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About AMICAALL Uganda Chapter

The Alliance of Mayors and Municipal Leaders' Initiative for Community Action on AIDS at the Local Level (AMICAALL) is an association of African Mayors and other Urban Leaders formed to support sustainable solutions to the HIV and AIDS epidemic in African Cities and Municipalities. The Alliance was launched on 9th December 1997 during the 10th International Conference on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Africa (ICASA) in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. A coordination secretariat was set up in Windhoek, Namibia to support establishment of autonomous AMICAALL Chapters in all African Countries and coordinate mutual support, Information sharing, networking and advocacy.

Subscribing to AMICAALL Africa, AMICAALL Uganda Chapter was launched on 28th November 2000 at the Mayors' Parlour when Ugandan Mayors, under the leadership of Kampala Capital City signed the Kampala Declaration. The chapter has since registered and operated as a National Non-Government Organization bringing together Mayors and other urban leaders from the City, Municipalities and Town Councils across the country.

AMICAALL was founded in recognition of the unprecedented magnitude of HIV & AIDS in Cities & Municipalities in Africa, and the need to respond to the complex social, HIV/AIDS, health and development challenges inherent in urban areas.

Our Vision: A healthy and productive urban population free from HIV&AIDS and related diseases

Our Mission: To support the building of an effective and coordinated urban HIV&AIDS and health response

Goal: To strengthen the capacity of urban authorities for an effective and sustainable HIV&AIDS and health response.

Our Core Values:

- ◆ Partnership and networking
- ◆ Health as a human right
- ◆ Transparency and accountability
- ◆ Gender sensitivity
- ◆ Community empowerment and Responsiveness to society needs

AMICAALL Uganda Future Home



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Acronyms/Abbreviations

AIC	AIDS Information Centre
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AMICAALL	Alliance of Mayors and Municipal Leaders Initiative for Community Action on Health and HIV/AIDS at the Local Level
ANTAC	AMICAALL National Technical & Advisory Committee
AEC	Alliance Executive Council
ART	Anti-Retroviral Therapy
CSF	Civil Society Fund
FTCI	Fast-Track Cities Initiative
HTS	HIV Testing Services
HIV	Human Immune-deficiency Syndrome
IEC	Information Education Communication
NAFOPHANU	National Forum for People Living with HIV/AIDS Networks in Uganda
NCDs	Non Communicable Diseases
PACK	Prevention of HIV in the Communities in Karamoja
PLHIV	People Living with HIV
RDC	Resident District Commissioner
SAC	Sub-County AIDS Committee
SMC	Safe Male Circumcision
SMS	Short Messaging Services
SW	Sex Worker
TAC	Town Council AIDS Committee
TASO	The AIDS Support Organization
UAC	Uganda AIDS Commission
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNASO	Uganda Network of AIDS Service Organizations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UWASNET	Uganda Water and Sanitation Network
FBOS	Faith Based Organizations
CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
FP	Family Planning
HIV	Human Immune Virus
IOM	International Organization for Migration
PACK	Prevention of HIV and AIDS in Communities of Karamoja
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund

Foreword



Dear urban fraternity and partners, we are glad to share with you our annual report for the year 2016/2017. This report covers the first year of our new strategic plan 2016/17- 2020/21 which was adopted and launched during the last Annual General Assembly (AGA). It was also the first year for us as the new executive council since we were elected during the last general assembly.

Despite the difficult funding landscape, AMICAALL was able to roll out the new strategic plan implementing interventions in the areas of advocacy, governance, coordination and supporting increased access to HIV, SRH, WASH and NCD prevention. Through the Mayors campaign initiative, most urban authority were able to mobilize their partners and communities to rally towards HIV elimination by increasing access to both prevention and treatment services.

As we commemorate 20 years of existence and achievements of AMICAALL in Africa and in the view of the dwindling funding for health and HIV in particular, it is important for us to reflect on how we can make the urban response more sustainable. Therefore I wish to appeal to members and partners on the need to come up mechanisms of increased local resource mobilization.

I wish to acknowledge and thank members of the Alliance Executive Council and the AMICAALL Technical and Advisory Committee who have continued to provide policy guidance and technical support which had ensured the sustainability of AMICAALL Secretariat to date.

In a special way I wish to recognize and appreciate AMICAALL key partners like Uganda AIDS Commission, Ministry of Local Government, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Gender, Labor and Social Development, Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, UNAIDS, IOM, Irish Aid, GIZ and National CSOs like UNASO, TASO, UWASNET, Straight Talk, AIC among others for the technical and financial support.

