UGANDA NATIONAL ACTION ON PHYSICAL DISABILITY

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AGAINST ALL BARRIERS
**INTRODUCTION**

Uganda National Action on Physical Disability (UNAPD) is an indigenous single Disability Non-Governmental Organization formed by persons with physical disabilities in 1998. It is dedicated to the promotion and protection of the rights of Persons with Physical Disabilities (PWPDs). The organization is registered with the NGO Board under Registration No.S.5914/8278.

UNAPD is a recognized National Disabled Peoples Organization (DPO) with her national office located in Kanyanya along Gayaza road with structures at the grass roots. The National secretariat has qualified and committed staff capable of adequately implementing different projects targeting different advocacy areas such as membership empowerment, human rights, economic empowerment, disability sports, democratic governance, Inclusive education, accessibility improvement and etc. resulting into establishment of a strong institutional framework for Persons with Physical Disabilities (PWPDs).

UNAPD has mobilized and established 40 affiliate member district associations with 6233 registered members by December 2016 of PWPDs as per the organization data base distributed according to the different categories of physical disability. UNAPD Membership comprises of District Associations of Persons with Physical Disabilities, Founder Members, Individuals Persons with Physical Disabilities, and Associations/Groups of Persons with Physical Disabilities, Honorary Members and Associate Members. The criteria of registering in any of the above category of membership, their role and obligation are clearly set out in the UNAPD constitution.

For the last twelve years (12) years, UNAPD has gone through many structural, policy and cultural changes; she has grown in membership, funding and projects, registered a numbers of successes, failures and challenges. After series of reflection and consultations with her membership, partners and stakeholders in the last six years, UNAPD has resolved to change her strategy from project oriented approach to program based approach with seven priority program areas like; Membership and Organization Development, Livelihood and Economic Empowerment, Raising the profile of PWDs in Risks and Disaster Areas, Development and Resettlement in the war affected areas, Human Rights Advocacy, Advocacy for Accessible Physical Environment, Legislation and Policy Influence, Capacity Building and Self-motivation, Rehabilitation, Healthcare and HIV/AIDS Prevention, Fundraising, Resource Mobilization and Networking, Monitoring, Learning and Communication for Development.
VISION
UNAPD vision is “A society where people with physical disabilities are accorded rights enjoyed by all citizens”.

MISSION
To become the leading action-oriented Disabled People’s Organization (DPO) dedicated to the removal of barriers in society, which prevent PWPDs from enjoying their full rights.

OBJECTIVES
• Promotion of programs for the rehabilitation, social integration, independent living and productivity of PWPDs.
• Promotion of equal opportunities for persons with disabilities in general and PWPDs in particular.
• Creation of awareness among the general public, government authorities and PWDs themselves on the potentials of persons with disabilities.
• Advocacy for full rights of PWPDs to access medical, education, employment and endeavor to improve on the quality of their lives.
• Promotion of programs for the prevention of disability, provision of appliances and other mobility aids.
• Creation of a forum for mainstreaming, sharing and exchanging information on disability issues.

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE IN
• Independent living
• Power to control our lives
• Dignity and respect of human rights
• Prevention of disabling conditions
• Better living and working conditions
• Equal access to physical environment and information
• Better access to medical and rehabilitation services

Operating Principles
• Nothing for us without us
• Unity for purpose
Disability is not inability
Action for positive change
The time is now
Leave no one behind

What is Physical Disability?
Physical Disability refers to all those disabilities that affect MOVEMENT and POSTURE of a person (Ministry of Health Definition).
These disabilities are often referred to as Movement Disabilities.

How does UNAPD define Physical disability?
The absence, non-function, or mal-function of a bone, a muscle, nerve, or any part of the body, resulting into the person having restricted movement, agility or gait that is regarded ordinarily as not normal or needs the support of an assistive device to move

Range of Disability
Physical Disability, like any other category of disability, may be MILD, MODERATE, or SEVERE
MILD: When the impairment does not cause significant disability, impairment does not adversely affect the way one does his activities.

MODERATE: The Person can move without heavily depending on appliances or partially depends on appliances.

SEVERE: The Person heavily depends on appliances and other people for activities of daily living

Different types of Physical Disabilities
- Polio
- Brain injury and Cerebral Palsy
- Birth defects
- Injury, burns and amputations,
- Spinal Bifida
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Muscular Dystrophy and Atrophy
- Bone Infections (including tuberculosis of the spine)
- Hip Problems
- Juvenile Arthritis
- Rheumatism
- Leprosy
- Clubfoot
- Albinism
- Dwarfism and Gigantism
- Elephantiasis and Others

**UNAPD MEMBERSHIP BY DISTRICTS**

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On behalf of the Board of Directors of UNAPD, I am proud to present the 2016 Annual Report, reporting on activities that were undertaken most notably, the regional consultative meetings where a great deal of shared thinking emerged to the review of UNAPD constitution in preparation to the upcoming General Assembly come end of 2017 and the process of developing a new UNAPD strategic plan (2017 – 2021). The relevancy of UNAPD is more defined when there is a well-structured and thought through strategic plan which guides the work of the organisation.

