanent structure for the early childhood development program. Currently the construction of the early childhood development centre is underway and we hope that by the time the government permits all schools to resume, our centre will be ready to recruit students. The one floor flat structure will be able to accommodate 80-day students, while continuing to operate within COVID-19 guidelines.
In collaboration with Tree Adoption Uganda (TAU), we have been able to plant over 75,000 trees in rural Nakaseke. The trees are managed by the different households in Nakaseke including OVCs families and they are meant to be sold in the future to support the education or entrepreneurship for children in the family as they transition into adulthood. Landscape restoration activities, including tree planting and agroforestry, improve small farmers’ resilience to climate change and supports economic empowerment of vulnerable families in the community. Each tree planted is registered, GPS recorded and tracked by a well-designed electronic system.

In collaboration with the Bee Keeping Project in Nakaseke, a total of 36 households have been trained and equipped with beehives. The beekeeping project promotes nature-based solutions to help people adapt to climate change through tree planting, planting of indigenous trees, and fruit trees to keep the beehives. The project is an alternative income-generating opportunity to vulnerable households that can help to improve their livelihoods, build their resilience to adapt to the impacts of climate change and also maintain the biological integrity and ecological values of the environment.

The current production capacity is low because of limited access to funding to acquire required equipment and modern beehives that have the capacity to keep more bees that can provide more honey. And counselling, our social worker managed to reconcile the situation between the child and the guardian. She gave birth to a baby girl and we plan to take her back to university to complete her education as soon as the universities resume.

ACCESS GO-Green Program

Bee Keeping Project

Donors for the year 2021

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Pamela Seigle
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4. FINANCES

FUTURE PLANS

Education
1. We plan to complete preschool building and start providing full time classes from Monday to Friday to our preschool children.

2. To identify local sponsors in Uganda to boost the total number of orphans and other vulnerable children supported and enrolled in school.

3. We also plan to introduce online learning and diploma courses as well as short courses at ACCESS school of nursing and midwifery.

4. We plan to empower our vocational school students to make more low-cost face masks for community prevention of COVID-19 and other crafts for sale.

Medical

1. Strengthen maternal and child health community static outreach clinics to extend services to pregnant mothers and children under five years in hard-to-reach villages.

2. To expand our current laboratory to be able to conduct tests that are currently transported to the capital Kampala, we need funds to procure the laboratory equipment.

3. To expand our clinic to provide surgical services such as conducting a caesarean section for a mother that may require it.

4. To set up and operationalise the clinic and non-communicable diseases (NCD) project electronic medical records system for easy tracking of client files and client follow up.

5. To conduct community research to better understand health issues affecting community members.

Economic empowerment

1. Continue providing micro finance grants, financial literacy and support Village Saving and Loan Association (VSLA) for vulnerable women in the community.

2. Continue investing in model farms in form of Apiculture and Fish rearing for community members to train from and gain farming skills.

3. We plan to engage local sponsors to support / sponsor households with income generating activities.

Health Care

1. Government education materials were extended to the community students by the ACCESS community department and went an extra mile to create marking guides for our supported beneficiaries.

2. Registered 99% performance consistent from five groups of nurses and midwives that graduated.

3. We managed to launch and activate the Community Advisory Board (CAB) composed of members and local leaders within the community to advise the organization.

4. Enrolled on the District Health Information Systems (DHIS2), a step that is envisioned to make the organization a contributor to local government health indicator achievements.

5. Broke through the COVID–19 limitations using a well-structured contingency plan and budget constraints.

6. We worked with Nakaseke district health team to train staff and CHWs and set up a covid-19 task force and supported 18 health facilities with equipment and training during the pandemic.

7. We got a Government Private Partnership MOU signed with Nakaseke district.

8. Managed to adequately communicate COVID-19 SOPs to our staff and beneficiaries and surveillance and support to all our beneficiaries continues.

9. We opened up a new maternity centre conducting skilled deliveries in the community.

10. We launched laboratory services at the ACCESS life centre, providing tests to people in the community and reduced the costs that were incurred to travel to Kampala for laboratory tests.

