



CORDAID IN UGANDA

STRENGTHENING AGRIFOOD, HEALTH AND EDUCATION SYSTEMS

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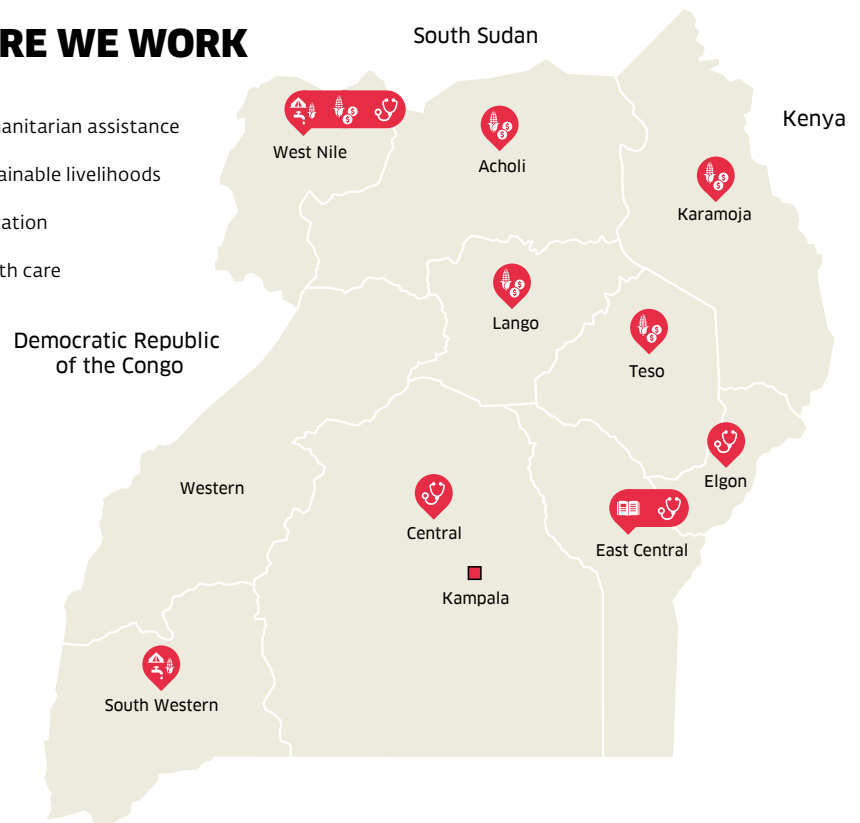
Cordaid has been active in Uganda for over 25 years, focusing on food security, community-managed disaster risk reduction and health system strengthening. Since then, we have expanded our experience in agrifood system strengthening, access to finance, employment and entrepreneurship, climate resilience, innovative digital technologies, education and humanitarian aid.

OUR APPROACH

Cordaid Uganda uses a holistic approach to strengthen agrifood, health and education systems. Our work focusses on the systems that deal with the most basic elements of the well-being of human life. We place take out building, sustainable livelihoods at the centre of our programming, to build resilient communities who can cope with a diversity of shocks and stressors. Where local capacities are overwhelmed, we do provide short-term humanitarian assistance. The sustainability of our integrated system strengthening approach is supported by our commitment to embed six pressing cross-cutting themes in all our projects: localisation, climate & environment, gender transformation, triple nexus, digitalisation, and diversity & inclusion.

WHERE WE WORK

-  Humanitarian assistance
-  Sustainable livelihoods
-  Education
-  Health care



KEY FIGURES 2022

 **32**
staff members

 **19**
projects

 **1.3 mln**
people reached

 **€2.7 mln**
annual budget

WHAT WE DO



SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

Cordaid works on strengthening the agrifood system by increasing food and nutrition security, improving incomes and [building sustainable livelihoods](#) of rural communities and smallholder farmers suffering from climate change, natural disasters or conflict. Our market system development approach is the foundation of our sustainable livelihoods programming. Our interventions focus on enhancing access to finance, capacity strengthening of smallholder farmers and their cooperatives, providing market linkages, skilling and entrepreneurship, and the inclusion of youth, women and refugees. We fully embed [climate resilient agricultural practices](#) into our programming. Besides, we leverage innovative digital technologies to foster market linkages and improve financial inclusion.

