BACKGROUND

World Vision is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. World Vision’s work is Christian, child-focused and community-based. We seek to tackle the causes of poverty and promote empowerment through our work in relief, development and advocacy. WV Uganda currently implements development interventions in 53 Area Development Programmes of two to three sub-counties with up to 130,000 registered children and reaching out over 12 million people in 41 districts of Uganda.

WV in Karamoja region is currently implementing 10 grants and private non sponsorship (PNS) projects in partnership with relevant stakeholders. The projects are spread in the 3 Karamoja Districts; kaabong, Abim and Kotido covering Food Security and Livelihoods sector, Health, Climate Change and Adaptation and Education sectors.

Brief Summary of Projects

Karamoja Growth Health and Governance (GHG)

The Northern Karamoja Growth Health and Governance is a USAID/FFP funded project with a total budget of $55,000,000 phased over 5 years. The goal of the project is to improve peace and Food Security in Northern Karamoja. The project is implemented in partnership with Mercy Corps with WV focusing on strategic objective two that seeks to Improve Nutrition among Children under five. SO 2 seeks to prevent malnutrition in children under two by focusing on the 1000 days window from conception to two years of age.

GHG Program Achievements

- 2,633.525MTs of food distributed to 67,315 CU2, pregnant and lactating mothers and beneficiaries on protection ratios
- 657 VHTs (360=M, 297=F) identified and trained in different roles as follows; 265 trained on basic VHT training module; 644 VHTs trained as TOTs for IYCF and IMAM; 135 VHTs trained as promoters of Mother Care Group model; 583 VHT trained as promoters of CG model.
- 1,531 children and pregnant women have been immunized at Food Distribution Points (FDPs).
- 654 bicycles distributed to VHTs.
- 6 DLG staff trained as TOTs for PD/Heath
- 28 World Vision staff trained on permaculture gardening and essential nutrition and health actions
- 15 demonstration plots identified near FDPs.
- 76 Mother Care Groups formed.
- 644 GHG and DLG staff trained on IYCF and IMAM
- 549 Leader Mother from 49 MCG trained on module 1 - MCG methodology.
- Nutrition screening done for 9,892 CU2.
- 16 boreholes constructed with 5 boreholes still being drilled.
- 3 latrines of 5 stances each have been constructed in 3 primary schools.
- 21 WASH committees at each water point or borehole site
- World Vision participated in district and regional WASH forums to advocate for community owned initiatives
- Five (5) religious leaders trained to become change agents on WASH and behaviors change.
- 16 district local government staff was trained on CLTS facilitation and approach.
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- CLTS triggering done in 19 communities – 194 latrines constructed.
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- 167 Natural Leaders (73 female and 94 male) were trained on CLTS follow-up and hand washing.
- 3 school health clubs formed/revitalized with 62 members each.

VIP Latrine constructed in Pupukamuya Primary School with USAID funding.

With Support from USAID, CU2 receiving food under the supplementary feeding in Kotido

Karamoja General Food Distribution Project GFD Phase 6

Karamoja GFD phase 6 is a 9 months project funded by the United Nations World Food Programme implemented in Kaabong, Kotido and Abim Districts of Karamoja. The Project exist to Improve nutrition and health conditions of extremely vulnerable and moderately food insecure members of the communities in Northern Karamoja. The project targets 97,758 beneficiaries categorized as 61,756 Extremely Vulnerable Households and 36,002 Moderately Food Insecure Households. By project end, it is expected that 5,596 metric tons of food will have been distributed to the EVH and MFIH beneficiaries. The project is also integrated with Nutrition and Hygiene components to address chronic nutritional and hygiene concerns within the region. To date the project has achieved the following.

- Through GFD 6, World Vision has been able to distribute 3,942.49 MT of food assistance to 97,758 EVH and MFIH in four cycles of food distribution.
- Conduct 44 onsite monitoring exercises and 48 post distribution monitoring exercises.
- Identify, form and train 855 community members into structures responsible for food distribution and handling of beneficiary complains. A total of 342 Food Management committees, 426 Complain Help Desk and 87 Child Protection Committees are in place.
- Support formation of 66 community groups with 662 members to champion nutrition and hygiene activities.
- Trained 16 groups of 162 members in vegetable gardening.
- Distributed 208 tins of assorted seeds to community groups to promote vegetable gardening among target beneficiaries.
- Carried out mass mobilization and sensitization at the 50 food distribution points on the promotion of best practices in hygiene and sanitation such as safe water chain, balanced diet, feecal disposal.
Northern Uganda Social Action Fund
NUSAF II

