



ANNUAL REPORT 2016

FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF AFRICA



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YEAR 2016 IN A MIRROR

20

Young people living with disabilities supported with life skills training

105,895

Doses of Vitamin A and Albendazole supplied to children 6 to 59 months in Oyam District

8 months
Y2YF Grant

(Youth to Youth Fund of International Labour Organization under Youth Entrepreneurship Facility)

35

Capacity and advocacy workshops on Sexual Reproductive Health, Childs Right and women's Rights



Packaging locally produced Petroleum Jelly by youths with Disabilities a project supported by European Union, International Labour Organization, and Mentored by Advance Afrika

YEAR 2016 IN A MIRROR

Through demand creation and direct support to health service providers, 52,948 **children** reached with nutritious supplements and de-wormers of which 1,988 were children of 6-11 months and 50,960 were children 12-59 months.

2 staffs were trained to support delivery in Agulurude health center iii

10 farmers

Organized in farmer groups and linked to Mid-North Private Sector, Brac and Vision Fund to access quality agricultural production technologies/inputs. These enabled **200**

households increase their crop and livestock production.

During the year, **Mercy corps** through USAID funded Dreams 2017-2018 project: Cultivating Safe Work, Life Skills and Market Connections to Decrease HIV/AIDS for at Risk young girls, adolescents and Young Women

45 Youths trained with Entrepreneurship skills youths in Oyam District. 25 youths selected from Kamdini and 20 from Loro Sub County. The training used a Result Based Approach of training using International Labour Organization modules of Start and Improve Your Business (SIYB). Critical topics like record keeping, people and productivity, source of start-up capital and crosscutting issues like impact of HIV/AIDS on business were key discussion



Power of Possibilities of FIDRA



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON



I remain grateful to all support Staffs, partners, donors, and sponsors for the continued support. In addition, we acknowledge and appreciate the dedicated contribution of the children and communities we serve.

I am delighted on behalf of Foundation for Development and Relief Africa Board of Directors and management to present to you the 2016 Annual Report. This was a year when we realized great accomplishments, triumphs and milestones. We celebrate improved delivery of health services to children and mothers; households having enough food to eat; children being able to enroll and remain in school; Youths starting good businesses

In 2016, we completed the implementation of the previous Vitamin Angels program and started a new one that will run from 2017 to 2018. Having gone through a rigorous consultation process with all stakeholders, the new extension will build on our long term commitment in improving maternal and child health in the conflict affected Northern Uganda. More focus on household resilience, protection and sustained well-being of vulnerable children still remain a focus in 2017. Taking forward key lessons in the previous years, we pledge to continue working with our partners in empowering communities to deliver our promise.

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Finally, I hereby extend my personal appreciation to my fellow Board members, the management and the entire staff of FIDRA. I congratulate everybody who has supported the work of FFIDRA in one way or another and pray for the continued guidance and enduring love from our gracious God.

This 2017, we celebrate 7 years of steadfast service in Uganda. As FIDRA, the Board and management recommit ourselves to serve better to improve the lives of children, youth and women in Uganda

Bravo and Long Live FIDRA!

Mary Grace
Board Chairperson

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MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



It is with profound gratitude that, on behalf of management and staff of Foundation for Development and Relief Africa (FIDRA) I share with you the 2016 Annual Report .The report outlines our key achievements in uplifting the lives of the poor communities in Uganda

In the year 2016, ILO through Y2YF awarded FIDRA a grant for youth socio-economic empowerment to persons with disabilities.

Our health interventions saw a total of 52,948 children access de-wormers and life- saving Vitamin A, 20 youths living with disabilities trained in entrepreneurship, 35 workshops including high profile International Labour Organization knowledge sharing, 200 farmers from 20 groups linked to private sector services for financial support .

In renewal of partnership with Vitamin Angels USA, we will be extending our services to remotes and hard to reach communities in Kole and Oyam Districts

I look forward to another year of successful partnership and collaboration.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Government of Uganda, donors, sponsors and all our partners who continue to support the work we do. I am also grateful for the cooperation, goodwill, commitment and hard work of FIDRA Board and staff in transforming the lives of poor communities

As a team we pledge to galvanize and polish our past achievements and embark on a vigorous resource mobilization to enable us meet our commitment of transforming the lives of children, women and adolescents

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Ocen Ivan Kenneth
Ass. Executive Director

1.