This Plan will be very instrumental in the fundraising drive of the organization to ensure sustainability especially at this moment when some of our traditional donors are in their exist phase from the organization and also as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development sets out a vision of “universal respect for human rights and human dignity, the rule of law, justice, equality and non-discrimination”. Unless this vision is put into practice, it will be impossible to realise the Agenda’s promise to leave no one behind. This is an opportunity for UNAPD to have in place two instrumental documents which will guide the proper governance of the organization and at the same time giving a strategic direction to the organization’s development work.

UNAPD board would like to thank you all for the tireless efforts, support, positive will and commitment to make the world a better place for all. We look forward to increased capacity of members and continued strengthened collaboration, networking and support across all sectors and players. With those few remarks, on behalf of the UNAPD Board and Staff, would like to wish everyone a nice reading of this report. “UNAPD against all barriers”
The Year 2016 was mostly characterized by efforts of beginning to realize the impacts of the ongoing and concluding projects to the membership as well as writing concepts/proposals for renewal of the expired projects and new projects. Open Society Initiative for Eastern Africa (OSIEA) funded project ended by December, 2016 but there were efforts to write another proposal for the renewal and hopeful for an extension of 1-2 years. The expired project played an important role of raising the awareness on the need for effective participation of PWDs in the local government planning and budgets in order to have inclusive plans and budgets. UNAPD membership, Board and Secretariat greatly thanks OSIEA for the support extended to this expired project implemented in the districts of Hoima and Soroti.

The Four Year Capacity Building for Sustainable Development Project is only one more year to expiry (by December, 2017) implemented in Kabale, Lira, Mukono and Mbale, begun to register great achievements across the three Ugandan partners (UNAPD, SIA, and BISOU) as will be analyzed in this report. The project has strengthened the bond between the Ugandan Partners (UNAPD, SIA, and BISOU) and our Danish Partners (DHF, DSOD, and DBIA), it has created linkages between the Uganda Partners and several stakeholders, government entities, membership and politicians as well which will lead to better recognition of the rights of PWDs and inclusion in the development programs. The Capacity Building Project also has a disability sports component which cross cuts among the three Ugandan Partners implemented in Kampala, Mubende, Busia and Nebbi, which has played a key role in the identification of talents, building self-esteem among the membership, and promotion of disability sports personalities to the national and international levels like David Emong.
Phase II of Accessible and Inclusive Education Project is also in the last year of implementation in the project districts of Bugiri, Kapchorwa, Masaka and Sembabule with tremendous achievements like increased enrollment of CWDs in schools, increased awareness on Inclusive WASH facilities in the school settings as well as motivated parents to support their children to attend school. The project continues up to September, 2017. The two DRF funded projects i.e. Accessibility Improvement Project in Kampala and Raising the profile of PWDs in the situation of Risk and Humanitarian Emergencies in Bududda also enabled UNAPD to engage the different stakeholders in the area of accessibility advocacy, and support of PWDs in emergency situations.

Within the same period, ADD international partnered with four DPOs, among which was UNAPD to conduct a research on market based solutions for the extreme poor, particularly targeting persons with disabilities. The research was aimed at analyzing the participation of PWDs in the market especially the informal sector and challenges faced in the process. UNAPD is hopeful that this intervention may result into a project.

On the other hand, 2016 is an echo to the membership of the forthcoming UNAPD general Assembly, due 2017. The membership district associations have already received communications from the head office to fulfil the requirements of being full members if to participate in the General Assembly. As UNAPD practices democratic governance, calls upon her membership to crosscheck with the secretariat to ensure that have all the necessary requirements to fully participate in this event.

Without pre-empting the whole report on the great achievements in the different projects, on behalf of the secretariat, I would like to thank our development partners who have stood strong with us up to this time to enable UNAPD remain visible, and fulfill her mandate to the membership. The different stakeholders both government and non-government who have never got tired of listening to our messages/demands especially those who have responded positively, and lastly, the membership of UNAPD who make us relevant in the field of disability advocacy. Let’s continue to move together in 2017 as we champion the cause of disability mainstreaming through working towards the realization of the sustainable development goals and the UNCRPD. “The Struggle Continues, for God and My Country”
Capacity Building and Sustainable Development Project (CBSDP)

The project is being implemented in three Sub-counties per the project district regionally distributed; In Mukono district of Central Uganda: Mukono Municipality, Nabaale and Kyampsi. Lira district of Northern Uganda: Barr, Aromo and Central Division sub-counties. In Mbale district of eastern Uganda: Nakaloke, Bungokho and Bufumbo, Lastly in Kabale District Western Uganda, the project covers sub-counties of Kashambya, Hamurwa and Katuna Town Council. The project is identified by five thematic areas of advocacy i.e; Inclusive Education, Poverty Alleviation, Access to Rehabilitative Medical Care, Disability Sports, and Organizational Development. However, UNAPD is spearheading the thematic area of Inclusive Education, while Disability Sports and Poverty alleviation is cross cutting with our sister partners of SIA and BISOU. The goal of the projects is to make people with disability in Uganda attain independent lives and building the capacity of their organisations to become respected, united and legitimate voices in advocating for rights and interests of PWDs.

