



AMICAALL Uganda Chapter

Annual Report 2019/20



The Speaker of Parliament, Hon. Rebecca Kadaga with urban leaders at the 8th Urban Leaders Forum and 17th Annual General Meeting; Leslona Hotel, Moroto Municipality

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List of Acronyms

AGA	Annual General Assembly
AGM	Annual General Meeting
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
App	Application
COVID	Corona Virus Disease
AMICAALL	Alliance of Mayors and Municipal Leaders Initiative for Community Action on HIV and AIDS at the Local Level
DGF	Democratic Governance Facility.
FTI	Fast Track Initiative
HIV	Human Immune Virus
HTS	HIV Testing Services
HW	His Worship
IDA	International Development Association
KCCA	Kampala City Council Authority
KACITA	Kampala City Traders Association
KP	Key Population
LG	Local Government
MC	Municipal Council
MOH	Ministry of Health
NCD	Non-Communicable Diseases
TC	Town Council
TB	Tuberculosis
UAC	Uganda AIDS Commission-
UA	Urban Authority
UNAIDS	United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS
USMID	Uganda Support for Municipal Infrastructure Development
USAID	United States Agency for International Development



Foreword

We have come to the end of the year 2019/2020. Allow me share the AMICAALL Uganda Chapter Annual report 2019/2020.

Despite many challenges affecting us; including the COVID 19 Pandemic that affected service delivery across all sectors globally, AMICAALL Uganda registered many achievements worth reporting as this report indicates.

I convey my warmest regards to all the Alliance members new and old, to our partners; Irish Aid through the Embassy of Ireland, Democratic Governance Facility, SIDA through UNFPA and AIC, Global Fund and TASO through UGANET and UNAIDS; and the secretariat, thank you for supporting AMICAALL.

To our Partners, you have enabled us to reach our members with very quality services and programs; I thank you very much and I look forward to new partnerships.

To the Members, I call upon your support towards all the partners and the programs they fund to enable us to achieve AMICAALL mission and vision.

I will always appreciate your continued support towards AMICAALL Uganda.

Sincerely,

HW. Godfrey Kabbyanga Baluku Kime
Chairperson, Alliance Executive Council



Acknowledgements

As we wind up the financial year 2019/2020, I thank AMICAALL members, for the support and contributions towards the alliance. To partners and other stakeholders you have been of great support to AMICAALL; thank you for your invaluable partnership.

I want to recognize all of the employees of the alliance for the efforts behind our results. Your talent and agility have allowed the organization to successfully navigate tough times including those of the COVID -19 pandemic.

All of you in your different capacities know that without your support, not much could have been achieved in the different Urban Authorities that AMICAALL reached through the various projects.

We appreciate your trust and confidence, and we work each day to be better.

Restituta Kagguma Nabwire

Ag. Country Director

Executive Summary

To achieve AMICAALL's **Vision**-A healthy and productive urban population free from HIV&AIDS and related diseases and **Mission**- To support the building of an effective and coordinated urban HIV&AIDS and health response, AMICAALL Uganda has in the last year (2019/2020) served over 41 Urban Authorities with funding support from five partner organizations.

With grants from Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) through UNFPA, AMICAALL Uganda in partnership with AIC have supported 18 Urban Authorities to conduct Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH), HIV, Gender Based Violence (GBV) integrated campaigns using radio talk shows in Abim; Kotido; Moroto; Napak; Nakapiripirit, Kaberamaido; Amuria, Kiryandongo; Gulu; Pader, Yumbe, Bundibugyo and Kampala-Makindye, Lubaga, Nakawa, Central, Kawempe Divisions.

Through the Project of Strengthening Democratic Governance (SDG) funded by DGF; AMICAALL improved the leaders' responsiveness to the needs and demands of citizens in Iganga and Nansana Municipalities, Namayumba and Nauyo Bugema Town Councils, and Rubaga Division.

With funding from the Global fund through TASO, AMICAALL in partnership with UGANET generated HIV and human rights related issues that have support Advocacy for enactment of HIV and human rights bye laws in 6 Municipalities (Jinja, Kasese, Mbarara, Fort Portal, Gulu, Arua). Six issues papers were developed as a result.

AMICAALL with funding support from the Ireland Embassy through the Prevention of HIV and AIDS in the Communities of Karamoja (PACK) project, facilitated and strengthened the coordination structures of lower LGs and urban authorities by engaging leaders, implementing tailored interventions targeting key populations and gap filling in HIV and SRH service delivery through outreach activities and providing life skills and counseling services to the adolescents and young people. AMICAALL worked with leaders of urban authorities to ensure that key and priority populations like Sex workers, Truck drivers, Boda Boda Cyclists, Uniformed Services personnel (Army, Police, Prison, Crime Preventers), Salon/Bar attendants and Market Vendors were reached with quality HIV, SRH and STI information and services in Abim, Moroto, Kotido, Napak, Nakapiripirit, Amudat, and Kaabong urban authorities.