11. We secured a certificate of registration for the Nursing and Midwifery Institute.

12. Partially fundraised and started the construction of early childhood development training centre.

13. We launched and operationalized the School Governing Council that is vital in decision making at the nursing school.

14. We hired new staff that include; medical manager, data manager, medical doctor, senior midwife, human resource officer and a sonographer. Please see appendix.

15. Trained 40 new community health workers in maternal and child health program that are vital in identifying, linking, referring and follow-up of pregnant mothers and children under five years in the community.
Welcoming new Staff Members to our Team

Denis Cheilogoi
Human Resource Manager

Winnie Nakalule
Secretary and Public Relations Officer

Zam Nansubuga
Senior Midwife

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6. APPENDIX

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02 # of outreach patients | 960 | 420
03 # of community Outreaches | 48 | 35
04 # of COVID-19 cases Screened | 1,000 | 2,823
05 # of family planning services provided including condoms | 30,000 | 50,298
06 # of women in Antenatal Care | 800 | 619
07 # of pregnant Women Referred by CHW | 720 | 344
08 # of pregnant Women Referred by TBA | 288 | 51
09 # of mothers delivering in the health facility | 120 | 64
10 # of Women in Postnatal Care | 120 | 54
11 # of women completing all 4 Antenatal Visits | 120 | 136
12 # of visits for immunization for children 0-5 years | 2400 | 1019
13 # of Laboratory Test done | 5,000 | 3100
14 # of HIV tests administered | 600 | 503
15 # of nurses trained in clinic | 50 | 59
16 # of midwives trained in clinic | 50 | 50
17 # of medical research projects started | 1 | 3
18 # of CHW trained in clinic | 80 | 80
19 # of Jajjas provided with medical care | 50 | 50
20 # of Malaria tests done | 1000 | 856

Population Reached

Couple Years of Protection

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<td># of pregnant Women Referred by TBA</td>
<td>288</td>
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<td>09</td>
<td># of mothers delivering in the health facility</td>
<td>120</td>
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<td># of Women in Postnatal Care</td>
<td>120</td>
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<td># of women completing all 4 Antenatal Visits</td>
<td>120</td>
<td>136</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td># of visits for immunization for children 0-5 years</td>
<td>2400</td>
<td>1019</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td># of Laboratory Test done</td>
<td>5,000</td>
<td>3100</td>
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<td>14</td>
<td># of HIV tests administered</td>
<td>600</td>
<td>503</td>
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<td>15</td>
<td># of nurses trained in clinic</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td># of midwives trained in clinic</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>17</td>
<td># of medical research projects started</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td># of CHW trained in clinic</td>
<td>80</td>
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<td>19</td>
<td># of Jajjas provided with medical care</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>20</td>
<td># of Malaria tests done</td>
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<td>Total number of patients served were lower than targeted for the year 2021 because of the restrictions in movement and reduced number of community outreaches conducted due to COVID-19.</td>
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<td>Fewer number patients reach on outreach are lower than the set targets because of the COVID-19 restrictions that included restriction on movement and public gatherings.</td>
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<td>More numbers of COVID-19 were screened because of the additional COVID-19 support from our partners like Izumi Foundation, Gould Family Foundation, ELMA, OWCF.</td>
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<td>04</td>
<td>More Family Planning services were provided because of the additional support from our reproductive health partners like the 18 government health facilities and Reproductive Health Katikamu.</td>
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<td>05</td>
<td>There is a noticeably high number of pregnant mothers coming for antenatal care compared to those delivering from the facility and those in postnatal care. This is because we have set up antenatal clinics in the hard-to-reach community where pregnant mothers can access the care. The few deliveries are associated with the long distance to the health facility and lack of a transportation (Ambulance) to fetch pregnant mothers that are about to deliver to the health facility.</td>
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<td>Income Generating Activities (IGA)</td>
<td># of households provided with IGA projects like goats, pigs and chicken.</td>
<td>700</td>
<td>203</td>
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<td># of households able generate at least UGX 100,000 per month.</td>
<td>700</td>
<td>180</td>
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<td># of households able to provide basic medical support to at least two family members.</td>
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<td># of households able to provide scholastic materials to at least two school going children in the family.</td>
<td>700</td>
<td>93</td>
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<td>Micro Nano Financing</td>
<td># of women that received Nano financing.</td>
<td>210</td>
<td>150</td>
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<td># of women trained in financial literacy education.</td>
<td>210</td>
<td>165</td>
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<td># of women that have opened up bank accounts with a financial institution.</td>
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<td>% of households that are able to eat at least two meals a day.</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>95%</td>
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<td># of business that have been started.</td>
<td>210</td>
<td>150</td>
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<td># of women that are able to make household decisions.</td>
<td>210</td>
<td>83</td>
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<td>ACCESS Go Green/ Environmental Conservation</td>
<td># of trees planted.</td>
<td>100,000</td>
<td>75,000</td>
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<td># of households with green compound cover</td>
<td>700</td>
<td>386</td>
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<td># of households with good fertile soil in their gardens</td>
<td>700</td>
<td>518</td>
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<td># of households that are practicing mulching as a means of soil erosion control.</td>
<td>700</td>
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<td># of households using briquettes instead of firewood.</td>
<td>700</td>
<td>36</td>
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<td>Hand Craft Production and Marketing</td>
<td># of handcraft materials produced by girls and women</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>118</td>
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<td># of handcrafts sold by women</td>
<td>500</td>
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<td>Total income generated from handcraft making</td>
<td>USD 7,000</td>
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Discussion of the Economic Empowerment Activities and Indicators