Our Agribusiness Skilling for Youth in Refugees context ([ABSyr 1](#)) and Skilling for Youth in Agri-preneurship for Increased Youth Employment (SAY) projects have improved the agricultural skills and value chain position of 5,000 smallholder farmers (youth) in Bidibidi refugee settlement. In our youth entrepreneurship projects, High Flyers and [Future Makers](#), we support 1,400 young agri-entrepreneurs to revive, strengthen, and build business resilience. The Inclusive Vocational Education for Entrepreneurship Perspectives in Agriculture

(IVEEPA) project has ensured access to formal community vocational training for 528 youths from 11 fragile communities in both refugee and host communities and has been a major contributor toward employment for youth in West Nile.



Members of Gbogbo mixed farmers group in Yumbe district during a saving meeting



HEALTH CARE

In health care, we apply the [Results Based Financing \(RBF\)](#) approach. This supply and demand-side financing mechanism improves the output of health care facilities and local health authorities by incentivising pre-determined results. We have used RBF to strengthen highly deprived health facilities to provide quality services on Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and HIV/AIDS to the most marginalised people.

In our RBF programs, we embed innovative digital solutions to promote data driven decision making and enhanced transparency and consistency. Under the HEROES 4GTA project, we apply e-vouchers for SGBV response and Smart Paper Technology to digitise health information. In 18 of the health facilities reached under HEROES 4GTA project € 121,414 has been paid as subsidies to date. This has significantly improved SRHR services in Eastern Uganda in 2021 and 2022. We integrate Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) response through development and application of innovative participatory toolkits.

Alongside RBF, we apply the peer-to-peer learning model. This is exemplified by our Youth-Led COVID-19 Response project which has improved the health situation of young people in fragile communities in West Nile. In 2022 we reached 1.2 million people in both host and refugee communities with peer-led SRHR, SGBV & HIV information and services.



A midwife in Eastern Uganda offers newborn care under the Child Health project



EDUCATION

Through our [RBF approach](#), Cordaid facilitates improved access to decent, quality, and inclusive primary education in highly challenged areas of Uganda. In 2021 and 2022, our RBF intervention in East Central Uganda supported 50 marginalised primary schools to improve enrolment of 32,316 children and its general learning environment. The RBF interventions have also enabled the enrolment of 616 vulnerable children through school-led community outreaches. Additionally, the RBF subsidies enabled 41 out of 50 schools to add at least one more facility for Children with Special Needs for easy access to school facilities and an inclusive learning environment.



HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Cordaid provides equitable access to life-saving humanitarian assistance in instances where local capacities are overwhelmed. Our humanitarian interventions are channeled, as a rule, through local partners, preferably within our global networks of Caritas and ACT Alliance. Whilst focusing on the most urgent WASH and livelihood needs and lifesaving interventions, we also embed elements in our programming that look at longer term sustainable development and conflict prevention (the so-called Triple Nexus).

Under the Empowered Refugees and Host Communities to Safe WASH Services for All project we ensured that 8,870 people, from both refugee and host community of Kyangwali refugee settlement, had access to clean and safe water supply, proper sanitation, and hygiene. We supported the establishment and capacity building of Village Health Teams, Water User Committees and Gender Transformation Champions. In Imvepi refugee settlement in West Nile we pioneered with Caritas Arua by constructing the first solar motorized water supply system.

CORDAID ACHIEVES SUCCESS IN ENHANCING MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES

In Uganda, health worker to patient ratio remains extremely high especially in lower-level health facilities. For example, only six in ten women attend at least four Antenatal Care (ANC) visits from skilled providers. From 2021, Cordaid, through the HEROES 4GTA project, supports 18 health facilities in 5 districts in Eastern Uganda to implement the RBF approach health and incentivise skilled birth attendance, post-natal care to mother and child, immunisations, nutrition, and referral pathways. We observe that the quality of care within the health facilities has already significantly increased.

In Namayingo district, Mulombi health Centre II had one of the worst maternal and child health indicators in the district, with people having to travel over 18KM. Through the RBF intervention coupled with supportive supervision visits the quality of care improved from 32% at prequalification to 72% by the end of 2022.

Moreover, the RBF subsidies enabled the hard to reach Bugana health Centre II to hire 4 locum staff to boost human resources at the facility. Prior to our intervention, the centre had just one midwife serving a community of over 18,600 people. Heroes has greatly improved both the utilisation and quality of MCH services at the facility.

