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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

Carr Stanyer Sims and Co was appointed to carry out an audit of the financial Statements for CAP-AIDS Uganda for the year ended 31 March 2010. As part of the audit procedures, we are required to carry out field visits in order to assess, verify and evaluate activities implemented by the organisation.

Purpose and objective

The purpose of the field visits was to confirm that the activities reported were actually implemented and also that value for money was obtained for all the donor funds which include European Union - Northern Uganda Rehabilitation Programme (EU-NUREP) and Voluntary Sector Fund - Canada International Development Agency (VSF-CIDA).

Methodology

Having received funding from two donors, the auditors visited samples of areas in which the activities for both donors were implemented.

Visits were also made to beneficiaries for EU-NUREP Projects because the Project had closed at the time of our visit, but the beneficiaries were available in the communities. We selected a sample of Parishes within a range of about 4 kilometres from Agwata Trading Centre and visited the following beneficiaries:

Name	Parish	Type of Activity
Gadaffi Okello	Abutadi Trading Centre	Former student
Karina Okello, Lilly Okal and Lucy Aloch	Adwoki	Restaurant
Lucy Okello	Adwoki	VHT member
Rebecca Oken	Agwiciri (Focal person)	Piggery
Sylvia Onuk	Agwiciri	Piggery
Adwoki Technical Institute	Adwoki	Vocational Training Institute

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Observations and Comments

VSF-CIDA Project

The implementing Partners for VSF-CIDA Project were in existence and were registered with the relevant bodies.

Members of the Partner organisations who were interviewed confirmed that they had received funding from CAP-AIDS Uganda to implement some activities like identification of Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs) within their communities who were taken to Adwoki Technical Institute to be trained in vocational skills.

Adwoki Technical Institute was selected because its performance was the best within Dokolo District compared to other Institutes of such a nature. It had also offered similar courses to beneficiaries of EU/NUREP Project.

The purpose of equipping OVCs with vocational skills is to help them become self-reliant after the training either through self-employment or being employed by other people who have experience in their field of study.

EU-NUREP Project

Regarding the EU-NUREP Project, we visited the beneficiaries who confirmed having received items from CAP-AIDS Uganda that included blankets, T-Shirts, bicycles and finally items for Income Generating Activities (IGAs) such as piglets, goats, sheep and grinding mill. IGAs were identified by the communities themselves and CAP-AIDS Uganda only gave funds to secure those items. CAP-AIDS Uganda also undertook training of members of the beneficiary communities who included the Village Health Teams (VHTs) formerly traditional birth attendants, Local Council (LC) one of Agwata sub-county and Peer Youth Educators. Each group received training in their areas of specialisation as follows:

Group	Area of Training
Village Health teams	- Basic concepts of Project design, planning and management.
Local Council (LC) One	- Basic concept of human rights, rule of law and conflict management in rural areas.
Peer Youth Educators	- Basic concept of human rights, rule of law, HIV/AIDS and mobilisation skills.

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Conclusion

The intervention of CAP-AIDS Uganda has benefited the recipient community members who are either affected or infected with HIV/AIDS to make the people survive, resist and overcome HIV/AIDS in fulfilment of CAP-AIDS mission.

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1. BACKGROUND

CAP-AIDS Uganda is registered under the Companies Act as a company limited by guarantee under the Non-Governmental Organisation Statute, 1989 as a Non-Governmental Organisation. It is also registered as a Canadian Charity. The organisation works with communities through partner organisations to make people survive, resist and overcome HIV/AIDS by targeting mainly the youth, grand mothers and the widows. This is in fulfilment of the mission of the Canada Africa Partnership on AIDS which helps Africans resist, survive and overcome the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa.

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE FIELD VISIT

Carr Stanyer Sims & Co. was appointed to carry out an audit of the financial statements for CAP-AIDS Uganda for the year ended 31 March 2010. As part of our audit procedures, we are required to carry out field visits in order to assess, verify and evaluate the activities implemented by the Organisation.

The purpose of the field visit was to confirm that activities reported were actually implemented and also that value for money was obtained for all donor funds.

During the financial year ended 31 March 2010, CAP-AIDS Uganda received funding from two donors namely European Union - Northern Uganda Rehabilitation Programme (EU-NUREP) and Voluntary Sector Fund - Canada International Development Agency (VSF-CIDA).