NUSAF II is a complementary project to the General Food Distribution that targets able bodied men and women through conditional food transfer. It is a safety net project designed to support community assets creation and management with the goal of improving livelihood security among the MFIHs through creation of individual and community assets. In partnership with United Nations World Food Programme UNWFP and the Government of Uganda, World Vision implemented NUSAF II in Kotido in FY 13/14 up to March 2014; starting August 2014, World Vision resumed implementation of a new phase of NUSAF II in two sub-counties in Kaabong District. The project achieved the following in FY 13/14;

- 5 charco dams and 1 rock catchment water plants of 37,000 m3 constructed t supply water for human and animal consumption.
- 130 ha of land planted with 55,960 non fruit trees
- 40 ha identified for put under Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration activities
- 120 MT of high quality assorted crop seeds were procured and distributed to 6736 farmers.
- 749 bee hives and its accessories were given to 14 community groups.
- Training on Bee Keeping and Apiary Management conducted
- 7,094 fruits trees seedlings distributed to 6,736 households
- Through the NUSAF project, there was increased food production and household income, households were able to afford basic needs for their children such as schools fees, there was also increased number of meals intake per day and dietary diversity through vegetable production as well as improved general household hygiene.

Abim Food Security and Livelihoods Project (AFWASH)

AFWASH is a 3 year project funded by World Vision Korea and Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). The project aims at improving the well-being of 11,160 boys and girls and their families in Lotukei and Nyakwae Sub-counties in Abim district by 2016”. The project has components of Food Security, livelihoods enhancement and WASH. To date the AFWASH project has achieved the following

Achievements
- 734 farmers have been identified and supported to form 25 farmer groups.
- 150 oxen have been provided to the 25 groups. The farmers groups purchased 75 ox ploughs using their own financial contributions
- Through a seed fair ,the project gave out 26.4 MT of improved seed varieties to 25 farmer groups; (Gnuts-8.46MT, Maize-5.46MT, Beans-7.45MT, Greengrams-3MT, Sunflower-1MT, Soybeans-900Kgs, Simsims-60Kgs and Cassava-400 bags) were accessed by farmer at the seed fair
- 12 demonstration plots have been setup with technical support of district production department; the demonstration plots provide a learning hub for technology adoption by farmers.
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- 165 farmers have been trained on animal traction and husbandry practices with support from Abim District technical staff.
- 154 farmers have been trained on agronomic and improved agricultural practices with support from Abim district production department.
- 32 VSLA groups have been formed in Lotukei and Nyakwae sub-counties comprising of 734 members, the groups will be supported with VSLA tool kits to support group member savings.
- 217 VSLA group members have been trained in VSLA methodology.
- 10 district local government staff has been trained on Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS).
- Community triggering has been done in 6 villages using CLTS approach to end open defecation and embrace open defecation free (ODF) community.
- World Vision drilled and installed 10 boreholes to increase access to safe and clean water.
- The project has provided IEC materials to 300 beneficiaries to increase community awareness on the project purposely to support the World Water Day commemorations in Abim district.

District Veterinary staff inspecting oxgen supplied under AFWASH project in Abim
Kaabong Livelihoods Enhancement Project (KLEP II)

Savings Group support under KLEP II

Support to FFS in Kaabong under KLEP II funding from WV HongKong.

Kaabong Livelihoods Enhancement Project - KLEP II is a World Vision Hongkong funded agro-based project aimed at improving the level of food and
income security among the agro-pastoralists communities in three sub counties of Kaabong district. The project focuses on increasing agricultural productivity in the greenbelt areas; and increasing access to business and financial services by the very poor especially women and disarmed youth. The multi-year $500 project utilizes Farmer Field Schools approach and Savings Group Methodology to facilitate increased household production and income security; the project also creates opportunities for health and hygiene promotion among target groups. To-date the project has realized the following in line with the intended objectives.

- Supported the formation and capacity building of 12 Farmer Field Schools (FFS) on modern farming/agronomic practices.
- Distributed 72 oxen to support 12 groups in the 3 target sub counties to support agricultural production.
- Provided 36 ox-ploughs to FFs groups to enable 13 supported FFs groups scale up production.
- Drilled and constructed 07 boreholes to enable communities access clean and safe water
- Supported 07 disarmed youth and youth out of school to access trainings in Carpentry, Apiary and Tailoring.
- Trained 12 pump mechanics in water source maintenance and operations; supplied six sets of repair kits for boreholes.
- Established and trained 06 water user source user committees comprising of 135 members.
- Identified and trained 30 master TOTs on nutrition and hygiene best practices.
- Distributed 30 Bicycles to Master TOTs to support awareness campaigns. Conducted 56 awareness campaigns.
- Supported the creation of 15 youths groups to set up VSLA; VSLA groups have been provided with seed capital, start-up kits to encourage savings.
- 20 youth were supported with 65,000UGX each in business startup capital.
- 17,087 cattle vaccinated against trypanosomiasis.