HEALTH- IMPROVING MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH



*1,988 children administered with vitamin A 100,000IU,
51,946 children with Vitamin A A200,00 IU and 51,961
children with Albendazole*

FIDRA implemented strengthening health service delivery in remote pre- primary (kindergartens/ Nursery) schools. Through this intervention 42 schools in 8 sub counties where covered by this strategic objective on Health and Nutrition, FIDRA a leading partner for elimination of death and disease associated with micronutrient deficiency, especially vitamin A deficiency among neonates, infants and children. With the aid of Vitamin Angels USA, We advance availability, access and use of micronutrients, especially vitamin A, by children in need.

FIDRA is a key player in country- wide recommendation of NGOs and CBOs who are interested in partnership with Vitamin Angels. 25 Organizations have been supported to build partnership with the biggest of Health Homes Initiative supporting thousands of Refugee children in Adjumani and Koboko. Over 2 million children have received vitamin and Albendazole through these partnership country wide on National Health programs like Child days plus, information and primary health care services were also addressed through targeting women of reproductive age with timely counseling/ information on care for themselves and their children

Through demand creation and direct support to helping children have a health growth, good sight and breath and 8 health facilities have been supported and 2 health Prectioneers trained on good health service delivery

STORY OF CHANGE -2016 STORY TELLING TEAM



*I am healthy and
bright at school
because of the
Supple- ments I
received from
FDR AFRI- CA
and Vitamin
Angels*

-Edina Rita

*Top Class Pupil
at St. Phillips
Nursery School,
Loro-Oyam Dis-
trict*

The first time our project staff visited, St John Nursery and Primary School, we glanced at Odongo Isaac among so many children as they play, sing dance and jump. Isaac was seated relaxed and absent minded. So many questions kept flowing in our minds, it looked like he was having chronic diseases or hungry or even forced to school or isolated by his friends. Recalling the first word; unacceptable reality to have spent two days without eating. When we looked at him, one on our team asked and the only answer was tears that kept flowing and almost drove us off track. It took us time to imagine what kind of life his family could be undergoing.

But with the power of Angels program , Today, Isaac is a healthy, playful and happy child. He can dance the rhythm, sing to the beat and smile and has told his parents about how good our staffs are and keeps singing every day for the Vitamins. Many thanks to our friends at Vitamin Angels for bringing joy to children in Uganda at a time they needed it most.



I am now a healthy, playful
and happy child. I can play,
smile and I dream of becoming
a doctor.

Odongo Isaac (Pointed with an arrow)

Story Tellers, you are in our minds



“We feel the pain of missing you in our program. We know your stories. We have stories, too. We know that at a time like this, Albendazole and Vitamin A were a premium – they’re necessities that many children missed and lacked during their growth below 5 years.

Eight months ago when we meet Abigail, 4 years, a Story teller in our Angels Program. She was paired with Blessing and Edina all pupils who needed extra help reading and telling stories and now they spend time outside the classroom practicing together.

Our successful approach to the program on health assessments, training and community action has significantly improved child’s core health program “Angels Program”. More children learnt to read, improved their performances in class and created a generation of healthy and developed children



2. HOUSEHOLD IMPROVEMENT - SUPPORTING FARMERS

INCREASE PRODUCTION, VALUE ADDITION AND ACCESS TO MARKETS



My brothers love planting tomatoes. They grow and mature faster. I sell them to the local markets and farmers and this has improved my family income

FIDRA livelihood Programme aims at empowering the most vulnerable households to take on farming as a business, become competitive and active participants in the agricultural market chains.

