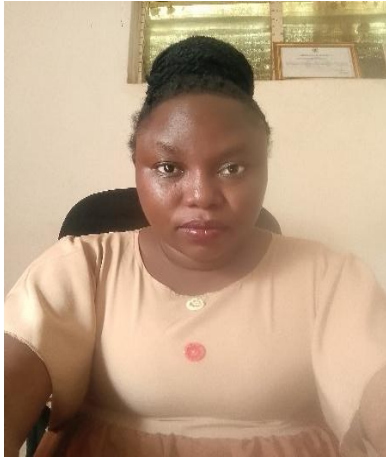




**ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN
AND YOUTH - UGANDA**



ANNUAL REPORT 2025



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Am honored and pleased to present to you our dear readers the Alliance for Children and Youth Uganda (A4CY-U) Annual Report 2025. This report is building on the many works, milestones and lessons we have gone through from the previous year's to date. A lot of work has been implemented 2025, pointing towards the realization of our mission and vision as an organization.

I am proud to report that as a district, we are registering decrease in child rights violations especially in the sub counties where A4CY-U is working. In 2023, A4CY-U conducted a baseline study in Bwesumbu Sub County before we started our work there, when we conducted end line study in March 2025 the prevalence rates has lowered from 87% in 2023 to 66% in 2025. This is a great achievement that's much attributed to our tireless efforts but also commitment towards causing lasting impact.

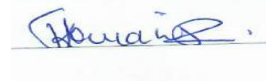
Child marriage remains one of the many ways children rights are being violated in Kasese District, many girls are dropping out of schools under family and peer pressures to get marriage. There's more need for reaching out to girls in and out of school creating awareness on importance of education, staying in school and completing school. Cultural leaders need to be engaged continuously on promotion of positive cultural practices, norms and beliefs and discourage the negative ones, this will help in guiding parents and family members who still use culture to cause violence to their children.

My appreciation goes to the entire staff and management of A4CY-U, who have supported the implementation of projects and ensured that desired result/changes is realized, without you, the result showcased in this report couldn't be achieved. The community leaders starting from Local council 1 have played an important role in attaining the change so far. In 2024 A4CY-U together with the commissioner in charge of Children affairs from the Ministry of Gender Labor and Social Development declared 17 out of 24 villages in Bwesumbu sub county child marriage free. Since then, we have continued following up these villages to ensure this result is maintained.

I thank the Sub county leadership (Community Development Officer) where we are working for the support, the Police, partner organizations, the trained adolescent mentors, para social workers, the media, for without you we wouldn't have achieved as expected.

Special thanks goes to our donors The Girls

First Fund, thanks for moving this journey since 2019 to date. We are because You are!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kabugho Joviah', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

KABUGHO JOVIAH

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH UGANDA

LIST OF ACRYONMS

A4CY-U	ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH UGANDA
CDO	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
GFF	GIRLS FIRST FUND
KDLG	KASESE DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT
JCU	JUSTICE CENTERS UGANDA
MHM	MENSTRUAL HYGIENE MANAGEMENT
OVC	ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN
SOVC	SUB COUNTY ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN COMMITTEE
CFPU	CHILDREN AND FAMILY PROTECTION UNIT
VSLA	VILLAGE SAVINGS AND LOANS ASSOCIATION
RDC	RESIDENT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
HCII	HEALTH CENTER THREE
DHT	DISTRICT HEALTH TEAM
UWONET	UGANDA WOMENS NETWORK
SLARA	STRENGTHENING LHAs-LED ACTIONS ON HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE AND ADVOCACY
DISO	DISTRICT INTERNAL SECURITY OFFICER
DCDO	DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
RIHL	RWENZORI INTERNATIONAL HOTEL

ABOUT ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH UGANDA (A4CY-U)

A4CY-U is a registered National NGO in Uganda with its Head office located in Kasese, Uganda. Legally registered first in 2012 and operation certificate renewed in 2019 with the Uganda National Bureau of Non-Government Organization mandated to operate in all parts of the Country.

