

GULU WOMEN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GLOBALIZATION



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Acronyms

AIDS=Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome

AJW-American World Jewish Services

FAAB=Farming As A Business

GBV=Gender Based Violence

GWED-G=Gulu Women's Economic Development and Globalization

HIV=Human Immunodeficiency Virus

ICC=International Criminal Court

IGA=Income Generating Activities

LRA-Lords Resistance Army

RMM=Role Model Men

SASA=Start Awareness Support Action

TFV=Trust Fund for Victims

UWEP=Uganda Women Entrepreneurship Program

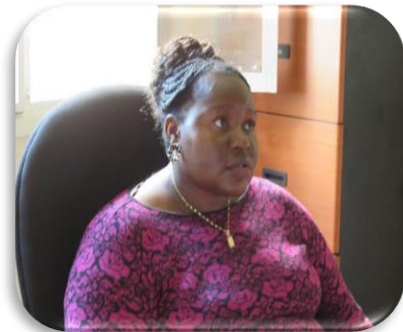
VCT=Voluntary Counseling and Testing

VSLA=Village Savings and Loans Association

Message from the Board Chair and Executive Director



**Oryem Grace Board
Chairperson**



**Angwech Pamela Judith Executive
Director**

The year 2017 has been an interesting one for GWED-G. Our coverage has continued to expand from 3 districts in Acholi sub-region to all the 8 districts in the sub-region. New partners and business have been brought on board this year notable the USAID-RHITES project that will operate in the 8 districts of Acholi. Our grass-root presence has provided us with legitimacy and rich track record that continuous to make us attractive to donors interested in, governance, gender, human and socio-economic rights. The unwavering commitment of GWED-G board in developing a vibrant and robust human rights organization that is sustainable is in no doubt. During the year the board reviewed and approved a number of documents. This included the monitoring and evaluation plan for the strategic plan, finance and administration manual and asset management manual. The board also approved a new audit firm –NKL and Company Certified Public Accountants. It is pleasing to hear from our beneficiaries, funding partners and the local government that GWED-G's work is transforming lives. Our post war recovery programs have contributed to help victims of war once again to work towards rebuilding their lives after reconstructive surgery, thanks to the International Criminal Court (ICC) through the Trust Fund for Victims TFV. Gender equality, male engagement, improved livelihood and enhanced civic empowerment for vulnerable women made through the Diakonia supported project has improved the quality of lives for rural women. GWED-G continued to work with SGBV survivors to overcome the physical and psychological trauma using creative art, legal redress, health and livelihood support interventions. The French embassy has been crucial in providing both the required financial and technical support to help us realize the goal of enabling SGBV survivors to live a productive live. We have also worked with young people especially young women on sexual and reproductive health rights and vulnerable mothers on high quality maternal and child health through the support of American World Jewish Services (AJWS) and GLOBE-MED. Finally we would like to thank the French embassy for making it possible for us to hold the first ever women conference on land rights in the region that brought a diverse audience to discuss and act on land matters in the region.

Lastly we would like to recognized and appreciate the enormous contribution made by all stakeholders who are part of our vision journey towards a *Gender Just Society - where Women and Men, Boys and Girls in Post –conflict Northern Uganda realize their full potential, enjoy their human rights and live in Total Peace and Prosperity*".

Wafoyo Matek ¹

¹ Luo language for thanks very much

Executive Summary

The year 2017 was largely peaceful in the region though with continuous influx of refugees from South Sudan. UNHCR and Government of Uganda opened refugee camps in Lamwo district to settle this new group of refugees that were reduced in number as compared to the previous years. The land probe commission set-up by Government of Uganda also camped in Gulu municipality and caused a lot of excitement and gave hope to those whose lands were fraudulently 'grabbed' and apprehension for land 'grabbers'. Submissions were made by different individuals to the commission from all over Acholi-sub-region. 2017 also so the escalations of the Apaa land conflict, a number of people were displaced as a result with some lives and property lost. The farming season experienced a rather unusual dry spell that began in August and stretched up to September thus affecting crop harvest and leading to meager harvest and high prices of food. Most of the planting materials supplied under government run Operation Wealth Creation (OWC) were laid to waste. On the political scene the bill on the extension of the Presidential age limit was received with mixed reactions and caused a lot of tension in the community.