In July 2008, CAP-AIDS Uganda signed an agreement with EU/NUREP which covered a period of thirteen (13) months to August 2009 to fund the project entitled "Empower identified beneficiaries of Uganda Community, Dokolo District, Lango sub-region with skills, knowledge and economically sustainable activities in order to reduce their hitherto protracted vulnerability to human rights.

In October 2009 on the other hand, CAP-AIDS Network Inc signed an agreement with CIDA to fund the project entitled "Building Sustainable Livelihoods for AIDS Orphans and Caregivers in Uganda and Ethiopia for the period 31 October 2009 to 28 February 2013. Thereafter, CAP-AIDS Network entered into an agreement with CAP-AIDS Uganda for the latter to implement the funded projects. Accordingly, CIDA remits funds for the implementation of the project to CAP-AIDS International Network.

During the course of our visit, therefore, we visited the implementing partners for the projects which were funded by both donors and our findings are reflected in the sections below.

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3. OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS

3.1 VSF-CIDA PROGRAMME

In Uganda, the Programme is implemented in Aboke sub-county, Apac District by Aboke HIV/AIDS Women Association and Nakawa Division, Kampala District by Needy Support Centre. There are, however, other two implementing Partners namely Tilla and Hope of the Bright Vision who are operating in Ethiopia.

CAP-AIDS Uganda opened a field office in Aboke township to help it to monitor the activities of the Project.

When we visited the office on 22 June 2010, we noted that the implementing Partner, Aboke HIV/AIDS Women Association was also accommodated in CAP-AIDS Uganda field office; the Association hopes to move to a separate office of their own when they complete construction of their building.

3.1.1 Aboke HIV/AIDS Women Association (Implementing Partner)

Aboke HIV/AIDS Women Association was formed in 2007 and registered as a Community Based Organisation (CBO) at sub-county level in the same year and finally registered at District level in 2010.

Currently, the Association does not have an office, but is housed by CAP-AIDS Aboke field office. We were made to understand that the Association is constructing an office block which it expects to complete by the end of 2010.

Aboke HIV/AIDS Women Association has a total of twenty two members, of which five are men and seventeen are women. Members are either infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. During our field visit, we met the following members at CAP-AIDS Uganda, Aboke field office:

Name	Position
Enume Santu	Chairperson
Hellen Auma	Vice Chairperson
Jennifer Dengo	Treasurer
Margaret Okello	Member
Alex Adupa	Monitoring and Evaluation
Valeriano Ongwen	Member
Milly Ongwen	Mobiliser
Aryono Lakone	Member

We also met the following staff for CAP-AIDS Uganda, Aboke field office:

Name	Position
John Paul Atim	Team Leader
Evaline Ejang	Office Assistant

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Aboke HIV/AIDS Women Association works in partnership with CAP-AIDS Uganda. During the period under review, the Association in collaboration with local leaders identified Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs) within the community. The OVCs were identified and selected from Aboke sub-county which has five parishes, namely, Apuru, Apac, Akwirididi, Opeta and Ogwang-Acuma.

During the identification process, seventy OVCs were selected, but after the screening exercise, only sixty were selected and were taken to Adwoki Technical Institute which is located in Agwata sub-county, Dokolo District. The OVCs are undergoing training in different areas of technical expertise which will take one year. The courses undertaken include:

Course	No. of OVCs
Tailoring	40
Building and concrete practice	13
Carpentry and Joinery	7

TOTAL	60
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The OVCs whose age range between 15 to 19 years were selected mainly from families headed by OVCs and those who are worst affected.

The remaining ten OVCs who were not taken on vocational courses will be included among those people which CAP-AIDS Uganda is planning to offer training in income generating activities. At the time of our visit (21 June 2010), the OVCs had not started the training. We were informed that CAP-AIDS Uganda had already identified a facilitator from Apac District. This group together with other beneficiaries are expected to be trained in the areas of agricultural skills, rearing of goats and pigs, and how to manage small scale businesses.

We visited a sample of families where some of the OVCs were selected. These included that of Ronald Alobo who is also an orphan aged 25 years. He heads a family that include his wife and siblings. Their parents were infected with HIV/AIDS which led to the death of their father in 1999 followed by the mother in 2009.

The OVC who was selected from this home and supported by CAP-AIDS Uganda, is called Joe Okello, who was identified by the Vice Chairperson, Secretary for the Association and LCs.