Through the funding support from USAID through UNAIDS, AMICAALL in partnership with KCCA implemented the Fast Track Cities Initiative project. The project provided HIV information and services in Kampala Capital City Authority in all the five divisions of Kawempe, Makindye, Nakawa, Central and Rubaga.

This report provides details of activities implemented in the different Urban Authorities and achievements in terms of number of persons reached and overall project outputs and outcomes.

Challenges, key lessons learnt and recommendations made in implementing each project are also covered by this report.

Chapter One: Introduction

This chapter presents a background to AMICAALL Uganda Chapter, the Vision, Mission, Goal, Key guiding Principles and values of AMICAALL Uganda, Priority program areas and Strategic Objectives.

Background to 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 was formed to support sustainable solutions to the HIV and AIDS epidemic in African Cities and Municipalities. AMICAALL Uganda Chapter was launched on 28th November 2000. The chapter has since registered and operated as a National Non-Government Organization primarily targeting urban local governments in the National HIV/AIDS response and spearheads the urban HIV and AIDS response. Because of its uniqueness of being the only urban-focused non-governmental organization with the mandate of urban local governments to coordinate their response, AMICAALL leverages on its mandate to strengthen the capacity of the Mayors, other elected urban Local Government Leaders as well as technical leaders to coordinate the decentralized urban HIV&AIDS response, play an oversight, stewardship and accountability role, planning and resource mobilization, advocacy and lobby, community mobilization and demand creation in order to ensure effective and efficient delivery of HIV/AIDS and other health services.



Key Guiding Principles and Values

- Partnership and networking
- Rights based approach
- Transparency and accountability
- Gender sensitivity
- Community empowerment
- Responsiveness to urban health needs

Priority Program Areas

- Institutional Capacity Development
- HIV&AIDS, Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, Water and Sanitation, Non-Communicable Diseases
- Leadership, policy, advocacy and social mobilization

Strategic Objectives

1. To enhance leadership capacity for effective community engagement, advocacy and social mobilization for disease prevention and health services promotion.
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 and other related diseases among urban communities.

Chapter Two: Achievements by objective

This chapter presents the different intervention areas and achievements registered by AMICAALL Uganda in the last one year according to the three strategic objectives.

Strategic Objective 1:

To enhance leadership capacity for effective community engagement, advocacy and social mobilization for disease prevention and health services promotion

2.1.1 Project with funding support from SIDA through UNFPA and AIC in 18 urban authorities

a) With funding from SIDA through UNFPA and AIC, AMICAALL Uganda supported the leadership of 18 Urban Authorities to conduct SRH/HIV/GBV integrated campaigns. 57 radio talk shows in the period between June –July 2020 with an average of 5 panelists each (elected and technical leaders of urban authorities like the mayors, DHOs, Town clerks, Community Developments officers, Resident District Commissioners, District Health Educators among others). Talking points and radio spot messages were developed, shared with the panelists and each team held 2 radio talk shows focusing on *why it is critically important to ensure continuity of SRH, GBV and HIV/AIDS interventions among Key and Vulnerable Populations during COVID 19 pandemic*. The urban authorities included Abim, Kotido, Moroto, Napak, Nakapiripirit, Kaberamaido, Amuria, Gulu, Pader, Yumbe, Bundibugyo and KCCA 5 Divisions of Makindye, Lubaga, Nakawa, Central, Kawempe among others and reached 13,729,000 million people. The radio stations included Mega FM Gulu, Youth FM Amuria, Kumaamu Broadcasters Kabermaido, Palwak FM Pader, UBC Bundibugyo, Ribat FM in Yumbe, Kiyandongo media services, Etoil Akaramajong (voice of Karamoja) for Kaabong, Kotido, UBC radio in Moroto, Metro 90.8 FM for Makindye Division, Akaboozi 87.9 for Lubaga Division, Star FM for Nakawa division and Bilal Radio for Central division in Kampala.



The urban leaders of Gulu City sensitizing the urban communities about HIV/GBV/SRH during a radio Talk show

b) Reproduction and dissemination of integrated SRH/HIV/GBV and Covid-19 IEC materials

With funding from SIDA through UNFPA and AIC, AMICAALL reproduced and disseminated a total of 9,540 Integrated SRH/HIV/GBV and Covid-19 IEC materials including 3 categories of posters and stickers with the messages; “staying home should be safe for all”, “protect yourself and your loved ones against corona virus and HIV infections”, and “avoid contact to keep safe from CORONA virus and HIV infections.” The materials were handed over to the AMICAALL local coordinators and peer educators for continued distribution. They were 7200 posters, 1800 stickers and radio 540 spot messages.