Within the above context GWED-G secured its role as a consistent and valuable partner with its donors, local government, civil society and its core base the vulnerable women and young people in the region through its various program interventions on issues of human rights, gender equality, health, livelihood and land rights

GWEDG's tireless effort to address the rights of vulnerable and marginalized women and young people was demonstrated through its project reach and results. Under the Diakonia supported project, 31 Role Model Men (RMM) and 20 Village Saving and Loans Association (VSLA) groups were trained on Selection Planning and Management (SPM) of Income Generating Activity's (IGA), SMART agriculture and disaster risk reduction and in Start Awareness Support Action(SASA) methodology. The RMM were able to reach 3280 people and directly 300 households hence approximately 1800 people with messages and information on child protection and SGBV. 258 SGBV survivors were identified and trained on enterprise selection, provided agronomic skills, trained on Farming As A Business (FAAB) and post-harvest handling and management. They were additionally provided with start-up kits for their selected enterprises.

Under the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) project 218 war victims were identified by sub-county based facilitators for rehabilitation and physiotherapy. 15 sub-county based facilitators were trained on advanced trauma counseling. The facilitators conducted community level mediation and dialogues.

The French Embassy funding for SGBV used drama to mobilize, entertain and educate the community on SGBV. Livelihood interventions were mainstreamed in the SGBV programs under this grant for the economic empowerment of survivors. 52 SGBV survivors benefited from these livelihood programs. The same donor also funded the first ever women conference on land rights that was attended by rural women and key government, cultural and civic society leads. The conference came up with key recommendations on handling land conflict in the region

The American World Jewish Services (AJWS) that supports in 6 schools in Amuru District reached 971 in-school girls and 112 out of school girls in the surrounding schools with messages on sexual reproductive health rights. The strategies used included dialogues with small groups of girls, large group meetings and campaigns. 300 in-school boys from 2 schools in the upper primary were involved in dialogues that exposed them to key gender concepts, gender equality and SGBV, this was meant to bring boys on board in protecting the sexual and reproductive health rights of girls. The project activities were further augmented with debates that were conducted in the 6 schools with topics focusing on sexual and reproductive health rights.

University of Columbia students through the GLOBE-MED partnership with GWED-G reached 3000 participants during 16 community dialogues that were conducted by GWED-G staff. 100 home visits were made by the project teams. The primary beneficiaries for this project are HIV positive mothers and their children that are supported to obtain quality information and services on HIV prevention, treatment, care and support in addition to family planning, antenatal and child health support. The use of women groups as entry point for this intervention has been critical in ensuring success of this project.

About GWED-G

Gulu Women Economic Development and Globalization (GWED-G) is a women's right organization founded in 2004 by grassroots women in Acholi sub-region of northern Uganda. We promote and protect the rights of vulnerable women and girls, men and boys. We seek to contribute towards rebuilding of post conflict Acholi to one that is vibrant, conflict free, healthy, prosperous and peaceful with people who are enjoying their full sociocultural and economic rights.

VISION STATEMENT: *"Gender Just Society - where Women and Men, Boys and Girls in Post –conflict Northern Uganda realize their full potential, enjoy their human rights and live in Total Peace and Prosperity".*

GWED-G envisions a post conflict society in northern Uganda, where all people regardless of their sex and age, are fully integrated into their societies, enjoy their rights, equally benefit from all government services, participate equally in the political leadership and democratic processes, have equitable access and control of productive resources, and live free of any forms violence, realize their full potential and live a prosperous life of dignity. GWED-G will invest time and resources (both financial and human) to achieve this vision.