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The family is living in a grass thatched house which is located on a small piece of land of about 2 acres on which food crops are grown for both feeding and selling. Joe is also taking care of his siblings who are studying in a nearby school called Imato Primary School. They are in Primary 1, 2 and 5 respectively. The family lives in Waglobo village, Akwirididi Parish.

We also visited another family which lives in Amukugungu village, Akwirididi Parish. The orphan selected from this family is called Nancy Atim, aged 16 years old. She stays with the paternal grandmother who heads the family. Atim started staying with her grandmother at the age of 5 years after the death of her parents. The grandmother looks after Nancy's sister who is currently in Primary 6 and three other orphans for another son of hers, who also passed away. Nancy stopped schooling after completing Primary 6 in 2009. According to Nancy's grandmother, her sons and daughter-in-law passed away after succumbing to HIV/AIDS related illness.

Nancy's grandmother informed us that she heard about an NGO that is sponsoring Nancy for a tailoring course at Adwoki Technical School.

The grandmother, who is a widow is a subsistence farmer and has no other source of income apart from sales from some foodstuffs from her farm. The family lives in a grass thatched house which is located on a piece of land which is less than an acre.

Finally, we visited the family where Daniel Eyit aged 17 years was selected. The family lives in Acekeleye village, Ogwang-Acuma parish. We met the wife of Daniel's brother called Lillian Ajura whom we interviewed.

According to Lillian, they started staying with Daniel in 2005 after the death of his parents. The parents suffered from HIV/AIDS related illness which resulted into their death. The family had three other orphans, but unfortunately, one passed away in May 2009. The surviving orphans are studying at Aculbanaya Primary School in Primary 1 and 3 respectively.

Daniel completed Primary seven in 2009 at Aculbanaya Primary School, but the family could not afford to cater for his further education.

Daniel's brother, aged 27 years is a peasant farmer, and apart from the orphans, the family has four children of their own with the youngest being 5 months old at the time of our visit.

Daniel's sister-in-law knows the organisation that sponsored him for a brick laying and concrete practice course at Adwoki Technical Institute, but was not aware about the duration of the course.

There were, however, three grass thatched huts within the compound and the family lives on a small piece of land.

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In order to supplement on the foodstuffs for the family, they hire land from neighbours during some seasons. The family also keep some animals; two goats received from World Vision and one piglet.

The orphan was identified by the Team Leader of Aboke HIV/AIDS Women Association.

3.1.2 Adwoki Technical Institute

We also visited Adwoki Technical Institute where the orphans sponsored by CAP-AIDS Uganda were taken for training. The Institute is privately owned and was started in 1997 by Rev. Sam Omiat who is the Director and also the in-charge for Ethics department.

It was registered by UNEB on 13 April 2000 and currently has a population of 810 students and it is very popular within Dokolo District. It offers courses in three levels which include the following:

Course	Duration	Award
Junior	3 years	Certificate
Craft Part I	2 years	Certificate
Craft Part II	1 year	Certificate

The UNEB Centre was obtained for the Junior course and we were informed that the Institute had started the process of obtaining another registration certificate from UNEB for the Craft courses.

The courses offered to the beneficiaries of CAP-AIDS Uganda therefore are on a special arrangement since the period covered for such courses is outside the normal period for courses offered by the Institute. The beneficiaries for CAP-AIDS Uganda, however, are undertaking the following courses:

Course	No. of OVCs
Carpentry and Joinery	7
Brick Laying and Concrete Practice	13
Tailoring and Garment Cutting	40

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The above courses which are expected to last for a period of one year commenced on 24 April 2010. We were, however, informed that the Institute had also offered similar courses on special arrangement to other organisations like International Rescue Committee (IRC) which had 60 students in 2004 and KUREP (Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Ethiopia) which also had 40 students in 2004.

At the time of our visit, the students were having their lunch which started late on that day because they had had a talk on HIV/AIDS which was given by Young Empowered and Health (YEAH) in collaboration with Save the Children Uganda. Thus, we did not interview the students. We, however, interviewed the Director, The Rev. Sam Omiat and the Head teacher, Mr. Godfrey Enyang.

According to the Head teacher they enrolled a total of 60 students of which 20 are boys and 40 girls.

The Institute offers both practical and theory subjects in the different fields. However, due to the short period offered to students on a special programme, the Institute concentrates more on the practical part. The Institute sent a teacher to Aboke sub-county who conducted a career guidance session to the intended beneficiaries and this helped OVCs to choose vocational courses of their interest.

