

Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Introduction

Community Integrated Development Initiatives-CIDI has had fairly stable operations during the year 2021. That has been irrespective of the tough times experienced due to the outbreak of Covid19 in the previous year. This year, CIDI kicked off another leg of five strategic years rolling out the new plan that runs from 2021-2025. CIDI's has remained envisioned to having "Communities enjoying a decent life free of hunger, poverty and disease". Therefore, throughout the year 2021, all CIDI programmes have been pursued aimed at improving the economic and social welfare of communities. We have been able to reach out to our rural and urban poor communities, as well as refugees and internally displaced persons. Those has been deliberately targeted. Ultimately, CIDI has in 2021 been successful in undertaking the following interventions.

UGOPAP-Sustainable Return and Development Programme (SIDP). In Soroti District, CIDI continued to implement the SIDP project. The project is rolling out in five sub counties of Arapai, Asuret, Gweri, Katine and Tubur in Soroti district. The project is being undertaken under the consortium program of Uganda Governance and Poverty Alleviation Program-UGOPAP that is funded by Caritas Danmark and DANIDA. Over 2,100 farmers are supported through their cooperative organisations. They are supported to spearhead organised farm production, access to extensions services and government programs, agro value additions and marketing of their produce. They are doing advocacy work, demanding for effective delivery of services in their localities.



The 15Mx5M drying slab under construction at AAMCOS farmer cooperative.



Mr. Orone Moses in one of his fish ponds. Using his advocacy skills he was able to be supported by the District Fisheries Office with 2000 fingerling.



Above is the current face of OJOFACOS store with new annex for community seed bank

Community Empowerment for Sustainable Livelihoods-CESL: In the districts of Rakai and Kyotera, CIDI has in 2021 proceeded implementing the CESL project. The project is funded by Caritas Denmark and DANIDA under UGOPAP program. In Rakai the project is reaching 1,800 farmers organised into 3 farmer cooperatives and 3 youth associations. All who are now involved in production for the market. Besides, they are doing advocacy work, demanding for effective delivery of services in their localities.



Lwanda farmers' cooperative store and offices ready for operations



A member of Lwanda farmers' cooperative pruning his coffee to ensure an increase in the yields



Financial trainings for the youths organized by Equity bank and IITA



Cooperative members participating in the water field monitoring organized by Kyotera District water office

National Youth Advocacy Platform-NYAP: CIDI is playing a coordination role for the National Youth Advocacy Platform. NYAP is one of the consortium projects under the Uganda Governance and Poverty Alleviation Program-UGOPAP. Through NYAP, CIDI has been able to reach youths across the country through advocacy work. Youths are supported to actively participate in government policy formulation and planning in Uganda. NYAP operates through 4 regional youth structures distributed all over Uganda. NYAP allows youths to get involved in local and national affairs that concern and affect them.

Community-Driven School Feeding Project-DBC 2017: CIDI has in 2021 been concluding a process with Ministry of Education and Sports, developing a national school feeding manual/handbook. CIDI has been engaged in high level processes leading to the certification of the manual by the Ministry of Education. Relevant duty bearers, locally and at national have been engaged in addressing compliance gaps and best practices in school feeding. The process has been supported by CIDI with support from Caritas Denmark and the Danish Broadcast Corporation under the Community-Driven School Feeding Project in Soroti district

Community Driven Support to Orphans-CDSO- DBC 2018: Over 350 orphans and other stigmatized and vulnerable individuals in Soroti were in 2021 support to benefit from for community driven initiatives. Those, were funded by the Danish Broadcasting Corporation and Caritas Denmark through 3 youth associations in Soroti district. Youths and vulnerable people are directly supported. Other are supported through their families to be food secure and have improved livelihoods. They get involved in rights advocacy over.

NOVO COVID19 Kyangwari Project. CIDI responded to government call for intervention to complement efforts geared toward fighting covid19 and its effects. CIDI undertook a COVID19 response project for refugee settlements in Uganda funded by The Novo Nordisk Foundation through the Danish People's Aid-DPA. Through the project, CIDI has been able to respond to the WASH issues affecting the refugee communities in Uganda due the COVID 19 Pandemic. There have been 10,000 Households in the Kyangwari Refugee Settlement in Kikuube District that benefited.

NOVO SAWA Kyangwari: CIDI has in partnership with Caritas Denmark and 4Life Solutions Company in Denmark, have in 2021 implemented the Emergency Response to Deforestation Crisis of the Kyangwari Refugee Settlement project. A total 25.000 SaWa bags were distributed to the residents in the Kyangwari refugee settlement and host communities, reaching more than 7,000 refugee and host community households.

SAWA Emergency Response: To facilitate follow up on usage and recollection of SaWAs for recycling, CIDI undertook SaWa follow up activities funded by 4Life Solutions. All were successfully accomplished.

ECOCA Roll-Out: In 2021, CIDI has worked in partnership with Caritas Denmark, PESITHO- Danish private company and Caritas Uganda have to promote the use of a solar powered multipurpose cooking stove called the ECOCA. The ECOCA technology innovation has been extended to 450 refugee households in BidiBidi refugee settlement in partnership with Caritas Uganda and 100 farmer households in Rakai/Kyotera.