UNAPD in this year of reporting, mainly focused on continuous engagements of key players in the field of inclusive education so as to ensure increased enrollments and retention of CWDs in schools for completion of the education cycle at primary level. The project team used several strategies in the previous year to achieve the effective enrollment and retention of CWDs in schools which include offering of trust fund grants to the district Associations to be used to lobby and advocate for improved school environments in the project schools, strengthening the Parent Support Groups through holding termly meetings with the project schools to discuss and articulate the different issues observed in the schools but most of all to join hands with the schools to ensure continued retention of CWDs in the schools. The project team also encouraged continuous saving within the groups to ensure continued financial support and independent living of parents of CWDs. This support was in form of training of the PSG groups in VSLA Approach, continuous support supervision and monitoring of the groups and also the district Local government offices who are stakeholders on the project. Follow up meetings with the trained teachers in Child to Child approach took the center stage to ensure that we don’t lose touch with them since their work completely guarantees the success of retention of CWDs.

Progress of the project at Grass root

Several Parents Support Groups(PSGs) formed in the Project Districts, Mbale with the highest Number of Groups (over 11 groups) in the three project Sub-Counties, Lira with over four Groups in Aromo, Barr and Municipality, Kabale has three very active groups from Katuna Town Council, Kashambya &
Nyamishamba while Mukono with also three groups from Nabaale, Municipality and Kyampisi. These groups have engaged in Village Saving and Loan Association (VSLA) but also they have gone ahead to register at the sub-counties as Community Based organization (CBO). The registration as CBOs has enabled them develop membership capacity to penetrate the existing Government programs for inclusion hence benefiting the group members. These groups consist of both people with disabilities (PWDs) and parents of children with different disabilities.

Also in order to strengthen the rate of enrollment and retention of CWDs in school and better commitment of schools administrators/teacher, UNAPD developed, shared and disseminated simple guidelines for inclusive education to be adopted by the project schools. All the 16 project schools from 4 project districts received the guidelines for discussion, appreciation and approval by their respective governing Boards and the current updates indicates that some schools (e.g Barr Primary School and Ayile Primary School in Lira) adopted these guidelines and started applying them in their education programs.

**Impact**

The formation of these PSGs in the Project Districts has greatly improved on the enrolment of CWDs in the schools. All these groups are tied to project schools simply to bridge the gap between the school administrators, the parents of CWDs and the child with disability at school. This has resulted into a strong commitment of schools administrators to these children, improved communication (shared experiences) between the school administration and the parents. This collaborative network has greatly benefited a child with disability in the project schools through; better living conditions, improved enrollment and retention of CWDs, better understanding of disability by the schools administrators and teachers.
Statistics of progressive enrollment of CWDs in the different project schools are summarized as below; Mukono District: Kabawala Primary 28 pupils (F=14, M=14), Bishops West Primary 47 pupils (F=18, M=29), Kyoga Primary 12 Pupils (F=6, M=6) and Nakanyonyi Primary 2 pupils (F=1, M =1). Kabale District: Kitanga Primary 20 pupils (F=12, M = 8), Nyamishamba Primary 20 pupils (F=9, M=11), Bugalama II Primary 16 pupils (F=8, M=8), Hamurwa Primary 25 pupils (F=12, M=13) Mbale District: Kolonyi Primary 15 pupils(F=9, M=6,), Nakaloke Primary 11 pupils (F=7 M=4), Bumageni Primary 29 pupils (F=14, M =15), Jewa Primacy 18 pupils (F=8, M=10). Lira District: Ireda Primary 17 pupils (F=9, M=8), Barr Primary 27 pupils (F= 14, M=13), Oketkwere Primary 23 pupils (F= 11, M=12), and Ayile Primary 20 pupils (F=6, M=14). Therefore as of December 2016 , a total of 325(179-m, & 147-f) have been enrolled and retained in their respective schools.

