



# ***KWID IMPACT STORY BOOK***



**We say; "NO TURNING BACK"**  
in reaching out to vulnerable  
people in Kigezi

# FOREWORD FROM BOARD CHAIRPERSON



**MS. Regina Bafaki**



KWID is part of the women's movement in Uganda and has been able to bring about gender equality. With KWID we have been able to say that actually the women movement starts and is with the people at the local level. Due to the fact that KWID is part of the women movement, she has helped other people to understand what other people are doing at international level in terms of policies, laws and programs. KWID has mobilized citizens to access KWID has been able to create networks and partnerships that have helped her in her advocacy work and has been able to empower women economically through various ways but mainly through the KWID savings and credit scheme and VSLA programme. KWID has gone ahead to localize different policies to suit out Kigezi region.

I commend KWID for her out-standing advocacy for improved services in Kabale and Rukiga, fighting for the rights of women and children and other vulnerable persons.

The women led organisations are very important in communities and international level because they mobilise women and other members of the community to make sure that once they understand human rights.

I appreciate the efforts of KWID Board for the success and achievements KWID made since it became an NGO in 2019. I thank KWID management most especially the Executive Director MS Florence Tumuheirwe for her commitment and sacrifices she has made grow KWID from a women's group to today's status of an NGO KWID. I appreciate the resilience by KWID staff who tirelessly work even sometimes with little or no pay.

I appreciate all KWID members, donors, Local Governments of Rukiga and Kabale, and government ministries who have contributed greatly to the growth of KWID.

I encourage other donors and development partners to join the journey and KWID to join other networks and coalitions to be able to serve the Sub-region well .

## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



This impact book talks of Kigezi Women in Development's journey reaching out to vulnerable people particularly women, children and other vulnerable persons to break social-economic, legal and political barriers.

As we push for collective action to provide equal opportunities to women, men, girls and boys in our targeted communities, I wish to express my appreciation to government, our development partners, communities/beneficiaries, members and KWID staff who have worked tirelessly and contributed tremendously to improving lives of women and other vulnerable persons in Kigezi.

I am very pleased to appreciate the KWID board chaired by Ms. Regina Bafaki for their enormous contribution towards KWID growth. Indeed, the far we have come, **NO TURNING BACK** in reaching out to women and other vulnerable persons in Kigezi.



### CANON ESAU HABOMUGISHA

The mobilization and holistic approach to develop rural women has opened their insights and many have attained a spirit of self-esteem, confidence and hard work in their own homes and the community. The longevity of the program exhibits the great contribution of group formation as a basis for self-resilience as women work together and learn from one another sharing skills in a cordial business development and management of community and household programs.

This has attracted some men and children to be active participants and stakeholders in KWID Master plan with a lot of interest. I cherish the memories of KWID integrity and accountability, good performance and reliability, efficiency and productivity, profitability, growth and advancement in skilling women for betterment of household spiritual, social, economic and physical improvement with family life unification and togetherness.



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### MS HOPE TUKAMUSHABA

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Congratulations KWID upon your 25th birthday. This is a milestone and we celebrate you, the achievement you have made and also, we celebrate CEO Florence the founder. KWID has made a difference in the community both for women, children and the youth. The time we as the board visited Kamwezi Kyabuhangwa, I was inspired by what is on the ground.

Power saving cooking stoves have helped in making lives in homes easier, improved on environment, hygiene and saved money for these homes. I was inspired by the members active participation and number of homesteads that had benefited already. Interpreting new Government policies to the ladies and communities at large is a plus for KWID, I always pay attention when Florence goes on air/ Radio interpreting policies for the communities to understand. This program has helped to update communities on policies which makes implementation of these policies by Government easier.

The children's library and play center, this has helped to improve the children reading culture in the communities which in turn helps the schools and the children's performances at school. This is another plus for KWID. Women Saving and credit scheme: I was so touched by women's testimonies, some had bought a cow, started piggery and others told us stories on how this money had helped to uplift their incomes. There was no record of defaulters.

This is how banks start and I see KWID making it to another level one day. Ensuring that women know their rights and obligations. Especially where women and child abuse is concerned, thank you KWID, this has reduced violence and aggression in the homes and has kept abuse on check. It can't be wiped in one day but as long as the ladies know their rights, it will phase out because ladies learn how to face it and how to protect their children. The need to speak out and where to reach out for help and support. KWID, you make us proud; your service in the community speaks for itself and I see you growing from strength to strength.

## REMARKS FROM (BOARD MEMBERS)



### HON NINSIIMA RITAH

Happy 25th Birthday KWID. Congratulations KWID and E.D Florence Tumuheirwe upon the great journey so far. Thanks a lot for the vision of transforming women and Rural communities.

The savings and credit scheme initiative has tremendously helped rural Women and Men in the rural communities appreciate the importance of saving for development since majority cannot afford bank requirements for securing loans for development.

The Community Library and Play materials/ equipment in Kamwezi sub-county, Rukiga District for example enable young children grow with confidence and ability to compete favorably with children from Towns.

The Rocket Lorena and Fire shielded cookstoves currently being used in by Women in rural areas have played a great role in saving energy as well as creating an income for KWID branches that construct and train people on how to make them. I wish KWID many more years of service to communities with the support of various donors to enable as many people to benefit from her various projects .



### CHARLES SSENTAMU

Having walked with Kigezi Women in Development (KWID) for over 10 years, it has been amazing to see the organization grow from Just a parish Women group in Kyabuhangwa, through a subcounty Community Based organization (CBO) into now a national Non-Government organization (NGO) with a governing board and a strategic plan. All this has been possible because of a strong and focused leadership with a clear organisation Vision and Mission.

Such Institutional growth and transformation have occurred alongside the transformation of its members who have been empowered to change their lives through their participation in economic activities for income generation but also impacting their communities through engagements at different levels and creating a voice for vulnerable groups following the rights-based approach.

I want to send my appreciation to the management and the board who have unwaveringly supported KWID in this amazing journey of systematic growth and transformation. Long Live KWID.

**An Amazing Journey of KWID`s Growth and Institutional Transformation**

## WHO WE ARE

Kigezi Women in Development is a women's rights organization that was founded in 1996 to promote gender equality in all decision-making processes, enhance social-economic, legal and political development and to empower its members and beneficiaries to exercise their rights and spur development; a social contract that provides a coherent frame work within which poverty, ill health, unemployment, illiteracy, poor leadership, oppression, harassment, neglect, abuse, gender based violence, environmental degradation, hunger, and disunity can be effectively addressed.

Between 1996 - 2002, KWID operated as a women's group operating at sub-county level in Kamwezi Sub-county the then Kabale district. In 2003, KWID registered as a Community Based Organization operating in one county of Rukiga. In 2012, KWID renewed her registration and changed its name to 'Kabale Women in Development' to reflect its expanded mandate. KWID opened a coordination office in Kabale town. In 2018, KWID got a board of 5 members that supported the registration to NGO and rebranded to 'Kigezi Women in Development'.



### OUR VISION

"A developed society free of social injustices"



### MISSION

"Empowering women, girls and other vulnerable persons to address hindrances to their advancement through advocacy, networking and capacity building"



## KWID FOOT PRINT 1996- 2021

Today we are taking stock of our contribution to empowering women and other vulnerable people to participate and benefit from socio- economic, legal and political related activities and decisions as we celebrate with our partners and stakeholders, our joint success and contributions to reaching out to women and other vulnerable persons in Rukiga and Kabale districts.

**1996 -2002:** (Kyabuhangwa Women in Development) women’s group operating at sub-county level (Kamwezi).

**2003- 2011 :** ( Kyabuhangwa Women in Development) Community Based Organization operating at county level (Rukiga County then)

**2012- 2018 :** ( Kabale women in Development) Community Based Organization operating at District level in Kabale

**2019- 2021 :** ( Kigezi Women in Development) is an NGO with a permit to operate in Kigezi sub-region covering the districts of Kabale, Rukiga, Ntungamo, Kanungu and Rukungiri. KWID is an adaptive organization that is always candidly evaluating her next steps to serve better and respond to the number of other factors which have constantly impede the socio-economic development of her beneficiaries.

The organisation has been guided by strategic plans since inception, with the initial one being for 8years (1996-2003) and the subsequent ones were 5 years each. The current strategic plan runs from 2019 to 2023 with the theme **“Empowered women, girls and other vulnerable persons for voice, power, participation and inclusive development”** For the last 25 years KWID has empowered vulnerable persons in Kigezi region under the 4 thematic areas of health, education, livelihood & Community empowerment, gender & human rights. The organization has implemented several programs as shown below.

## HEALTH

HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria prevention in Uganda are among the top priorities in the health sector strategic plan and Uganda’s Vision 2040. There is emphasis on scaling up HIV prevention and treatment. The target is to reduce new HIV infections among adults from 140,908 (2012/2013) to 42,272 in 2020. Another target is to reduce HIV related deaths from 52, 777 (2013) to 21,497 by 2020. The following projects have been implemented under health thematic area.





## Health Systems Advocacy Partnership project (HSAP)

KWID implemented a five-year (2016-2020) Health Systems Advocacy Partnership project with support from the Dutch ministry of foreign affairs through Amref Health Africa in the seven sub-counties of Kabale, through which a number of achievements were made: Influenced having a vote for Family Planning promotion in Kabale district local government budget for 2018/2019 financial year. This was done by organizing pre-budget dialogues at sub-county and district levels. This vote was maintained in subsequent years to date.

Contributed to improved staffing levels in Kabale district health facilities from 51% to 73%. Empowered citizens of Ndorwa East in Kabale district to petition the district speaker (2206 signatures were collected) and led to improved status of Maziba Health centre IV. Staff house and theatre were renovated and the facility was connected to the electricity national grid.



Influenced having allocation to community-based service department to be adjusted to provide 1,500,000 for youth office to sensitize youth to access family planning information and services. Influenced establishment and operation of youth friendly corners and school Health Clubs in the catchment area.

653 community champions (310 females and 343 males) were trained and facilitated to conduct community sensitization about health rights, responsibilities of patients and health workers and collect information on staffing per level of the facility as well as availability of family planning services and commodities in health facilities. A total of 11,091 adults 8378 females and 2713 males received the messages.

Oriented 138 senior men and women teachers (68 females and 70 males) on sexual reproductive health rights to equip them with knowledge and skills in supporting adolescents to acquire related knowledge, values and practices to empower them to pursue healthy lifestyles through establishing and Operationalizing school health clubs. Facilitated Sub- County level meetings with 232 Health Unit Management Committee members and sub-county leaders.



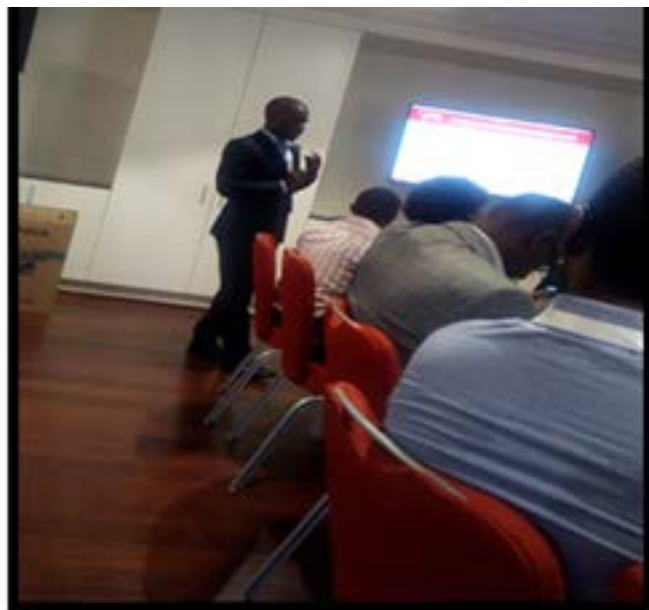
KWID Facilitated sub-county interface meetings for civil society leaders, sub-county leaders, and health stewards to prioritize human resources for health issues and sexual reproductive rights services during planning and budgeting process. 820 stakeholders (340 females and 480 males) participated.