Sustainable Environmental Agro Solutions-SEAS 1 & 2. During the year 2021, CIDI undertook the conclusion SEAS 1 and initiated a new SEAS 2 project. The projects have been implemented in a partnership between CIDI and Seniors without Borders-SWB. The project is implemented in Soroti and over 420 farmer households are reached. Those are operating under 14 Farmer Field Learning Environment Groups-FFELGs that are distributed across seven (7) sub-counties of; Soroti, Asuret, Arapai, Gweri, Katine, Kamuda, and Tubur in the district of Soroti. Beneficiaries are engagement in sustainable agriculture and environmental conservation practices, VSLA and advocacy for improved services delivery.



Above are farmers of Agora FFS- NUS with harvest of barmbaranuts and farmers of Matali FFS with visitors from National gene bank monitoring their field of local food plants



The above pictures show farmers monitoring their PVS plots for groundnuts



Right to Grow. CIDI has for the year 2021 worked with other consortium members to implement several interventions under the right to grow project. Project coverage is; Bugweri, Nwoya, Maracha and Kabale. Through the project, CIDI is addressing child stunting through advocacy work on issues of malnutrition and also re-awaken the sub-county nutrition Coordination Committees.



The CAO making his opening remarks at the Orientation/Composition of the DNCC



Composition/Orientation of the DNCC underway in Bugweri.

Bidibidi Environmental Restoration and Food Security Project-II. In Bidibidi Refugee Settlement, CIDI has in the year supported 420 families organized in 14 Farmer Field Learning Groups-FFLG. This has been with support from Seniors Without Borders-SwB under the extended phase II implementation of an Environmental Restoration and Food Security project. The project has caused high public awareness and adoption of appropriate environmental methodologies that can reduce degradation and promote sustainable livelihoods.

Teenage Mothers and School drop-out-TMSD I & II: In Soroti, CIDI has in 2021 gone through a phase of concluding phase 1 of the teenage mothers' project and seen start of a phase 2. Over 100 young teenage mothers and female school dropout girls in Soroti district are supported. They are equipped with knowledge, skills and mind-set/attitude change for empowerment in improved livelihood skills. Implementation of this project has been a partnership initiative between CIDI and Senior Without Borders-Denmark. Funding was from CISU.



project manager being taught how to use the baby locking machine by aTOT



catering team posing for a photo with RDC Nabilatuk – karamoja on the first day launching the ATMSDG restaurant



Craft trainer teaching girls different fashions to the girls



A gal in tailoring making customer clothes during Christmas season.



The project officer with LC1 chairperson resolving family conflicts between a pregnant teenage mother and her teenage boyfriend's family on taking up responsibility in Asingei village Awoja.



Atai Salume a teenage mother brewing local waragi which she sells as a sanitizer to the local community in Aukot village Awoja.



Ipiere a woman councilor explaining how she has been offering psycho social support in Otidonga village.



A youth parliament of boys and girls debating on which gender is most influencing teenage parenting in Osuguro village Awoja.

Women Deliver: CIDI implemented another project that has been advocating and strengthening support services and care to survivors and victims of Gender Based Violence. Over 145 direct beneficiaries (68 males and 77 females) and 435 indirect beneficiaries (204 males and 231 females) are reached. They engage with duty bearers to eliminate and respond to GBV in Nakawa Division, Uganda. (Youths, PWDs, people Living with HIV and selected leaders). These included survivors and victims of GBV, key duty bearers, youth leaders, community structures as well as Civil Society Organizations and health service providers.

Training School for Gardening and Landscaping-TCGL. CIDI has continued to skill youths in gardening and landscaping. More than 52 youths managed to complete their training in gardening and landscaping. With support from Misereor / KZE and locally generated resources, CIDI was able to start making use of the constructed facilities for administration, dormitory and classroom for the students.

Commissioning Project. At the constructed treatment plant at Kabojja in Kyengerera Town council, CIDI started on the commissioning phase of the treatment plant. Upon a successful commissioning phase, operations of the treatment plant will be gender sensitive benefiting all

types of gender and giving equal opportunities without bias. Women too are a target group since they are the ones more concerned with securing energy for domestic use, indulging in urban agriculture which thrives on fertilizers among other aspects.

Solar powered project. With support from Misereor / KZE another project was initiated and kicked off by CIDI. The Solar project promotes sustainable renewable energy and water supply for the FSTP and CIDI-TCGL. That solar powered water supply system is to serve both the school and the FSTP in place. Operational costs in terms of water bills and electricity bills have been reduced significantly. Hydro-geological survey for a production well have been conducted and design for a pumped storage system developed. There has been an energy audit conducted for CIDI-TCGL energy requirement and installations done.

Drought Mitigation Project in Napak, Katakwi and Amuria Districts-III. During the audit year, CIDI has along the Teso-Karamoja boarder communities, implemented the third phase of Drought Mitigation project -Napak III. Schools, health facilities and local communities have been accessed with water and sanitation facilities. That has been coupled with awareness creation and training on WASH in conflict and drought areas, as well as WASH advocacy and hygiene promotion by established WASTAN committees. CIDI has implemented this project with support from Misereor/KZE.