Practical Accessibility Audits conducted in schools of the project Districts of Lira (Ireda and Barr), while in Mbale (Jewa and Bumageni Army Primary School). In Lira, Barr Primary school constructed 6 ramps on 6 new classes and reserved 1 latrine for PWDs, Okwetikwe Primary school constructed a new classroom block with 4 ramps, and 2 latrine stances reserved for PWDs (ramp, wide doors, handrails, although with no seating facility). In Mbale district, Bumageni Primary School constructed a ramp at the head teachers’ office, 4 ramps on classes and reserved one latrine for CWDs. Additionally, Redeemed of the Lord church in Mbale also constructed a ramp for PWDs. In Kabale district, Nyamishamba P/S made pathways to classrooms for CWDs, and reserved a latrine for CWDs, Bugalama P/S made reasonable accommodation for 1 classroom block for CWDs, Kamuganguzi P/S made pathways for CWDs and reasonable accommodation(spaced desks, reserved desks for CWDs in front of classroom) for 2 classroom blocks for CWDs. Kitanga P/S made pathways for CWDs, constructed an accessible latrine for CWDs (ramp, seating facility, handrails) and currently in the process of making portable toilets for CWDs. Lastly, Mukono district in partnership with Appropriate Technology Center(ATC) constructed an accessible latrine at Bishop West Primary School, and also managed to influence the management of Nakanyonyi Primary School to construct a ramp at the main hall for a start of accessibility improvement.

The adoption and application of simple guidelines on Inclusive education have registered some measurable impact in some schools so far. CWDs in Barr primary school now have meals at the school,
Teachers have weekly talks about handling of CWDs in school but also all classrooms in the school have ramps though not to the standard but comply with the concept of reasonable accommodation.

In terms of livelihood, the parents of CWDs have witnessed improved households’ income through the acquisition of soft loans from their own Saving Groups. These parents have used the loans to start-up small businesses, and also cater for the basic needs of their home/families. Additionally within the established PSGs, members have been able to access Government Poverty Alleviation programs like the special grants, Community Driven Development which has stimulated increased involvement of group members in agricultural production through projects like; animal husbandry and crop growing. In Mukono District, Kabawala PSG is one of the best performers’ amongst these groups and followed by Nakanyonyi and Kyoga parents support groups.

VSLA Groups in Mukono District have managed to save as below 2016:-

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Ayile PSG in Lira District

Kolonyi PSG in Mable District
All the above savings were made in six months (June – December, 2016) and Mukono hope to form other PSGs groups which are sisters to these groups because we have got members who are yarning to join them and are now under preparations.

**Beneficiaries Testimony**

**Pretty’s life changed after joining school in Kabale district.**

Pretty Nyamwiza is my name and am twelve years old and living with my mother, now in primary one at special needs education Centre Kitanga, Kabale District. I feel very proud to see that I am also in school like my other brothers and sisters. My father never wanted me to go to school but later, my mother took me to school without the knowledge of my father after being sensitized by Kiconco Hope of UNAPD of the right to education for CWDs. Good enough when I reached school, I got a sponsor for my education and this reduced my mum’s burden of looking after me.

Later, my father passed on and because he never love me, I was not told until I went home for holidays. However I pray to God to forgive him because he did not know that am also useful. I am in a boarding school, and i am loved by my fellow children even those who are not disabled. My teachers are doing a lot of work to see that I am successful in my education and continuously visited by UNAPD staff (Hope Kiconco). I want to be a teacher and help other disabled children.

**Florence Adong Narates.**

Florence Adong in her happy mood also noted that. “Because of Special grants for PWDs” I now have 5 personal cattle, 4 goats and 15 piglets which I sold some to support me clear the school fees”, Florence narrates. “I started with 2 hens and a cock and later sold about 40 birds which boosted me financially and my poultry project still continuous”. Fellow PWDs should never sit down and beg from well-wishers yet they are gifted in various capacities, always be in groups so that you can benefit from government programs such asoperation wealth creation and VSLA initiated by UNAPD" Florence advised members. She told colleagues to start some projects and ensure sustainability because many people think PWDs are just beggars which should be challenged.
“Am now able to pay school fees for 3 children in primary level, 2 in secondary, 1 in nursery school and 1 in institution; All these children are not my biological children, they are for my brothers and sister

**Progress of Disability Sports at Grass-root.**

UNAPD and her partners (SIA and BISOU) through disability sports have used several strategic interventions in the promotion of disability sports in the four project districts (Nebbi, Busia, Kampala and Mubende). Among the strategic interventions which led to milestone achievements in the area of disability sports include the following; promotion of saving culture among the formed Sports Groups in the four project districts. The sport savings groups includes: Parombo Sub-county and Nebbi sub county sports groups in Nebbi District. Buyanga sub-county, Lumino sub-county, Lunyo sub-county and Busia Municipal sports groups in Busia District. On the other hand, SIA, BISOU and UNAPD members in Mubende Rehabilitation Center (MRC) have also mobilized themselves into Sports saving groups. These groups consist of women, men, youths and parents of CWDs who are doing sport activities. The savings are carried out during sport trainings when all members have turned up and each time a member saves 500/= to 10,000/= depending on the daily income a member earns which is later loaned out to improve economic status of members. Individual members doing farming on small scale get loans from the group savings to boost their farming activities. Additionally, the saving culture is used as a tool to bring members of the three disability categories together to socialize, interact and get solution to their problems as a team.