MISSION

To support Children, Youth and caregivers to participate in Socio-economic initiatives for improved livelihoods and sustainable development

VISION

A society where all Children and Youth live to their full potential and their rights and aspirations are fulfilled.

We are a fully registered and legally operating NGO mandated to work in the Rwenzori region in Uganda. We have been acknowledged and permitted to operate in the districts of Kasese, Bunyangabo, Bundibugyo, Isingiro, Kamwenge and Kyegegwa head offices in Kasese district.

Scope: Our work is around advocacy for the rights of Children and Youth in Health, access to quality education, access to second chance education for girls who for pregnant and got married at an early age (eliminating of child marriages), ensuring access to quality health education, information and services, women's economic empowerment and access to safe and quality Water, Sanitation and Hygiene services and practices.

Our Board consists of Nine (4 males and 5 females) members who are vibrant, experienced and committed towards achieving the organizational mandate and are charged with giving strategic direction of the organization and making/passing of laws. These members are drawn from different walks of life with rich experience and skills to manage and support the institutions governance and growth.

LIST OF A4CY-U BOARD MEMBERS AND CONTACTS

S/N	NAME	GENDER	TITLE/POSITION
1.	MRS. MASIKA RUTH	FEMALE	CHAIRPERSON BOARD
2.	MR. MUZIGITI JIMMY	MALE	VICE CHAIRPERSON
3.	MR. KIMUGHA DENITH	MALE	BOARD MEMBER
4.	MRS. MASIKA EVELYEEN	FEMALE	BOARD MEMBER
5.	MRS. KABANYORO REBECCA	FEMALE	TREASURER
6.	MRS. ELLEN ITHUNGU	FEMALE	BOARD MEMBER
7.	MR. KITANYWA SOWED	FEMALE	FOUNDER MEMBER
8.	ORD. ANNA BWABU	FEMALE	BOARD MEMBER
9.	MR. MUTORO JULIUS	MALE	BOARD MEMBER

ORGANISATIONAL THEMATIC AREAS

- 1) Child Protection and Youth Care
- 2) Social economic empowerment for the youth and caregivers
- 3) Provision of Sexual Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS Services
- 4) Women Rights Promotion.
- 5) Environmental Protection, climatic Change and Adoption
- 6) Water, Hygiene and Sanitation
- 7) Capacity building, Research and Institutional Development

ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED IN 2025

GFF SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

1. Support the Buhuhira sub-county to 6 extended Sub county OVC (SOVC) coordination committees aimed at tracking indicators and providing feedback for each villages. From these platforms the members were able to conference child rights abuse cases and conduct joint follow up and monitoring as SOVYC members in villages homes and schools where cares were mainly reported. A4CY-U supported these follow ups to ensure result is realized.
2. Support CDO & CFPU to follow up, investigate and conclude reported child marriage, teenage pregnancies and defilement cases in Buhuhira Sub County. During this learning year of 2025, 19 cases were reported, 9 were defilement cases and were handled directly by police, 8 were child marriage cases which were handled by the Community Development Officer through bringing together the families involved, and mediate them to ensure the girl is not married off. Success stories have been documented and shared about these cases.
3. Conduct selection and verification of 100 Girls affected and at risk of child marriage to benefit from direct economic empowerment for 4 days in Buhuhira Sub County. These girls were prepared to start the training program by the A4CY-U project officer to ensure limited drop out and absenteeism.
4. Conduct one day Orientation meeting of 100 Girls at risk of child marriage and their 100 care givers in entrepreneurship to start small businesses. This was aimed at meeting the beneficiaries and their caregivers to ensure they know the project scope, sign MoU with A4CY-U that spells out the responsibilities of both parties if the project process are to go on smoothly from start to the end.



5. Train 100 girls out of school and affected or at risk of child marriage in locally marketable skills (Knitting and designing, Ladies' shoe making, Hair dressing, tailoring, Motor vehicle and motorcycle mechanics) This training was integrated with life skills training. We identified local artisans/trainers who signed MoU with A4CY-U and ensured that they delivered quality training for a period of 6 months. Girls were clustered and given to trainers depending on distance to and fro the training center, capacity (space) of the trainer to hold a certain number of trainees etc.