Finally I would like to pay tribute to all the member urban councils for your commitment to urban Health and HIV response and for embracing AMICAALL programmes at National level and in your respective urban councils. I also thank AMICAALL Secretariat staff under the leadership of the Country Director for their diligent efforts in delivering the programme targets amidst the challenging funding environment.

His Worship, Godfrey Baluku Kima Kabbyanga
Chairperson, AMICAALL UGANDA CHAPTER

Acknowledgement



This year marks the 20th anniversary of AMICAALL programme in Africa and the 17th year of AMICAALL Uganda Chapter. To sustain the organization for this long and to achieve the various milestones required committed leadership and concerted efforts various stakeholders. In the same regard, the achievements during this year 2016/2017 were made possible as a result of support and contributions from different stakeholders including AMICAALL members and partners.

On behalf of AMICAALL and on my own behalf, I wish to acknowledge the vital support we received from different partners, stakeholders and staff that led to successful implementation of the planned activities for this year.

We acknowledge and extend special thanks to development partners including UNAIDS, Irish Aid, IOM and UNFPA for the financial and technical support. We are also grateful to the line ministries of Local Government, Health, Gender, Labour and social Development and Uganda AIDS Commission for their technical support and ensuring that AMICAALL Uganda remains a key partner in the national response. We are also highly appreciates the support of its civil society partners including UAAU, ULGA, UNASO, TASO, and NAFOPHANU, AIC, , UGANDA CARES and the Private sector among others.

We are deeply indebted to Alliance Executive Council (AEC) and Alliance National technical Advisory Committee (ANTAC) members for their continued policy and technical guidance and oversight support to the National Secretariat and the entire AMICAALL Uganda Programme.

Lastly, AMICAALL would like to recognize and appreciate the increased support of urban councils that have stimulated the urban leadership for HIV response. This has transformed AMICAALL-Uganda into a key partner at the forefront of both national and urban council HIV and AIDS response

Mr. Titus James TWESIGE, Country Director, AMICAALL UGANDA CHAPTER

Executive summary

This report highlights the achievements made against the priorities that were set out in the Strategic Plan 2016/17 -2020/21 and the resolutions made during the 5th Urban Leaders' Forum and the 13th Annual General Assembly. This report also covers activities implemented during the first year of the strategic plan and interventions were guided by the 3 strategic objectives as summarized below: to enhance leadership capacity for effective community engagement, advocacy and social mobilization for disease prevention; to strengthen technical capacity for enhanced and sustainable health and HIV&AIDS response in urban authorities and to increase availability and access to quality prevention, treatment and care services for HIV & AIDS, Sexual & reproductive health services and other related diseases and conditions among urban communities.

Major activities implemented included: Mayors campaign, community dialogue meetings, Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials, Media engagement, Regional meetings, participation in national events and partners' activities, integrated outreaches, street jams, coordination of decentralized HIV response, research, resource mobilization, monitoring and supervision; as well as special events like the launch of PACK and ICASA conference .

The main achievements for year included: over 16,570 people were served with HIV and SRH services such as HCT,SMC, cancer screening, blood donation, vaccination, condoms and family planning successfully mobilization of urban leaders across the country to rally for a common action on HIV/AIDS Fast track; Mayors and other urban leaders have been able to mobilize partners and local resources for HIV/AIDS fast track initiative and sanitation improvement; Mayors, Municipality MPs and other leaders have been empowered to raise urban HIV/AIDS and health issues to influence policy decisions at local and national level; and Urban policy issues that hinder access to HIV and SRHR services have been identified and shared with MPs and other duty bearers for considerations.

Despite the above achievements, there were a number of challenges that affected implementation of project. These included; Limited resources in terms of funds and other logistics; sustainability

constraints; insecurity in Karamoja; limited transport facilities and slow roll out on some programmatic areas of focus

In addition, a number of lessons and good practices were captured. It was learnt that local resource mobilization is possible. We also learnt that private sector companies are willing and ready to work with the urban leadership in the local HIV response. Finally, we learnt that International conferences are key platform for learning and sharing good practices. It is essential support urban leaders to participate in such conferences for not only exposure but also global networking.

Major recommendation included the need for AMICAALL leadership, management members to engage more deeply on the question of sustainability of its program activities and should devise appropriate resource mobilization strategies to increase the resource base for AMICAALL programs. We further recommend that AMICAALL Secretariat and member urban authorities should prioritize and intensify interventions in SRHR, NCDS and WASH since they are the major underlying risk factors to HIV infection, morbidity and mortality in urban areas.