Apart from CAP-AIDS Uganda, the Institute had another group on special programme called Lango Child and Community Development Federation (LACCODEF).

Training is conducted both in English and vernacular because OVCs have different levels of education.

Although we were not able to meet the students in class, we met one student called Jennifer Amuge who is studying tailoring. She informed us that her home is located in Bei-oko village, Opeta Parish, Aboke sub-county.

Jennifer left school after completing Primary seven in 2009. Her father died and that she was leaving with her step mother who is a peasant farmer and cannot afford to pay her school fees.

She informed us that CAP-AIDS Uganda, apart from giving them tuition fees also gave each student a pair of uniform, mattress and a pair of bed sheets. They were promised to be given school shoes afterwards.

Apart from the courses offered, the Institute also invites different organisations and groups to talk to the students. The Institute, for example received facilitators from the Blood Bank on 18 June 2010 who sensitised students on HIV/AIDS. The Community Liaison officer for Dokolo district also visited the Institute on 17 June 2010 and sensitised students about the law.

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At the time of our visit, the students, however, had started receiving training in practical aspects having been at the Institute for a period of approximately two months. We were able to see the models which were made of paper for dresses and sports wear on a group basis for the tailoring class.

Other courses also, that is to say, building and concrete practice, and carpentry and joinery had also started the initial stages of their practical course. By the end of their course, OVCs will be able to either become self employed or will be employed by other experienced people on their lines of training.

Challenges Faced by Adwoki Technical Institute

The following challenges were outlined by the Director:

- Adwoki Technical Institute is faced with a problem of acquisition of tools which are used by students because it has limited resources. It acknowledged receipt of some materials which were given to them during the training of the first group of students which were sponsored by EU/NUREP. The materials were consumed in the training with exception of sewing machines which are available but got spoilt.
- Sewing machines keep on breaking down and also, the cost of tools for carpentry and joinery are expensive. For example, planes cost Ushs. 300,000, a genuine sewing machine also costs between Ushs. 150,000 and Ushs. 160,000.
- Tools for building and concrete practice are manageable and quite cheap, but the materials used are expensive.
- Another challenge is the presence of fake tools on market. The Institute, however, takes time to identify genuine tools although with a lot of challenges.
- The period for the courses is short, thus more practical knowledge is given to the students and theory therefore is severely curtailed.

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3.1.3 Needy Support Centre (Implementing Partner)

Needy Support Centre is an organisation which was established in 2005 by a group of men and women who are either living with HIV/AIDS or in abject poverty.

It was registered as a Non-Governmental Organisation on 28 October 2005 and as a Community Based Organisation (CBO) with Kampala City Council in 2007. Currently, its membership is composed of 318 adults and 131 youths. It has a Board of seven members and the board meets twice a year.

Needy Support Centre works in partnership with CAP-AIDS Uganda to implement the programme which is funded by VSF-CIDA.

The Director of the organisation in the process of soliciting for funds approached NUSAF which introduced the organisation to CPAR and then CPAR linked it to CAP-AIDS Uganda.

Needy Support Centre together with CAP-AIDS Uganda were involved in identification, assessment and selection of OVCs who are sponsored by CAP-AIDS Uganda for different vocational courses.

The 46 OVCs who were selected by the Needy Support Centre were taken to Nakawa Disabled Training Institute.

Nakawa Disabled Training Institute

The Institute was started in 1995 by the Director, Mr. Jacob Bona. It was registered with the Directorate of Industrial Training (DIT) in 2009. We were informed that it has started processing its registration with the Uganda National Examinations Board.

The Institute offers courses like motor vehicle mechanics, tailoring, catering, computer, secretarial, nursery teaching, journalism, accountancy and other business related courses. Courses for certificates take two years while Diploma courses take one year.

We visited the Institute on 23 June 2010 at 12:30 p.m. and met Mr. Bernard Tusasirwe, the Bursar. He has worked for the Institute for 7 years and is an Instructor in motor vehicle department.

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Students who are sponsored by CAP-AIDS Uganda were enrolled for the following courses which started on 17 May 2010:

Course	No. of OVCs
Tailoring	12
Catering	13
Computer	21

TOTAL	46
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A total of 6 students had selected hair dressing and the Institute had identified a trainer but the students eventually abandoned the course and joined other courses. The Institute had, however, deposited a total of Ushs. 200,000 with the trainer and they are not sure whether those funds will be recovered.