MISSION: *"GWED-G exists to empower women and girls,*

GWED-G seeks to achieve this mission through effective institutional and technical capacity building, building strong community based model for women empowerment, strong strategic and operational partnerships, knowledge management, resource mobilization etc.

Strategic Objectives

1. Build the Agency of Women and Girls to demand their land and property rights, and meaningfully co-exist with their male counterparts on available land to derive secure livelihoods
2. Advocate for the creation of a gender responsive, human rights centered, inclusive and socially-accountable victim-centered transitional justice and peace building environment at community, district and national level for the benefit of all people in northern Uganda
3. Strengthen structures and systems for women and girls' protection, safety and security against all forms of violence particularly sexual and gender based violence
4. Empower women on their economic and civic rights to meaningfully participate in the democratic processes and activities of their country
5. To strengthen the institutional and organizational capacities of GWED-G to effectively and efficiently deliver on her core mandates

Our Target Group and Area of Operation

GWED-G works with marginalized, excluded and vulnerable women, girls and youth that suffered the consequences of the 20 year protracted Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) conflict. Most of our beneficiaries live in rural areas in the 8 districts of Gulu, Kitgum, Pader, Amuru, Nwoya, Agago, Omoro and Lamwo in Acholi sub-region where development

services are limited or at times non-existent. These beneficiaries are trapped in a vicious cycle of poverty and suffer extreme vulnerabilities associated with poor health, low literacy, poor shelter, food inadequacy, low income and inadequate protection of human rights especially for women, children and young people.

PROJECT PROGRESS REPORTS

Promoting Gender Equality through Women Empowerment and Strengthening Male Engaged Initiatives in Northern Uganda.

This 3 year project (2016-2019) is funded by Diakonia and is implemented in Nwoya, Amuru and Omoro district in the 19 parishes of Agonga, Coo-rom, Bungu, Langele, Panyabono, Bwobonam, Pungu, Todora, Pabali, Paibwo, Bibia, Okidi, Labala, Pogo, Gaya, Gira-Gira, Guru-Guru, Pagak, Pamuca, Bobi, Otong, Kal and Oyona.

The program promotes human rights culture through interventions that are preventive and responsive to addressing emerging human rights abuses and violations arising from beliefs, values and practices within the cultural and traditional practices that do not promote gender equality especially in access, control and ownership of productive resources. The project works with women and girls of reproductive age. In executing this project, GWED-G works with the role model men, Women Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA), cultural leaders, media, Local Government Councilors and technical staffs at the district and sub-county level.

During the year 31 Role Model Men(RMM) and 20 women VSLA groups were identified from Ongako, Bobi, Koch Goma, Alero, Anaka, Pabbo, Atiak, Lamogi, Amuru and Lungulu sub-counties. The role model men and women VSLA groups benefitted from trainings and capacity building workshops on VSLA methodology, Selection Planning and Management of Income Generating Activities (IGA), journey of transformation, climate SMART agriculture and disaster risk reduction, leadership in action and Start Awareness Support Action (SASA) methodology. A total of 5,200(M 1920 F 3280) participants were reached through these trainings



Figure 1RMM from Anaka Sub-county group photo after receiving bicycles



Figure 2: Awareness meeting at Anaka sub-county

result a total of 300 households where reached in the last 2 years of the project . The RMM conducted household dialogues that focused on; child protection, prevention and response to SGBV, women land rights, empowerment and reproductive health rights.

Promoting Livelihoods Opportunities for Conflict related SGBV survivors in Northern Uganda

GWED-G with support from Uganda Fund implemented this 2 year project (2015-2017) in six sub-counties of Awach, Patiko, Paicho, Unyama in Gulu District and Koro, Bobi in Omoro District. The key focus of the project is improving livelihoods and sustainable agricultural practices of Sexual and Gender Based Violence survivors. An assessment was conducted at the start of the project that ascertained the vulnerability levels of women that had been affected by SGBV and thereafter support was provided to survivors through organized 8 women groups namely; Anga Konya, Wapwoyo Ribbe, Kom Lim, Adaa Ber, Otem Gum Pa Lacwec, Wacito Anyim, Atimango and Akem Kwene.