1.0 Background and Context

AMICAALL Uganda developed a new strategic plan 2016/17 to 2020/21 under the theme: **“Strengthening leadership and governance for improved and sustainable health and HIV&AIDS outcomes in urban areas.”** which was adopted and launched during the 13th AGM (2016/2017). The new strategic plan has seen AMICAALL program focus expanded to include WASH, NCDs and SRHR hence this report covers activities beyond the previously reported HIV and AIDS activities. This report also covers activities implemented during the first year of the strategic plan and interventions were guided by the 3 strategic objectives as summarized below:

1. To enhance leadership capacity for effective community engagement, advocacy and social mobilization for disease prevention
2. To strengthen technical capacity for enhanced and sustainable health and HIV&AIDS response in urban authorities
3. To increase availability and access to quality prevention, treatment and care services for HIV & AIDS, Sexual & reproductive health services and other related diseases and conditions among urban communities.

In addition, activities implemented during this year was also guided by the resolutions made during the 13th AGM which included;

- ◆ Carrying out the HIV and AIDS fast track and urban sanitation improvement by all urban authorities
- ◆ Leaders to mobilize their communities to test for HIV in order to move towards achieving the 90-90-90 targets by 2020
- ◆ Mayors and other urban leaders to embark on local resource mobilization for sustainability of HIV and AIDS interventions.

In line with the global and national priorities, AMICAALL interventions were tailored towards fast track initiatives especially the fast track cities and the presidential fast track initiative which was launched on 6th June 2017. During this period, efforts were made towards fast track at both at the urban authority level and national level.

Based on the above priorities, AMICAALL recorded significant achievements as presented in the section two below;

2.0 MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR 2016/17

This section presents the major achievements of AMICAALL Uganda Chapter based on the annual plan that was implemented during the 2016 - 2017 financial year. During this period AMICAALL recorded significant progress in engaging leaders to spearhead actions towards HIV fast track and sanitation improvement.

2.1 Programme achievements

Through the year 2016-2017, AMICAALL was able to make a number of achievements under each of the strategic objectives as detailed below;

Strategic Objective 1: To enhance leadership capacity for effective community engagement, advocacy and social mobilisation for disease prevention and health services promotion

AMICAALL Interventions under this objective prioritized leadership and community engagement to steer actions at individual and community levels towards HIV fast tracking. Major activities implemented under this objective included; the Mayors' campaign 2017, regional leaders meeting, dialogue meetings, participation in ICASA, and media activities. Through these leadership engagement activities, over 535 (Eastern region 184, Central region 64, Kampala 150, Northern region 62, Western region 75) local political, technical, civil society and community leaders were sensitized on HIV Fast track initiative, sanitation improvement and their roles in the urban HIV response. During the year;

- AMICAALL has successfully mobilized urban leaders across the country to rally for a common action on HIV/AIDS Fast track and addressing other health issues in urban areas.
- Mayors and other urban leaders have able to mobilize partners and local resources for HIV/AIDS fast track initiative and sanitation improvement
- Mayors, Municipality MPs and other leaders have been empowered to raise urban HIV/AIDS and health issues to influence policy decisions and National level

→ Urban policy issues that hinder access to HIV and SRHR services have been identified and shared with MPs and other duty bearers for considerations. Urban health and HIV issues have been presented to national platforms including, global fund CCM, technical working groups at MOH and UAC for consideration in the national priorities

The above achievements were possible through a number of activities undertaken during the year including;

a) Mayors campaign 2017

Following the commitment and resolution by the Mayors during the 13th Annual general assembly to hold countrywide campaign on sanitation improvement and HIV/AIDS fast track cities initiative, the secretariat in consultation with the regional coordinators rolled out the campaign in 3 stages namely; preparation, actual implementation and evaluation/reporting. As part of the campaign;

- ◆ 4 regional planning meetings were held in Eastern, Western, Central and Northern regions.
- ◆ 21 urban authorities held planning meetings as categorized per region below ;
 - ✓ Eastern Region (Nagongera TC, Busia MC, Bugembe TC, Malaba TC),
 - ✓ Northern Region (Pakwach TC, Nebbi MC, Koboko MC) ,
 - ✓ Central Region (Mityana MC, Buvuma TC, Nansana MC, Mubende, Lugazi (MC),
 - ✓ Western Region (Kasese MC, Kabale MC, Kisoro MC, Buyanja TC) and
 - ✓ All the five divisions (Kawempe, Rubaga, Nakawa, Central and Makindye)
- ◆ 15 urban authorities carried out the campaign and
- ◆ Over 11,520 community members received different HIV and SRHR services



