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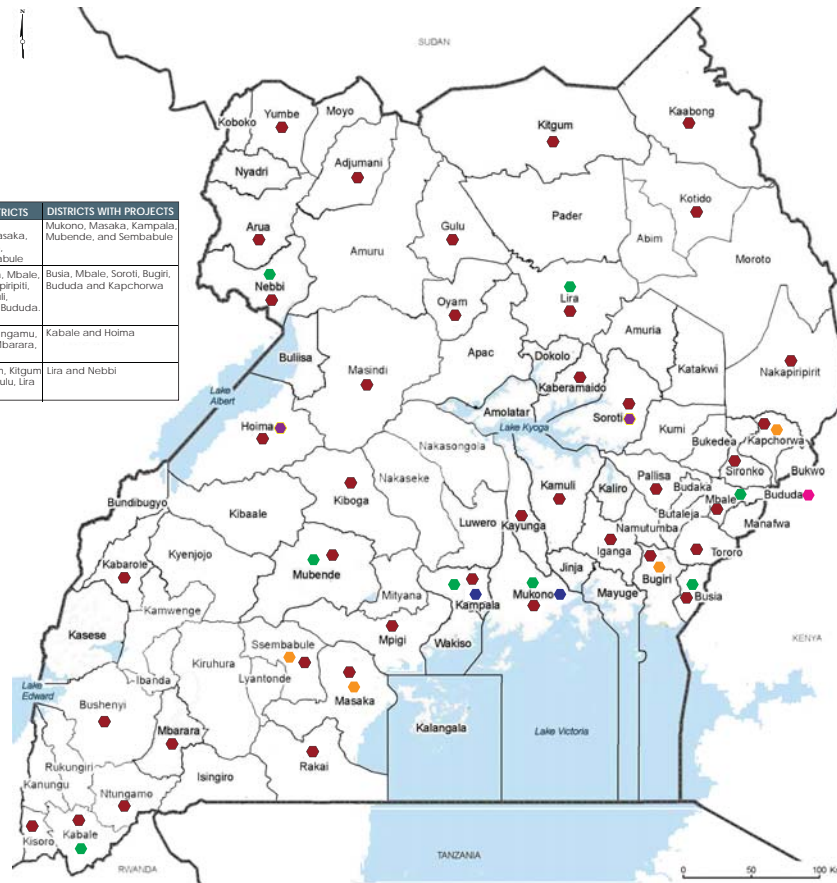
Against all Barriers

MISSION

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



REGIONS	MEMBERSHIP DISTRICTS	DISTRICTS WITH PROJECTS
Central region	Mpigi, Wakiso, Rakai, Kiboga, Mukono, Masaka, Kampala, Mubende, Kinyanga and Sembabule	Mukono, Masaka, Kampala, Mubende, and Sembabule
Eastern Region	Iganga, Tororo, Busia, Mbale, Kabaromalo, Nakapiriche, Soroti, Pataka, Kamuli, Soroti, Kotido, Bugiri, Bududa and Kapchorwa	Mbale, Mbale, Soroti, Bugiri, Bududa and Kapchorwa
Western Region	Kiso, Kabarole, Humaung, Masindi, Bushenyi, Mbarara, Kibale and Hoima	Kabale and Hoima
Northern Region	Adjumani, Arua, Oyam, Kitale, Rumbek, Kabong, Gulu, Lira and Nebbi	Lira and Nebbi



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Raising profile of PWDs in situation of risk and Humanitarian emergencies

Capacity Building for Sustainable Development Project (CBSDP)

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Accessible and Inclusive Education Project (AIEP)

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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 over 5000 registered members of PWPDs in our 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 of different categories of Persons with Physical Disabilities, Honorary Members and Associate Members. The criteria for registering in any category, role and obligation of members in each category are clearly set out in the UNAPD constitution.

For the last twelve (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 various 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 lives 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”.

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OBJECTIVES

- Promotion of programs for the rehabilitation, full 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

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
- Dwarfism and Gigantism Elephantiasis and Others

CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATION



Dear readers, partners, membership and stakeholders, UNAPD board would like to use this opportunity to thank you all for the tireless efforts, support, positive will and commitment exhibited in 2015 to walking and working together with us in all the different advocacy efforts aimed at improving the lives of PWDs in Uganda.