AMICAALL was able to reach an estimated 110,000 people with integrated SRH/HIV/GBV/COVID risk management messages through outreaches organized by urban leaders using barazas and other approaches.

AMICAALL facilitated the development of 18 Urban center priority action plans on SRH/HIV/GBV and young people. The development process was slowed down by COVID-19 pandemic.

2.1. 2 Project on Strengthening Democratic Governance in Five Urban Authorities

With funding support from the Democratic Governance Facility (DGF), AMICAALL Uganda was able to accomplish the following

- a) Conducted the eighth (8) Urban Leaders Forum and sixteenth (16th) Annual General Meeting (AGM) from 25th - to 26th –Nov-2019 at Leslona Hotel in Moroto Municipality under the theme “**Building accountable and strong urban local governance and foundations.**” The purpose was to review previous successes, challenges and plan the future with the input of the members and other stakeholders. Both the Urban Leaders’ Forum and Annual General Assembly (AGM) were attended by 279 participants comprising Municipal leaders; Mayors, Town clerks, Parliamentarians, Civil Society Organization representatives, LC III Chairpersons, HIV focal point persons, Community Development Officers, Development partners, citizens of Moroto and AMICAALL staff. The chief guest, was the Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga, Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Uganda. The forum and AGM raised awareness on the importance of good democratic governance in ensuring improved health and development. In her communication, she promised to make a follow up of the Presidential pledge of one (1) billion shillings to AMICAALL which was made in 2015.



The Mayor of Kigumba Town Council sharing his views on governance and service delivery during the leaders forum and AGM

- b) The project supported production and dissemination of 200 copies of the revised standard rules of procedures (reference materials for council) for four (4) urban authorities of Namayumba and Nauyo- Bugema Town Councils, Iganga and Nansana Municipalities. The document empowered elected leaders with better legislation skills.



AMICAALL Project Coordinator Governance handing over copies of the revised standard rules of procedure to the Assistant Town Clerk of Namayumba Town Council, M. Irene Namyalo

- c) Fifty-three (53) elected and technical leaders were mentored on principles and practices of democratic governance in Iganga Municipality, Namayumba and Nauyo-Bugema Town Councils. These leaders were equipped with better skills in administrative, political and fiscal accountability for improved service delivery. As a result, urban authorities have budgeted for joint monitoring; committed to availing information to the elected leaders to ensure transparency, raise more resources through local revenue mobilization to allow urban authorities respond to urban needs, refresher trainings to both elected leaders & technical staff on democratic governance.
- d) Seventy five (75) elected leaders and technical staff of the Public Accounts and finance committees as well as councilors from Namayumba and Nauyo Bugema TCs; Iganga Municipality were mentored in financial reporting, planning, budgeting and procurement procedures. The training supported the committee members to have a clear understanding of their roles and functions and understand their role in the local governance processes. The trainings raised challenges such as; some committee members have low academic requirements and yet they probe highly educated technical staff which undermines their work. Additionally, there is inadequacy in interpreting documents like budgets and development plans. AMICAALL takes up advocacy to revise the Local

Government Act to include higher academic levels and experience for such committee members as well as frequent trainings & refresher courses.

- e) Seventy-five (75) leaders of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), finance committee and councilors were mentored on financial reporting, planning, budgeting and procurement procedures from Iganga MC, Namayumba and Nauyo-Bugema TCs.
- f) AMICAALL with funding from DGF organized a peer learning visit to Jinja Municipality which exposed 144 elected leaders and technical staff from Iganga & Nansana Municipalities, Nauyo-Bugema & Namayumba Town councils and Lubaga Division to good practices in legislation, accountability participatory planning and budgeting. It involved attending a council session and field visits to various relevant sites.



Leaders of the project UAs after witnessing the Jinja Municipal Council proceedings during the peer learning visit.

- g) A total of 100 elected leaders and technical staff were mentored on development and enactment of bye-laws in Nauyo Bugema and Namayumba Town Councils, Iganga and Nansana Municipalities. Iganga has managed to enact two bye-laws on; infrastructure titled- *“The Local Governments (Iganga Municipal Council) Management of Streets, traffic, Vehicle Parking, Loading and off Loading and car washing areas, Bye-Laws, 2020”* and one on Sanitation Titled – *“The Iganga Municipal Council (Hygiene and Sanitation) Byelaw, 2019”*. Nauyo- Bugema Town Council is also in the process of enacting a bye-law titled *“The Nauyo-Bugema Town Council (Environmental Health and Sanitation) Byelaw, 2019”* and also being supported to develop a bye-law on children. Nansana Municipal Council is being supported to enact a bye on hygiene & sanitation specifically with emphasize on solid waste management.