The RDC of Jinja officially handing over envelopes that contain Mayors' campaign documents as a sign of launching of the Eastern region Mayors' campaign

The best practices and lessons learnt from the experience of organizing this campaign were documented and shared during the



Mayor Kabale Municipality, His Worship Sentaro and other leaders in the municipality addressing communities as part of the Mayors campaign

c) Municipality Leaders' dialogue on HIV Fast Track Initiative

AMICAALL in partnership with AIC organized a one day dialogue meeting targeting urban leaders of the 41 Municipalities in the Country to review and endorse the urban Fast Track Programme framework. The dialogue 87 (Male = 72 and Female = 15) was attended by over participants including Municipality Mayors, Town Clerks and or deputies, Municipality Members of



The MP of Lugazi Municipality Hon. Mulindwa Isaac contributing to the discussions during the dialogue

Parliament, Representatives of Development Partners, Representatives of relevant Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies as well as Representatives of selected partner Civil Society Organizations. During the meeting, municipality leaders agreed on the policy issues and priorities for framework in order to fast track the

urban HIV response

d) Participation in ICASA 2017-Abidjan, Ivory Coast; The International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA 2017) was hosted in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. AMICAALL Uganda was



The Chairman (L) and Country Director (R) making presentations during the satellite symposium

represented in the conference by a team of 5 delegates namely: His Worship Kabbyanga Baluku Godfrey; Her Worship Bakite Regina; Mr. Kawesa Godfrey – Town Clerk Nansana Municipality; Mr. Titus James TWESIGE and Mr. Charles Owekmeno. Key activities undertaken by AMICAALL during the conference included

the satellite Symposium, commemorative dinner for 20th Anniversary of AMICAALL

Africa, oral and poster presentation.



Delegates in the fully attended UNAIDS-AMICAALL Satellite session on Fast Track Cities Initiative

e) Dialogues meetings; A total of 23 dialogue meetings were held and 599 (317 Males and 282 Females) individuals among sex workers, miners, boda boda cyclists, truck drivers and youth out of school were sensitized on HIV and SRHR services and issues. AMICAALL worked with local leaders in Karamoja to identify individuals among the targeted beneficiaries that participated in the dialogues. The dialogue sessions were aimed at increasing awareness, risk perception and impacting comprehensive knowledge. During the dialogues, a number of misconceptions and emerging behaviors that could increase risk of HIV infections and affect treatment adherence were documented and addressed. These included;

Through these dialogue meetings underlying factors that hinder access to HIV and other health services were identified. This has enabled implementation team to design messages and actions that can address them

f) Information and Education Communication Materials; As part of advocacy, awareness raising and community mobilization AMICAALL adopted and re-produce IEC materials such as stickers, branded tents, peer educators' books, referral books and T-shirts, posters, fliers, caps, bags and banners. The Information Education and Communication/Behavioural Change Communication materials carried messages that were tailored to different targets such as key populations, adolescents and young people, migrants and migration affected communities. In addition, the secretariat established partnership with "Obulamu" that saw urban authorities of Pakwach, Buvuma, Kabale and Koboko receiving IEC materials on HIV and SRHR including posters, placard boards, T-shirts, flyers and fact sheets. The IEC materials were distributed during community level activities such as dialogue meetings, drama sensitization, streets jams and service delivery outreaches

*We printed a total of:
200 stickers,
11 branded tents,
16 peer educators' books,
15 referral books and
600 T-shirts,
1400 posters,
2000 fliers,
200caps, 1
50 branded bags,
15 banners*

An abridged version of the AMICAALL Mayors campaign documentary on fast track cities initiative was also produced and shared during the ICASA conference in Abidjan Ivory Coast.

g) Media activities: AMICAALL also conducted a number of media activities as part of advocacy and social mobilization. Through the partnership with Obulamu, AMICAALL was able to support 10 Radio talk shows by the urban authorities of Pakwach, Bugembe, Nebbi, Koboko and Kabale.



These talk shows focused on mobilizing communities for HIV and SRHR services during the Mayors' campaign. One radio talk show was conducted by the leaders in Abim.