In Nebbi and Busia, the sub county CDOs of Buyanga sub-county, Lumino sub-county, Lunyo sub-county and Busia Municipal have been key in identifying, mobilizing and encouraging PWDs to join the sport activities. These CDOs have greatly supported the establishment of the sport groups i.e. coming up with constitutions, registering the groups as CBOs and also ensuring that PWD sport groups can benefit from existing poverty alleviation programs such as CDD, UWEP and special grant.

In addition to the above, there is continued awareness raising intervention on disability sports using different strategies at the grass-root. The Disability Sports Galla held in Busia district in September 2016 aimed at bringing together all mobilized SIA, BISOU and UNAPD members who are actively participating in sport activities to show case the different disability sports disciplines in their respective project districts. The highly publicized event on the media was organized in partnership with Uganda Paralympic Committee (UPC),
Impact

Members in the sport districts has been included in government programs that are supposed to cater for all. A Case in point of Parambo sub county in Nebbi district, the sport group was able to get 1,500,000/= from CDD and decided to inject the funds into the group saving fund where members doing sports will be borrowing and pay back with interest which they can use for different projects like enhancing their small businesses. In Lumino sub county (Busia district), 6 members of the sport group’s received piglets from the Operation wealth Creation (OWC) programs and confidence being built among the members who could not articulate issues or concerns in their groups. In the 4 project districts, members were elected into positions of leadership of their respective sport groups and ensured that all planned activities of the sport groups are moving on as planned, a total of 380(281-m & 99-f) of UNAPD, SIA and BISOU members in the four project sports districts have been actively participating in the sports activities and have gained self-esteem through taking part in the sport trainings, taking positions of group leadership.
Beneficiaries Testimony

My name is ATIMANGA SUPORA from Nebbi sub county, Koch parish, age 66 years old. Before the sports program, I used to exclude myself from the community members but through sports, now able to associate with my fellow PWDs. This has improved on my physical fitness, learn how to save after joining the saving group, as well as its so entertaining for me. It united us together.

My name is UROCHI FRANCIS, from Nyaravur disability sports association from Pamora Parish of Nebbi district and age 42 years old. Am the mobilizer for the association. Before the sports program, I was wandering if I can play as the normal persons, but ever since the project now know that I can also make it. Am capable of playing sitting volleyball and athletics, and health issues are no longer a problem to me ever since I stated engaging in sports activities.
Accessible and Inclusive Education for CWDs Project (AIEP)

This project is being implemented in the four districts of Bugiri, Kapchorwa, Masaka and Sembabule respectively. The project is aimed at promoting accessible and inclusive education for children with disabilities through advocacy, trainings, sensitization, and awareness creation among others.

Progress of the project at Grass root
The sixteen formed Parent Support groups were able to register as Community Based Organizations (CBO) with the sub county and the District Community Development Office, eight of these were supported with project funds to facilitate their Income Generation Activities of their own choice like brick making, piggery, goat rearing, produce buying and savings among others. The parent support groups have also been linked to poverty alleviation programs, the groups are now actively engaged in viable Income Generating Activities. There has also been increased enrolment and retention of children with disabilities in schools due to establishment of accessible WASH facilities in some schools, WASH officers were trained on the issues affecting CWDs and how to incorporate these issues in to their work, lastly, increased awareness on the need for the implementation of the Building Control Act 2013 among others.

Impact of the project in 2016:
Enrollment of CWDs in schools has increased. For example in Bugiri district, Baston College has 5 CWDs (3 Boys and 2 Girls) enrolled, Namayemba Muslim P/S has 15 CWDs (10 Boys and 1 Girls), Buwofu has 3 CWDs (2 Boys and 1 Girl), Budibya P/S has 5 girls with disabilities, Namayemba C/O P/S has 5 CWDs (3 Girls and 2 Boys). This enrollment is mostly due to improved accessible WASH facilities and positive attitudes of teachers towards CWDs. On other hand, Naluwerere P/S in Bugiri and Sembabule Church of Uganda inclusive schools have continued to be classified as “Model Schools” by the District Education Officers, due to their continued commitment to support CWDs. These schools have also exceptionally taken efforts to raise awareness on menstrual hygiene needs of Girls with Disabilities and training GWDs on MHM in schools i.e. personal conduct & making low cost sanitary pads.
The formed groups of parents of CWDs in the project districts empowered with different skills of poverty alleviation/reduction in their homesteads, have started their own income generating activities which has improved their livelihood as well as helped them meet basic necessities for their children to go to school. For example, in Bugiri district, Tufungize Tusomese PSG made 206,480/= from brick making and members able to buy themselves home basic needs. These groups are also engaged in saving activity among themselves, which has enabled them to share funds and boost their businesses as well as getting loans from their own savings. On the other hand, Lwemiyaga PSG in Sembabule district recorded 744,040/= in the last saving cycle and shared the funds among the members to improve on their livelihood incomes and support their families. In Kapchorwa district, Kaserem PSG members got loans from the group savings and started small scale businesses (agricultural produce), realized profits and now able to support their CWDs with scholastic materials among others.