One of the MoLG facilitator Mr. John Gaswaga conducting a mentorship session on development and enactment of bye-laws in Iganga Municipality

- h) Through the same project, AMICAALL Uganda facilitated community meetings and radio talk shows to sensitize the urban communities and youth on the roles and responsibilities of elected and technical staff. And also the leaders used the forums to give accountability to the citizens. 40 Community meetings were held in Nansana and Iganga Municipalities, Lubaga Division, Nauyo – Bugema and Namayumba Town Councils. Six (6) radio talk shows with were conducted in the same urban authorities. The community meetings and the radio talk shows have been able to empower citizens with information to hold their leaders accountable as well as create awareness on the roles and responsibilities of the duty bearers as as well as the citizens’ rights. A total of 1,352 persons were reached through the community meetings.



Nauyo -Bugema Town council Leaders sensitizing the masses and providing accountability on service delivery.



The Mayor of Nansana Municipality, HW. Regina Bakitte addressing residents of Kawanda Cell during a community meeting

- i) Joint stakeholders’ monitoring visits were conducted 13 local level Joint stakeholders monitoring visits within the project urban authorities to check the progress of the implementation of government

projects, to ascertain if there is value for money and also to identify the gaps in implementation and inform the responsible offices in the given urban authority projects.

- j) A national joint monitoring visit was conducted by AMICAALL staff, Alliance Executive Council (AMICAALL Board), MoLG Commissioner for Urban Development in all the five project urban authorities. The visit revealed the progress that project urban authorities have made towards better legislation, accountability etc as a result of the interventions from the project.



The Commissioner of MoLG (Brown shirt), AMICAALL board member (grey coat) AMICAALL staff and urban authority leaders during the national joint monitoring visit in Nauyo – Bugema Town Council in Mbale City

2.2.2 The prevention of HIV/AIDS in Karamoja (PACK) project

District(s) and sub-counties of operation:

No.	District	Sub-county (s)
1	Abim	Abim Town Council and sub counties of Alerek, Lotuke, Morulem, and Nyakwae
2	Kotido	Kotido Municipality, and sub counties of Kotido, Kacheri, Rengen and Panyangara
3	Moroto	Moroto Municipality and sub counties of Tapac, Katiekile, Nadunget and Rupa
4	Nakapiripirit	Nakapiripirit Town Council and sub counties of Moruita, Namalu, Lolachat and Nabilatuk
5	Napak	Lorengchora Town Council, sub counties of Ngoleriet, Lokopo, Iriiri, and Matany
6	Kaabong	Kaabong Town Council, Lolelia, Sidok, Karenga, Kalapata, Kathile and Kapedo sub counties
7	Amudat	Amudat Town Council and sub counties of Loroo and Karita

The overall goal of the PACK project was to contribute to the reduction of new HIV infections amongst adolescents and young people (10-24 years) in the Karamoja sub-region over the period 2018 – 2020. By end of the PACK project, the following achievements were registered under objective one;

- A) 144 adolescents, young people and key populations (70 Males, 74 Females) benefited from seminars/workshops on understanding sexuality, HIV and acquired life skills to enhance their access to equitable and quality SRH and HIV prevention services.

- B) Through drama 1359 individuals (852 Males, 507 Females) tested for HIV and 329 individuals (210 Males, 119 Females) received SRH services; STI screening, condoms and reproductive health talk.
- C) 4500 persons received HIV messages through mobile address systems on the benefits of knowing one's HIV status at market places, evening/night recreation venues resulting in to 62 % of them receiving HTS.
- D) 26 Radio talk-shows were conducted on 4 major radio stations in Karamoja reaching about 5,000 adult men and women and 3,000 and key populations per urban authority.
- E) Seven (7) dialogue meetings were conducted targeting 140 private sector and business operators in 7 urban authorities of Karamoja with 171 persons (89 Males, 82 Females) participated in the dialogues.
- F) Two (2) HIV/AIDS awareness meetings were conducted targeting 100 men and women comprising 50 (25 Males, 25 Females) from Abim TC and Moroto Municipality respectively out of 350.
- G) Seven (7) issue-based community dialogues were conducted in 7 Uas reaching out to 289 key populations (158 Males, 131 Females).
- H) 112 peer educators (63 Males, 49 Females) were identified and trained out of the targeted 140 leading to increase in the number of people turning up for integrated HTS/SRH services from 1359 to 1898 and 328 to 1627 for SRH.
- I) All the 112 peer educators had reached out to 4,107 key populations and 6,169 persons were provided with HTS with 42 testing positive.
- J) Seven (7) drama groups located in 7 targeted urban authorities were facilitated to mobilize and sensitize people on HIV prevention and importance of HTS. The drama groups disseminated information on; the benefits of HST, HIV prevention practices, HIV care services for individuals who test positive, harmful social cultural practices, the impact of HIV, empathy for PLHIV and the importance of a disease free and productive population. As a result, 1359 individuals (852 Males, 507 Females) tested for HIV and 329 individuals (210 males, 119 Females) received SRH services; STI screening, condoms and reproductive health talk.