Facilitated 4 stakeholder review meetings with 40 key district stakeholders (8 females and 32 males) to discuss and have a way forward on issues of health worker migration and issues relating to financing family planning commodities in health centres.

## EXPOSURE VISITS

**2 KWID staff were facilitated to participate in the Africa Health Agenda International conference.** They were exposed to different stakeholders. The conference was a platform where KWID shared their best practices (oral and poster presentations) and also learnt about advocacy approaches that are working in other areas and or countries.

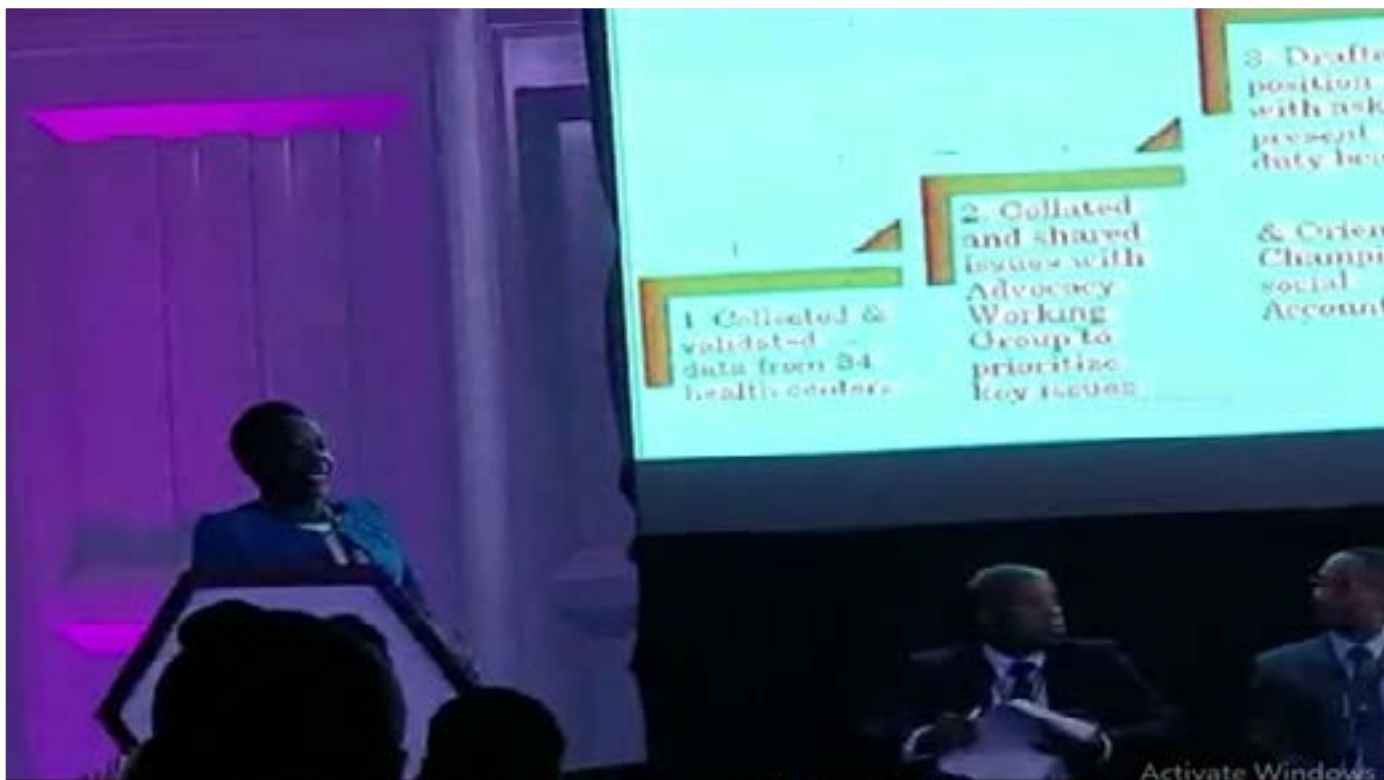


**PARTICIPATED IN THE AFRICA  
HEALTH AGENDA INTERNATIONAL  
CONFERENCE.**

## ATTENDING THE 3RD NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING CONFERENCE

KWID Executive director was supported by Amref Health Africa to attend the third National Family Planning Conference in September 2019

In November 2019, KWID Executive Director was supported by Amref to attend the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD 25) in Nairobi Kenya. She delivered a presentation on the experience on how KWID partnership with Amref Health Africa has improved youth sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) through Social Accountability



**KWID ED Presenting at the ICPD in Nairobi, Kenya**

On 30<sup>th</sup> December 2019, KWID was profiled by the New Vision in UNFPA's Live Your Dream Campaign meant to inspire action towards a better life for young people and women and promote the well-being of the entire family



**Live your dream**

**FEATURE**

NEW VISION, Monday, December 30, 2019 **23**

# Tumuheirwe's passion to address girl-child challenges

**On November 1, Vision Group launched a three-month multi-media campaign aimed at achieving access to sexual and reproductive health and rights for all Ugandans; the campaign (slogan 'Live Your Dream') is being implemented within the context of United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) state strategic plan. As part of the campaign, people who are creating innovative solutions to address problems in their communities will be recognized. Elvie Bwehhe was at the story of Florence Tumuhairwe and her resolve to address the plight of girls.**



**Tumuheirwe facilitating sessions with pupils in child growth, development and life skills**

**WHAT OTHERS SAY**

**Charles Sentamu, country director Crisis Care World Wide**  
Tumuheirwe is an activist who has fought for the rights of children and the youth. She has done a lot in engaging leaders to ensure that they drive the services they are supposed to deliver to the communities in Kigali region.

KWID has trained children and youth. It has done a lot of advocacy in the schools without discrimination between girls and boys. KWID has run campaigns on early marriages and empowered the youth.



**Catherine Nyanuziye, beneficiary of KWID**  
I am a female youth survivor from Kigali. I have benefited a lot and I cannot imagine how my life would have been without KWID. Under Tumuhairwe's leadership, KWID has trained young people on how to access sexual reproductive health information and they have helped me to reach other young people which I would not have been able to do on my own. KWID has also helped us in lobbying for the youth funds in the districts.



**Florence Tumuhairwe, the founder of KWID**

**Records.** Although they had two children, they never worked together to make a home as a couple.

"I want women to be up because both boys and girls child, spend nine months in the womb and no one chooses their sex," says Tumuhairwe. She is described as a champion women's worker and young people to access sexual and reproductive health information and services not only in Kigali region, but Uganda as a whole.

Her commitment sees her as a strong advocate who has influenced service delivery and community social accountability. She has made presentations at local and international fora, making a case for the girl child and women in general.

Tumuheirwe's organization equips children with the aspects of child growth, development and life skills in the area of education, health, physical, mental as well as economic aspects.

She says the 1994 grassroots in Kigali led many women as members in the bushy community (Dukiga) is located at the border with Rwanda. Many of them were single mothers.

"That is why we came up with the child wellbeing initiatives to equip the children who grow up in these vulnerable homes also acquire skills so that they are able to overcome life challenges," she says.

"Tumuheirwe's organization has had a positive impact on access to services through reproductive programming. She preaches human rights and provides a platform for community members to hold leaders accountable and advocate for community issues to be prioritized.

**Impact on the community**  
Tumuheirwe says KWID has established vulnerable persons to form groups to access health services in case of people living with HIV.

They have a set of community volunteers, including legal volunteers who mobilize vulnerable persons to access services and participate in decision making.

KWID has empowered women to access basic needs by equipping them with various skills in different areas and linking them to service delivery points.

The organization has also formed strategic partnerships with like-minded institutions. They also have a library to provide the community with information.

Under child wellbeing, KWID has equipped 130 mothers and other vulnerable children with life skills in the spiritual, physical, mental, health and economic aspects.

Fifty caregivers were trained in dealing with issues that negatively affect child growth and development and identification of practical actions to address them.

**Gender-based violence**  
KWID organized eight dialogue meetings (AAGAs) in 2018 to provide a platform to citizens to discuss factors that promote GBV and come up with practical actions to address them. Through the awareness created, people positively responded by seeking advice from legal volunteers, reporting cases, supporting victims and changing cultural practices that fuel the vice.

KWID handled 236 GBV cases, 55 of child neglect, those defilement cases, 11 of child labor, 56 of domestic violence, four land struggles and 18 family disputes.

Tumuheirwe says most cases were resolved through counseling and facilitating the reconciliation process.

Cases which could not be handled by community legal volunteers and para-legal workers were referred to the Public community development workers and other service delivery points such as Legal Aid Clinic and FIDA Uganda.

In 2018, KWID spearheaded 16 days of activities against GBV through various radio talk shows, a dialogue with students and a district stakeholders' meeting in Kigali region.

**Domestic violence**  
The campaign is UNFPA's, the District and local authorities in Uganda

**KWID is born**  
In 1996, a small group of women led by Tumuhairwe embarked on an initiative to address the plight of the girl child. They established Kigali Women in Development (KWID), a community-based organization to empower women as rural areas by increasing access to education, health, social justice and economic mobility.

Over the years, Tumuhairwe says the experienced challenges of discrimination. Her marriage was strongly opposed by her husband's family on grounds of tribal differences. She is a widow and has benefited, her deceased, her son



**Figure 1: Signed commitments by Kabale district Leaders on sustainability of HSAP Outcomes**



**KWID handing Amref Health Africa a plaque in appreciation of their support during the implementation of the project.**

## REGIONAL HEALTH INTEGRATION TO ENHANCE SERVICES IN SOUTH WEST (2016-2018)

To contribute to UNAIDS strategy of curbing HIV using 90 90 model, KWID obtained financial support from USAID through Elizabeth Glazier Pediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF) to implement Regional Health Integration to Enhance Services in South West (RHITES-SW) in Kamwezi sub-county where the following results were achieved.

44,851 people (21,445F and 23,406 M) were reached with behavioral change communication messages on HIV. 645 males aged between 10 and 49 were reached with safe male circumcision services 24,406 people (14,449 F and 9,957 M) were tested for HIV through organizing community out-reaches.

342,282 male and 1,995 female condoms were distributed 157 Dialogue meetings were facilitated to enable key and priority populations come up with practical actions to address health concerns and lead healthy lives. As a result, PLWHIV had a platform to share experiences, help each other to adopt safer sexual behaviour to contribute to HIV prevention, adhere to drugs and reduce stigma. Female commercial sex workers formed associations through which they started supporting each other to look for alternative sources of income and access services, while the Bodaboda riders carried out HIV prevention sensitization meetings. 60 female commercial sex workers, 150 adolescents, 120 PLWHIV, 30 BODABODA riders and 15 discordant couples benefited from this intervention.





With financial support from PACE Uganda and Civil society fund, KWID implemented Communities advancing HIV Prevention (CaPH) project in Kashambya and Rwamucucu sub-counties in Rukiga. The following results were achieved.

15,689 adults (7,433 F and 8,256M) were reached with behavior change communication messages on HIV through working with village health teams and peer educators.

6477 adults (4486F and 1991M) were referred for HIV counseling and testing services. 771 males aged 10- 49 were referred for safe male circumcision. 245,498 condoms were distributed.



