

COHAD- UGANDA ORGANIZATION PROFILE 2022



COMMON CONCERN FOR HUMANITY AND DEVELOPMENT
(COHAD-Uganda)

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INTRODUCTION



COHAD-Uganda is a child centred indigenous not for profit, non-political, non-governmental organization founded by a group of former humanitarian workers in West Nile region since November 2017.

COHAD was first registered as a Community Based organisation with Adjumani District Local Government in 2018 Reg. No. Adj/097/2019 and incorporated by URSB as a Company Limited by guarantee in 2018 certificate No: 80020001467670. It was later registered in April 2019 with the National NGO Bureau as an Indigenous NGO with Registration No: INDR 144082172NB.

COHAD has good grassroots network of membership across West Nile Region. The organisation is in West Nile region with its Headquarters in Adjumani district. However, due to funding limitation, we are currently operating in Adjumani district only

Donors and Partners:

- CRVPPF/Master card foundation
- Child Fund International
- Adjumani district local government
- Office of the Prime Minister refugee desk office- Adjumani

Sources of Funding

Membership and annual subscription fees
Grants and donations.





INTRODUCTION

COHAD seeks to ensure that every child attains their full potential through provision of child centred services in many areas of protection, inclusion, land rights and property ownership rights, peace building, gender/GBV, food security & livelihood, education, psychosocial mental health, Nutrition, and sustainable environmental management (WASH).

It has a strong background in working with rural communities and interfacing with local government and other national and international development agencies including Office of the Prime Minister among others.

This collaborative and partnership approach with intensive research, continuous learning and sharing best practices and lessons learned has enhanced and strengthened capacity of COHAD. It has a wide range of local networks and positions itself as an indigenous entity endowed with knowledge and experience on the socio-economic and geographical landscape of West Nile region.

1.4. Affiliation to other Organisations

COHAD is affiliated to other organisations. They include:

- (i) Member of West Nile Humanitarian platform
- (ii) Member of Adjumani District NGO forum
- (iii) Member of Climate Action Network Uganda



VISION

"Healthy children amongst knowledgeable communities"



MISSION

Our mission is for every child to achieve their full potential through our psychosocial support and provision of child

OUR CORE VALUES:

- (i) Responsiveness
- (ii) Humanity
- (iii) Transparency and accountability
- (iv) Professionalism
- (v) Stewardship



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



(i) To create facilities and opportunities to strengthen community-based capacities for child protection

(ii) To facilitate efforts towards reduction of all forms of vulnerabilities to hunger, malnutrition, malaria including poverty-generated suffering

(iii) To provide facilities including opportunities for enhancing children's performance in basic education

(iv) To provide health and psychosocial mental health support to population in crisis.

(v) To provide technical support towards achieving sustainable use of the environmental resources.

MAIN THEMATIC AREAS AND ACTIVITIES

Currently COHAD has five main thematic areas. They include the following:

- (i) Child Protection
- (ii) Education
- (iii) Food Security, nutrition, and livelihood
- (iv) Psychosocial and health
- (v) Environment /Water Sanitation, Hygiene

MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

CHILD PROTECTION

Under child protection the organization is involved in extensive community sensitization meetings among the refugee and host communities on child rights, rehabilitation of children affected by violence through psychosocial counseling and scholastic materials provided for their safe return to schools, Contextualized training guides for prevention of school-based violence against children in Uganda including Country wide consultation on review of SBVP materials.

Girls affected by Violence against children supported with both psychosocial counseling and scholastic, hygiene materials to rehabilitate them safely return to school (Itirikwa subcounty-Adjumani District 2022).



ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

In implementing this child protection component, 18 meetings conducted and a total of 1000 individuals reached and sensitized, 50 VACIS affected Girls and PWDs supported to safely return to school after covid 19, Nine (9) curriculum guides were reviewed and contextualized for CFI Uganda and a country wide consultative meeting conducted with 30 participants to review SBVP materials.