Mayor Pakwach TC and the HIV focal person on Radio Pakwach to sensitize and mobilize local communities for the Mayors' campaign 2017

In addition, AMICAALL information and communication department ensured that our online presence and interaction was active throughout the year. In the period between April and December 2017, 367 tweets were sent via the AMICAALL page and were viewed by 155,463 people. 2332 people visited our twitter page, mentioning it by name in tweets 722 times. The page gained 309 new followers among which include organizations as well as influential individuals. In addition, the website and Facebook pages remained active and interactive throughout the period. Below is the rating for the AMICAALL twitter account



j) Commemoration of global and National advocacy days:

During the year, AMICAALL joined the national and global partners commemorate key advocacy days



such as the World AIDS day, Philly Lutaaya day and Candlelight Memorial Day.

On the 1st December 2016 AMICAALL Uganda joined the rest of the National partners commemorating the World AIDS Day in Kalangala District. The event was held under theme “*Joining hands to scale up HIV prevention*” and was officiated by the President

Mayor of Kalangala, H.W Kizza Stephen Miiroat visited the AMICAALL exhibition stall during the World AIDS Day commemoration in Kalangala.

Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni. As part of the commemoration, AMICAALL Uganda and TASO, in partnership with Uganda AIDS Commission, hosted a national dialogue (dinner) on the 30th November 2016 at Pearl Garden Beach in Kalangala Town Council- Kalangala District under the theme: *“Joining hands to scale up HIV prevention.”* A total of 96 participants including national and local leaders, representatives of CSOs, FBOs and private sector attended the dinner dialogue.

In addition, under the PACK project, AMICAALL supported all the seven (7) Karamoja districts to organize and commemorate the World AIDS day on 1st December 2016. As a member of the National Organizing Committee, AMICAALL also participated in planning meetings for the World AIDS Day 2017 which was commemorated in Kole district.

Equally, AMICAALL Uganda in partnership with Uganda AIDS Commission was at the forefront of organizing for the commemoration of Philly Lutaaya Day in Alebtong Town Council, under the theme *“An AIDS Free Uganda, My Responsibility.”* AMICAALL mobilized urban leaders in Lango sub-region to participate in the event and the Mayor of Alebtong Town Council, hosted the leaders to a dinner to deliberate on way forward for combating the HIV epidemic in the country. AMICAALL and TASO in partnership with Uganda AIDS Commission were also at the forefront of organizing for the commemoration of the International Candlelight day. AMICAALL particularly organized a candlelight dinner of National and local leaders Kiryandongo Town Council to dialogue on issues that affect the HIV and AIDS response

Strategic Objective 2: To strengthen technical capacity for enhanced and sustainable health and HIV&AIDS response in urban authorities

The reporting period followed the conclusion of the national elections which ushered in a new leaders at National and local levels. Therefore, AMICAALL interventions during this year focused on strengthening capacity of the leaders, community structures and urban authorities to effectively plan and coordinate the local HIV and AIDS response. A number of interventions including orientation of leaders, training of peer educators, development of urban tailored fast track framework and operational research were conducted. These have resulted in to;

- Urban leaders who were oriented have been able to guide successful roll out of the fast track initiative in their respective urban councils. Mayors of over 22 urban authorities led successful Mayors’ campaign on HIV Fast track and sanitation improvement

→ Increased evidence for tailored urban have been generated to inform programming for HIV and related health at National and urban council level

a) Development of the Urban Fast track Framework; Following the development of the fast track cities in 2014 and the launch of the presidential fast track initiative in Uganda, AMICAALL embarked on the process of developing urban tailored an urban specific HIV and AIDS Fast track Framework. The purpose of the framework is to ensure that interventions and priorities for the urban response are tailored to the unique needs and underlying factors that drives the epidemic in the Country. The framework was developed through a consultative process that included national and local level dialogues with leaders and stakeholders. The framework highlight 6 priorities that include;

- ❖ *Leadership*
- ❖ *Scale up integrated HIV and SRHR services “test and treat”*
- ❖ *Partnership and Networking*
- ❖ *Strategic information (local data)*
- ❖ *Institutional Effectiveness (Coordination and Mainstreaming)*
- ❖ *Local Resource Mobilization*

The urban fast track initiative programme framework was reviewed and endorsed by the Mayors and other urban leaders. The Municipality leaders committed to support the roll out of the fast track initiative in their respective council.

b) Orientation of Karamoja leaders; AMICAALL under the IOM project conducted 3 orientation

Key issues identified included;