## CIVIC LEADERS DIALOGUE MEETING AT KASHAMBYA SUB COUNTY

KWID conducted 12 civic leaders training in Rwamucucu and Kashambya 2 in each sub-county per year for three years. They were facilitated to come up with action points to address structural drivers of HIV epidemic. Below is one of the action plans that was reached and owned by Kashambya sub-county civic leaders. The action plans were reviewed and



**KWID trained Peer educators about CaPH project in Rwamucucu and Kashambya sub counties with support from PACE where 24 people participated and the training was closed by District Health Officer Kabale Dr Patrick Tusiime who appreciated the efforts and pledged total support.**



**KWID staff oriented all VHTs in Northern division Kabale, Muhanga Town council, Rwamucucu, Kashambya, Kamwezi and Bukinda sub counties.**



### **STRENGTHENING PEDIATRIC AIDS AND OVC SERVICES DELIVERY LINKAGES, NETWORKS AND REFERRALS (PLP) 2010**

With financial support from Mayanja Memorial Hospital foundation, KWID mobilized caregivers of pediatric children to access comprehensive AIDS and community OVC services. 228 children in Rukiga were reached with material support including food-stuffs, blankets, Scholastic materials and water jars. 288 children were referred and linked for HIV/AIDS services.



**Distribution of food and other household items to OVC households**

**With support from World vision Uganda, KWID was able to implement a number of interventions namely;**

**(A)CONTRIBUTING TO HIV PREVENTION AND CONTROL**

KWID successfully implemented community sensitization on HIV/AIDS prevention, positive living and health seeking behaviour in six parishes of Kamwezi Sub County in 1999. The result was testing for HIV by many community members which resulted in formation of Kamwezi Positive Livers Group which improved adherence on ART and reduced spread of HIV in Kamwezi Sub County.

**(B)CONTRIBUTING TO MALARIA PREVENTION AND CONTROL 1997-2002**

KWID mobilized the six parishes of Kamwezi to improve health seeking behaviors, malaria prevention and control and adherence to malaria treatment.



## (C) ADVOCACY ON MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

KWID implemented advocacy activities on maternal and child health using dialogues at district and national level including the global week of action attended by parliamentarians. Stakeholders at both district and national level made commitments to improve health service delivery.

Sensitized Kamwezi and Bukinda sub-counties on Prevention of Mother to Child HIV Transmission PMTCT (2011).

A total of 583 adults (383 F and 200 M) attended the meetings. This resulted into enrolment of HIV Positive children into care as early as three months, husbands accompanying wives for antenatal care to know their HIV status together, delivering in a health facility to be assisted by trained health personnel were emphasized. 12 action plans were made to improve the status and delivered to World Vision for follow-up

## EDUCATION

KWID has consistently advocated for gender equality in education to ensure girls, boys and disabled children equally access education. We have organized dialogue meetings on education rights to improve capacity of schools and community structures in providing for children to access and complete education levels (primary, secondary and tertiary). We have monitored schools to identify service delivery gaps and advocate for them.

**In partnership with World Vision, KWID Sensitized Rwamucucu and Kashambya sub-counties on education rights through community drama and dialogue meetings.**



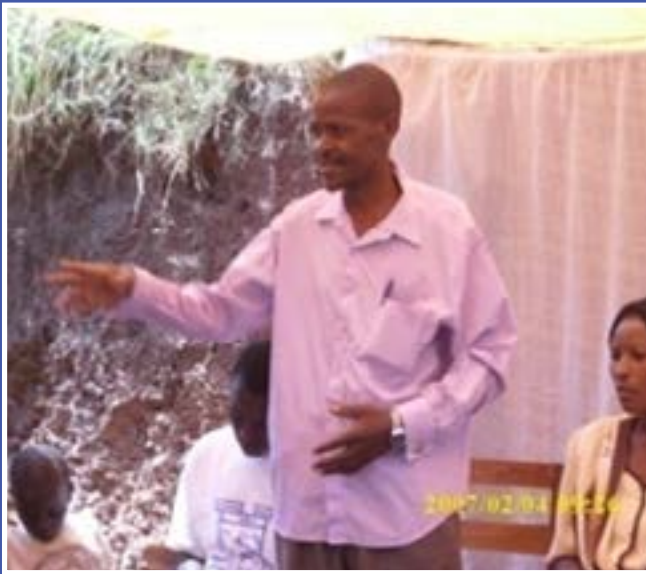
The purpose of staging drama shows was to promote the right to education for all children among the communities of North Rukiga targeting parents, Parents Teachers Associations, School Management Committees, teachers, head teachers, local councils, and district education department.

The main objective was to contribute to improved capacity of schools and community structures in providing for children to access and complete primary education. A total of 2175 adults (1307 Females and 870 Males) were reached with messages. 20 action plans to improve the status were made and delivered to World Vision for follow-up



### *KWID CHAIRPERSON AND ED HANDING OVER SCHOLASTIC MATERIALS TO OVC*

OVC were supported with exercise books to help get where to write so that care givers use the funds they intended to use to buy books to improve on nutrition and clothing. **KWID distributed books to OVC at Kyabuhangwa field office.** The LC1 chairperson Mr. Gad Tumuhimbise received care givers and other stakeholders on the function. He expressed happiness for KWID to be located in his village. He requested children to always and regularly attend the day care centre activities as they are meant to groom them into future useful citizens of the parish. He commended KWID for standing out and serving vulnerable persons for a long period.



The sub-county finance secretary Honourable Kensi Jeninah presided over the function. She urged children to stay in and complete school. She thanked KWID management for a job well done of equipping OVC with life skills and supporting their education. She urged care givers to counsel and guide children to love school. She reminded care givers that they are held responsible for their children's education and KWID is only supplementing their efforts.



Liberty Christopher the volunteer by then produced the play come follow me in prayer, preached to care givers to always guide children to walk through Gods ways as he is the good shepherd. He also reminded them that God is the source of Knowledge/ wisdom, peace and happiness.

Children expressed happiness on receiving books. When asked how they felt, they replied that they were overjoyed. They promised to attend school daily and be disciplined to keep KWID good image.

The executive Director requested resource persons to follow up children and ensure that the books are put to good use. She requested parents to always check if children are utilizing the books and if they are being marked by teachers.



**KWID distributed books at Kyogo branch office.** The ED educated caregivers on the importance of education and how it is the key to success for the children and improved social-economic of the community.





# GENDER AND HUMAN RIGHTS

## Civil Society Empowerment Project 2008-2010

Supported by World Vision, KWID implemented civil society empowerment project in which it engaged local movements at village, parish, sub county and district for improved access to services through responsive programmes, laws and budgets and as a results byelaw on hygiene and sanitation, enrolment for all school going age children to stay and complete primary education, food security and Community service were put in place. A platform for community members was created to hold leaders accountable and advocating for different community service issues.



### Sub-county consultative meeting

Held a consultative meeting with sub-county stakeholders to introduce the project and seek for their support in mobilization and implementation of the project. 20 people (7 F and 13 M) were consulted. There was effective participation of duty bearers and citizens in the project implementation



Health Unit Management Committee members (HUMCs) were trained in their roles and responsibilities and urged to be vigilant in supervising health service delivery. A total of 32 members (8 F and 24 M) attended the training.

### **Meeting for school prefects, senior men and women teachers**

KWID held a one-day meeting for school prefects, senior men and women teachers and head teachers to raise awareness on the importance of establishing and managing school health clubs. 75 people (18 F and 57M) participated. 15 schools were facilitated to establish and manage school health clubs. 15 school health clubs were established and managed.

### **Sensitization meetings about health entitlements**

Citizens in the six parishes of Kamwezi were sensitized and educated about their health entitlements. 435 adults (246 F and 189 M) attended. 6 Action plans to improve health seeking behaviours and sanitation in the catchment area were made and implemented. Latrine coverage improved from 54% to 83%.

## HEALTH UNIT MONITORING EXERCISES

KWID Carried out monitoring visits on health service provision to 5 health units in Kamwezi sub-county. Identified gaps were documented and used as evidence to advocate for health service improvement in the sub-county interface meeting, district dialogue, review and documentation meetings

### Primary school monitoring exercises

15 primary schools were monitored to identify service delivery gaps and advocate for them to be filled.

**1 interface meeting** was facilitated for service users to engage with duty bearers to find solutions for the identified gaps. 87 people (23F and 64 M) attended the meeting. Critical issues to be addressed were identified, allocated to relevant officers to be implemented.

**1 district dialogue meeting** was facilitated to present issues to the district stakeholders and come up with commitments to address the service delivery gaps. Stakeholders made commitments and allocated responsibilities among themselves to improve service delivery in education and health sectors. 35 people (11F and 24 M) participated in the meeting.

**1 district documentary meeting** was facilitated to document actions to be implemented for short, mid and long-term interventions to improve education and health service delivery in Kamwezi and Bukinda sub-counties. The result was improved performance in primary leaving examination. 35 people (11 F and 24 M) participated in the meeting.

**KWID worked in partnership with FOWODE** to sensitize community members in Kabale to participate in planning and budgeting and hold leaders accountable through staging community forum drama shows (the story of Yana). The play was about how health issues affect women and men differently. The result was empowered citizens to identify health issues and advocate for them to promote gender equality.

### Access to justice project

KWID worked in partnership with FIDA Uganda to implement access to justice project in Kabale. KWID organized community dialogue meetings where 133 community members (103 F and 31M) accessed legal support in their communities. The trained community legal volunteers helped to reconcile victims and perpetrators except on cases like defilement, child neglect and denying pregnancies which were referred to police and specialised agencies.

KWID handled 183 cases. Among these 60 cases parties were reconciled while 123 GBV cases were referred (33 child neglect cases, 2 child abuse cases, 3 defilement cases, 11 child labour, 56 domestic violence, 5 land wrangles, 4 wife dismissal cases and 18 family disputes) In 2018, KWID spearheaded 16 days of activism against GBV in the region where 7 radio talk shows held, organized a march past and 1 district stakeholders' review meeting.



**Kable District CAO flagging off participants of 16 Days of Activism walk in 2018**



## ORPHANS AND OTHER VULNERABLE CHILDREN PROGRAM 2004- 2021

KWID started registering and equipping orphans and other vulnerable children with life skills in the five aspects of child growth and development namely spiritual, mental, health, physical and economic. For the first five years, the life skills sessions were conducted once a month on every last Saturday of the month.

In 2010, the day care centre activities were officially launched, life skills started to be offered on a weekly basis until COVID-19 restrictions set in 2020. When the lockdown was uplifted, life skill sessions resumed.

The day care centre goal is to reduce vulnerability and promote equal opportunity and access to services and care for all children 120 OVC, 100 Females and 20 Males were equipped with life skills in the five aspects of child growth and development namely spiritual, physical, mental, health and economic.





develop OVC talents. The OVC program was implemented using Adventure unlimited, The journey of life, and the children discovery models following the National OVC policy. We collaborate with the government through submitting quarterly OVC MIS and involving government structures in activities

40 caregivers were trained in OVC handling, facilitated to discuss factors that negatively affect child growth and development and identification of practical actions to address them 8 Aerial club meetings were facilitated. 60 children 38 females and 22 males benefited. 5 OVC clubs namely Music Dance Drama club, sports club, debate club, readers club, and listeners club were facilitated

## OVC that were supported by KWID in Kamwezi sub county, Rukiga District

KWID distributed the book of Hope in the Kyogo and Kyabuhangwa on behalf of PAG OVC department. 4 KWID staff were trained in Explorers club and Hope for Kids models. 12 KWID members were trained in the Hope for Kids and equipped with materials to handle the program. 15 children graduated in Explorers club and 17 in Hope for Kids model





## FACILITATING OVC CLUBS

KWID fellowship club was facilitated to reach out to community members through local theatre. They staged two drama shows one at St. Mark Runoni C.O.U and Kizinga C.O.U. People testified that they were real preached by young children. Church teachers requested KWID to regularly stage drama shows as children are good ambassadors of God.



