

Special points of interest:

1. CIDI signed a new project about Health & advocacy funded by USAid to be implemented in district of Luwero and Nakasongola
2. Implementation of Lubaga WASH project has started. Project funded by Misereor
3. The SILK project in Karamoja about vocational training for the youth has been launched successfully

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CIDI introduces safe services for community cesspool emptying in Kawempe by Rose Mwambazi , Head of WASH department

Faecal Sludge (FS) is the slurry or semi-solid material, which accumulates in the collection systems of on-site sanitation facilities, like pit latrines, aqua privies, pour flush or septic tanks. FS contains all infective organisms excreted with human faeces. Depending on the health of the population several species of pathogenic bacteria, viruses, parasites and helminths may be found in the faeces. Due to this fact the safe and effective management of FS has to be a priority in keeping the communities clean.

The KUPSIP Project (Kawempe Urban Poor Sanitation Improvement Project) funded by African Water Facility through ADB African Development Bank (ADB) has conducted a study to develop effective models for faecal sludge management, with focus on informal settlements in Kawempe division. Similar to other parts and divisions of Kampala City, Kawempe's unplanned settlement are difficult to access which justifies the poor faecal sludge collection from this areas. To find adequate and sustainable solutions for this situation CIDI proposed different components of FSM services chain in a manual which offer technical information and guidance for local authorities and private enterprises in this issues,. This manual was edited and compiled in collaboration with NETWAS Uganda and KCCA and is available at CIDI Head Office or in Field Office in Kawempe. This manual compares existing management models for FSM from storage, emptying, transport and treatment and gives recommendations. The manual has as well been widely disseminated to a number of stakeholders.



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One of CIDI cesspool emptier truck on a site in Kawempe division.

In strengthening the FSM in community, CIDI has acquired three cesspool trucks which should serve as vacuum tankers for emptying septic tanks in Kawempe Division. The available tankers can operate up to 35m away from an installation and to a depth of 3 to 5 m. The sludge can be removed safely thus protecting the health of the operators and the community, and it is more economical in terms of waste disposal since it moves faster.

In several meetings with KCCA and important stakeholders, the usage and management plan for this cesspool emptier have been presented and discussed. The trucks are operating in the five parishes Kawempe I, Bwaise I, Mulango III, Mpererwe and Kanyanya.



CIDI Sanitation credit policy

In the course of the KUPSIP project, the team has published a simple guide to assist and facilitate a process of acquiring a sanitation loan. The guide is highlighting terms and conditions for disbursing a loan procedure and processes undertaken to recover a loan for constructing sanitation facilities. The category of people who are eligible to this sanitation credit include the following: Landlords, individuals, tenants, public institutions health units and schools. The credit limit ranges from 1 million to 5 millions UGX and the loan repayment shall not exceed 36 month. Further Details about the policy are available at CIDI.

Picture above : CIDI staff are presenting the credit policy and the requirements during a meeting in Kawempe division.

Members of a youth group in Rakai benefiting from support.

by Edward Kyabaggu, Field Officer Rakai

The youth group Omuvubuka Omukozi supported by CIDI Rakai team is based at Kiganga Village in Kakuuto Sub County in Rakai District. The group was started in 2014 and currently has a membership of 36 registered members. The group was formed after they had been mobilized and sensitized by CIDI extension workers to take part in different agricultural farming projects. CIDI facilitated the Youth group in various trainings which mainly focused on Group dynamics, Horticulture farming, IGAs like Candle and Soap making, Advocacy and lobbying skills.

The Youth group has been facilitated with Solar 04 solar panels to produce electricity. The chairperson Geoffrey is setting up of salon for hair cutting and phone charging to generate income. A certain percentage of this income goes to the group account as the host member also retains an agreed upon percentage. The group on average is generating 70,000 UGX on a monthly basis, the fund is later loaned out to members to invest in individual agricultural projects with a small interest. Out of the saving pool of 3,000,000/= they managed to make 500,000/= as interests which was later shared to members. For 2015 (April), 1,000,000/= had been collected and loaned out to members. A number of Youths had started small agricultural projects some are making soap and selling within in the community. The group had future plans of train female youth members in hair dressing, startup video library and buy a plot for the group where group projects would be established.