During our visit to the Institute, we were not able to meet the students because some had completed their shift for the morning session, yet those on afternoon shift had not yet reported. The shifts are as follows:

Course	Time of study
Computer	7:00-10:00 a.m.
Catering	2:00-5:00 p.m.
Tailoring	8:00-12:00 p.m.

The courses will be offered for a period of one year as agreed upon by CAP-AIDS Uganda although the most ideal period would have been more than one year.

Although we were not able to meet students, we had an interaction with the following instructors:

Mr. David Waiswa - Instructor in Catering Course

Mr. Waiswa has been teaching at the Institute since 2001. According to him, the students were still in the preliminary stages at the time of our visit, having studied for a period of over one month. He confirmed that they were catching up. He said that the course will concentrate more on practical work than theory.

He cited a challenge of language barrier since the OVCs had different levels of education. In order to solve this problem, the Institute offers a course in business communication which is attended by all students.

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Mr. Samson Bona - Carpenter Instructor

Mr. Bona has been teaching graphical design, practical art and computer for many years. He said that students were trying to catch up.

He noted that students had different levels of education ranging from senior two to senior six and as a result, he had to change his method of teaching whereby more time was devoted to lower levels. He also identified slow learners and paired them with fast learners and as a result some improvement was recorded. He also noted that some students had been out of school for many years which hindered their speed of learning and others were slow in writing. Students therefore suggested buying notes from the lecturer. In order to test whether students were reading the notes bought, the Instructor gave them a test, but the results were poor since the marks ranged between 1 to 7 out of 20 marks. This was an eye opener to encourage students to work hard and also revise their notes.

The Institute offers courses to day scholars only because it does not have boarding facilities. It was, however, noted that some students were missing classes. In order to encourage attendance, Mr. Bona introduced an attendance list and also decided to award marks for attendance which will form part of the final examinations. He said that the system had led to an improvement in attendance.

At the time of our visit, the students were in the process of completing their first package of introduction to computers and were to sit for their final examination on Saturday, 26 June 2010.

The second package, Microsoft Word was to be started from 28 June 2010.

He, however, informed us that the students are continuously counselled and this has helped them change their behaviour and be able to adopt to the requirements of the Institute.

The Institute also arranges for some groups to give talks to students on different topics. At the time of our visit (23 June 2010) we found when the students had just received a talk from a group called Campus Club which gave a lecture about HIV/AIDS and also encouraged the students to have a vision on what they have to do.

Straight Talk is another club which gave talks to students on related topics.

The Institute was also organising an education tour which was expected to take place during July 2010 and the students were expected to contribute Ushs. 15,000 per person.

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They were planning to take catering students to Sunset Hotel, Jinja; Nytil for tailoring students, and the place to be visited by computer course students had not been identified at the time of our visit.

All in all, the Instructors were positive that by the end of the course, the students will be able to apply the knowledge they would have acquired from the courses since they were showing positive signs of learning.

4. EUROPEAN UNION - NORTHERN UGANDA REHABILITATION PROGRAMME

CAP-AIDS Uganda received funding from EU-NUREP to fund the Project entitled "Empower Identified Beneficiaries for Uganda Community, Dokolo District, Lango Sub-region with skills, knowledge and economically reduce their hitherto protracted vulnerability to human rights for a period of thirteen months from July 2008 to August 2009.

Although the project closed in August 2009, the beneficiaries for the project were living within the communities. We therefore visited some of the beneficiaries to assess the benefits received from the project. The beneficiaries ranged from former students and beneficiaries of income generating activities. These were selected from different villages.

The Project also funded OVCs to undertake vocational courses at Adwoki Technical Institute for a period of six months. The students were passed out in September 2009.

4.1 Beneficiary – Former Student

We visited Gadaffi Okello who is one of the beneficiaries sponsored by CAP-AIDS Uganda to undertake a vocational courses in tailoring at Adwoki Technical Institute. The course lasted six months which was rather short.

CAP-AIDS Uganda gave out start up capital to those students after completing their respective courses.

Like other students for tailoring, Gadaffi received a Singer Sewing machine, a pair of scissors, tape measures and some materials as a start up capital.

After completing the training, he rented two rooms at a cost of Ushs. 10,000 each in which he set his workshop to repair sewing machines and also instruct other children in tailoring. He is using the sewing machine which he received from CAP-AIDS Uganda and also rented two other machines at Ushs. 10,000 each per month and uses all to train orphans. He also makes graduation gowns and at the time of our visit, he had a sample of gowns for Nursery school children. He also makes baby carriers which the trainers are being trained to make. Each baby carrier is sold at Ushs. 2,500.