KWID readers club was facilitated to improve children's reading culture, sharpen their language and understanding. Children enjoyed reading as they now have big space where to sit and read without interruption as it used to be before constructing the shelter



## KWID distributed shoes to children on behalf of World Vision



KWID day care center at the main branch was equipped with play materials. (Mary go round and slider and were honoured by the visit of World vision staff.



## Child well-being project (June 2019 – 2021)

KWID is implemented the child well-being project with support from Click Rukiga whose goal was to empower children and caregivers with skills, knowledge, values and practices to overcome life challenges. To achieve the goal of the project, the below activities were implemented:

One inception meeting for district leaders was facilitated to have a well-coordinated child well-being response in the two parishes of Kyabuhangwa and Kyogo. The meeting was intended to introduce the project to district leaders to seek for support and participation of stakeholders at all levels. A total of 9 leaders (2F and 7M) participated. Leaders especially the district community development officer and the probation officer committed to support and participate in the project.

KWID conducted weekly life skills to OVC to enable them overcome life challenges. KWID conducted monthly caregivers' meetings in OVC handling. KWID facilitated OVC club activities. 52 OVC **life skill sessions** in the five aspects of child growth and development at each of the two branches of Kyabuhangwa and Kyogo. A total of 80 children (55F and 25M) participated in the sessions. 12 Caregiver's trainings were conducted at each centre to equip caregivers with skills and practices in OVC handling. 20 care givers attended each. A total 40 adults (32 females and 8 males) participated in the trainings. 2 care and support groups and 2 prayer groups were formed to provide adequate care for their children. 12 caregivers 4 males and 8 females participated in the cook stove training.



4 Caregivers quarterly meetings were facilitated at each of the 2 branches of Kyabuhangwa and Kyogo to identify factors that negatively affect child-well-being and come up with practical actions to address them. A total of 40 caregivers (32F and 8M) participated in the meetings. Caregivers resolved to form psychosocial groups to help their children cope with difficult situations and care and support groups to be able to provide basic needs to their children. KWID facilitated two parenting campaigns in Kamwezi sub-county Rukiga district. A total of 69 adults (58F and 11M) participated in the campaigns. The purpose of the campaigns was to enhance caregiver's parenting skills using better parenting plus model. The campaigns were targeting child wellbeing stakeholders including child protection structures, caregivers, sub-county and district duty bearers. The campaigns were delivered using local theatre in six parts of the better parenting plus model.



## **LIVELIHOOD AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT**

KWID has been consistent in improving women and other vulnerable person's livelihood and pioneered mobilizing vulnerable persons to participate in development programs, access skills and resources.

## **REVOLVING FUND PROJECT**

KWID started a revolving fund to members with the aim of supporting each other to access basic needs. Each member got a revolving fund ranging from 40.000= in 1997 up to 100.000= in 2012.

## PIGGERY PROJECT

KWID received and managed piggery projects. The two piggery projects were both from World Vision. KWID received two sets of pigs that were managed by the secretariat. In the second project, KWID received 25 pigs from World Vision during the phase out processes as a sustainability project. The project benefitted 75 households in the three parishes of Kyabuhangwa, Kyogo and Kashekye. The project was managed using the send a pig model. All intended beneficiaries have benefitted. Each member of KWID had a project to be able to provide basic needs for their families while the secretariat had a project to access admin costs.



## GOAT PROJECT

KWID emerged the second institution in Music Dance and Drama competitions organized by World Vision in 1996, we were given 100,000= we saved for 8 months and when we topped up to 180,000= we bought a goat for each member as an income project KWID and Kyabuhangwa Adult literacy class participated in the evaluation exercise organized by World Vision, during the focus group discussions and Music dance and drama items presented, Visitors from UK and head office were impressed and gave the two entities 500,000=. The award was used to buy 25 goats which was a second send a goat project. 60 households benefitted from the project.



## MOBILIZING YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE IN DEVELOPMENT INTERVENTIONS

### SEND A COW PROJECT

In 2001, KWID given 4 zero grazing cows by World Vision Rukiga Area Development on send a cow basis. 4 House holds were first beneficiaries. Members who showed capacity and interest benefitted from the project

### KWID Savings and Credit scheme

In 2013, KWID successfully mobilized its members to start a savings and credit scheme to enable members and beneficiaries access soft loans and start income generating activities to be able to provide basic needs to their families as well as reducing the burden of women borrowing from commercial banks at higher interest rates and avoid loan requirements they do not meet since they do not. In 2013, KWID members and staff saved 3,700,000= . When Hon Ninsiima Ronah Rita came to launch the scheme, she contributed 500,000= making a total of 4,200,000= In 2015, KWID received support from Click Rukiga worth 3,500, 000= to the scheme. In 2020 KWID Board Chair contributed 200,000= shillings. By the end of 2020 the saving scheme had 15, 810,260 on the account. 90 loans have been issued out and recovered 100% 16 loans are still running and recovery is on track.



**Financial literacy training for KWID savings scheme members by ABSA Bank Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA)**



With support from GIZ, KWID trained members in the four ranches to establish and manage Village savings and Loan Associations VSLA. By close of 2021, each branch had a running association fully equipped and self-managed. The model has improved the saving discipline of members.



**KWID is one of the women organizations that were selected and supported to produce cookstoves under the “enhancing resilience of communities to climate change through Catchment Based Management of Water and Related Resources in Uganda (EURECCCA) project. The project was implemented in partnership with Ministry of Water and Environment with funding from The Adaptation Fund through the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS)**





KWID members were equipped with required skills in production of Rocket Lorena and Fire shield cookstoves, business management and woodlot establishment. The trained members continued and will continue to cascade the technology within the catchment area (Rukiga and Kabale districts) to reduce forest degradation and promote sustainable use of forests and other Natural resources within the catchment area.



By end of 2021, KWID had constructed 1359 total number of cookstoves 724 Rocket Lorena and 635 Fire shielded.

While implementing this project, KWID was honored to host visitors from both the national and catchment steering committees during monitoring, evaluation and learning visits. KWID Executive Director being on the Maziba catchment management committee had a chance to participate in the Lira learning visit where she was able to learn a lot and share the lessons learnt with KWID members to engage in IGAs and improve environmental conservation practices.



KWID produced MDD activities that were used to sensitize stakeholders to conserve the environment, influenced prevention of water runoff and soil erosion through environmental campaigns.



KWID members enjoyed the project as it had a lot of benefits not limited to accessing money during COVID-19 Pandemic, integrating other activities in implementing the project like WASH and nutrition activities, accessing other opportunities like being trained and supported in Mushroom growing, exposure visit and hosting visitors from far and wide.



## MUSHROOM GROWING



**KWID members embarked on mushroom growing to improve the overall health efficiency by creating food from waste; growing mushroom in all seasons and providing missing nutrients.**

### **Empowering citizens to participate in development processes**

With financial support from world vision, KWID sensitized Kamwezi Sub County on decentralization policy; roles of different stakeholders in the planning process through village, parish and sub-county dialogue meetings. The result was effective participation in planning and budgeting processes which led to responsive plans and budgets.

### **Environmental conservation campaigns**

KWID carried out 6 environmental campaigns to raise awareness among citizens and encourage them to participate in lessening or minimizing negative impact they are contributing to the environment. The campaigns were about conservation, preservation and sustainability



KWID used dug trenches at her land as a demonstration for citizens to use trenches to stop water runoff and conserve the land KWID carried out 2 parenting campaigns to increase parental awareness to facilitate guided discussions and learning by parents, caregivers and other stakeholders on improving parenting knowledge, attitudes and skills. 69 adults 58 females and 11 males participated.

**KWID carried out 8 campaigns on education for the girl child** to create awareness on the importance of providing equal opportunities for girls to enrol, remain in school and complete school.

**KWID carried out 12 Child protection campaigns** to raise awareness on the need to protect children against abuse, exploitation, neglect and all forms of violence. 1347 adults 741 females and 606 males participated.

**KWID organized two events to commemorate the day of the African child** to promote children's rights and take stock of efforts being made to protect them by collectively coming up with actions to eliminate harmful practices that affect children. 80 children, 40 caregivers and 18 duty bearers participated.

**KWID carried out 18 home improvement campaigns** is aimed at improving hygiene and sanitation in homesteads/ households to reduce incidences of hygiene related diseases. 2219 adults 1302 females and 917 males participated

## Civil Society in Uganda Digital support programme (CUSD)

In 2020, KWID partnered with Women of Uganda Network (WOUGNET) to implement the Civil Society in Uganda Digital Support (CUSD) Programme. This programme is funded by UN Women under Women Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF) COVID-19 Emergency Response. The programme intended to promote a conducive digital environment through training and equipping staff with knowledge, skills and competence in the use of digital technology and tools, enhancing rapid localization of COVID 19 data to reducing misinformation. The programme has strengthened KWID's logistical capacity by providing a laptop enabled with video conference equipment to boost our ability to strategize and effectively work online. WOUGNET has also provided a digital and computer skills training to emphasize online meetings.



*KWID staff receiving a laptop from WOUGNET*

## STRENGTHENING DECENTRALIZATION IN UGANDA PROJECT

KWID successfully worked with Strengthening Decentralization in Uganda (SDU), a USAID funded project for capacity building using cascade training. KWID capacity was built in networking and coalition building, roles and responsibilities of civil society organizations in good governance, Community mobilization and citizen's participation, Advocacy and lobbying, leadership and management skills, monitoring health and education sectors. SDU linked KWID to Women organizations in Uganda network (WOUGNET) which linked us to other ICT networks PAMBAZAKA AFRICA, THE SAUL BEAT, for continued learning and sharing of information which led to the formation of Kabale civil society forum and kick corruption out of Kigezi (2002 – 2005). Under the same project, KWID also was entrusted by Kabale Civil Society forum to sensitize the district on MDGs (2005) and represent Kick Corruption in Uganda in anticorruption weeks in Kanungu and Rukungiri 2004 and 2005 respectively as a result, KWID was entrusted to represent civil society organization on AMREF Youth Empowerment steering committee by district stakeholders. In related cases, KWID participated in monitoring MDGs, Orphans and other vulnerable children activities, and served on the district HIV and DOVC committees.

### PARTICIPATING IN NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATIONS

#### a) International women's days

KWID Participated in International women's day celebrations to review how far women have come in their struggle for equality, peace and development. We appreciate development partners who supported us like World Vision, Amref Health Africa and Kamwezi sub-county.



**b) World AIDS day**

KWID participated in World AIDS days to show support for people Living with HIV and to remember those who have died from AIDS related illnesses.

**c) KWID participated in the day of the African child to promote children's rights and take stock of efforts being made to protect them by collectively coming up with actions to eliminate harmful practices that affect children**

**d) KWID participated in International Girl child days to join the rest of the world to recognize girls' rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world**

**e) KWID participated in International Rural women's day to join the rest of the world to recognize the critical role and contribution of rural women in enhancing agricultural and rural development, improving food security and eradicating rural poverty**

**f) KWID participated in Budget conferences to advocate for gender responsive budgets.**

KWID organized a women's day in the rural community to reach out to rural women with information in 2000 under the theme "stronger actions for the new millennium women solidarity to eradicate poverty and domestic violence" We borrowed the theme in one of ACFODE Arise series. The RDC Kabale Lt James Mwesigye officiated the function. Guest speakers included the LCV Kabale district, DCDO Kabale, Gender office Kabale, coordinator World Vision, CARE CREHP officers and the wife of the area MP. Present were district and sub-county officials, 257 women belonging to 14 groups attended.



RDC & other officials on Women's day



Chairperson LC5 on the Women's day



KWID resource centre started with booklets, pamphlets, brochures and posters that were issued out by the district health officer on Music dance and drama competitions organised by World Vision in 1997. In his speech, the then Health Education officer Mr Alisene Nzabakurikiza mentioned that he is giving out these educational materials to enable KWID deliver correct messages to the community. He committed to always share educational materials as and when he gets them. Since then, each book or any other educational material that landed into the hands of KWID is added to the resource centre to benefit the whole community.