Figure 4 Beneficiaries checking on their sunflower garden

258(m 79 f 179) SGBV survivors were identified from 4 Sub-counties and trained on enterprise selection. Through the process of enterprise selection the survivor's prioritized the following IGA's; a) vegetable growing ; b) soya beans growing ;c) tree planting; d) sunflower growing; f) banana growing. The project supported these IGAs by providing agricultural inputs that included assorted vegetable seeds, tree seedlings, banana suckers, pesticides, fungicides and pressure sprayers. Further support to enable the survivors increase on their agriculture output and income was provided in the form of agronomic skills and Farming As A Business (FAAB) training. Institutional support to the 8 groups VSLA activities was consolidated through disbursement of seed money (how much??), distribution of VSLA tool kits, distribution of Information Education and Communication(IEC) materials and provision of T-

shirts for donor visibility. xx bicycles were procured for xx extension workers and gunny bags and tarpaulins for improved post-harvest handling and management. As a result of the support provided by the project, noticeable improvement was realized in the welfare of the beneficiaries. Beneficiaries reported increased disposable income that enabled them to meet out of pocket expenses on health, food, clothing, education and social obligations. SGBV survivor's self-esteem and confidence increased for instance the chairperson of Wacito Anyim Women group in Awach Sub -county provided leadership in advocating for improved health service delivery at Awach Health Centre IV a local health facility that was beset with frequent stock-out of essential medicines and poor customer care. The sub-county and district authorities took this up and worked with the health managers at the facility to improve services, an action that benefited the majority of the health facility users that including mostly women, children and young girls. Through lobbying initiative, Anga Konya, Otem Gum Pa Lacwec and Wacitio Anyim successfully enlisted as beneficiaries of the upcoming Uganda Women Entrepreneurship Program (UWEP) .



Figure 3 Adaa ber Child mothers and Otem Gum pa Lacwec in Patiko Sub-county during packaging of sun flower seeds

Integrated Physical and Psychosocial Assistance for War Victims in Northern Uganda Project

This 3 year (2015-2018) project is implemented with support from the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) and GWED-G in the 4 districts and 15 sub-counties across Gulu, Amuru, Nwoya and Omoro. The beneficiaries of this project are war victims that got physically injured by bomb splinters, bullet retention and gunshot. Other victims include women and girls affected by SGBV and those that suffered physical and psychological torture. The overall Goal of the project is to contribute towards improved quality of life and wellbeing for 938 war victims in the afore mentioned districts in Northern Uganda.

During the year the project supported 218 war victims who were identified from the targeted sub-counties using 15 sub-county based facilitators. Through physical rehabilitation and psychological counseling the beneficiaries were able to regain their physical ability to live productive lives. During the same period 15 Sub-county based facilitators were trained in advanced trauma counseling to support the needs of the beneficiaries, 6 sensitization campaigns were conducted and 8 dialogues to address stigma and discrimination were held. 146 survivors were linked to other

service providers and 13 mediation meetings were done in conflict related issues through alternative dispute resolution.



Figure 5 A group of treated war victims of Bungatira sub-county with the sub-county based facilitator (second from the right)



Figure 6 Abola Christman from Patiko and the Senior Program Officer during a review visit at Kumi Orthopedics Centre

Promoting Women's Rights and Combating Violence against War Affected Women Project