EDUCATION

- 01 Under education component, COHAD provided hygiene and scholastic materials to school going refugee and host population, psychosocial and material support to VACIS affected households/families and School based violence prevention
- 02 A total of 50 girls and PWDs were supported to return to schools, 62 VACIS affected families supported with cash Grants to start IGAs to sustain the education of their children and a total of Nine (9) SBVP manuals were contextualized and in
- 03 COHAD participated in the curriculum contextualisation for ChidFund Uganda. Picture 2 above illustrates one of such stakeholder's curriculum contextualisation workshops conducted in Jinja



ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

FOOD SECURITY , NUTRITION, AND LIVELIHOODS

In order to improve on food security, nutrition, and livelihoods of the refugees and host communities, COHAD provided cash assistance to female household heads, Income generation activities start up materials /cash to youth groups in refugee and host communities ,conducted technical training on management of selected IGAs, VSLA methodology , VSLA toolkits to refugee and host population and conducted Group Dynamics to Youth groups. COHAD trains and supports both Men and women in the formation and management of VSLA as shown in Picture 3 below. A total of 300 VSLA members were trained on basic skills of VSLA concepts and record keeping techniques, Eight (8) VSLA groups received assorted VSLA toolkits and a total of 8 youth groups comprising of 220 individual youths were trained on leadership skills and group development



Training of men and Women in VSLA Methodology supported by COHAD Uganda:

Refugee teenage mother Ms, Noella was economically rehabilitated through cash grant to start a small-scale enterprise (Mungula 1 settlement, Itirikwa subcounty Adjumani District):



ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

FOOD SECURITY , NUTRITION, AND LIVELIHOODS



Amandeku Youth Group supported with improved Goats to create gainful employments for Kwoma village youths in Itirikwa sub-county:

Youth groups are also supported with Goat rearing, piggery, saloon, and Phone charging enterprises as source of livelihood some of which are illustrated in the picture above. They too are linked to markets and equipped with entrepreneurship skills.

In summary, under food security, nutrition and livelihoods, COHAD prides itself in having supported female household heads with cash Grants to implement their household IGA Action plans and a total of eight (8) youth groups comprising of a total of 200 members supported with various IGAs including livestock, saloon, butchery, and phone charging enterprises.

They have also trained a total of 200 individual youths in Goat rearing, piggery, and butchery management techniques while others were trained on business management skills to operate saloon and phone charging services.

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ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

PSYCHOSOCIAL AND HEALTH/HIV

COHAD supports psycho-social counseling for victims of violence against children in and around schools, conducted community out-reach on HIV/Aids. So far 42 adolescent girls and PWDs have been supported and rehabilitated through counseling to return to schools and A total of 4 community outreach meetings were conducted to educate the masses on HIV/Aids including the available supporting mechanisms for positive living.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND WASH

COHAD is involved in advocacy for environmental protection, Sensitization of the community on tree planting and protection of nature and provision of training on construction and use of energy saving stoves. COHAD boasts of its success in participating in group advocacy work against illegal logging and depletion of natural resources, sensitization of the community on tree planting and protection of nature with a total 4 group trainings conducted to training women on construction and use of energy saving stoves.



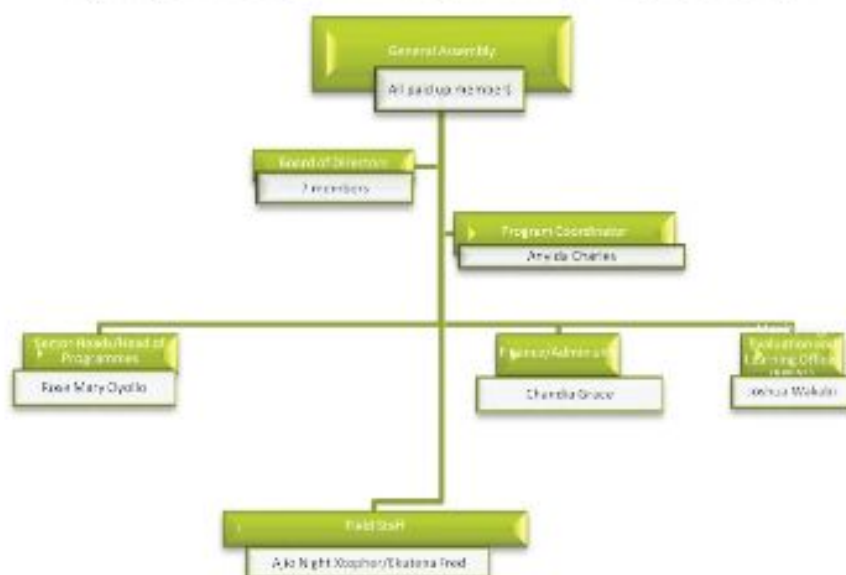
Table 1: Summary of Activities/Target group:

	THEME	ACTIVITIES/SUB-ACTIVITIES	TARGET GROUP
1	Institutional capacity Strengthening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Staff training ➤ Human resource acquisition ➤ Procurement of Logistical equipment ➤ Expansion of office space ➤ Improving partnership with Donors/Government ➤ Increasing revenue base ➤ Increase visibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Staff ➤ Government ➤ Donors
2.	Child Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Community mobilisation, sensitization, and awareness creation on the rights of children. ➤ Prevention of violence against children in schools and community. ➤ Peace building, conflict resolution, and promotion of social justice. ➤ Promotion of land rights/ownership awareness. ➤ GBV, and inclusion of PWDs in programming. ➤ Strengthen the child protection committees within the communities to enhance a safe and conducive environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Children in and out of school ➤ Youth and adolescents especially girls ➤ Women and persons with disabilities ➤ Religious, cultural, and traditional leaders
3.	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Engagement of the local population to value and participate in school activity through the whole school approach for their children to access quality education ➤ Training of Senior women and men teachers on strategies/approaches to eliminate violence against children in and around schools (EVACIS). ➤ Training Headteachers and teachers on Gender responsive pedagogy and other child- centred methodologies and techniques of teaching and learning in schools. ➤ Provides sponsorship and scholastic materials to vulnerable children in schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ School dropout children, children in school, orphans, ➤ street children, ➤ children from extremely poor households ➤ Child mothers ➤ School teachers, headteachers, parents, and SMCs.
4.	Food security, nutrition, and livelihood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Promoting food security, good nutritional practices, and household income. ➤ Empowering youth in agriculture production, VSLA, Marketing linkages and enterprise development. ➤ Promoting community led voucher for work systems for community rehabilitation. ➤ Sensitise the youth on cereal banking activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Youth groups, ➤ Small holder farmers, women, and men. ➤ VSLAs groups
5.	Psychosocial and health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Providing psychosocial first aid (PFA) for population in crisis, while also putting efforts towards improving HIV /AIDS situation. ➤ Training of headteachers, SMCs, teachers on psychosocial support for learners in their schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ children in emergency, migrants/refugees ➤ displaced persons, children with mental challenges.
6.	Environment /Water Sanitation, Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sustainable use of natural resources. ➤ Hygiene and sanitation ➤ green livelihood, ➤ community woodlots & Tree planting ➤ Promotion of proper waste disposal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Schools, ➤ Youth groups ➤ VSLAs ➤ Out of school youth

Organizational Capacity of COHAD-Uganda.

COHAD has six members of staff with Program Coordinator, Head of programmes, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, Finance and Administration Officer and Field staff/Project Assistants. It also has a well composed Board of Directors and a General Assembly.

Fig 1: COHAD ORGANIZATION/LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE



1.2. Governance Structure

Currently COHAD-Uganda has seven board members including four (4) men and three (3) females. The Board of Directors are elected by the General Assembly and considerations are always given to diversities in profession and culture. Our current board chairperson is Mr. Stephen Koma a commissioner in the Ministry of Local Government deputized by Ms. Mesiku Beatrice Nancy working as a senior accountant in Adjumani District local government.

The following persons are the current sitting Board members for 2019-2021 as shown in Table 2 below:

Table 2: Current Sitting Board Members 2019-2021

S/NO	Name	Gender	Position	Address
1	Koma Stephen Idha	M	Chairperson	Ministry of Local Government. Kampala Uganda.
2	Mesiku Nancy Beatrice	F	Vice Chairperson	Adjumani district Local government.
3	Lemeriga George	M	Treasurer	Obongi district local government
4	Aletia Gloria	F	Member	Caritas Arua diocese
5	Latigo Collins Sunday	M	Member	Adjumani district local government
6	Barigo Gabriel Okuba	M	Board Secretary	Odama&CO Advocate Adjumani office
7	Mesiku Jane Beatrice	F	Member	Office of the RDC Adjumani district.

OUR TEAM



ANYIDA CHARLES LOGWENYA
Program Coordinator

BA. Development studies
Diploma in Gender and development,
Certificate in project planning and management.



WAKABI JOSHUA
Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Officer (Consultant)

B. SWASA / PGD.M&E / M.M&E.



ROSEMARY OYOLLO
Head of Programmes(Consultant)

MA in Education and International Development.
MA in Social Sector Planning and Management / Bachelor of Education
Diploma in Management of community-oriented Education.



AJIO NIGHT X-TOPHER
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