KWID resource persons were trained as Functional Adult Literacy class instructors by World Vision and Kabale community-based services department. This was a basis for KWID to get books from the department to benefit FAL instructors and learners. This happened due to the fact that we had a component of the resource centre and had space for community members to access information. A big thank you to the then District community development officer Ms Winfred Busingye, who did not end at equipping the resource centre but even offered support supervision visits to the centre.

During a workshop, KWID founder shared information on how KWID is reaching out to community members with information and one Rotarian Ms Sarah Lubega was happy with the initiative and equipped the resource centre with books.



KWID founder shared on the KWID resource centre in a district meeting. The inspector of schools Kabale Municipality Mr Munyamababazi Grace asked the KWID founder to visit his office and pick copies of road safety and other booklets to equip the resource centre. While facilitating HIV/AIDS alliance peer educators, the KWID founder shared how the resource centre is helping community resource persons to access training manuals, the organizer of the meeting Mr. Kahigi Bernard took interest in the initiative, visited the resource centre and equipped it with training manuals, strategic plans and other resource books.

KWID distributed straight talk, young talk, teacher talk, parent talk and other educational materials on behalf of Straight talk foundation Uganda KWID distributed the book of hope to Kyogo and Kyabuhangwa schools on behalf of Pentecostal Assemblies of God Kabale. 3 KWID staff and 12 resource persons were trained as facilitators for Hope for Kids and explores club. KWID resource centre was equipped with training materials and reading books. 17 children graduated in explorers club and 17 in hope for Kids program. World Vision supported KWID resource centre with training manuals, reading books, writing books, atlases, boost English, boost mathematics, the list is long.

The then head of Gift in Kind Mr. Peter Mundua used KWID resource centre and orphans and vulnerable children to make a story that was shared with sponsors. Link In 2008, the resource centre was officially launched by the then LCIII Chairman presently LC V Chairman Rukiga District Mr Robert Kakwerere on behalf of the Coordinator Amref Youth Empowerment project Mr Byagageire Bernard. The resource centre was opened for community members to access information.



Orphans and other vulnerable children (OVC) were the first community grouping to utilize the centre through the weekly life skill sessions and clubs most especially the readers and writers' clubs.



Mr. Kahonaho Isaac, who was the focal person for Kabale distance learners at KIU gave KWID copies of the programs that are run in the distance learning program to enable citizens in Kamwezi access information and enrol in the program.

The booklets and other resources FIDA Uganda gave to the four trained community legal advisers (KWID members) were also added to the resource centre to enable community member access information regarding laws.

FOWODE gave out training manuals and other resources to the three KWID members who were trained as trainers of trainers of the vulnerable women project. They were added to the resource centre to benefit the community. KWID drama group was trained by FOWODE to implement the YONA community forum play. The handouts they received were also added in the resource centre to benefit the community.

The resource centre is open for all community members and resource persons to access information.

Click Rukiga supported KWID to expand space for reading by constructing a reading room, a shelter for OVC to attend life skill sessions in a better environment as well as accessing psychosocial services. Click Rukiga did not end there but went ahead to support KWID to purchase land and construct a permanent structure to serve as a resource centre.

A big thank you to everybody who supported the resource centre in one way or the other the sky is the limit.



**KWID E.D showing caregivers books in the resource centre**

## CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (2020-2021)

KWID implemented a capacity building project (2020 -2021) in partnership with GIZ under the Civil Society in Uganda Support programme (CUSP) with financial support from the European Union and the Germany government. The goal of the project is to empower the organization to effectively and efficiently fulfill its mandate of empowering women and other vulnerable persons to address hindrances to their advancement. The following results were registered under this project;

Strengthened internal governance structures through a revised constitution. The constitution was revised and approved by the AGM. And it's the guiding document for all KWID structures and all the operations at KWID. The method of reviewing was interactive and participatory hence building staff and Board capacities.

Enhanced oversight through the oriented board, functional Annual General Meeting, and a new board manual. The board manual was developed and new board oriented. Board meetings have been held regularly and the board has been more supportive and played its oversight role well.

Increased and coherent strategic orientation of mandate and more effective implementation through an updated Strategic Plan (2019-2023). Various workshops and processes have been undertaken to have the strategic plan concluded and understood by the stakeholders. Enhanced organizational capacity through revised policy documents and strengthened human capacity. Various policies were revised in a participatory manner by engaging both the staff and the board as a way of capacity developmental financial policy. Increased staff motivation through improved staff talks and team retreat.

Digitalization of work at KWID through IT training and support. one KWID staff participated in the NIRAS Computer skills training and acquisition of digital equipment supports for use (laptop, printer, scanner, Internet dongles, internet data and airtime). GIZ offered technical support in digital working e.g., training in the use of MS Teams for meetings, Skype, and others.

Increased working relationship with the District Local Government and other CSOs. KWID joined and participated in the Kabale District water & sanitation coordination committee (DWSCC), joined and worked with Kabale District COVID-19 task forces and the CSO forum. KWID branches were strengthened through facilitating branch meetings, training

branches in VSLA model, equipping them with smart phones to be able to use digital platforms to attend meetings and submit report during COVID-19 pandemic as well as in normal situations.

Logistical support. KWID was supported with 2 laptops, 3 internet dangles, 5 smart phones, a multi-purpose printer, 93 plastic chairs, a safe, and a camera. Supported KWID to purchase materials for the hygiene concept to enable her organize meetings during the covid-19 pandemic.

KWID procured accounting software and trained staff in using it to improve its financial management skills. Website re-designing, KWID documentary, Gender and communication policies were developed.



**GIZ technical advisor (seated) orienting KWID Board members**

## SELF-DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP PROJECT 2011-2021

Since 2011 KWID has been implementing a self-development partnership project with support from Click Rukiga. The project goal is to empower the organization to sustain community mobilization and empowerment programs to improve living standards of vulnerable people in Kyabuhangwa and Kyogo parishes. Community members were provided with regular platforms through local theatre to discuss issues of concern. Through this partnership, KWID registered number of achievements: KWID has been able to remunerate 3 staff to run the organisation's business daily for 6 years to streamline structures to function including resource mobilisation to run the organization.



KWID has gained trust and partnered with other like-minded civil society organizations and implemented projects on their behalf. Purchase agricultural inputs to enable branches to engage in income generating projects to raise funds to support branch activities. Purchase land where to construct office premises, Resource centre, conference hall, counselling rooms Supported the saving and credit scheme with 3.5 million to increase the loans to vulnerable households. Constructed the resource centre and a pit latrine. The structures are complete and in use.



*KWID resource centre and latrine in Kamwezi constructed with funding from CLICK Rukiga*

# INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

## CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

### a) Organizational development

World vision trained the organization as below:

1. Group dynamics (group formation and management)
  2. In theatre development
  3. HIV/AIDS prevention and control, patient care and support
  4. Loan management and recovery
  5. Gender mainstreaming and integrated development
  6. Community based performance monitoring
  7. 2 Learning visits one in Kabale and another in Kassao
  8. Start your business
  9. Appropriate technology skills
  10. Conducting life skills using Adventure unlimited
  11. Resource mobilization
  12. Psychosocial helping skills (Using the Journey of life model)
  13. Disaster preparedness and response
  14. Performance monitoring using Citizens voice and action model
  15. Advocacy and networking
  16. Community mobilization and empowerment and developed a vernacular CBPM tool kit
  17. Roles and responsibilities of citizens in decentralization governance
  18. Functional Adult Literacy training
  19. Importance and benefits of participating in development programmes
  20. Trained in environmental conservation
- ### b) Strengthening Decentralization in Uganda (SDU)
1. 3 months mentoring exercise
  2. 2 performance monitoring exercises
  3. 2 planning meetings
  4. Civil Society strengthening in Local government
  5. Decentralization policy and roles of Civil society organizations in partnership with local government
  6. Community mobilization and priority setting
  7. Linked KWID to WOUGNET
- ### c) Uganda Change Agent Association (UCCA)
1. 4 performance assessment exercises
  2. Trained in self-reliant Participatory Development (SRPD)



3. Trained in management
4. Trained in Accountancy
5. Our Executive Director was trained as a change Agent facilitator

Kabale District Local government

The community-based service department supported KWID as below:

- Trained 3 executive committee members in Adult Literacy skills, mentored them through support supervision visits and equipped our library
- Selected KWID to benefit in the OVC capacity building by ARCODE where KWID officer equipped with TOT skills in OVC care and support, served on the District OVC committee, served as the OVC performance monitor,

6. PACE

- Hands on support in programming and finance management
- Risk Management
- Procurement
- Data collection, Analysis and Use
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Community mobilization and empowerment
- Networking and Partnership
- Data Quality Assurance

f) FOWODE

Forum for Women in Democracy trained KWID members in the following:

- Civic Education and voter education
- Election observation,
- Theatre development,
- Budget Monitoring,
- Civic engagement,
- Facilitation skills
- Leadership training
- Voter education

g) FIDA

- KWID four members were trained as Community Legal volunteers (Paralegal Training)
- KWID drama group worked in partnership with FIDA to disseminate the Domestic violence Act 2010 in Kamwezi sub-county through use of interactive drama.

h) EGPAF

- Sexual and Gender Based violence
- Monitoring and Evaluation training

-HIV Prevention stepping stones methodology

-USAID Rules and Regulations

-Nutrition and WASH Training

-Referral and Linkages

-Peer education

i) Amref Health Africa

-Trained KWID staff in using social accountability models

-Trained KWID staff in Monitoring and Evaluation using the Out-come harvesting model

- Trained KWID staff in resource mobilization

-Trained KWID staff in Gender mainstreaming

-Trained KWID staff in financial management

-Trained KWID staff in strategic planning

-Trained KWID staff in networking and partnership development

-Provided regular (quarterly) Hands-on support in programming and finance management for five years.

j) GIZ

-Trained KWID staff in use of Microsoft teams, zoom, skype

- Trained KWID staff in Resource mobilization

-Trained KWID staff in Gender Mainstreaming

-Trained KWID staff in Result- based management

-Trained KWID staff in internal governance

- Trained KWID staff in Advocacy and Lobbying

- Trained KWID staff in financial management

## VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

a) World Vision

-4 KWID members were trained in malarial control as community resource persons

- 2 KWID members were trained in adult instructing

-2 KWID members were trained in start your business and appropriate technology as community resource persons

-4 KWID members were trained in yellow farm management and green farm management

- 2 KWID members were trained in environmental management as community resource persons

-5 KWID members were trained in community counselling aides as community resource persons

-5 KWID members were trained as child protection resource persons

- 5 KWID members were trained in disaster preparedness and response
- 78 KWID members were trained as psychosocial helpers using the Journey of life
- 5 KWID members were trained in life skills training as community resource persons (Adventure unlimited model)
- 4 KWID members were trained in local capacities for peace using do no harm model
- 5 KWID members were trained in resource mobilization
- 5 KWID members were trained as community performance monitors
- 5 KWID members were trained as facilitators for citizen's voice and action
- 2 KWID members were trained as TOT for psychosocial helpers
- 1 KWID member was trained as TOT for citizen's voice and action

#### b) Strengthening Decentralization in Uganda (SDU)

SDU was using cascade training therefore one person was trained in the following and supported to do cascade training in the whole group

- Trainer of trainer's basic skills
- Networking and coalition building
- Advocacy and Lobbying
- Community mobilization and citizen's participation
- Roles and responsibilities of CSOs in local governance
- Civil society strengthening in local governance
- Leadership and Management skills
- Roles and responsibilities of women counsellors and councils