During the year FIDRA in collaboration with identified strategic 10 farmers groups of 20 members per group boosted and harmonized efforts that enhanced commitment on rearing local pigs, horticulture farming. Capacity of small holder farmers from vulnerable communities in 3 parishes of Agulurude, Alidi and Adyeda was built towards sustainable agricultural production, post-harvest handling, natural resource management, managing shocks, emergency and vulnerability systems. 20 farmers organized in farmer groups were supported to access quality agricultural production technologies/inputs like improved seeds of selected enterprises. This enabled households open more land for cultivation and increase their crop and livestock production especially pig rearing. As a result households had year round access to food availing children enough nutritious food to eat and hence good health.

To promote infant and maternal feeding practices, reduce maternal, child mortality and morbidity among households, lead mothers were encouraged to plant *Orange Flesh Sweet Potatoes* and iron beans rich in Vitamin A, to enabled them adopt better and low cost nutritional practices.

The Saving Group model was widely promoted and data captured in the FIDRA Office Savings Group Management Information System 14 saving groups formed. 3 groups were saving and accessing loans for investments in income generating and agricultural production activities from Brac which is a microfinance institution supporting poor communities in Oyam District

3. Youth Entrepreneurship Training - EMPOWERING YOUTH FOR BUSINESS

SKILLS MANAGEMENT

FIDRA successfully conducted a four (4) days SYB training to 45 potential and young entrepreneurs in Loro and Kamdini, Lango Sub-region of Northern Uganda. The training equip 45 young people from 5 different youth groups of Amido youth Livelihood Association, Iyanyi United Farmers Association, Rwot Atwero Groups, Aber Youth Association and Aber Christian Leader in Oyam District. participants were equipped with different business management skills using the International Labour Organization modules of Start and Improve your Business. Young people were trained on how to organize their business ideas, improve and develop their bankable and profitable business plan. During the training, Financial service providers like Brac Uganda was involved so that young people are all both convinced to work together to achieve financial needs to start and expand businesses



STORY OF CHANGE

REGAINING HOPE AFTER BUSINESS DEATH

I had an opportunity to be trained in on how to start your business in 2016. With the help of sources of start-up capital module, customer care, people and productivity and costing, I was able to re-start my business which had died in 2013. When I started my business in 2010 I had a lot of challenges in costing my products, collecting credits and there was no record of my business. I could not mind how I treat my customers, some time I open and close the shop any time I want and with the training of International Labour Organization conducted by Foundation for Development and Relief Africa, I realized that every-thing around me is a capital. This has enabled me resurrect my business which I know see growth and do not leave any business opportunity un-tapped. I have also gained skills in developing fundable business plan as many as possible. Acak Leo-Business Man



4. **ADVOCACY.** EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES TO DEMAND FOR IMPROVED SERVICE DELIVERY

Campaign against poor access to clean drinking water



Water, hygiene and sanitation in Oyam District in Uganda



Deplorable state of Education and Health facilities like toilets, kitchen, dormitories, medical wards, laboratories

In 2016, a campaign on the deplorable state of education and health facilities and services in Uganda was undertaken in partnership with GIZ. Cases of the poor state of health facilities and education which focused majorly on maternal and child health, sexual and reproductive health services, SGBV, poor hygiene and sanitation and access to clean drinking water especially in public places like schools, markets and institutions which has also been produced, to beef up civil society advocacy endeavors

5. YOUTH SOCIO-ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES-VASELINE PRODUCTION

Vaseline project for improved income is a project that empowered the youth living with disabilities for effective and efficient production of petroleum jelly for commercial purposes using utilization of readily and always neglected available material of the shear nut, powpaw and bananas which portrayed to them capital is always around us and one can start business with immediate resources around them and encourage more people to start and keep planting more shear trees for the future as they make good and best vaseline and also conserve the nature to over come climate changes.



6.

PARTNERSHIPS

Partnering is a key ingredient of FIDRA programmes. As such, FIDRA has continued to invest in working with different stakeholders in a bid to address sustainability and effectiveness in its programmes.

In 2016, 5 out of the targeted 10 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were signed and entered into. These partnerships increased/ enriched and also opened up new opportunities to engage with strategic organizations and institutions. These partnership engagements complemented our interventions in health, livelihood and better service delivery and impact.

Our partners



Government of Republic of Uganda



European Union



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