



Engage All Africa (EAA)

Annual **PROJECT** **REPORT 2018-2020**



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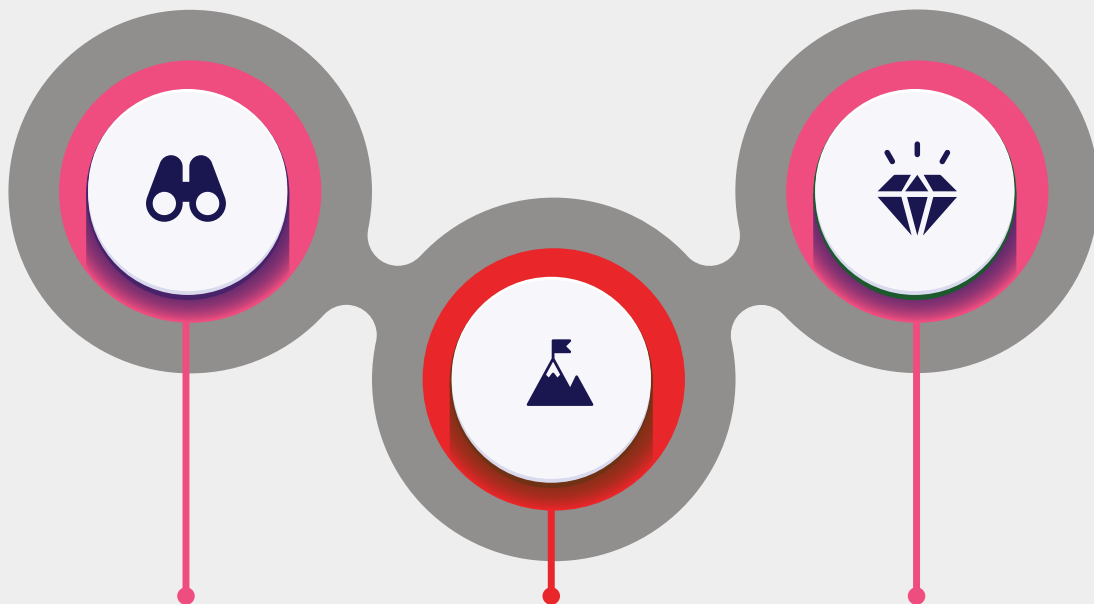
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May the almighty God continue to keep you and bless you all as you seek to build and extend his kingdom

> Background

Engage All Africa (EAA) is a registered Ugandan nonprofit Community Based Organization Registration No. S5914/13802 dedicated to improve the livelihood of youth, women empowerment, education support to Orphans and Vulnerable Children, creative arts promotion, health care and sanitation awareness initiatives in Busia district, Uganda. We aspire to improve the living conditions of the poor and marginalized by adopting strategies through community initiative, participation and sensitization. The organization works with local communities and local leaders to see that aims and objectives are achieved. We have considered Women self-help groups as the base for all interventions and livelihood activities enabling them to contribute towards mainstream development process.



VISION

A Productive and sustainable community livelihood towards a poverty free, just and healthy society.

MISSION

Engage All Africa aims to uphold human dignity, equity and accountability through people's active participation, capacity enhancement and access to resources for self and community development in Uganda.

CORE VALUES

- Accountability
- Integrity
- Participation
- Gender Responsiveness
- Team Building



> What We Do?

EAA implements an integrated and holistic community development program that provides the following services: WASH, educational support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children, and youths, Advocacy, empowerment for vulnerable women and girls, community capacity building, Vocational Skills Training, water and sanitation, economic empowerment and Research.



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> Director's Message



I am more excited to share our report for the past three years (2018-2020) with you and the latest program developments

I am proud of the work that we have done together for the past three years and honored to work with a dedicated team which understands the Vision and Mission of Engage All Africa. While we are far from being perfect, we do our best as an organization not deriving from our organization Values of Accountability, integrity, participation, Gender responsiveness and team building

At its most basic, we strive to do truly meaningful work for the communicates, finding thoughtful, effective, and innovative ways to support the organization and facilitate change in each of the areas of focus.

It is important to note that our programs at international level is in line with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3, focusing on "Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages" but also consistent with SDG 5 thus "Gender Equality"

It is gratifying to know that so many people share our Vision and Mission, supporting our activities while staying true to our Values and beliefs.

We as Engage all Africa did what we do Best, and we are committed to roll up our sleeves and get to work, more inspired than Never-before to advance the rights and well-being of our country's most oppressed communities as we work together with local communities and local leaders.

I am proud of what we have achieved in these years and have so much left to do to achieve the objectives as an organization.

I want to give special thanks to government line ministries in Uganda, all our Development partners, friends, and Volunteers for all the material and financial support rendered to the organization; your support meant the world to our team and the communities we serve.

It is our great honor to build this moment with you.