### **CIVIL SOCIETY BUDGET ADVOCACY GROUP (CSBAG)**

KWID is a member of the south western Regional Budget Club and was entrusted by CSBAG to present the CSO position paper in the Mbarara Cluster TV during Local government budget consultative meetings every year since 2019

KWID Executive director and two board members were trained by CSBAG in corporate governance to strengthen KWID institutional governance and statutory compliance

KWID have been exposed through national and regional workshops

### **UGANDA CHANGE AGENT ASSOCIATION**

- 2 KWID members were trained as change Agents
- 4 KWID Members were trained in accountancy
- 5 KWID members were trained in Self-Reliant Participatory Development (SRPD)
- 8 KWID members were trained in Management
- 1 KWID member was trained as a change Agent Facilitator

## KWID CELEBRATED HER EXISTENCE AND SERVICE



On 24th September 2021, KWID celebrated her Silver Jubilee with joy and triumph. The function took place at Cephas in Hotel in Kabale District. KWID stakeholders took stock of what was achieved, lessons learnt, challenges faced in the 25 years of existence and service as well as presenting the next Agenda. KWID issued out certificates of appreciation to outstanding donors and development partners with whom she walked the 25 years journey of empowering women and transforming communities. The function was both physical and virtual as it was held during COVID-19 era. The physical meetings were held in series following the COVID-19 Standing operating procedures. Stakeholders who attended the physical meetings made wishes to the organization as well as committing to support the **next Agenda**





# CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF EXISTENCE AND SERVICE



On 9th November 2016 KWID celebrated 20 years of existence and service under the theme: "Celebrating 20 years of reaching out to vulnerable people". The function was officiated by Mike Whitlam the coordinator Click Rukiga. The function took place at KWID land in Kankiro village Kyabuhangwa parish Kamwezi sub-county. The function started with match past led by... brass band. KWID Guests led by the guest of honor toured the exhibitions after which they were ushered in the tent by the Mistress of Ceremonies Voice of Kigezi news anchor Prosy Nyeitera.

KWID stakeholders took stock of what was achieved, lessons learnt, challenges faced and future plans. KWID members in Kyabuhangwa and Kyogo branches received certificates of recognition for 20 years and 5 years of loyal service to KWID respectively. The celebration was spiced by songs, poem, skit and dance by KWID members, staff and OVC in both branches. Out-standing donors were issues with plaques to recognize their support .



**On 19th June 2012, KWID Celebrated 15 years of existence under the theme: “Celebrating 15 years of empowering women and other vulnerable persons”**

*The function took place at St. Mark Runoni C. O. U. It was officiated over by Alex Coulter who was accompanied by James, Alexandra and 9 Vyners school students. The function was graced by the Right Reverend Bishop George Katwesigye who prayed that KWID gets her heart’s desire. God positively answered his prayer and the next celebration was held at KWID’s land.*





**CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF KWID EXISTENCE AND SERVICE**

In 2007, KWID Celebrated 10 years of existence and service under the theme "Celebrating 10 years of empowering women to address hindrances to their advancement". The function took place at Kashekye primary school. It was officiated over by the chairperson LCIII Mr. Kakwerere Robert. The function was attended by many people from far and wide including the silver river group from UK, World Vision staff, World Vision staff Rukiga A.D.P, district and sub-county officials and other development partners.

# SUPPORT FROM CAROL AND GERALD



Since 2010 to date, Carol and Gerald extended support to KWID to help on Orphans and other Vulnerable children (OVC). The support was used to buy T/Shirts, shorts and skirts, music dance and drama costumes, books and pencils. The support also contributed to celebration of 15 years of KWID existence and service, establishing and maintaining backyard gardens and vegetable demonstration gardens. The other support was used to purchase DSTV and monthly service fee to enable OVC Watch what happens in the world most especially children's programs.

On top of the annual support, the couple send Christmas gifts to OVC every year. We are proud to be friends with the family and appreciate the consistent support extended to KWID. Much love from all of us.

# IMPACT STORIES



LCV CHAIRMAN KABALE DISTRICT

KWID good advocacy skills and approach helped Kabale district Local Government to improve service delivery through regular engagements. I commend KWID for being a good partner with the zeal, commitment and well spelt strategies. KWID influenced having a budget for family planning promotion and in the end, it is the district that scored on the achievement when the citizens realised improved health and production. KWID advocacy helped to improve on district indicators.

Through supporting community champions to monitor service delivery, KWID empowered service users for Maziba health centre IV to petition the district council. Thank you for scratching our back to realize the need that was in Maziba in terms of health services. There are number of things that KWID has been able to engage Kabale local Government out of the MOU we've had. saucing for funds to facilitate number of activities that like Radio talk shows. I have personally participated in a number of radio talk shows with KWID staff where we have disseminated information to people of Kabale and beyond and through these radio talk shows that's when you engage with public like people from Ntungamo and Bushenyi call to ask why KWID is not I their areas. Actually, as a leadership, the district chairperson I have had a credit because of KWID people say if it was possible why don't you come and bring services to our places or be our chairperson and all those are out of radio talk shows organised by KWID. KWID has been able to organise the youth calvan and as a leader I flagged off calvan that went beyond Kabale, Uganda up to Kigali and we want to say thank you for being good advocate to put Kabale and Uganda on the international scene.

We have heard breakfast meetings funded by KWID where a number of issues, a number of follow-ups on the agreed points have been revised, assessed to see how we stand and where we need to go and carry the next steps. So, all these are a result of KWID'S intervention and funding. I can't fail to talk about the workshops, we have had a number of workshops where district leaders and other stakeholders have been involved and a number of issues have been put on table and discussed and practical solutions collectively came up with as district leadership.

Thank you KWID for helping Kabale district local government to have youth friendly corners and school health clubs in health units and schools respectively. Thank you for being on the forefront to have Kabale declared a hard to reach area though the status is not yet achieved.

I cannot describe all the engagements we've had but I thank you KWID for the breakfast meetings, the review meetings, the pre-budget dialogue meetings, the intergenerational dialogue meetings, supporting the district to hold radio talk-shows, the joint support supervision and citizens hearings. Thank you for the good working relationship with the district.

I want to salute KWID for the effective engagement exhibited in the 25 years we have worked together and wish you the best in the next phase of your service. As Kabale district, we are looking forward to more partnership as we serve the citizens and pledge total support.

### Ag DHO Kabale Mr. Alfred Besigensi

*Family youth services (Adolescent services). We were getting services in our healthy facilities but they would seat with every person and this would stigmatise some of them and some of them would fear to even mention what they have come for but with working with KWID we were able to establish youth friendly corners in some health facilities and we are planning to roll it over in all health facilities and currently we think patients are getting quality services especially the adolescents. Our staffing levels were very low and am very sure by the time KWID started engaging the district was at 53% and currently we've improved because they would advocate for routine, advertisement and recruitment of these health workers and every year we would be recruiting healthy workers and we've moved to 71% which is a great improved because without staff you cannot offer quality health services. Also, we looked at staff motivation and staffing*



*especially accommodation, KWID has been moving here and there to ensure that the health workers are also well motivated to reduce health worker attrition because we would have many healthy workers leaving the district because maybe the committees are not working with them very well or the politicians were encroaching on their rights and they would not be happy and they start leaving the district. Because of the interaction with the health unit management and the community members we were able to reduce on the attrition rate of health workers.*

## CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER KABALE

KWID is the best advocacy organization in the district of Kabale and the entire Kigezi region. KWID use an approach of identifying issues and advocating for them in a friendly way of engaging stakeholders without pinpointing or blaming them. I like the way KWID conduct its business through engaging stakeholders at all levels. The tactic of having champions at all levels ease their work and in the end the issues are owned by both the duty bearers and service users where KWID remains a facilitator. KWID provided a platform to all categories of stakeholders to engage.

KWID spearheaded 16 days of activism in the region in 2018, the way they engaged stakeholders ranging from education institutions, women groups, religious groups, other civil society organizations, business community, media houses, political and technical leaders in the district shook the district as if 16 days of activism had started in that year. I flagged off their match past with vigour.

I refer to the KWID profiled page of 30th November 2019 and proudly showed it to colleagues that this is our strong organization who have caused positive change in the district. I commend KWID for a job well done and pledge total support to their programmes and will continue to partner with them in the next phase.



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**Mr Edmond Ntimba**

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## **RUKIGA LC V REMARKS Mr. Mbabazi Robert Kakwerere**

I am delighted to be part of the people who have witnessed the metamorphosis of Kigezi Women in Development from a local community-based organisation to a national organization, I vividly remember the time when KWID was partnering with National, Regional and international NGOs to lobby and advocate for improved service delivery for the communities and people of Rukiga district in health and education sectors. I can ably confirm that the contribution of KWID has enormous contribution to the social economic transformation of the lives of the people of Kigezi subregion.



I will always commend KWID for its efforts in fighting for the rights of the marginalized groups through women empowerment and fighting for the rights of girl child. KWID is one of the organizations with good working relationship with local governments and this has enabled her to effectively influence the government to have gender responsive laws, budgets and work plans.

I have seen KWID achieve milestones and serve better the citizens. I officiated over two KWID functions namely KWID celebration of her 10 years existence and service and during the official launch of KWID community library in 2007 and 2008 respectively. During these two functions, I realised the potential in the organization and the commitment to empower citizens.

KWID involved Kamwezi leadership and citizens in implementing the Civil Society empowerment project with support from World Vision. Kamwezi leadership, service users and duty bearers were engaged in a number of activities ranging from inception meetings, review meetings, joint support supervision, home improvement campaigns, pre-budget dialogues, interface meetings, documentation meetings and evaluation meetings.

As the chairman LC11, I had a chance to be on the KWID monitoring team that administered health standards to identify service delivery gaps that existed in health facilities to be able to advocate for them to be filled. This gave me an opportunity to know where we need to improve in terms of resource allocation and where our technical people need support to deliver quality services.

Recently October this year while attending the budget consultative meeting held at Igongo in Mbarara KWID represented the civil society organizations in that National strategic engagement. Thank you so much for putting Rukiga district on map and I pledge total support for all Your programs as you supplement government programs. Aluta continua.

## COORDINATOR YOHANN

For KWID we supported them in the development of a couple of internal policies they review their strategic plan. I have seen like a steady improvement in their proposal writing and another area which has really improved and which is now really the strength of the organisation is the financial management.

## DR PATRICK.

KWID has shown that if we empower women and put them in the position of leadership they understand many contextual things that men maybe would not understand so if I saw the important to lift up the role of women and youth especially in sexual reproductive health and rights activities but also to do promote gender equality and gender equity.

## TWIKIRIZE KATE LADY COUNCILOR Kyabuhangwa parish



I feel proud to be a leader in Kyabuhangwa where a series of activities are being implemented by KWID. The OVC life skill sessions, caregiver's trainings and meetings, community sensitizations, home improvement campaigns, parenting campaigns, VSLA, environmental conservation campaign as my work as a leader.

Participating in their activities gives me a platform to sensitize citizens on government programs and get feedback on how government programs are benefiting citizens and the gaps that need to be filled. I have easy access to citizens relying on their community mobilization and empowerment activities.

The structure they constructed in the parish I represent in the council is a big asset in terms of holding meetings. The community library is another asset where we access information to mention but a few.