Drama group of Nakapiripirit TC sharing information as well as mobilizing people to an outreach camp on HTS and STI screening

- k) A dialogue of health workers and key populations (KP) was conducted to discuss ways of making health services are KP friendly. This resulted from KP complaints of discrimination which leads to shying away from HIV and SRH services even if they need them.

2.1. 3 Advocacy for enactment of HIV and human rights bye laws in 6 Municipalities

With funding from Global fund through UGANET, AMICAALL Uganda carried out the following interventions

- a) Conducted six (6) stakeholders' meetings with 240 participants to generate HIV and human rights related issues and also to introduce the activity on Advocacy for enactment of HIV and human rights bye laws in 6 Municipalities (Jinja, Kasese, Mbarara, Fort Portal, Gulu, Arua). Additionally, Six (6) radio talk shows with 5 panellists each including; the Mayor, State Attorney, Town Clerk, Community Development Officer were conducted to generate more information for issues to be focused on for the enactment of a bye-laws.



The Kasese Resident State Attorney (white T shirt) discussing HIV and Human rights matters on UBC ngeye FM, in Kasese Municipality. Looking on (extreme left) AMICAALL Chairman and AMICAALL Country Director

- b) Following the multi stakeholders' engagement meetings and radio talk shows that introduced the project at community level in the six (6) municipalities and resulted in the identification of priority issues that were included in issues papers towards the development of bye laws. Additionally, validation meetings were conducted in the same municipalities of Mbarara, Arua, Kasese, Gulu, Jinja and Fort portal with over 240 participants attending. The participants included Mayors, Municipality Members of Parliament, Town Clerks, Speakers, Councillors, Community Development Officers, representatives of Key Populations, representatives of PLHIVs and Select Civil Society Organizations.

2.1.4 Fast Tracking HIV and AIDS in Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA)

- a) Supported Division AIDS Committee members to conduct field and support supervision visits (Community engagement meetings). The DAC members interacted with community members in the transporter business, Kampala City Traders Association (KACITA), and members of the key populations and priority populations like Boda Bodas. Sixty (60) leaders participated in the outreaches in Central, Rubaga, Makindye, and Kawempe divisions. During the field activities, condoms were distributed, members of the KP community were sensitized on prevention and treatment of HIV, reflectors and stickers were distributed and clarification made on major misconceptions about HIV.



The Mayor of Kawempe Division, sensitizing boda boda riders about HIV



The Kawempe Division Resident Commissioner sensitizing boda boda riders and truck drivers about HIV

- b) Through this project, community drives targeting market places, taxi parks, boda boda stages, and other KP hotspots were held with risk communication messages on HIV/AIDS, TB and COVID – 19 pandemic. A total of 6 leaders' accountability forums was conducted at city wide level as well as in each of the five KCCA divisions. The leaders shared their progress on previous progress by implementation of HIV/AIDS programs, and updates from various HIV/AIDS stake holders like implementing partners in the City.



KCCA Official (L) giving HIV, TB and COVID – 19 messages and (r) members of the community adhering to the COVID -19 SOPs by washing handing

- c) A total of 6 leaders' accountability forums was conducted at city wide level as well as in each of the five KCCA divisions. The main objectives were to share progress on previous action points, progress by implementation of HIV/AIDS programs, receive updates from various HIV/AIDS stake holders/ implementing partners and develop action plans to respond to gaps and challenges in the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the city wide-meeting was divided into four sessions to ensure that the Standard Operating Procedures provided by the Ministry of Health were followed.

Strategic Objective 2:

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

2.2.1 Project on Strengthening Democratic Governance in Five Urban Authorities

a) Joint project performance review: With support from DGF, AMICAALL organized a joint review of its governance project performance. The review included the entire programme review as well. This was held in September 2020 and the organization's staff were able to reflect on the achievements and challenges as well as the practical; solutions. The review was joined by the AEC chairman and Honorary Treasurer who participated in the future plans for the organization.



The Alliance Executive Council (AEC) Chairman discussing the board governance with staff

2.1.4 Project on Fast Tracking HIV and AIDS in Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA)

With support from UNAIDS in partnership KCCA, AMICAALL is fast track HIV in KCCA to achieve the global targets of 90-90-90 and eliminate AIDS as a public health threat.