This project is implemented by GWED-G with funding from the French Embassy. The interventions carried during this period included prevention and response to Sexual Gender Based Violence at community level mainly conducted through dialogues with women. Women used this platform to positively express their opinion and views on the issues that affected them. Action points were developed to address gender inequality so as to achieve gender parity at the grass root. Drama was also used to mobilize and educate communities on women's rights and also used as a powerful tool to draw crowds, entertain and inform the wider community. The project mainstreamed livelihood support to economically empower women groups. Using the women groups, the project built capacities and skills in the areas of managing small agriculture projects like piggery, bee-keeping, soy beans growing. The project provided 320 Kilograms of soy beans that was planted on 18 acres of land by 2 women groups and 100 bee hives was given to , majority of which are colonized. The project constructed a pigs sty and supplied 2 pregnant cambrough sows (Pigs) to 2 groups in addition to providing nutritional feeds and supplements. VSLA toolkits were provided to women groups for purposes of assisting in record keeping and increasing savings among individual members of groups.

Through this project, 52 SGBV cases were reported, victims transported and provided with timely psychosocial, medical and legal services. 600 persons in Uyama Sub-county had their capacities built in commercial production of crop enterprises using Farming As a Business (FAB) strategy. For instance 2 groups expanded their total production acreage from less than 3 acres to 18 acres. Groups increased level of ownership of crop and livestock enterprises and assets through prudent selection and management as a result of the support provided by the project.

Women's conference

During the period, GWED-G with funding from the French

Embassy organized a women's conference with most of the participants being rural women affected by land conflicts. The conference was in line with GWED-G's principle of positioning and strengthening women in land governance with a view of enhancing the enjoyment of land rights and the resultant economic benefits. Through such platforms such as the women's conference and other formal structures of governance, women can collectively make decision and take actions on land related matters that affect them. The conference brought different actors that included women leaders and men and was held on the 13th September 2017 at St Monica Tailoring school -Gulu.



Figure 7 Beneficiaries of bee hives being oriented



Figure 8 Presentation by Her Worship Biwasa Selsa Grade 1 Magistrate Gulu on Government Strategy and Position in combating land disputes in Northern Uganda

Scaling up HIV prevention interventions with Maternal Health and Child Health.

GLOBE-MED in partnership with GWED-G has been implementing a maternal and child health project for HIV positive mothers in the sub-counties of Lamogi and Amuru, Amuru district in northern Uganda. The core activities of the project includes comprehensive HIV/AIDS awareness sensitization, dialogue meetings, HIV Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT), family planning, antenatal care, elimination of mother to child transmission, home visits, immunization campaign and follow up of clients in the 8 eight parishes of Lamogi. These interventions are targeted to break the high rate of HIV infections in the communities especially for high risk groups like women and adolescent girls. During this period, 100 home visits were conducted, 16 community sensitization meetings were held with 3,000 participants and follow up visits conducted to livelihood project(s) for the goats supported by the project.

The results of the project have so far been impressive in respect to increasing household income of the mothers through the livelihood project that has in-turn contributed to improved nutrition. The comprehensive HIV/AIDS awareness and sensitization activities led to improved drug adherence by positive mothers. The project encountered some challenges during the course of implementation notably the high demand for HIV health services by the communities and inadequate care and support provided to HIV clients supported by the project by collaborating health facilities due to high patient load low staffing. Critical lessons learnt during implementation include the fact that using women groups as entry point for health and HIV prevention in particular helps women in confidently and comfortably opening up and sharing of their problems since they are among their trusted peers. It was easier to communicate HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment messages using the group approach.

Sexual Health for Adolescent Girls and Young Women

This project is supported by the American World Jewish Services (AJWS) and is implemented in 6 schools in Lamogi sub-county, Amuru District. Activities undertaken include: continuous awareness and education on sexual reproductive health rights. During the year 9 awareness education sessions were done with 408 in-school girls; **5** awareness and sensitization campaigns conducted and attended by **243** in-school girls and **112** out of school young women in the surrounding schools on topics related to adolescents' sexual problems that affect girls and young women in the community.⁷ sexuality education meetings were conducted with **320** girls from 4 primary schools on physical and psychological changes that girls experience during body growth among others.