Kampala Urban Water, Sanitation and Environmental Management Project - KUWASEM III: To the urban poor schools in Kampala and within the surrounding communities, CIDI has accessed them with water and sanitation services. This has been with funding support from Misereor/KZE. Water and sanitation investments such as waterborne toilets for schools and public, rainwater harvesting facilities for schools and public, drinking water purification equipment and hand wash facilities for schools, as well as energy saving stoves and incinerators have been provided. Various water, sanitation and hygiene promotion trainings and initiatives that have undertaken during the year.

Kampala Advocacy project for improved WASH – DGF: Despite DGF activities having been suspended by government of Uganda, CIDI was able to receive funding from DGF to facilitate implementation of residual activities. CIDI continued promoting community advocacy for improved responsiveness by the WASH duty bearers. This project is being funded with support from the Democratic Governance Facility-DGF. The project ended and is due for renew in 2021.

Agriculture Support Services Project- ASSP in Buliisa District - Total E & P Uganda: Under a contractual service partnership that CIDI has with Total E & P Uganda, agriculture support services have in the year 2020 been extended to over 400 households affected by the oil exploration in Buliisa district. Through their organised groups that CIDI facilitated their establishment, the Project Affected Persons-PAPs have been supported in cassava, vegetable and tree production. They have been equipped with skill of modern agronomic and irrigation practices and accessed to certified agro inputs. As a result, there is improved agro production, sustainable agriculture practices and farm diversification with bee keeping and agri-business/entrepreneurship. Beneficiaries are recording improved livelihoods and way of living.



PAPs undergoing training on nursery bed establishment and management

PAPs display vegetable products for sale in Ngwedo



PAPs established NAROCAS 1 variety in Kisomere village, Ngwedo sub-county

Simon's wife observing the mango trees that fruit had fruited

ACF Kyangwali Nutrition Programme: In Kyangwali refugee settlement, CIDI is in partnership with Action Against Hunger, implementing a nutrition project using the care group approach. The project is promoting supplementary feeding among children 0–23 months, pregnant woman, and mothers of children under five years to prevent under nutrition. As a result, there has been achieved expansion in coverage and delivery of high quality moderate malnutrition treatment in Kyangwali refugee settlement.



One of our lead fathers taking MUAC screening to a client in Maratatu village in Kyangwali Refugee Settlement.



CIDI CBF, facilitating a malaria modular training in Kyangwali Refugee Settlement.



CIDI CBF conducting a modular training in Kyangwali Refugee Settlement.



Rabbit shelters that were constructed by lead mothers, before receiving rabbits in Kyangwali Refugee Settlement.

PELUM-Right to Food Project: In Soroti district, CIDI through her partnership with PELUM Uganda, continued strengthening the up-scaling of GALS peer learning. Advocacy work especially along land rights has taken center stage under the project. Community is actively engages with Local Government leaders as well as mobile land rights clinics. The innovation around participatory variety seed selection and enhancement through promotion of seed quality controls and Seed business plans for sustained community seed banks has also been supported.

Citizens Empowerment in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene- CA-WASH Project: CE-WASH / Climate Change: With funding from the Danish People's Aid-DPA, CIDI has continued to build the capacities of Kampala citizens to advocate and demand for improved water and sanitation services. CIDI has supported poor urban communities and schools in Nakawa division of Kampala. Through their Community Based Organisations-CBOs comprised of majority youths, they have been supported to actively get involved in the city authority annual planning, budgeting and policy formulation process. Consequently, there is progressive reflection of the citizens' demands as presented through the process.

EMPACT-Empowerment2 Act (EMPACT)

CIDI is focused at strengthening her capacity in Humanitarian intervention through the incorporation of the Core Humanitarian Standards into their operations. CIDI has had her capacity enhanced in the volunteer management and understanding of the Regulatory requirements and the Core Humanitarian Standard. As a result, CIDI has in the year 2021 been able to develop and review organizational policies.

Social Climate Tree Project-Tree Planting: CIDI continued planting social climate tree during the year 2021. Over 12,300 social climate trees of assorted species were planted in growing CIDI partnership with Tropical Farmers Connect - TroFaCo. The trees planted have a protection and preservation conditional agreement running for a period of 15 years for

purposes of environmental protection, carbon trade and social climate response. The trees are planted with local community groups, school and religious institutions.

Major Partners in 2021.

It is the pleasure of CIDI management and board to appreciate partners that have supported programme work through the year 2021. Their various contributions towards the successful work of CIDI are highly acknowledged and much appreciated by CIDI and the beneficiaries. The partners in the year include; Misereor/KZE, Caritas Denmark and DANIDA, TotalEnergies, Danish People's Aid-DPA, PELUM Uganda, Danish Broadcast Collection, 4Life Solutions Aps, PESITHO, Norvo Nordisk Noven, Seniors without Borders-SWB, Tropical Farmers Connect–TroFaCo, and the Democratic Governance Facility-DGF, EU Aid Volunteers Initiative of the European Union Commission, Action Against Hunger, The Novo Nordisk Foundation.