6. Support 100 trainees to form 20 clusters and supply them with startup toolkits for income generation. Using our procurement policy, A4CY-U procured the tool kits, got them branded and conducted a graduation ceremony to give out the kits to the beneficiaries. We rented 3 moths space for the clustered groups and supported them to start practicing their skills and making money.



7. Support 96 Girl mentors in Buhuhira and Bwesumbu sub counties to form Girl mentors' support associations and provide them with micro revolving loans to enhance their visibility and personal economic growth. This groups are already formed and are being

prepared to use the seed capital, for now we are training in group dynamics, VSLA methodology, and book keeping and saving for a purpose.



8. Support continuity of a youth friendly corners at Bwesumbu HCIII and establishment of a new corner at Buhuhira HCIII to offer comprehensive SRH services to the adolescents and Young women referred by the Adolescent girl mentors from the communities. We have a trained and qualified Reproductive Health Nurse (volunteer) based at the health facility who receives the youths and supports them, she also conducts follow ups and health education from the H/C but also in schools and communities.



9. Awareness creation in schools about the importance of staying in school and completing school, discouraging risky behaviors and engaging in or the dangers of child marriage. We visited three primary schools and one secondary school in Buhuhira Sub County.
10. Conducted school based health days in 3 primary schools talking about body changes, menstrual hygiene management, career guidance and life skills. During these sessions, we were able to listen to issues affecting girls while at school but also provide guidance on how to overcome these challenges.

11. Conducted wellness for staff, board and trained adolescent mentors at Rwenzori international hotel



Above is wellness activity taking place at RIHL

MMHF/TASO SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

1. Hold one day inception meeting for 25 Participants (2 Incharges+4 DHT members, LCIV, 2 A4CY staff (ED, PO, Accountant) + 2 Municipal staff (Town clerk+ medical officer of health+3 community peers) for project bi-in in Nyamwamba Division. This helped in project by in and seeking support from the leaders and stakeholders. Important commitments were made.

Below is are photos of project Inception meeting. The vice chairperson Hon Nisima Olivia (on right) and CDO Magezi Abdul (right) addressing the participants.



2. Conduct 12 community dialogue meetings for 30 participants each in 6 villages with high TB prevalence to create awareness about human rights and access to TB and HIV services. A total of 255 community members were met with, with key actions/issues raising from these dialogue meetings which included, strengthening the awareness creation mechanisms citing that most health messages are currently passed on radios but not everyone has access to radios, such meetings were highly appreciated. Health workers were put on spotlight to be more serious at their work saying absenteeism affected access to better health services.



Above is a photo of CDO addressing the participants during a dialogue meeting in Kyalanga cell Nyamwamba Div

Below: community members in the targeted dialogue meetings on health (HIV), Human rights and TB.



3. Support the project officer for 6 trips to acquire, distribute condoms, TB and HIV IEC materials and educate most at risk persons in targeted hotspots. Condoms were put in dispensers in hot spots and they were constant stock outs indicating high demand and usage by the targeted groups.
4. Orientation of 16 expert clients and 16 VHTs to enable them support their fellow friends who are HIV and TB positive to ensure adherence to treatment and disclosure support. These have since supported in reaching out to their fellows, ensured adherence to treatment and disclosure.



5. Facilitate health workers and VHTs from each of the 2 health facilities for 3 days per month for 5 months to trace for TB clients who have defaulted and have missed their sputum follow-up.
6. Facilitate peer leaders, safe space leaders to conduct two Quarterly safe space reviews of TB/HIV services in the division with focus on cure rates and human rights.