**Accessibility Improvement Project (AIP)**

This project aims at advocating and promoting accessibility of the physical built environment both public and private in the two districts of Kampala and Mukono. This project is being implemented in partnership by; Uganda National Action on Physical Disability, Mukono District Action on Physical Disability, and Makerere University in the department of Architectures and Physical planning respectively.

**Progress/impact at grass-root**

The project has registered several outcomes as follows; A bye law on accessibility was passed, approved by Mukono District Council and forwarded to the Ministry of Local Government for its review & gazettement. Currently, the By-Law is being implemented in Nabaale Sub County, Mukono District Local Government appreciated the Bye law and the district council is in the process of turning the By-Law into an Ordinance on Accessibility for the Mukono district.

The networks in the disability movement and other mainstream actors have continued to have confidence in UNAPD as a non-sleeping giant on issues of accessibility and are rallying together with UNAPD to have the best for PWDs. The mainstream actors are recognizing that accessibility is not only for PWDs but for also other citizens and are embracing the need for an inclusive society.

UNAPD in collaboration with stakeholders in the building industry have been highly involved with
the Ministry of Works and Transport in the drafting of National Building Codes and Regulations and currently in its final stages, which will support the commencement of the Building Control Act 2013. This Act will regulate construction of buildings such as schools while mindful of accessibility needs of PWDs. The ministry has a target to commence the Act by July 2017 which will be a breakthrough for UNAPD in enforcing the Act and Standards. UNAPD realises that accessibility challenges to PWDs begin from inaccessible building plans and negative attitudes of Architects towards disability issues. As result of this, UNAPD has worked with Makerere University Department of Architecture and Physical planning to ensure curriculum changes at faculty so that training architects become disability sensitive while coming up with plans for physical structures. Consequently, UNAPD is actively advocating for integration of Universal design in to the architecture curriculum and devising more appropriate responsive teaching techniques in the architecture school at Makerere. In particular, the project is promoting teaching the ethos of designing for persons with disabilities in Uganda’s Architecture and planning education so as to birth a new generation of architects and planners sensitive to the needs of persons with disabilities in the context of all inclusive.

**Effective Representation of PWDs Councilors for effective and better access to the development programmes and Services in Soroti and Hoima districts of Uganda with support from The Open Society Initiative for Eastern Africa (OSIEA).**

UNAPD through the respective district associations of persons with physical disabilities and the district local government has implemented a one year pilot project that was to promote effective representation of PWDs councilors for better access to development programs and services in the districts of Soroti and Hoima. This project ended in December 2016 but there is hope for renewal.

It was realized before the project that PWDs were not participating in local government planning and budgeting processes which limited their access to local government programs and services. This is mostly due to their low education levels leading to lack of confidence and self-expression, inadequate access to information, intentionally being ignored or discriminated by local government technical teams, not being effectively represented on the committees, in-accessible physical environments where developmental workshops are organized and held, inadequate technical knowledge to contribute towards the elite led discussions, inadequate skills of effective representation and negotiation, among others
Progress at Grass-root/impact.

The major aim of this ended one year project was to promote effective participation of PWDs in the local government planning and budgeting process and access of PWDs to the different government programmes such as YLP, OWC, UWEP, CDD. Through this project, the followings were achieved; PWDs in the piloted project in Districts of Hoima and Soroti are aware of the local government planning and budgeting cycle, how local government operates, local governments appreciated the need for inclusive planning and budgeting, PWDs are now participating in the planning and budgeting cycle in the two districts, On the other hand, there is evidence of PWDs access to various government programs or their own IGA initiatives as highlighted below;

Acautu Disabled Women Development Association (Soroti) trade in clothes, Bakamu Disabled Group Kigorobya are involved in rentable chairs (Hoima), Eastern Division Action for YWD got YLP(Soroti), Ribere En-Teko Western Division got Special Grant(Soroti), Soroti Disabled Group got Special Grant, Amoru Aloto PWDs & credit group got Special Grant, Akisim metal Fabrication PWD Group benefited from Youth livelihood Program. There are also efforts geared towards increased budget allocation.
to PWDs activities. For example in Soroti, in the draft budget for the financial year 2017/2018, so far 3 million has been allocated for IDD, 10 million for capacity building for the PWDs leaders in the district among others which was never the case before.

**Sanitation Project**

Development of the Accessibility Standards in 2010 by UNAPD was one of the milestones in her fight and journey towards improving the status of accessibility in the country. But over the years, since the development and launch of the Standards, a number of challenges and concerns have been raised by different stakeholders. Among which is the practical lack of skills and knowledge to interpret the Accessibility Standards into its practability, most especially in terms of inclusive water and sanitation facilities. UNAPD through the expired Sanitation Project designed a different approach in her advocacy for accessible facilities code-named the “Co-creation process of constructing a Proto-type universal latrine in a school setting as a catalyst to improve on enrollment and retention of CWDs in schools (case study of Kyambogo Primary School).