Fortifying Families in Kaabong Project (FFK)

With support from World Vision Australia, World Vision Uganda is implementing a project Fortifying Families in Kaabong (FFK). FFK is a $800 multi-year funding that seeks to enhance sustainable livelihood security among the agro-pastoralists communities in Kaabong district, Karamoja Sub-region, Uganda through improved crop production, household income and social harmony. The project has Food security, livelihoods and WASH as well as peace building components. The project is implemented in the green belts of Kaabong district in Kathile, Lolelia and Lobalangit sub-counties. To date the project has achieved the following:

- 15 Farmer Field Schools (FFS) groups have been formed and trained on modern farming/agronomic practices.
- Opened 330 hectares of land with tractor to increase farmer capacity to increase production.
- 90 oxen have been distributed to 15 groups to increase agricultural production.
- 45 Ox ploughs have been given to FFs groups to enable 15 supported FFs groups scale up production.
- 2 boreholes have been drilled, 3 WASH committees formed and trained and 6 pump mechanics trained and supplied with tool kits
- 15 youth out of school have been supported to access vocational education in Carpentry and joinery, bricks laying and concrete practices and Tailoring.
- 30 Master ToT’s identified and trained on nutrition and hygiene practices to conduct community outreaches through sensitization.
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- 30 bicycles distributed to the TOTs to support community outreaches.
- Identified trained and provided start up kits for 15 youths groups to establish VSLAs.
- 32 Conflict Monitoring and Reporting teams (CMRTs) trained in peace building and conflict resolution.
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- Supported CMRTS with stationery to aid community peace mediation and reporting on conflict issues.
- Formed 8 school peace clubs in 10 schools and supported them in conducting social cultural festivals, peace days and community outreaches.
- Trained 20 patrons of school peace clubs in peace building and conflict resolution.
- Identified and trained 160 manyatta women in vegetable growing, nursery bed management, soil and water conservation; the manyatta women were also provided with seeds and tools to promote vegetable gardening.
- Distributed an assortment of seeds 9,360 kgs and tools comprising of 6 wheel barrows, 6 spray pumps, 1410 pangas and 1410 axes to manyatta women.
- 25 community sensitizations conducted on hygiene and sanitation best practices.
- 60 women have been trained as mother care givers to support nutrition and hygiene promotion activities.
- 10 women trained as peace advocates.
- 50 youth have been trained in start your business and enterprise selection.

Manyatta women supported to grow vegetables under the FFK project in Kaabong District.

Hand Pump Mechanic Training supported under the FFK funding in Kaabong District.

Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration Project (FMNR)

- 150 members of farmer groups have been trained in the FMNR concept and adoption.
- 9 environment clubs have been formed.
- 20 best performing champions have been given seeds as a motivation to support crop production.
- 10 FMNR learning centers have been developed.
- Semi-annual monitoring exercises have been conducted attended by 127 people.
- 4 radio talks’ shows on benefits of FMNR carried out.
- 90 champions trained in energy savings technology and its economic benefits.
- 90 talking compound messages produced and given to schools 279 T-shirts with FMNR messages given out to increase awareness about the project benefits.
- 45 dozens of exercise books, 4 water tanks and 9 solar lamps given to schools.
- 80 farmers and 40 champions have been trained in sustainable land management.
- 3 youth out of school groups have been formed to support FMNR each with 30 members.
Integrated Use of Modern and Traditional Approaches to Climate Forecasting (IMTAC)

Kapedo Health Centre 3 weather station constructed by World Vision IMTAC funds with Stevenson screen and rain gauge enclosed in chain link (Kaabong District)

IMTAC is a project that seeks to improve access and use of weather forecast for agriculture planning and decision making by rural farmers, the project is implemented in Kaabong and Soroti districts of Eastern Uganda. The following have been achieved through the IMTAC project:

- Installation of 12 weather stations has been completed in Kaabong and soroti Districts.
- 380 farmers have been trained to interpret weather forecasts and agricultural advisories.
- 12 community based weather observers have been trained in collecting and disseminating weather information using mobile phone technology in Kaabong district.
- 4 local languages of the JJA weather forecast has been disseminated with over 20 locations reached per sub-county.
- 332 weather observers, leaders, technical staff, center Coordinators have been sensitized on IMTAC and use of weather forecast.
- Nenah FM and Teso broadcasting services have been engaged to air out weather information in 4 languages.

- 60 copies of the JJA seasonal weather forecast were circulated in all sub-counties where the project is implemented.