- a) Three (3) quarterly Divisional AIDS Committee meetings chaired by the Division Mayors were held. During the meetings, participants suggested that the number of councilors involved in all activities should be increased from 15 to 20 to allow for involvement of all the leaders. The participants committed to organize an effective and sustainable HIV/AIDS response, create and strengthen an enabling environment free of HIV stigma so as to encourage people to go for testing and those positive to go for treatment.

2.2.2 The prevention of HIV/AIDS in Karamoja (PACK) project

Under this objective, PACK achievements were as follows:

- a) Trained HIV Focal persons (AMICAALL Local Coordinators). One (1) training for seven (7) HIV focal persons was conducted to strengthen their reporting and accountability skills.
- b) Conducted one Orientation meeting for 16 AMICAALL Uganda staff on accounting processes and systems, procurement procedures, data collection, analysis, utilization, documentation and reporting. This orientation was helpful in bringing staff on board for the project deliverables.
- c) Five (5) coordination and review meetings were conducted for four (4) Sub country AIDS Committees (SACs), two Municipality AIDS Committees (MACs) and one Town Council AIDS Committee (TACs). The meetings ensured coordination of HIV related activities in urban authorities and districts. The other two coordination meetings were disrupted by COVID-19 pandemic.
- d) AMICAALL conducted a refresher course for the 113 Peer Educators to ensure proper reporting and correct information is passed onto their peers. They were able to reach 3,728 Key populations comprising; 444 sex workers (12%), 867 uniformed services personnel (23%), 571 boda boda cyclists (15%), 270 truck drivers (7%), 348 Salon attendants (9%), 322 Bar attendants, (9%) and 906 Market vendors (24%) with correct information about HIV and SRH. Additionally, the peer educators were equipped with work Aids to facilitate their peer education work



Peer Educators from Nakapiripirit Town Council after receiving work aids from AMICAALL

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.

2.3.1 Project from SIDA with support from UNFPA and in partnership with AIC

- a) Thirty six (36) District/Urban level COVID 19 Task forces and coordination teams were supported to ensure delivery of vital services to address SRH, HIV and GBV challenges. All urban authority offices received hand sanitizers, gloves, facemasks, male and female condoms to ensure safety of leaders and staff.



AMICAALL Project Officer (cream suit) handing over condoms, gloves, sanitizer to Abim Town Council leaders

2.3.2 The prevention of HIV/AIDS in Karamoja (PACK) project

- a) AMICAALL delivered 46,080 male and 9,020 female condoms to the 7 urban authorities of project in the Karamoja region. The condoms were distributed to key populations through the peer education network, health facilities and the Mayors' office.
- b) As a contribution to the COVID-19 pandemic in the Karamoja region, AMICAALL distributed 2 water tanks (500 liters), 20 bars of washing soap, 20 bottles of hand sanitizers, face-masks and rubber gloves etc. Also, leaders of the seven (7) project urban authorities were facilitated to monitor and supervise the enforcement of COVID -19 prevention and standard rules of procedure.



AMICAALL Team handing over work aids for Peer Educators to Kotido Municipality Leadership. Looking on are peer educators.