This was an inclusive strategy where different players both from the academic world and professionals from Kyambogo University, Makerere University in Uganda, students from Denmark University, architects, Social workers, Engineers among others came together in a co-creation workshop and developed an accessible proto-type latrine at Kyambogo primary school. After the co-creation, a road map was developed to pretest the prototype and do some modifications as per the users’ feedback which was successfully done in 2016. The remaining plan of action is UNAPD to work with Ministry of Education and Sport to ensure that this prototype Universal latrine is duplicated in government schools of other districts of Uganda.
Raising Profile of PWDs in situation of risk and Humanitarian Emergencies in line with article 11 of the UNCRPD

The DRF funded Project in Budduda was aimed at establishing the status of PWDs in the disaster prone areas. Erratic, extreme and unpredictable changing weather patterns in Uganda trigger hazard occurrences like droughts, floods or landslides, epidemics and diseases which correlates with increasing vulnerability of persons with disabilities exposing them to hazardous impacts which confounds their health, living conditions and exacerbated poverty.

Disaster Preparedness, Prevention, Mitigation, Rehabilitation and Recovery Programs of government and non-government organizations are general in approach and practice with no affirmation to address special needs of PWDs in humanitarian emergencies. In Uganda, People with disabilities are facing structural barriers to accessing humanitarian emergency services such as emergency health, relief items, rescue support, rehabilitation and recovery services. The MDA policies and practices are passive about disability, terming it Special Interest Groups, and forget the special needs requirements of PWDs and are inadequately funded.

Who are the PWDs? And where are the PWDs? Questions are unknown to the entire disaster administrative structure including the local council one and the UNAPD Budduda branch. There is no register for their identification by names, nature and degree of disability and which specific needs, location or telephone contact for easy reach when a hazard strikes. This lack of disaggregated data and systematic identification of people with disabilities has resulted in their invisibility during risk and needs assessments. As a result, they are not included in opportunities of participating in and benefit from vulnerability reduction and preparedness measures.

The PWD leadership’s capacity and PWD member, to engage in planning for preparedness, prevention and mitigation; rescues and relief activities; rehabilitation and recovery programmers is lacking. They lack capacity to effectively participate and be able to assert disability rights in humanitarian emergency programs and plans. It’s based on these findings that UNAPD designed intervention in an effort to address the imbalance of situation of PWDs in Disaster Prone Areas like Budduda Landslide areas.
GENERAL ASSEMBLIES OF MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATIONS:
Good governance is key in setting up district structures and it’s a prerequisite that for any District Association to be members of UNAPD, individuals voluntarily come together and register in their respective areas. After then, they elect an executive committee in preparation to get support from UNAPD. This is a principle in UNAPD to have a democratically elected committee to manage the affairs of the members of the association. The elected executives have a task of registering as many individual members as possible. This is one of the indicators used in assessing hard work and activeness of the association. The minimum numbers of 100 individual members per district per year must be fully registered with UNAPD using UNAPD registration guidelines.

In 2016, five District Associations of Mpigi, Kayunga, Hoima, Kisoro and Arua exercised their democratic rights to elect their leadership, held the General Assemblies to either elect the leadership of their associations or to renew the mandate of the office bearers.

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION:
Membership Registration means getting data from individual members in order to be used to plan and take services closer to the members; it’s also strengthening coordination and unity of members. Membership Registration aims at knowing the size of the membership, their details, alimentary requirements to support their organisations to design interventions to address their needs and also strengthen UNAPD as their mother organization. By end of 2016, there has been massive increase in membership with a total of 822 new individual members registered. This increased the total individual registered membership with UNAPD from 5411 to 6233 by December 2016.

WORKING WITH THE MEDIA
In 2016, UNAPD worked with the media to raise awareness on pertinent issues affecting PWDs e.g. the need to ensure an accessible environment, and right to education for CWDs in Uganda among others through radio talkshow on 103 FM Dunamis Mukono, Spice FM Hoima September 15th, Etop FM Soroti September 13th, Radio Hoima 26th October, Etop FM Soroti 27th October, Radio Hoima 3rd November, Elgon FM Mbale 30th September, Dunamis FM Mukono 1st October, UBC Radio 29th
November, Impact FM 1st December, Dunamis FM Mukono 2nd December, Impact FM 1st December and on Record TV on 8th April Record TV, 11th April Record TV, 3rd June Delta TV, 13th July 2016 Delta TV, 19th Aug 2016 Record TV, 21st September Record TV, 23rd Aug Star TV, 24th Aug 2016 Delta TV, 8th September 2016 NTV, Record TV 25th November, Delta TV 26th November, Star TV 30th November, Urban TV 29th November, Record TV 14th December, Star TV 15th December, Delta TV 17th December while on print media UNAPD appeared on New vision of March 28th 2016, Wednesday 29th September 2016, New vision of Friday 16th December 2016, Monitor of April 27th 2016, 9th May 2016 Monitor, 18th June Monitor, 7th August 2016 and The Observer April 27th 2016.