Picture above : Youth group chairperson Maweje Geoffrey who has opened n a salon in the village supported by CIDI

Passing on the gift- SEWCA Sustainable and equitable wealth creation in four sub-counties of Amuria

by Emmanuel Eletu, Team Leader Napak, Amuria

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The purpose of SEWCA project was to make producers benefit from increased food security, household agricultural was implemented through three partners namely Volunteer Efforts for Development Concerns (VEDCO), Community Integrated Development Initiatives (CIDI) and Uganda Debt network (UDN). The program was principally; an agriculture project based on improved seeds and production techniques. This was supported by a wide ranging program of training and capacity building measures; with disaster and climatic risk reduction elements and community mobilization aspects .

Overall, this combined agriculture, livestock, livelihoods and DRR programme has made remarkable and commendable impacts upon meeting the stated food security and income generation objectives of the programme. *Project data indicates that the outcome indicators have now virtually all been met, with planned total beneficiary numbers at 4800 households or approximately 28,800 people.*

The programme was extremely successful in increasing the income generated by beneficiaries from the sale of crops surpluses, and very importantly the prevention of unnecessary wastage through reductions in storage losses (40-50% on average). About a third of farmers could now be said to be 'commercial farmers' and many more are on their way.



Picture above: Ogwotai Agange group in Obalanga passing the gift to the members. September 2014

Picture below. Pilato farmers group grinding cassava flour



YOUNG VOICES EMPOWERED TO TAKE ON THE PRESENT AND SHAPING THE FUTURE

By Hellen N. Kasujja, Deputy Executive of CIDI

"We are happy that we have learnt to be the voices for the voiceless" Shadia of Rock Foundation Primary school in Banda. This and many others were voices of many school pupils from 12 selected schools in Nakawa Division Urban Council who were introduced to the advocacy concept and understanding their rights. Uganda is committed to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and has made deliberate efforts to make laws, regulations and policies to ensure that there's full realisation of children's rights. Despite these efforts its still a challenge to have the children both in school and out of school.

Cognizant of this, CIDI in partnership with Danish People's Aid and Kampala Capital Authority under the Citizen's Action on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (CA_WASH) Project in Nakawa Division Urban Council thus focuses on promoting WASH Rights in Schools as well as communities. The intervention whose overall goal aims at contributing towards increased citizen's engagement and duty bears' responsiveness focuses on both communities and schools focuses on 12 Schools and communities in Luzira, Mbuya, Bukoto1 and Banda Parishes.

The approach involves identification of pupils from classes beginning from Primary 3 to Primary 7 where at least 30 learners are introduced to basic principles of human rights by and sanitation and hygiene. A patron is chosen among the teachers to guide and mentor the learners as they pursue their actions. They also engage key duty bearers through various channels such as dialogues with their school management committees or radio talk shows. It's hoped that these learners can be active citizen's now as they engage on issues affecting their present and also shape the future they desire knowing their rights and responsibilities.

Community voices for action in citizens empowerment

By Simon Dembe, Advocacy Officer

The 3 year project of citizens actions "Improving equitable access for urban poor for WASH in the divisions of Kampala city including Kwempe which was funded by Comic Relief through Water Aid, was finalized successfully.

The goals of the project were to increase prioritization of WASH and improved service delivery by KCCA and other service providers. CIDI has trained a strong vibrant advocacy team of 100 man and woman translating the division and district structure of the 5 wards: Bwaise I, II, III, Mulago III and Kyebando ward. The directorate of Public Health and Environment of KCCA Pro Poor Office of NWSC made significant contribution to the realization of this project.

A multiplicity of approaches and methods have been used to achieve the targets, for example: community capacity enhancement in



CIDI has witnessed improvement in WASH service delivery for instance in Bwaise III where proportion of households accessing water from vendors dropped from 20% to 0%. And households accessing piped water have increased from 66% to 87%. In the documentation "Community voices for action" which is now available to download from CIDI's website, different voices, experiences and success stories are compiled and published.

Picture above: Cover page of report

Picture left: John Kisémbé a coordinator of advocacy committee in Kawempe divisions explains to visitor how citizens empowerment leads to mutual trust.

Staff news

Mr. David Katende who has left CIDI for doing his Master in the USA has returned and was assigned as a programme coordinator through all projects, at Head Office.

Mr. Kevin Bunnya Kizito has been assigned for the position of the Senior Programme Office in

M&E and is now heading the department

Our administration officer Mrs. Margaret Nakiggude Has gave birth to baby girl and has returned after her maternity leave back to office.

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