## **Ariho Edson Community Development officer Kamwezi sub-county**

**KWID OVC life skill sessions, caregivers' trainings, home improvement campaigns, environmental conservation campaigns, nutrition campaigns, VSLA groups and parenting campaigns are supplementing my work as a community development officer. When I am invited to participate in these programs, I find citizens already mobilised and pass on government programs. When they sensitize masses and train beneficiaries, they are complimenting my work because we target the same beneficiaries. When they share with me reports, I incorporate them in my report as a sub-county community development officer. When they sensitize citizens, they are helping me to pass on information which I am supposed to disseminate since it is one of my roles to mobilize the community. KWID activities have eased my work and we are very good partners in development.**

## **Kasangwe Jeninah KWID member:**

**Serving on all positions of KWID executive committee gave me an opportunity to become an all-round resource person in the parish and sub-county. I have benefited in many trainings and represented KWID on a number of committees and I am an opinion leader in the area because of the skills I have accumulated through KWID work. I am proud to be one of the members who started KWID and saw it grow from a women's group up to today when it is a local NGO. Having a home, sustainability projects like the savings and credit scheme, land for crop production and future counselling rooms and a conference hall are some of the organizational sustainability.**

## **Happy Doreen**

**I appreciate the efforts of KWID for building the nation by empowering the women and the vulnerable persons in our societies. I was able to access cash during COVID-19 when other businesses were closed through constructing Energy saving cookstoves under KWID-EURECCA partnership. Through KWID I have learnt how to save and was further encouraged through trainings on the VSLA model. KWID has trained me on vegetable farming to better my household health and income, in particular I learnt mushroom farming that has improved nutrition of members in my household as well as being a source of income.**

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**I encourage members to be good spokes persons and ambassadors for KWID.**

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## **Muhanya Benon**

Benefits of joining KWID are many but the major ones are improved household incomes for members and caregivers through savings and credit scheme where we access soft loans without any collateral; accessing piggery projects through KWID send a pig, VSLA that has improved our saving culture and the skill to construct energy saving cookstoves. Through participating in KWID activities, I have learnt how to keep finance and business records. I have learnt how to grow backyard garden where we grow vegetables throughout the year and understand the importance of having vegetables on my diet every day. I have acquired facilitation skills so now a community resource person with high reputation. I have improved my leadership skills and I am an opinion leader in my community.

## **Tumushabe Grace**

Chairperson Kyogo branch

I am thankful to KWID for coming to their community and empowering them. KWID taught me and other members how to make rocket Lorena energy saving stoves and how to use them. This has helped us by saving firewood, time and we cook in clean environment preparing both the food and source at the same time.

Through VSLA model she has learnt how to make disciplined saving. KWID trained her on backyard gardening of vegetables to improve on her health and that of her family. KWID offered me piglets, which multiplied overtime thus increasing on my home income. I have been taught on her to improve my family's hygiene and sanitation.

## **Mutagaya Kate caregiver:**

KWID trained me as a caregiver, how to improve parenting skills. I have learnt how to care for my children. I used not to talk to my children but after attending caregiver's trainings and parenting campaigns, life at my home has not been the same. I now talk to my children, involve them in some decisions, give them time to contribute views and listen to their concerns. I have a back-yard garden which is not only improving our nutrition but also a source of income. I have accessed funds through energy saving stove construction and participating in music, dance and drama activities. I gained these skills through participating in KWID activities. I have bought household equipment and I am able to contribute to providing basic needs to my family. Even men have come on board because the benefits we have through participating in activities of KWID are immense.



## COMMUNICATION

Reason. Health workers say the facility operates from dilapidated premises.

# Workers call for renovation of Maziba Health Centre IV

**KIBALE.** Health workers at Maziba Health Centre IV in Maziba Sub-county, Kibale District, have appealed to the government to renovate the health centre premises for better service delivery.

The health centre that doubles as the referral of 22 lower health units, operates in buildings that were designed to house a sub-dispensary.

"Maziba sub-dispensary operated at that capacity from 1998 until 2004 when it was elevated to a health centre status without additional buildings. In 2002, the government constructed a theatre that has never been functional to date because the government did not employ architectural officers to work there," Mr Andrew Mubangizi, the officer-in-charge of the health unit said on Tuesday.

He added that health workers are struggling to offer health services because out of the 32 health workers employed, only three are accommodated in good houses while the rest are accommodated in dilapidated buildings that were built in the 1990s. Others stay in wards with patients and others in Kibale Town, which is about 20kms away from the health facility.

"Health workers improve using small touches on their phones and sometimes candles every time the solar power is down. Government donated solar power to the facility in 2009 and Amul donated supplementary solar power in 2013 but it is weak. We appeal to the government to consider connecting the health facility with hydro power since electricity wires just pass over the health facility as a motor sailing factory, which was recently constructed by government," Mr Mubangizi said.

**1,200**

**NUMBER OF PATIENTS THAT MAZIBA HEALTH CENTRE HANDLES EVERY MONTH.**

Besides handling about 1,200 patients per month, the facility has no blood bank. Mr Mubangizi also said the facility

has no paediatric ward, therefore, children are accommodated at the general ward that accommodates other patients. He adds that they put a tent as a clinic for the HIV/AIDS patients.

The co-convener director for Kibale Women in Development (KWID), a local community based organisation that is involved in advocacy for better health, Ms Florence Tumuhirwe, said it is a big shame to find such government health facility operating in such old buildings.

"It is a shame to find health workers in a government health centre IV sleeping in dilapidated buildings that have leaking roofs and cracked walls. There is need for motivating health workers in such facilities by constructing for them good staff houses so that they can be able to deliver timely health services," said Ms Tumuhirwe.

### Fundraising

Ms Tumuhirwe added that if the government has failed its duty, civil society organisations and com-

munity members should mobilise themselves to organise fundraisings for the construction of the critical infrastructure at health facilities.

*"It is a shame to find health workers in a government health centre IV sleeping in dilapidated buildings that have leaking roofs and cracked walls. There is need for motivating health workers in such facilities by constructing for them good staff houses so that they can be able to deliver timely health services."*

**FLORENCE TUMUHIRWE, CO-CONVENER DIRECTOR FOR KIBALE WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT**

Kibale District secretary for health, education and sports, Mr Johnson Ingoma, admits that the structures at Maziba Health Centre are in poor state, adding that they petitioned the Ministry of Health and they are waiting for response.

The Acting Kibale District health officer, Dr Immaculate Mandula, said her department is fully aware of the health workers' challenges at the health facility but they are doing their best to have it sorted.

## briefly

### District boss advises

**MUKONOAGYO.** The Busubura District chairman has warned local leaders in the district to stop sharing houses and other social functions in their respective areas. Mr Ronald Mubangizi said he has been getting reports that some local leaders share social functions, especially houses after being elected into office. Speaking during the district council sitting on Tuesday, Mr Mubangizi told local leaders that sharing social functions perhaps a bad image of the district leadership and also undermines their dignity. [Linda Mubanda]

### MP donates iron sheets

**KIBALE.** The Kibale County MP, Cuthbert Abigaba Muzemba, has donated iron sheets to a family in Mugamba Village which got reports, he delivered them to Mr Stephen Nyanjira, 30, and Mr Hope Tumuhirwe, 26, in Rugwema village, Nyanjira ward in Kibale District. Abigaba said the family, which was blessed with talents, had no shelter when he visited them. [Feleban Tubana]



### G test positive for cancer

# Arrested In Swoop

## HIV/AIDS Patients Demand Access To ARVs



**WAKISO.** Health workers in Wakiso District are preparing to launch the second stage of health facilities. Speaking on Tuesday at the national level AIDS Day (2nd) workshop for Wakiso district, Mr Mubangizi said that there are no adequate drugs in the health facilities. He said the government is unable to do so health facilities in the district. He said that the government is unable to do so health facilities in the district. He said that the government is unable to do so health facilities in the district.

## Leaders Worried Over Domestic Violence

**WAKISO.** Leaders in Wakiso are concerned that increased cases of domestic violence among families in the district. Mr Mubangizi said that the government is unable to do so health facilities in the district. He said that the government is unable to do so health facilities in the district.

## Leaders Start Adult Literacy Program

**WAKISO.** Health workers have started an adult literacy program in Wakiso. The program is being implemented by the District Council and the District Health Office. The program is being implemented by the District Council and the District Health Office.

## Construction Of Kasere Airport Irks Leaders

**WAKISO.** Leaders in Wakiso are concerned that the construction of Kasere Airport is irking them. They are concerned that the construction of Kasere Airport is irking them. They are concerned that the construction of Kasere Airport is irking them.

International Day of the African Child

World Vision

# Transforming lives in Rukiga county

World Vision Uganda has operations in Rukiga county in Kabale district in Kigezi sub-region, with two Area Development Programmes (ADPs). North Rukiga comprised of Kashamba and Rwamucucu sub-counties and Rukiga comprised of Bukinda and Kamwesi sub-counties.

Operations in Rukiga commenced in 1992 as an emergency response to the escalated refugee influx from Rwanda and drought due to economic impact. Long term sustainable programmes started in 1994.

Since then, a number of programmes have been implemented in the area focusing on education, health, child protection and livelihoods.

**Promoting education**

Under World Vision's education's initiatives in the county, 223 classrooms have been constructed and furnished with 3323 desks, 223 chairs, 223 tables and 57 ventilated improved pit latrines.

In Rukiga North, 13 classrooms, seven latrines blocks, 285 stances latrines, 35 plastic tanks of 2400 litres were installed and five permanent houses of 13 units accommodating 13 teachers constructed. Over 300 children from needy families have been supported in primary and secondary schools, and a well-equipped laboratory constructed at Kamwesi High School. Vocational institutions too have been supported through the construction of three unit vocational blocks.

**Improving food security and household incomes**

In Agriculture, World Vision targeted 10,000



A member of Kyabazinga Women in Development imparting life skills to children in Kamwesi sub-county

Kwinyatsya village with a family of five children, two in Primary and three at secondary school, was also supported by World Vision. She was given skills and knowledge on how to practice modern farming. Today, she has 100 chicken, 20 bee hives and nine goats. Besides paying school fees, she is in process of constructing a six 1.3million house.

"I wouldn't have managed to put up all these things you are seeing if I wasn't supported by World Vision," she said.

**Improving health, water and sanitation**

Under water, health and sanitation, a stretch of 26 kilometers gravity water flow in Kwinyangy-Kigala was constructed targeting 1,559 boys and 1,724 girls to access safe and clean water. This was aimed at improving sanitation and hygiene at home and in schools. Four dispensaries, one maternity ward, a laboratory, three staff quarters and a dental clinic were constructed.

Under HIV/AIDS: There was increased HIV

around homes have been done and home based management and community empowerment on prevention has gone high," he added.

Alice Kabinwa, the Headmistress of Kibangy Girls Primary School, reported that the school's performance has improved due to intervention of World Vision, which constructed for them two blocks with classrooms, latrines, gate, shade fruit trees, over 600 textbooks and have taken their children on school tours which has improved children's skills of debating.

"The performance has improved, since 2006 there is no school that has ever been on in PLE and we are over the first in Rukiga County and second or first in Kabale district, we only get first and second grades," she added.

Other projects like Rukiga churches in partnership have been provided with an assortment of equipment including grinding and haying machines, 30 sewing and 10 hewing machines for youth and women in churches.

**Under leadership and economic empowerment projects:**

CBOs and institutional leaders were empowered through training and leadership management skills, advocacy skills and disaster management.

**Observation:**

Mwirookwi has observed that meaningful involvement and participation to the most vulnerable groups was key in reaching out communities with different interventions, where by efforts were made to explore and understand vulnerable groups in local context.

Regional Extra WESTERN

**Call:** Deputy Chief Justice Alfonse Owiyo-Dollo says the country is seated on a time bomb and that everyone should be concerned.

BY FELIX ANTHONY  
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**MBARARA** Deputy Chief Justice Alfonse Owiyo-Dollo has decried rampant cases of murder in the country and called for fight against illegal possession of firearms which he said partly fuels killings.

Speaking at the opening of Court of Appeal sessions for Mbarara High Court circuit on Monday, Justice Dollo said majority of the criminal cases that will be handled for the next 30 days, are murder in nature.

