



# **NO TURNING BACK**

# CREATING LASTING HEALTH CHANGE IN COMMUNITIES IN AFRICA.

**UGANDA COUNTRY PROFILE** 

# OUR PROMISE

To improve the lives of disadvantaged people in Africa through better Health care.

## **THEMATIC AREAS**

- 1. Reproductive Maternal Neonatal, Child and Adolescent Health
- 2. HIV/AIDs, TB and Malaria
- 3. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)
- 4. Capacity Building for Health Workers
- 5. Medical Specialist Out Reach

## **OUR APPROACH**

Since 1957, our way of working has been "African solutions for African Health challenges". We deliver change by employing consistent approaches, focused on underserved women, men and children in underserved communities. We remain connected through partnership, being resourceful by developing and deploying innovative solutions, being vibrant by investing in existing staff and attracting exceptional talents to achieve lasting health change.

### **CENTRAL REGION**

### Replenish Africa Initiative [RAIN]

With funding from the Coca-Cola foundation, Amref Health Africa has been supporting women and youth groups in Kawempe Division, to promote production, recycling, reuse of waste products, promote accessibility to sanitation facilities for urban slum dwellers and increase access to safe water for domestic and productive purposes.

#### **SOUTH WESTERN REGION**

# Regional Health Integration to Enhance Services in South Western Uganda (RHITES)

This is a five-year project funded by the U.S Agency for international development (USAID). The project takes a data driven and integrated approach to increase the availability, accessibility and quality of health services, including HIV and TB prevention, care and treatment; maternal, neonatal and child health; family planning; nutrition counseling; malaria treatment and to improve primary care services in 16 Districts of South West region of Uganda.

### **NATIONAL LEVEL PROJECTS**

#### **Medical Services Out Reach Project**

Clinical Out Reach Project is an annual project that aims to strengthen the capacity of the health work force in delivering quality clinical and diagnostic services to underserved communities in Africa and generating evidence to inform best practices and policies.

# **Nurses and Midwives E-Learning Upgrading Program**

With support from GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), Amref Health Africa launched an e-learning program to upgrade the skills of nurses and midwives in Uganda, adapted from a successful e-learning model in Kenya.

The overall aim of the project is to train 3,000 enrolled midwives to a diploma (registered) level more quickly and cost-effectively than traditional classroom-based teaching methods, in order to improve the health of the rural and disadvantaged populations that often lack access to skilled HRH.

#### **Health Systems Advocacy Program**

The Health Systems Advocacy project is a 5 year project (2016-2020) being implemented through a partnership of which Amref Health Africa is among. It's main goal is to advocate for Human Resources for Health with a bias in Health Worker Migration and the move to support operationalize Community Health Extension Workers strategy in Uganda and lobby for access to sexual reproductive health commodities and access to health financing.

# **PROJECTS IN NORTHERN REGION**

## Amref Health Africa Supplementary Feeding Program

With funding from Sternstunden (German), Amref Health Africa is implementing a supplementary school-feeding program in Adjumani District to improve attendance and retention of children (6-17 years) in school, among refugee and host communities. The program aims at improving food diversity at community level, detection of malnourished children in households and initiating their management through referral.

# Accelerating Health, Hygiene & Sanitation Sectors in Arua District

With funding from the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS), Amref Health Africa is implementing the second phase of this project that seeks to support people in Ofua and Omugo, Rhino camp in Arua District, to improve health, hygiene and sanitation.

# Strengthening Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights Services and Program Deliver Capacity in Uganda. (SRH and Total Health)

With funding from Amref Flying Doctors Netherlands, Amref Health Africa is implementing a 3 year (2018-2020) project on improved SRHR outcomes among young people aged 15-24 years in Amuru District.

The project targets children, mothers and women of childbearing age in Atiak and Amuru sub-counties. Amref Health Africa's partners include MoH, Amuru District technical team, Acholi RHITE, Religious and cultural leaders.

## Northern Uganda WASH Alliance Project

With funding from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs through WASH Alliance International (WAI) and SIMAVI, Amref Health Africa in Uganda is implementing a number of activities geared to enhance sustainability of the previous WASH Alliance interventions in the area; pilot new WASH innovations and therefore; inform the WASH Alliance SDG programming in Agago and Pader Districts.

### **Total Health Project In Amuru District**

This is a 5 year project funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It's main goal is to increase skilled birth attendance in order to reduce the incidence of neonatal sepsis in Amuru District.

The project seeks to;

- Strengthen the capacity of skilled health workers to deliver clean and safe maternal, neonatal and child health services.
- Improve access to safe an MNCH services at health facilities and community level through improved water, sanitation and hygiene.
- Improve access to sanitation and hygiene practices in communities and to promote improved governance of WASH and MNCH services in Amuru District.

# Regional Health Integration to Enhance Services-North, Lango (RHITES-N, Lango)

RHITES-N, Lango is a USAID-funded, five-year project, which seeks to improve the use of integrated health services in the region and strengthen the health system. By working through a life-cycle lens, the project contributes to improving key population-based national health indicators and building the capacity of the Ugandan government to carry out a sustainable and locally driven response to the HIV epidemic, while also improving TB, Malaria, Nutrition, MNCH+Adolescents, and WASH outcomes.

# **CLOSED PROJECTS IN 2018**

# BASIC WATER AND SANITATION FOR PERI- URBAN AND URBAN COMMUNITIES IN KAWEMPE, PADER, KITGUM AND GULU.

In partnership with the Ministry of Water and Environment and also the Ministry of Health, we closed a six year project "Basic Sanitation for the peri-urban and urban poor communities of Uganda." The project was funded by the European Union, under the African Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP-EU) water facility program.

# ACCELERATING EPIDEMIC CONTROL IN MUBENDE (AECM)

Amref Health Africa in Uganda implemented the first phase of Accelerating Epidemic Control in Mubende (AECM) project for 6 months (April - September 2017) where we provided VMMC services in the 5 districts of Luwero, Nakaseke, Nakasongola, Mityana and Mubende. This funding is a USAID grant through Mildmay Uganda.

## **SANYU LYA MUZADDE PROJECT**

Sanyu Lya Muzadde was a project implemented in Nakaseke and Kyankwanzi districts with funding from Comic Relief (UK). It sought to improve maternal and child health outcomes by supporting districts and communities in identification and implementation of lasting health changes.

This project supported existing district interventions in line with leveraging services for women and children in the project communities and identifying new approaches to promote the welfare of mothers and children.