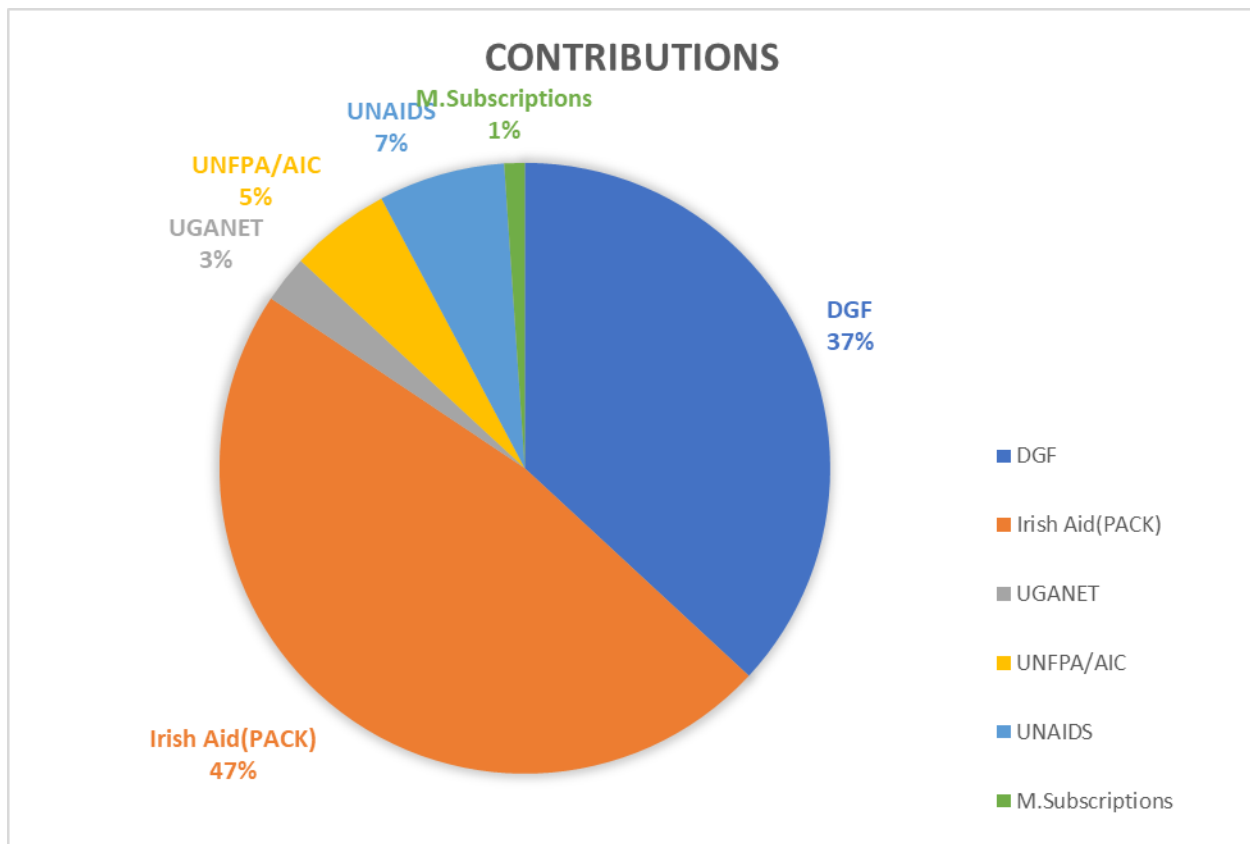
- c) AMICAALL conducted 4 Daytime, 4 Moonlight HTS camps in Karamoja with 1862 KPs (951M, 800F) receiving HIV and SRH services. This was in an effort to take services closer to the people and meet the first 90 of the 90-90-90 targets. During the outreach camps, the HIV positive people were referred for further management.

Chapter three: Finance

Financial Statement for FY July 2019 – July 2020

Donors	Total Income (Shs)	Total Expenditure (Shs)	Variance (Shs)
DGF	904,379,539=	696,980,221=	207,399,318=
Irish Aid (PACK project)	1,164,816,996=	1,045,708,548=	119,108,448=
UGANET/TASO-Global Fund	60,418,800=	60,418,800=	-
SIDA – UNFPA / AIC	130,984,696=	91,907,496=	39,077,200=
UNAIDS	164,250,000=	128,519,140=	35,730,860=
AMICAALL Membership Subscriptions	26,562,000=	26,280,413=	281,587=
Total	2,451,412,031=	2,049,814,618=	401,597,413=

Total Income



Chapter Four: Challenges, lessons, recommendations

Challenges

- **Outbreak of COVID -19:** Due to the country wide lockdown and restrictions on movement and gatherings, many of AMICAALL activities were affected especially those involving big numbers of participants like the Regional meetings and implementation of project activities. Adaptive workplans were designed to implement risk communication activities.
- **Poor payment of subscription fees:** Membership subscription is minimal and yet projects are implemented in particular urban authorities based on need; thereby limiting the alliance's involvement of all its members and as a result, members' commitment to subscription has been limited.
- **Dependency on donors:** AMICAALL activities are majorly funded by donors and this leads to unpredictable funding for the organization since donors dictate the focus areas of their interest.
- **Inadequate financial and human resources:** The Secretariat has a lean structure which poses a challenge in reaching out to the wider membership which in turn affects subscription fees payment. Due to closure of major projects like PACK and DGF, staff contracts had to end and the already lean Secretariat has become even smaller
- **Increasing number of urban authorities:** AMICAALL membership is country wide (every urban authority in Uganda). Much as the big number of urban authorities is advantageous, it poses a big challenge for the Secretariat's capacity to reach out to them.
- **Accumulated organizational debt:** The accumulated debt in form of staff arrears as well as suppliers of goods and services remain a threat to operations of the organization. Efforts to negotiate and settle some of the debts gradually is ongoing.
- **Sustainability:** AMICAALL is still highly dependent on donor funding which comes with stringent conditionalities like limited scope of operation and unallowable administrative expenses for institutional strengthening.