Twenty-four of the cases are for murder, 17 for defilement, five for aggravated robbery, three for manslaughter three and one for obtaining money by false pretences. The court has been in Gulu where it heard 60 criminal cases; Fort portal, 51 cases; Jinja, 53 cases and Masaka, 56 cases.

"I do not know why murder is overlapping other cases in the country and this should be everyone's concern," he said.

**Discusses the matter**

He added that Uganda is seated on a time bomb. He called upon the citizens to discuss the matter within their localities to avert the situation before it gets out of hand.

"This should be every one's concern. As a society, we need to sit down and discuss these things. There are guns in the hands of wrong elements and we need to do something about this because that is a time bomb," he said.

He added that in the past, people

## Judiciary decries rampant murders



Inspection: Deputy Chief Justice Alfonse Owiyo-Dollo inspects a parade at Mbarara High Court on Monday.

equally had guns but were disciplined unlike today.

"You would start a quarrel but one would first keep the gun and fight with you. But now you can spill some little beer on someone's trousers and then he points a gun at you," said Justice Dollo.

He said the 25-year war in northern Uganda was a result of guns being in the hands of wrong elements. He urged the society to guard against it.

Justice Dollo asked government to increase judges of the Court of Appeal from 11 to 28 for them to deliver justice in time and avoid case backlog.

"The court of appeal has 11 justices who have to sit in a set of three or five, I would be happy if I had 28 justices of the Court of Appeal. We would have these sessions every month at regional levels so that it does not come like a seasonal bird," said Justice Dollo.

## Lack of accommodation affecting service delivery

BY ROBERT MUKHEZA  
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**KABALE.** Health workers in Kabale District, especially in remote areas, are abandoning work due to lack of accommodation.

This has been established in a survey conducted recently by Kabale Women in Development, an NGO involved in health advocacy.

While releasing their report last Friday, the executive director of Kabale Women in Development, Ms Florence Tumuhirwe, said they have found out that nine health workers working in rural health centres in Kabale have in the last four months abandoned work because of lack of staff houses and the remoteness of the work stations.

She said there are no decent houses around the health centres which health workers can hire.

"Some health workers report on duty very late because where they rent is about four to 10 kilometres away from their work stations," Mr Tumuhirwe said.

The acting Kabale District health officer, Ms Immaculate

**“ Failure to motivate health workers in the hard-to-reach areas is one reason why they opt to migrate to other places where they get better payments and good working conditions. At the health department of Kabale District, we have been encouraging staff by giving them scholarships but staff accommodation facilities in the rural health centres has remained a big challenge.”**

**MWIRUKWI, THE ACTING KABALE DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER**

Mwirookwi, said the migration of health workers from Kabale to other districts is a combination of factors that include lack of accommodation facilities, harsh work conditions related to being in hard-to-reach areas and also failure to motivate them by giving them top-up allowances.

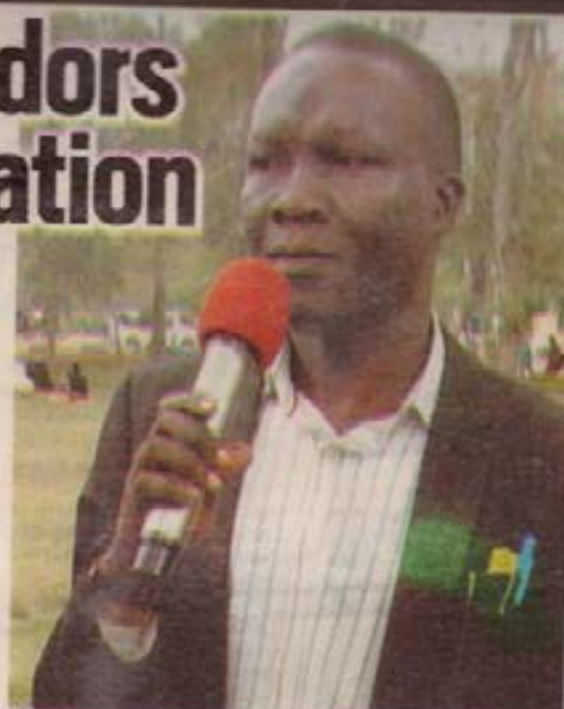
The assistant principal secretary at Kabale District local government, Mr James Magabihe, asked private investors to provide the houses for hiring. The Kabale District council secretary for health, education, sports and community based services, Mr Johnson Kagame, said this issue needs to be addressed immediately.

# Mbarara Vendors Resist Relocation

BY OUR REPORTER

**MBARARA:** A decision by Mbarara Municipal authorities to relocate vendors from the centre of the town has been received with resistance. The decision by the municipal authorities was communicated on Tuesday by the town clerk Mbarara Municipality Edward Lwanga. He argued that the vendors were disrupting business in the town and had also depleted the green belts in the town. Lwanga says that the traders are free to conduct their businesses outside the central business district. However, the vendors have described the

directive as uncalled for and only aimed at keeping them out of business. Mohamed Nyombi, a vendor says that the number of street vendors has increased due to the on-going construction of Mbarara central market. He explains that most of the traders are being relocated to Independence Park. According to Nyombi, their customers are reluctant to buy products from the temporary market due to the distance and poor state. He says that the authorities should be lenient up to when the construction of a new market is completed. Jovia Tukundane another trader says that the authorities are being inconsiderate,



Mbarara Municipal town Clerk Edward Lwanga



Justus Tushabomwe

## Ex LC3 Boss Acquitted Over Defilement

BY MOSES AGABA

**KABALE:** The Kabale Chief Magistrate's Court has acquitted Justus Tushabomwe, the former Rwamucucu LC3 boss for defiling and impregnating a 17-year old girl in 2015. Tushabomwe was accused of defiling a 17-year old girl Mercy Akandwanaho, a student of Kihanga SSS on top of impregnating her. The incident happened on September 7, 2015 while at

Rwamucucu Sub county headquarters, Rukiga County in Kabale district. The girl claimed that Akandwanaho summoned her to his office to pick some letters as she was returning from school at Kihanga SSS. She claimed that as she entered the office, he allegedly had sex with her. His worship Julius Kyaka Borore, the Kabale Chief Magistrate while delivering his judgment on Tuesday said that the DNA results

showed that Tushabomwe wasn't the father of the child that was born. After the judgment, Tushabomwe said that the entire move was orchestrated by his political opponents in the Rwamucucu LC3 elections. He says that he is going to sue the complainant Mercy Akandwanaho and the government for wrongful accusations. Tushabomwe recently lost the Rwamucucu LC3 polls to Deus William Bamanya.

BY OUR REPORTER

**LYANTONDE** The Lyantonde District Engineer, Francis Kwanuka is in trouble for allegedly swapping the engines of government vehicles without the consent of the council. Trouble started after investigations by the District Public Accounts Committee showed that the engines of two vehicles belonging to the district had been changed without

## Engineer Questioned Over Missing Engines

council approval. The two vehicles are Toyota Helix Registration number LG 0001/77 for the district speaker and Ranger Ford UG 124R that belongs to the water department. John Bosco Kisekka, the Chairperson Lyantonde District Public Accounts Committee, says Kwanuka used private garages to change the vehicle engines yet the

district contracted two garages to handle all issues related to repairs and distribution of spare parts. John Katakanya, a member of the Committee, says they consulted technicians at Elizabeth and Bukhya Garages that were contracted by the district who told the committee that they have never conducted any engine changes and repairs

as the engineer claims. Katakanya says the worst part is that Kwanuka cannot even show the faulty engines. He says whenever the engineer appears before the committee to explain the matter he doesn't provide any satisfactory explanation. Katakanya now says they are considering handing the matter to police for further investigations.

## Ankole University Gets New Guild Boss

BY CALES NASASIRA

**SHEEMA:** Cara Rugasira, a student of Bachelor of Public Administration and Management has been declared the new guild president of Ankole Western University based in Kabwoba, Sheema Municipality.

## Teenage Pregnancies Worry Leaders

BY MOSES AGABA

**KABALE:** Leaders are worried of the increased number of teenage pregnancies in Kabale district. Monica Muhumuzi, the Senior Probation Officer Kabale District says that in 2017 they received 93 and that from April to June 2018 they have so far received 130 cases. Alfred Besi-

gens, the Acting Kabale district Health Educator, says that of the 33,717 mothers that went for antenatal testing in health centres since January 2018, 4800 were teenagers making 13% of the pregnant mothers. He also said that adolescents that are taking up family planning are 828 of the 12208 making 6.8%. This was revealed on Tuesday

during a one day workshop at Kigime guest house organized by Kabale Women in Development (KOWID) in partnership with AMREF health Africa. The workshop intended to mitigate possible ways of strengthening partnership with stakeholders in transforming health systems in communities especially to youth.

# Chinese firm launches drive to boost education in Busoga

By Betty Angatal

A Chinese firm has embarked on supporting education in Busoga sub-region and Busia district in a bid to improve education standards.

The firm will support both primary and secondary schools on Mutea-Majani-Lumino road. The road connects the districts of Mayuge, Bugiri, Namayingo and Busia.

Speaking during the handover of scholastic materials to St Kizito Primary School in Mayuge town council, Mayuge district, Wan Longgen, the manager of China Railway 8th Bureau Company Limited, said the donation would improve education standards in the communities.

"We are creating opportunities for every child to access education through our Corporate Social Responsibility programme. We are optimistic that with this support, education will be lifted to greater heights," Longgen said.

He said a number of children were dropping out of school due to lack of scholastic materials and this had affected the completion of their education.

"Most pupils lack scholastic materials and this has greatly affected their academic performance," Longgen



Wan Longgen handing over scholastic materials to pupils of St Kizito Primary School in Mayuge recently. Photo by Betty Angatal

said. He said as a company, they were aiming at making contributions that would foster development in less privileged communities.

Longgen added that the company would also support the pupils' welfare, provide items such as exercise books, pens, pencils and other scholastic

materials in order to create an enabling environment for education.

He said they would also provide the schools with textbooks and chalk.

The company also donated footballs and uniforms to the school and community youth in a bid to develop their talents.

Isaac Joseph Obwine, the headmaster of St Kizito, commended the company for the support.

He said: "This will not only increase enrolment of children in schools, but also help them live decent lives."

He noted that despite the Government's effort in promoting education through Universal Primary Education and Universal Secondary Education programmes, some of the children miss school due to lack of scholastic materials.

Obwine also said there was laziness by parents in ensuring that their children attend school which has resulted in increased drop out rates.

Eng. James Alinza, who represents J Aden Kagisa, the Uganda National Roads Authority's executive director commended the China Railway 8th Bureau Company for the progress in the construction of Mutea-Majani-Lumino road.

On land acquisition, Alinza said the Government was committed to compensating the remaining affected persons.

He thanked the company for giving back to the community and also creating employment opportunities for Ugandans.

Alinza said: "Those who are employed are not only earning money, but they are getting skills and knowledge from the Chinese."

## Kabale decries domestic violence

KABALE

By Job Namanya

Authorities in Kabale district have decried the increasing incidences of domestic violence in the area.

The Kabale district deputy chief administrative officer, Edmond Ntimba, said 255 cases of domestic violence had been registered at Kabale Central Police Station since January. Fifty of the cases were reported by women and 20 by men.

Ntimba said the cases of domestic violence had left many children living miserable lives in their families.

Ntimba made the revelation on Tuesday while flagging off members of Kabale Women in Development (KWID) who are campaigning against acts of violence towards women.

They are marking 16 days of activism against gender-based violence which started on November 25, 2008 and ends on December 10, under the theme: *Hear me to end violence against women and girls.*

Monica Muhumusa, the Kabale district senior probation officer, said the major causes of domestic violence in the district are alcoholism and poverty.

Florence Irumukwera, the executive director of KWID, asked government to introduce tough laws against the gender-based violence.