Figure 9: Pupils of Awer Primary School during sexuality education

During the period of implementation, there has been continuous support to the debating clubs in the schools where the project activities are being conducted. The pupils were taken through debating skills which will allow them to compete with pupils from other primary schools having school health program and engaged in debating activity. The project team conducted dialogues with boys from upper classes in **2** schools with a total attendance of **300**. The boys were taken through gender concepts, gender equality and gender based violence. They were also made to know that doing household chores together with girls help to relieve the girls from being overworked which is part of empowerment.

SUCCESS STORY (1)

Hope a live for a war victim

My name is Kinyera Patrick, I am 25 years old and I dropped out of school in senior two from St. Mary's College Lacor.

My home village is Pabwono found in Parwaca parish, Attiak sub-county in Amuru district. We were attacked by the LRA rebels in 2003 while I was in Primary 3 and in the process I broke my right arm. I was taken to Lacor Hospital in the same year and underwent a surgery which did not heal well but instead resulted into a mal union of my right arm bones.

After I heard about, GWED-G in June 2017 from a friend who talked about the support that the organization renders to war victims. I was advised to go to the sub-county where I met the Sub county Based Facilitator (Mr. Kidega Patrick) for more information on the support. He later took me to Attiak HCIII for an assessment using an assessment form, where I was referred to Lacor Hospital for X-ray. Following the x-ray results, it was impossible for Lacor to treat me so they referred me for further management to CORSU in Entebbe or Kumi or Mulago National Referral Hospital. While at Lacor Hospital, I was advised that if I have the financial capacity, I would go to one of the above health facilities of referral or wait for some visiting surgeons who would come in October 22nd 2017. 'I went home and with my mother, very devastated and wondered whether GWED-G would continue to support me.



Kinyera admitted at Kumi Orthopaedic Center (Before Surgery)



Figure 10: Senior Program Officer Emmanuela during a follow-up visit to Kinyera Patrick and the mother after discharge from hospital



Figure 14: Kinyera Patrick during a physiotherapy review at Kumi Orthopaedic centre

In a week's time arrangements were made by GWED-G office through the Sub-county Based Facilitator who told me to get ready to be taken to Kumi Orthopaedic Center for further management. 'I explained to my mother because a caregiver was needed and my mother, being a breadwinner, in the home, requested my sister to take care of me while at the hospital. I then traveled, together with a caregiver, accompanied by the Senior Programme Officer to Kumi Orthopaedic Centre. On arrival, I was immediately taken for X-ray and immediately booked for surgery the next day. I was admitted with a mal union of the bones (Radius

and Ulna) where a corrective osteotomy was done on the 24th August 2017 at a cost of over 5,000,000/= (Five million Uganda Shillings). The surgery was very successful and after a few days, I was discharged and

given an Armsling. Thereafter, medications were given and physiotherapy done. I was recommended for 3 review visits that I completed during which more medications were given with physiotherapy services.

After my recovery, I was able to ride a motorcycle that I now use to earn a living. I normally earn at least 120,000/- (One hundred and twenty shillings only). That is shared with the owner of the motor-cycle I still have challenges when it comes to digging due to the weak right arm and occasionally I feel pain but I am hopeful that I will be able to cultivate with time.

SUCCESS STORY (2) *Belong to a group and live a productive life!*

My name is Komakech Charles, I am 41 years old and a resident of Oding village, Oding parish, Unyama Sub County in Gulu District. I was a negative, self -centered person who never had interest in anything that involved more than one person and that was me. I would drink alcohol all the time, beat up my wife and chase the children out of the house. I never wanted anybody to step in my compound or associate with my family until I was completely isolated from the community. Then one day as I passed by Unyama sub-county I found groups of people pulling goats and others carrying tree seedlings and when I asked them, they told me these things were distributed to people in groups, and if one was not in a group, he /she could not benefit. I went home, reflected on it and decided to join a group that was nearby known as Wanen Anyim women group, one of the groups supported by Gulu Women Economic Development and Globalization, a decision I have never regretted.