A Press conferences was held on 25th April 2016 to disseminate relevant information to the media on the need for passing and implementation of the special needs and inclusive education policy and Building Control Act 2013. Radio Spots were developed and run in Nov/Dec 2016 in four district of Lira, Mukono, Kabale and Mbale on the enrolment & retention of CWDs in school.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS/STAFF CAPACITY BUILDING
UNAPD Project staff, benefited from several training sessions such as Mentoring and coaching, resource mobilisation Additionally, UNAPD Driver benefited from a training in defensive driving

FUNDRAISING AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION
During the year, UNAPD managed to mobilize resources both internally and externally. A number of applications to potential partners were submitted and as a result, two projects was approved, namely;

• Accessibility Improvement Project (AIP) October 2016 - November 2017 supported by Disability Rights Advocacy Fund (DRAF).
• Raising Profile of PWDs in situation of Risk and Humanitarian Emergencies Project in Budduda Supported by Disability Rights Fund(DRF)
KEY NETWORKS & PARTNERSHIP

UNAPD believes that effective advocacy and lobbying cannot be done single handedly, but through combined efforts with her district associations, Partners and stakeholders to remind the government and other service providers of their responsibilities in service delivery especially pertaining to PWDs. UNAPD collaborated with several stakeholders/Partners in addressing different areas of advocacy and among these include policy influence, accessibility inclusion, economic empowerment, effective participations, and access to education, water and sanitation, among others.

Among the stakeholders which UNAPD worked with include but not limited to; World Vision-Uganda, Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA), District Local Governments, Politicians, Line Ministries such as Ministry of Gender, Ministry of Works and Transport, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Ministry of Education and Sports, Ministry of Defense, Media, Disabled People’s Organizations (DPOs), African Center for Media Excellence (ACME), Uganda Society of Architects, Appropriate Technology Centre (ATC) among others.

UNAPD also has equally worked closely with the development partners who have made it possible for UNAPD to implement the different ongoing projects. These include; Dansk Handicap Forbund (DHF), Danish Brain Injury Support Organization (DBIA), Disabled Sports Organization Denmark (DSOD), Disability Rights Fund (DRF), Disability Rights Advocacy Fund (DRAF) Open Society initiative for Eastern Africa (OSIEA), ADD International Uganda, Anonymous Donor.
UNAPD PARTNERS

- Dansk Handicap Forbund (DHF)
- Disability Rights Fund (DRF)/Disability Right Advocacy Fund (DRAF)
- Danish Brain Injury Support Organization (DBIA)
- Disabled Sports Organization Denmark (DSOD)
- The Open Society Initiative for Eastern African (OSIEA)
- ADD International
**ACCOUNTS AND INVESTMENT**

a) **UGANDA NATIONAL ACTION ON PHYSICAL DISABILITY**
(A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital)

**Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2016**

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| FUNDS AND LIABILITIES           |      |                   |                   |
| FUNDS                           |      |                   |                   |
| CAPITAL FUND                    | 6    | 59,087,601        | 65,037,885        |
| GENERAL FUND                    | 7    | (18,258,744)      | (22,593,744)      |
| RESTRICTED FUNDS                | 8    | 441,855,289       | 246,222,243       |
| TOTAL FUNDS                     | 9    | 482,684,146       | 288,666,384       |

| CURRENT LIABILITIES             |      |                   |                   |
| Payables and accruals           | 10   | 23,517,442        | 183,410,758       |
| TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES     |      | 506,201,588       | 472,077,142       |

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on ... and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr. Arthur Blick
Chairman

Mr. Apollo Mukasa
Executive Director
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE DECEMBER 2016

Income and Expense by Month January through December 2016

UGX in 1,000,000's

Expense Summary January through December 2016

40-100: ACTIVITY-UNAPD COMPONENT 40.99%
40-200: ACTIVITY-SPORTS COMPONENT 19.94%
40-400: ACTIVITY-AEP PROJECT 15.02%
40-800: ACTIVITY-OSERA PROJECT 5.85%
40-530: ACTIVITY-DRF COMP 2015 4.78%
50-100: 10% NSSF CO. Contribution 2.80%
80-100: Depreciation Expense Account 2.50%
40-554: DRAF-BUDUJDA COMPONENT 2.48%
40-700: ACTIVITY- SANITATION PROJECT 1.46%
40-500: ACTIVITY-DRF PROJECT 1.17%
Other 3.02%
Total UGX1,278,856,843.00
b) BALANCE SHEET –2016