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He informed us that his class consists of about 40 children from ages 18 and above. At the time of our visit; 22 June 2010 at 9:15 a.m., however, the class had about 10 children, but their ages were below 18 years. Gadaffi said that some come to attend because they do not have work at home.

His aim of setting up a training school was to help OVCs who are many in the region having realised the need to assist them. Gadaffi is also an orphan who lost his father in 2000 and the mother in March 2009. He is currently looking after his brother who is schooling in nursery.

The workshop for Gadaffi is located at Abutadi Trading Centre, about 15 km from Lira and its sign post has the words "CAP-AIDS, Agwata sub-county, Dokolo District".

He started training orphans in March 2010 and expects them to take one year. They have started making model dresses from cement packs which he uses to train them. He buys each pack at Ushs. 500 from the builders.

Gadaffi was taught to repair sewing machines by the person he was staying with.

Challenges met by Gadaffi Okello

He has limited capital and therefore cannot hire another person to help him instruct the children. He therefore trains children in two shifts and the situation is also worsened by lack of enough machines.

Our visit was carried out in June 2010 and this was a harvesting season which affected the pace of construction, which in turn affected the quantity of training materials (cement bags). The season also affected the attendance of children.

Currently, Gadaffi was offering free training to children yet he has to buy training materials.

He is using manual sewing machines and would like to obtain an electric machine since the trading centre has power.

He plans to construct a house at his father's place and use part of it as a training unit for the OVCs, but lacks funds to purchase iron sheets.

The project for Gadaffi, however, will be beneficial if he gets assistance from outsiders say, donors to help him boost the school, since he has not started charging tuition fees from the beneficiaries.

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We were, however, informed by Gadaffi that some of the OVCs who received sewing machines from CAP-AIDS Uganda kept them because of low returns and others prefer to have electric sewing machines that have designs, lockable and can produce different items, such as sweaters.

Other sewing machines also got spoilt and the children therefore are running other businesses like riding bicycles (boda boda) and some ladies are seated at home.

4.2 Beneficiaries for Income Generating Activities and Other Products

4.2.1 NUREP Restaurant

The restaurant was set up by Adwoki Widows and Orphans Group in March 2009 after receiving materials worth Ushs. 1,500,000 as start up capital from CAP-AIDS Uganda. The materials included three tables, ten plastic chairs, plates and cups which are used in the restaurant.

The restaurant is operated in a rented building at Adwoki Trading Centre and the group pays Ushs. 40,000 per month as rent. It is run by members who are divided into two groups and each group runs the restaurant for one week.

During our field visit, on 22 June 2010, we met three members who included Karina Okello, the Chairperson, Lily Okal, the Treasurer, and Lucy Aloch who is a member and also the Focal Point person of Adwoki Parish, Agwata sub-county.

The restaurant serves breakfast and lunch and their major customers are mainly students from Adwoki Technical School.

Foodstuffs are bought from the market and the Treasurer keeps records for daily purchases and sales.

At the time of inception, the group had 17 members (5 men and 12 women), but at the time of our visit, active members were only seven (6 women and 1 man).

The group also operate a Savings and Credit Scheme where each member saves a minimum of Ushs. 4,000 on a fortnight basis. It also gives out loans ranging between Ushs. 40,000 to Ushs. 50,000. The loan period is two months.

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We were informed that inactive members are also defaulters in the group and hopes of recovering funds by the active members is low.

The active members are therefore considering whether to recruit other qualifying members.

According to the members interviewed, the parishes received the following income generating activities worth Ushs. 1,500,000 per group in each Parish with exception of a grinding mill that cost Ushs. 1,800,000 which were financed by CAP-AIDS Uganda. The items were received in a group in each Parish as follows:

Group Name Parish	Income Generating Activities	Group Name
Adwoki	Restaurant	Adwoki Widow and Orphan Youth Group
Agwiciri	Piggery	Ket Can Tic Widow and Orphans Group
Kachung	Piggery	Olweny Can Widows and Orphans Group
Amuda	Sheep rearing	Amuda Widows and Orphans Group
Bardyang	Goats rearing	Bardyang Widows and Orphans Group
Adok	Grinding mill	Adok Widows, Orphans and Youth Group

CAP-AIDS Uganda also trained orphans in vocational skills at Adwoki Technical Institute from all Parishes. According to the focal point person for Adwoki Parish, the orphans for the parish who received sponsorship from CAP-AIDS Uganda, three OVCs are involved in tailoring, six have been sponsored by relatives to continue in school (four in technical school and two in Secondary school), some ladies got married and for the rest, the focal persons did not know their whereabouts.