- *Stigma and Discriminations from the local communities*
- *Remoteness of some of the cross boarder point*
- *Insecurity*
- *Low knowledge of the available HIV and SRHR services*

meetings in the districts of Moroto, Amudat and Kaabong. The meeting was attended by over 84 (29 Males, 55 Females) participants that included among others; - political, technical, religious, elders, opinion leaders, VHTs, planners and CSO representatives. The leaders were sensitized on the health challenges of the migrants and mobile populations and their roles in promoting good health and safety of the migrants and host communities



The CAO giving his remarks during orientation meeting in Kaabong

c) Training of peer educators; AMICAALL trained 155 (140 under PACK project and 15 under IOM project - from the mining sites and cross border points) peer educators. These were selected from amongst key populations, youths, migrants, boda boda cyclists, miners and the host communities in Karamoja. The trained peer educators were provided with data collections tools, T-shirts, certificate and facilitated with monthly stipend to conduct peer education, data collection and reporting. Through peer educators a total of 11,854 (6,487 males and 5,267 females) individuals among adolescent young people and key populations (CSWs, Boda boda riders, miners, truck drivers) and youth out of school in the 7 urban councils in Karamoja were reached with HIV prevention messages.



AMICAALL'S AEC Board Chairperson and Mayor Kasese Municipality HW Godfrey Kabbyanga addressing the peer educators during their training session in Moroto Municipality

d) Operational research: As part of the strategies to ensure evidenced informed programming for urban areas in Uganda, AMICAALL undertook three operational studies during this period. These included; Assessment of service delivery approaches for migrants, migration-affected communities and other mobile populations in Karamoja; Comprehensive baseline survey on HIV/AIDS among young people (10-24years) in Karamoja sub region and Assessment of Migratory Patterns and Associated HIV/AIDS and SRH Vulnerabilities of Karamojong Adolescents and Young People aged 10-24 years.

These evidence generated from these studies are being used to inform design and implementation of interventions not only in Karamoja but also urban authorities in general.

e) Coordination meetings: In line with the mandate and roles of the AIDS committees, AMICAALL supported them to plan, hold regular review and AIDS stakeholders meetings, local level monitoring and support supervision, community level advocacy and mobilization. AMICAALL support the 7 authorities in Karamoja and 28 sub-counties in the same region to hold quarterly monitoring, support supervision and review meetings to assess project progress. Over forty two (42) AIDS committee coordination meetings were conducted and attended

- ❖ *42 coordination meetings held*
- ❖ *Over 575 (389 Males and 186 Females) AIDS committee members*

by 575 (389Males and 186 Females) members at Sub-county, town council and municipal council levels. The AIDS committees played a significant role in ensuring that the project interventions reached the targeted beneficiaries and played vital role in ensuring harmonization in service delivery.

f) **AMICAALL staff training on migration health:** As part of the funding requirement, IOM capacity assessment of AMICAALL using OCA tool. Based on the report, the capacity building department in partnership with IOM organized a training workshop in which eleven (11) staff trained on Migration health and migration sensitive programming.

Strategic Objective 3: To increase availability and access to quality prevention, treatment and care services for HIV & AIDS Sexual, reproductive health and other related diseases among urban communities.

Given that this was the first year of the strategic plan, AMICAALL ensured that service delivery activities covered all the expanded intervention areas. In this period we continued to use the integrated and targeted outreaches to ensure increased utilization of the HIV, NCDs and SRHR services as well as taking actions towards sanitation improvement. Most of the camps were conducted as part of the Mayors campaign.

a) **Integrated Outreach camps:** AMICAALL under the PACK and IOM project as well as the Mayors' campaign conducted a total of 53 integrated outreach camps were conducted and through which over 16,570 people were served. Services provided during the camps included HCT, SMC, cancer screening, blood donation, vaccination, condoms and family planning as summarized below;

- ◆ *14,806 clients were tested for HIV using HCT services and about 86 clients were found to be HIV positive were linked to HIV care and treatment services.*
- ◆ *503 individuals received Family planning services including implants, pills, and condoms among others*
- ◆ *262 clients were screened for Cervical Cancer*
- ◆ *515 individuals undertook STI screening and those found positive were given treatment*
- ◆ *416 units of blood were donated*
- ◆ *27 men under the SMC services*

- ◆ *41 individuals received the Hepatitis B vaccination*
- ◆ *A total of 298, 600 male condoms and 2000 were distributed Condoms*



Leadership by example, Mayor Nansana take a public HIV test to encourage her c community members to take an HIV test

b) Drama sensitization; As part of our edutainment approaches, AMICAALL under the IOM and PACK project facilitated 19 local drama groups in Karamoja to carry out community mobilization and sensitization for HIV and SRHR services. The drama performances were conducted in Moroto, Kaabong, Abim, Kotido, Napak, Nakaparipirit and Amudat. Key themes of the drama performances included; Family planning services and its benefits, benefits of HIV testing, benefits of early treatments and negative effects of stigma and discrimination.