Lessons learnt

- With increased sensitization and commitment, the AMICAALL members are able to coordinate (locally mobilize resources and fund health service delivery activities).
- All elected leaders are equally influential in making council decisions and therefore all should be brought on board during implementation of various projects, Also consider including Civil Society Organizations & the Private Sector etc.
- AMICAALL should draw running MoUs with identified facilitators and or technical assistants in order to fasten implementation of activities in projects like governance.
- During Field and support supervision visits by leaders in Kampala divisions, it was noted that stigma, discrimination and misconceptions still exists in communities e.g. against the condoms provided for free by government; Majority of the men fear going for HIV testing; Condoms are few

and the available ones are not being put to their use and HIV prevalence rate in Kawempe division is high due to the increase in the population

- Radio talk shows are useful in dissemination information of available services in various urban authorities. For instance gender-based violence victims who sought support attributed their knowledge of services from the radio messages or talk shows.

Recommendations

- The board and management should put more efforts towards resource mobilization like securing the Presidential pledge as well as intensifying proposal and concept writing.
- There is need to increase staffing at the Secretariat so as to serve the increasing number of members.
- AMICAALL needs more efforts towards implementing the sustainability strategy which includes having a permanent home with rentable space/facilities.
- There is still need for integrated outreaches to attract men for HIV Testing Services

Conclusion

In this period AMICAALL has maintained meaningful partnership with SIDA/UNFPA, Irish Aid, Democratic Governance Facility, Global Fund/TASO, KCCA/UNAIDS. And has worked effectively with AIC, UGANET, Straight Talk Foundation, NAFOPHANU, TASO and the urban authority leadership to promote effective service delivery to the urban communities.

AMICAALL builds on its strength as the only organization with a niche in delivering health related programmes in urban authorities.

Chapter Five: AMICAALL Governance & Staffing

AMICAALL Executive Council (Board)

S/N	Name	Urban Authority	Position on Board
1	HW. Godfrey Kabyanga	Kasese Municipality	Chairperson
2	HW. Mike Ogwanga Olwa Veve	Lira Municipality	Vice Chairperson
3	HW. Stephen Wante	Bugembe Town Council	Eastern Region Representative
4	HW. Regina Bakitte	Nansana Municipality	Central Region Representative
5	HW. Okumu Benson	Pakwach Town Council	Northern Region Representative
6	HW. Noah Ewaru	Moroto Municipality	Karamoja Region Representative
7	HW. Sentaro Byamugisha	Kabale Municipality	Western Region Representative
8	HW. Joyce Sebugwawo	Lubaga Division	Member
9	HW. Grace Mary Mugasa	Hoima Municipality	Member
10	HW. Kayemba Godfrey Afaayo	Masaka Municipality	Member
11	Mr. Edward Lwanga	Mbale Municipality	Chairperson of Town Clerks
12	Mr. Swizin Mugyema	Ministry of Local Government	ANTAC Chairman

AMICAALL National Technical Advisory Committee (ANTAC)

S/N	Name	Institution	Designation
	Mr. Swizin Kinga Mugyema	Ministry of Local Government (MoLG)	
1	Dr. Allan Muruta	Ministry of Health (MoH)	Assistant Commissioner, Local Councils Development
2	Mr. Paul Wetaya	Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development (MoGLSD)	Assist Commissioner
3	Mr. Joseph Walter Pade	Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MoLHUD)	Senior Community Development Officer
4	Ms. Enid Wamani	Uganda AIDS Commission (UAC)	Commissioner, Urban Development
5	Ms Rosemary Gamwera	Uganda Local Governments Association (ULGA)	Director, Partnerships
6	Mr. Alfred Ogwang	Urban Authorities Association of Uganda (UAAU)	Secretary General
7	Ms. Sylvia Nakassi	Uganda Network of AIDS Service Organisations (UNASO)	Secretary General
8	Ms Stella Kentutsi	National Forum of People Living with HIV/AIDS Networks in Uganda (NAFOPHANU)	Executive Director
9	Ms Yunia Musaaizi	Uganda Water and Sanitation NGO Network (UWASNET)	Executive Director
10	Mr. Vincent Okurut	Busia Municipal Council	Town Clerk

AMICAALL Secretariat Staffing

S/N	Name	Position
1.	Ms. Nabwire Kagguma Restituta	Acting Country Director
2.	Ms. Birabwa Ruth	Institutional Development Manager
3.	Ms. Andiru Ramulat	Finance & Admin Manager
4.	Ms. Nakayiza Marion	Project Coordinator Governance
5.	Ms. Nabasitu Stella	Project Accountant
6.	Mr. Gonza Malik	Office Custodian/Day Security Guard

Pictorial highlights of the year



Wim Stoffers, DGF former Head of Facility, Uganda receiving a plaque appreciation from HW Godfrey Kabyanga, AMICAALL Chairperson.



With support from UNFPA/AIC, Mayor of Kotido Municipal Council (in yellow) received condoms and IEC materials on HIV, SRH and GBV



AMICAALL staff at the 2020 programme review meeting in Jinja



Former Country Director (m), handing over to the AMICAALL Chairman (R), on the left is Acting Country Director

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