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Cover photo: Traditional birth attendant championing safe motherhood in Hoima district.
By working in collaboration with communities and other partners, 145,895 people were reached through our programmes in health, environmental management, humanitarian relief and recovery, education, and food and income security.

- **People given access to safe water**: 45,805
- **People benefited from Maternal & Child Health Nutrition programmes**: 12,556
- **Refugees received items to survive and live in emergency situations**: 9,141
- **Tree seedlings distributed to replenish tree cover**: 84,500
- **Girls received dignity kits**: 10,495
- **Children enrolled in primary education**: 6,586
In 1993, AAH-I started operations in Uganda through humanitarian assistance to more than 80,000 South Sudan refugees in the West Nile. Since then AAH-I has delivered services in five refugee settlements (Moyo, Adjumani, Rwamwanja, Kyangwali and Kiryandongo) and gradually evolved into a comprehensive multi-sectoral programme, benefiting multi-national refugees from South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Burundi, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya.

Currently, AAH Uganda is implementing humanitarian assistance programs for about 300,000 refugees, asylum seekers and an equal number of host communities in Adjumani, Hoima, Kiryandongo, Arua and Moyo districts.

Our programmes in Uganda promote community-led and results-oriented interventions in the areas of essential services (Health, Education, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene); Community services and Protection; Livelihoods and food security improvements for vulnerable families; Energy and Environmental management; and Logistical support for humanitarian services and Community Capacity Building to enhance community participation.

Our key themes
AAH Uganda’s projects target refugees and the host communities in the following sectors:
- Food and income security
- Environmental management
- Inclusive education
- Water, health and sanitation
- Humanitarian logistics
- Vocational skills training

Our Vision is improved quality of life for livelihood-challenged communities in Uganda

Our Mission is to support livelihood-challenged communities in Uganda to sustainably improve their quality of life.
It seems just like yesterday that we sat with the management and Board members to make plans for what we hoped to accomplish in the AAH Uganda programme for 2017.

It has been a busy year for us. We implemented several projects in food and income security, environmental management, inclusive education, water, sanitation and health, humanitarian relief and recovery and vocational skills training. Our programme reach greatly expanded.

We closely align our programmes to reflect global commitments. In this regard, AAH Uganda actively participated in Uganda Solidarity Summit on Refugees held in June in Kampala, where we joined other actors in reaffirming our support for the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF). With Uganda having a rich history as a refugee-hosting country, the majority of our programme interventions were at the Kyangwali refugee settlement and the surrounding areas.

However, we also worked with Ugandan nationals in various projects in health and vocational skills training. We are excited to witness a positive shift in the household incomes and improved employability and entrepreneurial mindsets among the communities we worked with in Karamoja and Hoima districts.

Our main responsibility is to the communities that we serve. Our role is to support them to improve their livelihoods, to provide avenues for self-reliance and to collaborate with other development partners and the government to ensure project sustainability.

In 2018, we will strive to maintain a growth trajectory not only in our portfolio size, but also in the impact and outcomes of our work.

I welcome your support to achieve this goal.

Amb. Bernadette Olowo-Freers
AAH Uganda Board Chair
In 2017, Uganda continued to see an increase of refugees from South Sudan and from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Conflict in South Sudan escalated at the end of 2016 and in early 2017. There was a total of 1,037,898 refugees from South Sudan in Uganda by December 2017. At least 57,772 refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo fleeing inter-ethnic violence and human rights violations in Ituri region were in Uganda by March 2017.

Although four new refugee settlements were opened to cope with the large numbers, there was a huge strain on available resources which resulted in compromised funding for non-emergency refugee sites. The implementation of the regular AAH Uganda programme was affected by this influx of refugees. We modified some of our projects from a self-reliance approach to emergency mode in order to address the needs of the new case-loads of refugees.

The drought continued from 2016 and early 2017 leading to devastating effects across the country. With the failure of rains, parts of the country including Karamoja suffered from severe water and food shortages and some experienced outright famine. AAH-I programs in Karamoja were negatively impacted as the women participating in entrepreneurship projects relocated in search of water and food and the little savings being used for subsistence than business expansion.

Despite the uncertainty in funding and an unpredictable political, socio-economic and climatic environment, over 145,000 refugees and the host community benefited from our programmes in Uganda.