The drama songs, skits, motivational speech and personal testimonies were focused on promoting HIV and SRHR services addressing barriers and risky behavior that hinder access and utilization. A total of 5,066 (2,395 males and 2,671 females) were reached. Through these drama performances, many people who had just come to watch the show ended up utilizing services such as HCT, condoms and family planning services.



Drama Members performing during one of the organized camps in Nakabaat



Kaabong Atosioma women drama group performing during an HCT outreach camp in Kaabong Town Council

c) Street jams: AMICAALL adopted street jams as a new strategy to mobilize the youths for HIV and SRH services. During the street jams, a lot edutainment activities such as musical performances, dance and role model presentation. In addition, HIV services such as HCT and condoms were provided during the outreaches. Seven (7) street jam events were conducted in all the urban councils of Karamoja to mobilize and sensitize the young people and key populations for HIV and SRH services.

d) Sexuality and life skills training; In order to increase risk perception and promote sustainable behavior change among key populations and young people, AMICAALL under the PACK project conducted 7 sexuality and life skill seminars in all the Karamoja Districts. Through these 160 (96 Males, 64 Females) individuals among key populations were sensitized and equipped with life skills

e) Sanitation Improvement: Under the WASH program priority, the urban authorities were engaged and reached out to a number of people with a variety of interventions to include: sensitization and awareness on sanitation improvement; roll-out of appropriate technology (Sato-pan) in partnership crest Tank.



Local leaders in Pakwach (l) and Kabale ® participating in community cleaning as part of the Mayors' campaign

2.2 Governance and institutional capacity

AMICAALL Uganda Chapter, elected a new Alliance Executive Council (AEC) during the 13th AGM comprising of 13 members. Thereafter, the board appointed an AMICAALL National Technical and Advisory committees comprising of representatives from line Ministries, UAC, Town Clerk, CSOs and partner Local Government Associations. The AEC members took oath of office and were oriented on their roles and responsibilities. They also constituted board sub committees to include: Human Resource Committee, Finance and audit committee, Procurement and

contracts committee. During this year AEC held three meetings (3) and ANTAC held two (2) meetings.



The Country Advisor, Dr. John Mugisa making a presentation during orientation of the board members at Sunset Hotel in Jinja



The out-going Chairman (HW Alfred Martin Aruo) handing over to the current chairperson (HW Godfrey B.K. Kabbyanga) during the first AEC meeting at the Secretariat

2.3 Other events during the year

Other than program and governance achievements, there were a number major events that took place during the year.

a) Launch of PACK Project: The Prevention of HIV and AIDS in Communities of Karamoja (PACK) project was launched on 24th November 2016 in Moroto. The launch was officiated by the Minister of State for Karamoja Affairs Hon. Kizige Moses and attended by over 300 people including; the political, cultural, and religious leaders. The five year project is funded by Irish Aid and implemented by a consortium of five national CSOs namely: AMICAALL, UNASO, NAFOPHANU, Straight Talk Foundation and TASO. AMICAALL's main focus is reduction of



Minister of State for Karamoja Affairs, Hon. Kizige Moses inspecting stalls during the launch of the PACK project in Moroto

new HIV infection among Adolescents and key populations in the seven urban authorities in Karamoja, namely: Moroto and Kotido Municipal councils, Nakapiripirit, Lorengechora, Amudat, Abim and Kaabong Town councils.

b) Commemoration of AMICAALL at 20 years: A joint commemorative dinner ceremony was organized in which AMICAALL Mayors together with the 9 Mayors of Abidjan under the leadership of the Chairperson of the Ivorian Mayors' Association His Worship, Paulin Claude DANHO and the Governor of Abidjan. The ceremony was attended by Dr. Gibril Dialo, the UNAIDS Africa Regional Director and the Minister for Public Health and Hygiene of Ivory Coast.



Ivory Coast Ministry of Public Health and Hygiene, Hon. Raymonde Goudou Coffie (center-Blue dress) in a group photograph with the Mayors after signing of the Paris declaration.