Nansereko Agnes
Executive Director

> List of Acronyms

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| EAA | Engage All Africa |
| OVC | Orphans and Vulnerable Children |
| MHM | Menstrual Hygiene health and Management |
| STI | Sexually Transmitted Infections |



2018-2020 at a glance- a quick review

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5 peer support clubs were created in the catchment area. The clubs provides a platform for youths counseling and for consolidating new values, beliefs, attitudes and behaviors acquired.

➤ **Educational Support:** A total of 40 vulnerable youth (27 girls and 13 boys) were supported to pursue practical vocational and apprenticeship skill courses in tailoring, Knitting, Hair dressing, and motor cycle repairs

➤ Baseline Survey on Menstrual Hygiene Management Study outcomes

A total of 127 respondents were interviewed and of those 98.4% were female of reproductive age; the survey revealed that:

*45.7% of the respondents reported to be using disposable sanitary pads, 48.8% re-usable sanitary pads while a sizable number had no idea about which type of sanitary pads to use.

*Concerning accessibility of the pad, 75.6% of the respondents preferred to access sanitary pads from the retail shops, 13.4% from other places while 6.3% from clinics;

*Concerning affordability 32.3% reported that they can afford buying the pads, 16.5% cannot afford them, 45.7% can sometimes afford them while a small number had no response to the question.

*Knowledge on Utilization. It is worrying that 59.1% of the respondents had knowledge of using the sanitary pads, 33.9% did not know how to use them while 7.1% had no response

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Hospital Visits: A 157 patients were visited and counseled in the hospital.

➤ Introduction

This three-year report presents another opportunity for us to reflect on our progress, assess where we are, evaluate recent significant achievement in program development, share lessons learnt, and to collectively map a way forward. We therefore take this opportunity to share the implemented activities under WASH, youth livelihood, and networking in a summarized format, singling out activities such as provision of sanitary pads, blood donation, educational support to vulnerable youth (practical Vocational skills training) and career guidance, and rehabilitation of water spring wells among others.

1.0. Increasing Access to Safe Drinking Water

In the effort to increase access to safe drinking water to the needy people in rural areas Buwuma village located in Dabani Sub-County in Busia District, EAA project team in partnership with the local leaders and other community members embarked on rehabilitation of the Community water well that serves a population of 750 indigent people with 75% being women and girls.

Although there is no empirical study carried out to establish the number of women and girls who have suffered violence before the rehabilitation of the spring well and as a result of moving long distances in search for safe clean drinking water;

beneficiary personal stories from community members consuming the water reveal that the rehabilitation of the bore holes has increased access to safe drinking water both in the schools and in the communities; to this end, this has reduced on the violence against women and girls; this category of people were suffering the effects of domestic violence related to water scarcity in the area, adolescent girls were being abused, dropped out of schools because they had to move long distanced to look for water while pregnant women were being over burdened by travelling long distances to look for water and at the same time do other house chores, but this has been overcome now.

1.1. Sustainability of water supply.

To ensure sustainability of access to safe drinking water, EAA mobilized community local leaders and formed 4 Community Water User Committees (CWUC) in four political parishes of Busia district; the committees are charged with ensuring water safety so that it is not contaminated with human and animal waste, renovation of the spring wells, lobby local government leaders and other duty bearers at district level to maintain the spring water wells and to bring to justice all men abusing the rights of women and girls while fetching water and parents to support women and girls when it comes to water collection.

1.2. Rapid Assessment of Menstrual Hygiene Management in Busia District

In March 2020 when the government of Uganda launched the nationwide country lockdown as one of the measures to stem the COVID-19 disease, a number of young people suffered the socio-economic, spiritual and health effects of the lockdown; social distancing measures, ban of public transport, and closure of workplaces led to disruption of the supply chain for WASH products and services in Uganda in general and Busia District in particular which led to some young people failing to access WASH products for appropriate Menstrual Hygiene health and Management (MHM)

To this end EAA commissioned a survey on MHM in four sub-counties of Busia District; the survey was guided by four study objectives.

- 1.To assess the existing conditions of MHM in four sub-counties of Busia District
- 2.To Identify the responses and adaptation strategies adopted by youth during COVID-19 pandemic
- 3.The new innovations that youths led enterprises have come up with in response to the pandemic in regard to MHM
- 4.The type of support that youth have received, nay further support needs and their outlook for mitigating challenges identified.

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1.3. Safe Blood Donation

Engage All Africa in partnership with Uganda Blood Bank organized a campaign in Busia district aimed at donating blood; the campaign was financially supported by Global Fluids International; we sensitized the communities in Busia District on the gist of donating blood through different media houses in the district. A total of 187 individuals volunteered to donate blood to those that need





1.4. Ministering to the spiritual Needs of Prisoners

Easter is a time for sharing the love and the compassion of Jesus Christ, Engage All Africa in partnership with spiritual counselors from Miracle Center Church in Busia visited the prisoners in Busia Prisons and shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ; the team donated Food and other items to the prisoners. The overriding aim was to restore hope, peace and share love with those in pain and to preach the gospel to them so as to transform their lives when they rejoin the community; a total of 253 prisoners benefited from this scheme; they shared life stories and experienced while in prison and how the gospel has changed their perception toward other people and started dreaming a new life after serving their sentences.