We are grateful to the communities, implementing partners, the government of Uganda, other development partners and our donors for supporting our work to meet the needs of the communities we serve.

Daraus Bukenya
AAH Uganda Country Director
Packing core relief items in the Mogadishu warehouse

Tailoring trainees at the Kyangwali refugee settlement
Supporting access to basic services

Providing health care, water, health and sanitation and education services

In the health sector in the Kyangwali Settlement in Hoima District, we supported refugees and the host community to access basic services in health, water, sanitation and hygiene and education.

The programme strengthened referrals mechanisms that saw 2,080 cases referred for secondary and tertiary medical care.

The World Malaria 2017 Report by the World Health Organization indicates that Mozambique, Uganda and Tanzania accounted for more than 50% of the 41.5 million estimated malaria cases in 2016. Our Uganda programme intensified community sensitization on early treatment seeking behaviour and the use of mosquito nets. 29,628 confirmed malaria cases received artemisinin-based combined therapy as a first line treatment.

To reduce the vulnerability of children during emergencies, 15 midwives received training on emergency obstetric and neonatal care. 23,608 children received nutrition screening at health centres and in the community - 1,059 of them found to be moderately malnourished and were enrolled onto special feeding programme. 4,658 children received routine immunization at health facilities and during integrated community outreaches. Additional house-to-house polio immunisation campaign reached 7,098 children.

1,307 dignity kits were distributed to mothers who delivered at health facilities supported by AAH-I and 7,706 received HIV counselling and testing.

The country programme worked with partners to ensure that 100% of households had a safe access from water point within 1km of their homes. This contributed to an increase in the number of households with sufficient daily water storage capacity to 15% from 9% November 2016. Hygiene sensitization community meetings saw the number of households with a specific place for hand washing and use increase from 24.5% in June 2017 to 72% in November 2017.

In education, 13 students received scholarships to access tertiary education.

83% Of women attended all ante-natal sessions
1,345 Malnourished people received supplementary feeding
398 New patients received anti-retroviral drugs
9,048 Pregnant and lactating women trained on maternal and child health nutrition
Patient consultation at the Rwayawawa Health Centre
Protecting displaced populations

Supporting the full respect of the rights of all people affected by disaster or armed conflict

AAH Uganda believes that humanitarian assistance should be provided according to need and without discrimination.

Despite laws and policies put in place in Uganda, gender-based violence (GBV) continues unabated in the country.

In 2017, we worked with communities in Hoima district to increase the number of community members engaged in GBV prevention and response to 36,206. 253 GBV survivors received legal assistance, psychosocial counselling and material support.

AAH Uganda also provided access to legal assistance and legal remedies which enabled 2,114 people to access justice. This was done through community policing sessions, documentation and follow-up of 565 cases, offering legal advice to 150 people, facilitating 33 witnesses to attend court at Kyangwali/Hoima courts and providing an interpreter as necessary.

We provided Kyangwali Police Station with stationery, cording tape and a digital camera to enhance speedy access to justice for those making reports at the station.

To strengthen child protection, we collaborated with

- the Uganda government and other partners, we conducted 555 Best Interests Assessment (BIA) and Best Interests Determination to enhanced the security and protection of children, including unaccompanied minors, separated children and other vulnerable children. We conducted 983 home visits, provided material support to 423 children and formalized foster care for 14. We also and supported 35 children with special needs to access primary education and gave scholarships to 24 orphans and vulnerable children to access education at Kyangwali Secondary School.

- To ensure the safety and dignity to 4,450 refugees, 96 asylum seekers and 24 relocation cases, the country programme undertook the successful design of a Standard Operating Manual and infrastructure development to boost safety and security at the Sebago reception centre. This was done in collaboration with the Office of the Prime Minister and UNHCR.

2,114 People supported to access justice

1,619 Households received medical screening, hot meals, shelter and core relief items.

24 Orphans and vulnerable children received scholarships to enrol at Kyangwali Secondary School.
Packing core relief items in the Mogadishu warehouse
AAH-I staff coordinating activity at the Sebagoro refugee reception centre
Improving household incomes
Supporting communities to build income security

AAH Uganda implemented phase 2 and 3 of the Karamoja Economic Empowerment Project (KEEP) with funding from Irish Aid and UN Women. The goal of the project is to build the capacity of adolescent girls and young women (16-24 years) living with HIV as well as those at risk in Karamoja sub region of Uganda in running sustainable enterprises.

