

UPDATE OF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED UNDER THE RIGHT TO GROW PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTED IN THE DISTRICTS OF BUGWERI, KABALE, MARACHA AND NWOYA. (JULY- SEPT 2021)

Orientation of the DNCCs

This was conducted across the four districts with an aim of orienting the District Nutrition Coordination Committee and reminding them of their roles and responsibilities so as to functionalize them and improve on the nutrition situation in the districts. During the orientations it was also noted that some districts had no functional DNCCs in place like in Bugweri and CIDI supported in the composition of the DNCC which was constituted of representatives from the different departments like Water, Natural resources, Health among others.

Achievements

The Committees understood their roles and responsibilities and they pledged to include activities in WASH and nutrition at the stage of planning for the respective departments.

The CAOs of the different districts Mr. Kirenda of Bugweri also committed to supporting the Right to grow programme to reduce the cases of malnutrition in Bugweri and also ensure proper uptake of good WASH practices within the communities.

Causes of malnutrition and necessary recommendations were drawn per department and this will act as a basis for further engagements at the district coordination meetings as well as the DNCC meetings.

There was a pledge of the committees to also revamp the sub county nutrition coordination committees so that the issues would be identified from the grass roots and they would be discussed on at that level before they were referred to the district level.

Conducting of interface meetings

This activity was conducted in the four districts of operation with an aim of having discussions between the rights holders and the duty bearers to identify service delivery gaps especially in the areas of nutrition and WASH for redress. The participants selected included the CSOs, CBOs, CAO, speaker, Nutritionist, LCIIIs, LCV chairpersons, DHO among others.

Achievements

The overall purpose of the meetings was achieved where by the service delivery gaps in relation to nutrition and WASH were identified and actions on how to address them were drawn some of these service delivery gaps included; limited budget allocation to the WASH and Nutrition sectors, limited accessibility to WASH services in the villages/communities, high prices of water, low/ weak enforcement of policies on WASH, poor staffing norms whereby there is no position of nutritionist at the district level and these issues were addressed by drawing action points that were adopted.

Recommendations were made on how certain Nutrition issues/ service delivery gaps would be addressed and some of these included proper planning and budgeting for Nutrition and WASH, awakening the grass root Local government structures to be able to pick concerns and deliberate on them before they are forwarded to the district level.

Capacity building in budget monitoring and expenditure tracking and advocacy

CIDI participated in a three day capacity building in budget monitoring and expenditure tracking and advocacy that was aimed at addressing gaps that resulted from the capacity assessment that was conducted by CSBAG. Participants gained knowledge and understanding of the budgeting processes, budget monitoring and expenditure tracking. This information provided will help participants to fully engage in the budgeting processes from an informed point of view and enhance effective budget advocacy.

Photo gallery



Participants of the DNCC IN KABALE



LCV Maracha making remarks at the interface meeting



Group discussions at the DNCC Kabale



Orientation of DNCC by CIDI at Bugweri District.



Opening remarks of the CAO Mr. Kirenga- Bugweri



Group presentations



Group discussions with the PAS in attendance kabala district



The Deputy CAO giving closing remarks



Presentations in Nwoya district