Through this group, I have learnt how to live with people harmoniously, how to share roles and responsibilities with my spouse and also make decisions in consultation with my wife and children, sincerely speaking, we are a very happy family now. Through this group also I have learnt how to rear pigs for commercial purposes, how to keep my records, construct, feed and keep them healthy for better production as a result of the training and learning visit supported by GWED-G with funding from the French Embassy. I have plans of buying a pig for myself next year. Because I work together with my wife, we have also decided that we will buy oxen and ox ploughs hopefully next year to help us open bigger gardens for farming, our



Figure 11: Charles (sitting on the extreme right) meeting a group in Oding Village

children are in school and also through the groups voluntary savings and loan Association, we will be able to save more money from the piglets that the group will sell. Life has become more meaningful and I feel very much loved and accepted by both my family and group members and the community as a whole.

SUCCESS STORY (3)

Empowered woman changes lives in Coke Parish!

My name is Alanyo Grace; I am the care taker and Chairperson of **Ciro Can Tek women's group in Cokke parish** in Lamogi Sub County. I am a mother of 5 children (4 males and 1 female) residing at Parabongo trading centre. This group was established in 2012 by a small number of pregnant/ positive lactating mothers. However, due to constant sensitization meetings, home Visits, follow up from Village Health Teams and care given to those who exhibited good work to the community, a numbers of mothers decided to join the group especially those who were living with HIV/AIDS so that they could access health services and acquire livelihood support.

My experience and strength enabled me to be a role model in the community. I was trained by GWED-G on encouraging mothers to go for antenatal visits, family planning and Elimination of mother to child transition so that I have healthy babies. GWED-G with support from GLOBMED regularly followed me with other mothers and linked us to the midwife at health facility who provided us with tablets to ensure adherence to antiretroviral treatment and family planning together with other mothers. Other mothers and I were trained to have alternative feeds like millet flour, for us who could not afford milk on a daily basis to support the babies.

Since then I was selected by the community to be the focal person, village health team, care giver. I conduct mobilising of communities to attend dialogues and sensitization meetings. The meetings have resulted into increased number of women who are openly coming to be supported under the project, many pregnant mothers are going for antenatal visits and HIV free children are being born. A number of youths are freely coming for counselling as well. I introduced voluntary saving and Loan Association (VSLA) in our group previously, we planted egg plants on a small plot relatively $\frac{1}{4}$ acre and later we managed to harvest the fruits.



Figure 12: Women selling surplus egg plants at a local market

We were able to harvest at the right time of its physiological maturity, sold and got **Uganda Shilling s 300,000** although some of the egg plants were shared among the other members for consumption at homes.

As a group, we unanimously agreed to use the money realized from the sale of egg plants to purchase a she- goat. Fortunately, the goat later kidded triplets and currently they are three weeks old. The group could not hide the joy upon this great occurrence and they promised to continue with goat rearing for commercial purposes. When these goats multiply, the kids will be transferred to other members.

With all this happening, the group members are energized and more willing to continue with the goat rearing. Transfer the kids after weaning to other members who haven't got them

Continue with commercial vegetable production (egg plants, onions, cabbages and tomatoes) to support on their house hold income, buy more goats to support the group enterprises and their activities, scale



Figure 13: A smiling member with her goats

up their VSLA activities to meet the household needs of the group members. I encourage other HIV/AIDS affected women in the community to join the group and from other groups to be hopeful in life.

Organization finances 2017

INCOME	ACTUAL 2017
Balance c/f 2016	205,767,148/=
Grants	1,544,023,769/=
Individual donations	0
Internally Generated Funds (IGF) if any	0
Total income	1,749,790,917/=
EXPENDITURE	
Direct Implementation	1,141,418,777/=
Program Support Costs	502,266,291/=
Equipment	0
Total	1,643,685,068/=