The KEEP project is based on three pillars: social competence and skills building to prevent/cope with HIV infections; economic livelihood skilling and linkages for sustainable enterprise development.

265 women entrepreneurs received enterprise development assistance in form of mentorship, start-up capital and technical support meetings. They received loans worth USD $140,000. The business ideas were generated by the groups’ unique, which AAH Uganda fine-tuned for implementation.

14 people in Moroto and Kaabong were trained to provide mentorship to groups and 369 mentorship sessions conducted. Women business enterprises (WBEs) were equipped with the business knowledge and ideas of shifting businesses to be more profitable. 10 WBEs in Kaabong were supported to acquire operational trading licenses at sub-county and district levels. 75 women from 10 groups were trained on leadership skills for good governance and conflict resolution.

In Kyangwali, AAH Uganda supported 125 households with 34 improved piglets and provided 20 groups (refugees and host community) with treadle pumps for dry-season vegetable growing in order to diversify their income. We provided training to 24 members of a farmer network in maize value chain and depot management and trained 60 representatives of the First Tier Farmer Organization in cooperatives management. 12 farmer groups were trained on value addition in maize production.
Upendo Group member and a refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo Charlotte Carmel (seated) working with refugee single parents.
Equipping the youth with vocational skills

Tackling unemployment through training on market-driven skills.

AAH Uganda is providing vocational skills training to both national and refugee communities in Arua and Adjumani districts. The aim of the project is to enable trainees to acquire demand-driven skills for which they receive nationally-recognized certification. The training centre is accredited by the Directorate of Industrial Training.

The training centre is located within the UNHCR logistics workshop that is managed by AAH Uganda in Adjumani district. The workshop is charged with fleet and fuel management and motor vehicle and generator repair and maintenance for UNHCR and all its implementing partners in Adjumani, Moyo, Lamwo, Yumbe, and Koboko and Arua.

The workshop also handles the maintenance of motorized water sources through a mobile workshop in all the refugee-hosting districts of West Nile.

The training centre is accredited by the Directorate of Industrial Training and trainees are assessed and certified through the same industrial training council.

50 youth were enrolled and completed six-month courses in motor vehicle mechanics, welding/metal fabrication, plumbing, motorcycle mechanics, electrical installation, phone repair and borehole maintenance and repair.

In Hoima, 12 youth were supported to take up vocational skills and 30 refugees received tailoring skills at the Kyangwali refugee settlement.

Youth completed vocational skills training

50

Months it takes to complete one course at the training centre

6
Vehicle mechanics trainees at the AAH-I-managed Adjumani workshop in the West Nile
Championing greener energy
Providing access to a more environmentally-friendly source of energy

Meeting the energy needs of refugees and communities in emergency situations is usually second to basic needs such as food and shelter. Yet, energy plays an important role in supporting displaced communities return to normal lives.

To address this challenge, AAH Uganda worked with communities at the Kyangwali refugee settlement to up-scaled access to charcoal briquettes. This was achieved through the formation of 4 new briquette producer groups, increasing the capacity of 45 groups in the production and use of briquettes through training; and the allocation of 4 improved briquette-making machines.

Under a project to protect natural resources and the shared environment and increase awareness in briquettes use, we conducted 2,464 home visits to assess adoption of environmental conservation practices at household level, reaching 7,120 people with environment conservation messages.

Furthermore, to increase the adoption of Rocket Lorena Stoves, we provided incentives to energy producers which led to the construction of 500 new stoves in 2017. 10,039 people used these energy efficient stoves in 2017.

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Briquette producer emptying charred biomass at the Kyangwali Refugee Settlement
Financials

Source of funds

- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) ($10,056,087,544.70)
- World Food Programme (WFP) ($1,709,280,884)
- UN Women ($378,193,070)
- International Organization for Migration (IOM) ($217,145,800)
Financials

How we spent funds

Refugee Management ($475,112.63)

Administration and Support ($75,325.21)

Health Services ($35,340.32)

Environmental Management ($66,540.39)

Administration Costs ($75,325.21)

Direct Programme Costs ($576,993.34)
Our donors and Partners in 2017

Irish Aid
An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Tradáil:
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency

UN Women

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WFP
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