UWONET SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

1. Inception meeting for the KKT supported activities in Kasese district among 30 sub county and district stakeholders. This was for buy in and tapping into district and Sub County stakeholders support. This project was proposed to be implemented in Buhuhira, Mpondwe Lhubiriha Town council and Nyamwamba Division.
2. Conduct district Pre-visits and partnership building meetings to introduce a project to the District Local Government leadership and key stakeholders to build a common understanding and support for the project. This was done by a team from UWONET visiting the district leading to a signing of MoU with the district which spells the relationship between the two parties.
3. Identification and Competence development of Women to strengthen meaningful participation of women in transformative peace building and decision-making processes and enhance women leaders' capacity for effective engagement and leadership.
4. Post-Election Orientation and Capacity Enhancement of Elected 50 women Leaders to enhance women leaders' capacity to effectively play their role as per the Local Government Act and well influence gender-responsive policies and embrace WPS agenda.



Above is Assistant RDC Kasese Municipality addressing the participants, below is Fatuma facilitating during the training of women leaders.



5. Facilitate spaces for 30 women leader's caucus reviews and Reflection to strengthen the influence of the WPS agenda at the district Level.
6. Follow up GBV cases affecting women especially on land rights, economic rights but also women and peace security issues in the district to conclusion.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE AND SUPPORT – SLARA PROJECT

1. Purchase and distribution of relief items to 80 vulnerable households in Ibanda Kyanya Town council. These included Cassava flour, maize flour, beans, palm cooking oil and tapelines for shelter.



Stakeholders interacting with community members at Nyambuku SDA IDP camp



2. Purchase and distribution of scholastic materials for 200 school going children in Nyambuku SDA Primary school camp in Ibanda Kyanya Town council.
3. Purchase and distribution of sanitation and hygiene items to 80 households, these included basins, jerricans, and soap and chlorine tablets (for drinking water purification).



Above and below is distribution of relief items in Ibanda Kyanya Town council



4. Purchase Re-usable Pads for 100 women and girls in menstrual age especially school going children to allow them stay in school even during their periods.
5. Conduct 5 sub county advocacy meetings in disaster prone villages each engagement targeting at least 50 adult community members and youth.



Women's participation is key in the village and Sub County based dialogue meeting for inclusivity.



Photos for dialogue meetings in various villages



6. Support visibility and documentation of project activities and success stories

Below is PAS Kasese District addressing the members of Nyambuku SDA camp in Ibanda Kyanya



Above is PAS Kasese District addressing the members of Nyambuku SDA camp in Ibanda Kyanya and below while engaging stakeholders at district level on disaster challenges in Kasese district.



7. Conduct field Monitoring visits to track progress and impact

A4CY-U DIRECTLY SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

1. Conducted 3 board meetings among the A4CY-U board members as mandated by the constitution.
2. Conducted a beneficiary satisfaction survey exercise to ascertain the relevance of A4CY-U services and conformity to her vision and mission.



3. Captured a video documentary on climate resilience and the need/importance to plant bamboo trees along river banks.

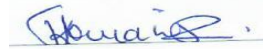


CHALLENGES:

1. Limited finances to implement the organizational approach/ strategy, the family oriented model to community development. At A4CY-U we recognize the fact that everybody is born and natured in a family, therefore a great need to target the foundations of the family if meaningful change is to happen in the world. As an organization, we still lack finances to roll out this approach to the whole Kasese district. Limited fund base remains a challenge that is threatening the sustainability of A4CY-U, we pray for winning more donation and funding sources in 2026

2. Overwhelming numbers of children, youth and caregivers who are vulnerable and need our services. We serve limited targets as per donor requirements and available resources. This leaves many helpless community members with no options. We have presence in Busongora North constituency in Kasese District leaving 80% of Kasese without our services, yet the same challenges are happening in the other places as well. There's need for more resource mobilization to be able to reach further than the population we are currently serving.
3. Limited popularization of national laws, district ordinances, cultural pronouncements and Sub County based by-laws. Uganda is party to articulate and well-designed policies and laws at all administrative levels but most of these have remained on paper. This has proved a challenge that limits our work, yet as an institution has impacted on our work that laws are not known and followed.

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