Other benefits received from CAP-AIDS Uganda included the following:

96 blankets were distributed to HIV positive people in Adwoki parish, other parishes also received blankets.

Local Council 1 (LCs) were trained and then given bicycles to ease their movements during the visits to people infected and affected with HIV/AIDS.

Peer groups were also trained and given bicycles to ease their movement while sensitising their colleges.

Traditional birth attendants (TBAs) were trained and also given bicycles to ease their movement during their working process. Their names were changed from TBAs to Village Health Teams (VHTs). Each village has got a VHT.

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4.2.2 *Members of Village Health Teams (VHTs)*

We visited a member of VHT by the names of Lucy Okello who lives in Ayito village, Adwoki Parish. She confirmed that she received training on the job she is undertaking, a bicycle and T-shirts from CAP-AIDS Uganda.

After the training, the VHT stopped delivering mothers from their homes but instead encourage them to go to hospitals. They also advise pregnant mothers to go for HIV testing together with their husbands and bring back the results to the VHTs before they are attended to.

There is therefore a positive change in the community regarding people living and affected with HIV/AIDS since they no longer look at them as curses in the Society.

4.2.3 *Other Beneficiaries – Piglets*

We also visited two beneficiaries in Agwiciri parish who received piglets. The people visited were Rebecca Oken (Focal person for Agwiciri parish) located in Aliko village, and Sylvia Onuk. The parish received 17 piglets and each member received 2 piglets. The piglets were locally identified by the members and were paid for by CAP-AIDS Uganda.

Members for all parishes in Agwata sub-county were trained for five days on how to manage business and afterwards piglets were bought and distributed in March 2009.

The criteria used to select the beneficiaries for the piglets was based on member's ability to look after them since some widows were very old and could not afford to grow food for feeding their families and the piglets.

We were informed that piglets were doing well but the parish had lost 7 piglets due to sickness like vomiting.

Apart from piglets received, the following are some of the other benefits received from CAP-AIDS Uganda in Agwiciri Parish:

- Some members such as Rebecca Oken, Rose Ogwang, Sylvia Onuk, Clara Kwezi and Robinah Ayo had their pigs deliver. Rebecca the focal person sold the young ones, the mother and the male pig and received total cash of Ushs. 440,000 which she used to purchase a bull and part of it was used to meet medical bills.
- CAP-AIDS Uganda also distributed blankets and Agwiciri parish received a total of 75 blankets. Rebecca and Sylvia confirmed that they also received blankets.

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- We were informed that among the organisations working in Dokolo districts, CAP-AIDS Uganda was ranked the best because of their transparent way of working because members were able to receive the income generating activities which they requested for.

The members visited belong to Kepcalitc Women's Group which has seventeen members and were still active at the time of our visit. The group meets regularly and they operate also a Savings and Credit Scheme whereby each member contributes Ushs. 200 per week and the funds are handed over to the Treasurer. Members can borrow between Ushs. 30,000-Ushs. 50,000 for a period of one month.

The challenge, however, is that piglets contract diseases such as vomiting and die.

Another challenge is that members who did not receive the piglets are still waiting for their turn to receive, yet the Project that funded the purchase was closed.

4. CONCLUSION

The intervention of CAP-AIDS Uganda in the regions where it operates, has yielded a great number of benefits. Orphans and vulnerable children were trained in vocational skills and equipped with start up capital to enable them start employment. Others are undergoing training in vocational skills courses which they started in April 2010.

Members including LCs, peer groups, VHTs and other groups within the community received training in various areas and those visited confirmed that they are using the knowledge acquired to carry out their activities.

Members were given opportunities to identify the income generating activities on a parish level and CAP-AIDS Uganda facilitated them to acquire those projects identified. These included piggery project, NUREP Restaurant, goat and sheep rearing project and a grinding mill.

All the above activities were aimed at helping people living and affected with HIV/AIDS to make them survive, resist and overcome HIV/AIDS and in that way CAP-AIDS Uganda will be able to fulfil its mission.

Yours faithfully,


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