HW. Godfrey Kabbyanga, addressing leaders during the ceremony



L; Dr. Gibril Diallo, UNAIDS Africa Director speaking at the commemorative dinner at which Mayors signed the Paris Declaration

3.0 Financial report

In spite of the existing constraints in the HIV and AIDS donor funding environment, AMICAALL has continued to champion advocacy for increased prioritization of funds to urban response .AMICAALL maintained the relationship with its development partners and a new partner IOM has been secured to add on to funding in Karamoja. AMICAALL will also engage with private sector for possible resource mobilization partnerships. Membership contributions through in-kind contributions and annual subscriptions have also enhanced resource mobilization efforts. Below is the summary of the resources mobilized during the 2016/2017 year;

Source	30-Jun-17	30-Jun-16
	Ushs	Ushs
Irish Aid - PACK	1,218,655,729	-
Irish Aid PACK baseline study	74,000,000	-
IOM	31,950,250	-
CSF 2	-	1,176,129,451
UNDP	-	226,607,383
DANIDA	-	(400,000)
UN-AIDS	-	128,268,360
	1,324,605,979	1,530,605,194

Source	30-Jun-2017	30-Jun-2016
	Ushs	Ushs
	Actual	Actual
Members Subscriptions	89,500,000	71,300,000
	89,500,000	71,300,000

4.0 Challenges, Lessons, recommendations, and conclusion

4.1 Implementation Challenges and Constraints

Despite the above achievements, AMICAALL had a number of Implementation challenges as described below;

Limited resources in terms of funds and other logistics. Although many urban authorities expressed interest in participating in the roll out of the urban fast track framework, the secretariat could only afford to reach out to a few. Despite some improvement in the subscription, the contribution is still very low yet critical for running the institution and counterpart funding.

Sustainability constraints; currently, most of AMICAALL interventions are donor funded which limits the scope of operations and affects continuity of program activities. AMICAALL is also yet to secure the Presidential pledge of UGX 1billion towards its sustainability initiatives.

Insecurity in Karamoja especially in Diidit (Kaabong district) was an impediment and led to postponement of activity implementation.

Suspension of funding by Irish AID which affected implementation of project activities and the roll out of the Mayors' campaign in Karamoja.

Limited transport facilities; given the wide geographical scope of its membership, the Secretariat requires additional transport facilities. For example, the regional office in Karamoja currently has only one vehicle to run program in the entire region.

Slow roll out on some programmatic areas of focus; despite some efforts made in the new program areas like NCDs and WASH, the roll out has been limited

4.2 Lessons Learnt

During this year, a number of lessons and good practices were captured. These are highlighted below;-

- It was learnt that local resource mobilization is possible. As most the urban councils who rolled out the campaign were able to mobilize local resources in terms of money, equipment, commodities, water, radio airtime and human resources.
- We have also learnt that private sector companies are willing and ready to work with the urban leadership in the local HIV response. (a Case is BIDCO that made a contribution of 2 Million shillings towards the welfare of the meeting)
- International conferences are key platform for learning and sharing good practices. It is essential support urban leaders to participate in such conferences for not only exposure but also global networking

4.3 Recommendations and Way forward

As we look forward to the new financial year and based on the experience of implementation, we recommend;

- AMICAALL leadership, management and members should engage more deeply on the question of sustainability of its program activities and should devise appropriate resource mobilization strategies to increase the resource base for AMICAALL programs
- AMICAALL Secretariat and member urban authorities should prioritize and intensify interventions in SRHR, NCDS and WASH since they are the major underlying risk factors to HIV infection, morbidity and mortality in urban areas.
- There should be deliberate efforts to strengthen local resource mobilization in the wake of the dwindling donor resources
- AMICAALL leadership and Management should approaches partners and government for possible support in transport facilities.

4.4 Priorities of 2017- 2018

1. In the new financial year 2017-2018 key priorities will include;
2. Mayors campaign on addressing underlying SRHR, gender, WASH and NCDs related factors that have effects on the attainment of the fast track initiative
3. Membership engagement through regional meetings, support supervision visits, exchange visits and media platforms
4. Integrated service delivery outreaches using combination prevention approaches
5. Social mobilization and awareness raising through dialogue meetings, radio programs, drama, street jams, sports gala and IEC materials
6. Capacity building focusing on the areas of resource mobilization and advocacy
7. Participation in national, regional and international advocacy and commemorative forum and events