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Our COVID–19 Response

- Distributed education materials to our beneficiaries
- Conducted campaigns to educate community about COVID-19 SOP
- Supported to organize the vaccination of over 1,000 community members through community health workers and over 260 ASNM students and staff.
- Did budget adjustments to include urgent COVID-19 activities
- Procured personal protective gears to protect our health workers and our community health workers.
- Advocated for screening and management of mild COVID-19 cases both at the clinic and home-based care
- Screened over 2,623 people at our health facility entrance.
- Managed over 40 COVID – Patients at the health facility and over 80 on home-based care.
- Our community health workers conducted over 5,000 COVID-19 household screenings.
- Supported CHW-led contact tracing, contact monitoring and home-based care across Nakaseke South.

Our COVID–19 Response

**ACTIVITIES** | **INDICATORS** | **TARGETS** | **ACHIEVEMENT**
---|---|---|---
Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children | # of index OVC supported | 80 | 53
 | # of subindex OVC supported | 800 | 450
 | # of OVC promoted to next class | 503 | 11
 | # of education packages delivered | 503 | 2120
 | # of times counselling is provided to OVC children | 12 | 25

IOVCI School Support | # of home visits conducted for OVCs | 12 | 25
 | # of school visits conducted | 12 | 2
 | # of new sponsors for the OVC children | 500 | 9

Early Childhood Development Program (ECD) | Fundraise and complete construction of ECHD centre | 100% | 90%
 | Register and enroll new students | 100 | 15
 | Recruit teachers for the preschool children | 10 | 0
 | Register the ECHD centre with ministry of education and sports | 100% | 10%

ACCESS School of Nursing and Midwifery (ASNM) | Graduate two new sets of nurses and midwives | 2 | 1
 | Enroll new set of students | 1 | 0
 | Obtain new scholarships for nurse and midwifery students | 10 | 3
 | Teach and assess three sets students termly | 12 | 4
 | Passing rate of students | 100% | 99%

Strengthening Medical Care Service provision

- We developed a tool to assess the knowledge, attitude and practices of nurse tutors at ACCESS school of nursing towards NCD management and control. We will utilize this assessment to inform the development of the nurses NCD curriculum.
- We have embarked on developing an electronic medical records (EMR) system that the clinic team will use to capture clinical care data. Furthermore, we will also adapt this system for use by the community health workers (CHWs).
- We successfully published three peer-reviewed articles and are in the preparation and review phase for three additional scientific publications.

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