TRACK RECORD OVERVIEW

A SELECTION OF OUR TRACK RECORD

THEME	PROJECT	ACTIVITIES	DONOR	BUDGET (€)	TIMELINE
Sustainable Livelihoods	Agribusiness Skilling for Youth in Refugee context (ABSYP) and successor Skilling for Youth in Agri-preneurship for Increased Youth Employment (SAY), Connected Farmer	Provide agricultural and psychosocial life skills for youths in host and refugee setting for increased self-employment in agriculture. Strengthen agricultural practices, business development, financial and digital literacy, and access to finance, Implementation in Bidibidi refugee settlement Zone 5, Yumbe district, West Nile.	Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, AVSI, UNCDF, Mezzanine	3.6 mln	2017-2023
Sustainable Livelihoods	Female Farmers Deserve Better	Strengthen the capacity of female farmer-based organisations to increase food crop production to reduce post-harvest losses and mobilise finance among 15,000 households in five districts in Teso region.	Dutch Postcode Lottery	2 mln	2017 - 2020

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Sustainable Livelihoods	Partnership for Resilience I & II	Apply Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change Adaptation, and Ecosystem Management & Restoration to help communities deal with natural disaster shocks and build their resilience. Strengthening local civil society organisations' capacities to lobby and advocate for improved climate resilience in Teso and Karamoja.	NL MoFa, Netherlands Red Cross Society, Private funding	7 mln	2010-2020
Sustainable Livelihoods	Civic Engagement Alliance	Lobby for improved agri-food system services, regulations, standards, and policies and capacity building of local Civil Society Organizations in lobby and advocacy on access to finance.	NL MoFA	2.6 mln	2016-2020
Sustainable Livelihoods	Inclusive Vocational Education for Entrepreneurship Perspectives in Agriculture (IVEEPA)	Together with four TVET institutes in West Nile develop a practical, contextualised and intensive short course on community entrepreneurship in agriculture, linking youths in agriculture to markets, capital, and support networks.	NUFFIC through CINOP	358,000	2021-2022
Health care	HEROES 4 Gender Transformative Actions	Empower young people and women in underserved groups with SRHR information to enhance their decision-making skills, strengthen health systems to provide quality SRHR services, empower communities to reject root causes of SRHR violations and SGBV, and strengthen access to integrated SGBV services through e-vouchers.	Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands through Amref Uganda	1,7 mln	2020 - 2024
Health care	Youth-Led COVID-19 Response (YCR)	Integrate SRHR into COVID19 response by training youth volunteers and health care workers in public health facilities to create awareness about COVID-19, HIV and SGBV prevention in West Nile.	BMZ through Gesundes Afrika	318,000	2021 -2022
Education	PBF Education Showcase	Collaborate through RBF with 50 public primary schools and education regulators to improve access to and quality of education in Kamuli district.	Private Funding	1.1 mln	2020 -2023
Humanitarian Assistance	Empowered Refugees and Host communities to safe WASH services for All and Imvepi Integrated project	Support access to clean and safe water, improved sanitation, and hygiene campaigns. Constructed first motorized solar powered water supply system and build resilience against environmental degradation, Kyangwali and Imvepi refugee settlements.	Private Funding	1.2 mln	2018-2020 2021 -2022

INTO THE FUTURE

In the coming years, Cordaid Uganda continues to strengthen program delivery for maximum impact. We will continue to increase food and nutrition security and create sustainable livelihood opportunities through a market system development approach, access to finance, and agricultural skilling and entrepreneurship. We will introduce RBF in the food security sector. We will also continue to contribute to improving the access to inclusive and quality health care and education through result-based financing and digitalisation of services. We will provide humanitarian assistance where (protracted) crises are arising.

Climate resilience in our projects remains paramount. We will introduce innovative digital solutions and apply a gender transformative approach. We will support and strengthen local civil society and local governments to be in the driving seat of development efforts.

ABOUT CORDAID

Cordaid is an internationally operating value-based development and emergency relief organisation, working in and on fragility. We support local communities in their efforts to improve justice, health care, food security, education, and economic opportunities.

Our mission is to work towards a world without poverty and equal opportunity. We offer international expertise through a localised approach, having decades of in-country experience in the countries we operate in.

Cordaid is a founding member of Caritas Internationalis and CIDSE and member of the ACT Alliance.

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