1.5. Hospital Visit

EAA Social Worker conducted hospital visits to Masafu Regional Hospital and provided counseling to the patients so as to overcome stress and anxiety. To this end 157 patients were visited and counseled.

2.0. Youth Behavior Change

Over 400 youth were mentored to desist from unproductive practices, helped them to cope with their day to day stressors, acquire information on sexuality, how to prevent early pregnancies and child marriage.

2.1. Youth Livelihood Project

The major aim of this scheme is to ensure that vulnerable youths have reduced vulnerability, realise their potential and live more full filling lives. EAA children welfare model was design in search a way that promotes community participation and breaking the cycle of dependence.

2.2. Practical Vocational Skills training for Vulnerable Youth

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” Nelson Mandela.

A total of 30 youth were enrolled for apprenticeship courses in tailoring, Knitting, Hair dressing, motor cycle repairs, barber, and motor vehicle repair so as to realise their full potential and become responsible citizens who will positively contribute to the development of their communities and country at large.

All the trained girls are now in employment after having successfully completed their courses. By empowering girls to acquire practical vocational skills helps girls to delay sex, avoid exploitation from men, prevents early pregnancies and decreases their vulnerability to HIV/AIDS and STIs.





2.3. Promotion of Talents through Music Festivals

EAA has also learnt that music is a powerful avenue, through which one can educate and disseminate information to young people in the community moreover music entertains, educates, relives stress, and created employment in the country; as such **EAA in partnership with Extra Ordinary Life (EOL) organized a five day music competition talent show the first of its kind in Busia District;** young people exhibited their talents by singing different contemporary, cultural, reggae, and gospel songs, some of which contained messages on behavior change songs which include. Their songs were original compositions, sang, recorded and produced in our local music Studios by the rehabilitated youth who were once addicted to drug abuse. Today the music videos and audio albums are being aired on both the frequency Modulation (FM) Radio stations and Television stations in Uganda.

A total of 5 youth who exceled in the 5day Music Talent competitions were given a free offer to record songs in music studios for one year; emphasis was put on recording songs which contain instructive messages on elimination of maternal and child deaths, women empowerment, HIV/AIDS/STI prevention in order to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)3 and 5.

2.4. Career Guidance and Networking

In partnership with 3 higher learning institutions in Uganda, Engage All Africa organizes public lectures to offer guidance to students through a network of mentors and speakers. 3 Successful events were organized in 2018 in the following Universities, Nkumba University in Wakiso District, Makerere University in Kampala District and Busitema University in Busia District

> Out Put

- Nkumba University; 623 attended.
- Makerere University; 102 attended
- Busitema University. 56 attended

2.5. Sports and Recreation for Good Health

“We must use the power of sports as an agent of social change” said former UN Secretary Gen. Kofi Anan

EAA employs sports as a unification strategy to disseminate timely and correct information on sexual reproductive health to the youth and to identify and promote their talents. This reporting period EAA organized two sports galas at Busia play grounds which brought together. Over 10 men football clubs and 15 women Netball clubs. During the competition, EAA social worker disseminated information on Sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) to young people; 5 football teams were supported with equipment to encourage talent growth and development.

2.6. Sustainability

Working through existing structures: EAA implemented its interventions through the existing community and Church structures which was a step towards ensuring sustainability. The structures included the Village local committees, Parish Development Committees, Local government, Born Again Christian Cells and school peer clubs. This kind of approach will ensure continuity even after the project period

3.1. Engage All Africa Future Plans

*EAA intends to integrate Gender Based Violence activities in her programs so as to combat the causes of violence against women and girls. Cases of child marriage, child labour in the gold mine, and HIV/AIDS related violence.

*Through formal memorandum of understanding, EAA plans to build partnerships and define roles for the partners for clear program implementation.

This will help in building strong linkages and alliances in addition to effective and efficient use of resources.

*Arising out of the lessons learnt in the three years, EAA plans to intensify fund-raising and resource mobilisation, this will help the organisation to grow and to sustain her program in the catchment area.

> Finance and Accounts

The project has an electronic Financial system which is used to monitor the funds of the organisation, it periodically compiles financial reports and shares them with the Board of governors for guidance; also see annex1 of this report which contains the audited financial statements for your review.

3.2. Conclusion and Annex of the Report

EAA has registered significant progress in different areas of the program, most planned activities have been implemented and new interventions have been launched to scale up and also strengthen our program. We are grateful to everyone who has continued to journey with us. We are blessed to see that all the projects which we rolled out have registered significant changes; this reflect the strength of EAA and the competence it has to transform the lives of the people in a sustainable manner.



➤ Map illustrating EAA catchment area

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