UNAPD is recognized as an organization of persons with physical disabilities, who form the majority of all PWDs nationally and globally. Such a high percentage of people, comes with increased needs, advocacy issues, as well. With now the reduction in donor funding, and increasing competition for resources, it's becoming difficult for DPOs like UNAPD to fundraise for projects which can reach out to her membership. However, despite such challenging situations, the Board of UNAPD would like to thank the development partners like DHF (Our long funding partner for more than 8 years), Disability Rights Fund and an Anonymous for enabling UNAPD reach out to her membership in the different Projects. This is not to forget the line ministries like Works and Transport, Gender, Education, Water and Environment for always absorbing the advocacy pressures from UNAPD and respond to our call. The membership of UNAPD for the sense of belonging and spiritual, moral, resourceful contributions towards the fulfillment of the mission of UNAPD.

As 2015 end and 2016 sets in, it's an appeal for the continued strengthened collaboration, networking and support across all sectors and players. As Uganda goes through the political fever/season, I encourage all PWDs to exercise their rights to actively participate in the upcoming presidential/parliamentary 2016 elections. With those few remarks, on behalf of the UNAPD Board and Staff, would like to wish everyone a nice reading of this report, comment for the future improvement and complement on the achievements. ***"The Struggle Still Continues"***

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As 2015 begun, UNAPD continued with her efforts of moving towards the fulfillment of the Organization's Mission towards her membership, i.e. ***"To remove barriers that prevent PWDs from enjoying their rights like other citizens of Uganda"***. This has been done through the different on-going projects in the different membership districts of Uganda supported by different development partners. Among these projects are : Capacity Building for Sustainable Development Project, supported by DHF of Denmark, Accessible and Inclusive Education Project and Accessibility Improvement Project supported by Disability Rights Fund(DRF). These three project have been implemented in 22 membership districts in different thematic areas such as;

Inclusion of PWDs in Poverty Alleviation Programs, Inclusive Education, Organization Development, Membership Empowerment, Physical Accessibility Advocacy, Policy Review and Implementation, among others.

UNAPD is proud to mention that in the course of 2015, there has been strengthened networking and collaboration with several stakeholders which has resulted into improved livelihood of PWDs. The sisterhood of UNAPD, SIA and BISOU in the course of this year has made tremendous achievements in the Capacity Building for Sustainable Development Project in the respective memberships. UNAPD has continued to work closely with the different line Ministries such as Ministry of Education and Sports, Ministry of Works and Transports, Ministry of Water and Environment, Ministry of Gender, Kampala City Council Authority (KCCA), Local Governments. This is not to forget the built networks with NGOs/sectors like World Vision, ACME, Media and the Parliament, among others.

Through such collaborative networks, there has been increased recognition of UNAPD in advocacy efforts for the following issues; operations of the Special Needs and Inclusive Education Policy, Development of the Regulations for the Building Control Act 2013and implementation of the Act, Adoption of accessible drawings for pit latrine by the Ministry of Education and Sports, Improved access of UNAPD members to poverty alleviation Programs, Advocacy for removal of barriers that prevent Children and Youth with Disabilities from full participation in schools, and Promotion of Accessible Physical Environment in Public and Private Structures, among others.

UNAPD Board and Staff therefore would like to thank all the development partners, membership, DPOs, NGOs Education Sector, line ministries and other governmental departments and all the stakeholders for moving together with UNAPD in 2015. We can't claim any success without your support and please don't get tired of walking with UNAPD. "For God and My Country as we work together to fight all barriers in society".

UNAPD PROJECTS

Capacity Building and Sustainable Development Project (CBSDP)

It's a four-year (2014-2017) tripartite involving three Organisations of Persons with disability in Uganda namely; Uganda National Action on Physical Disability (UNAPD) (the lead), Spinal Injury Association - Uganda (SIA), and Brain Injury Support Organisation of Uganda (BISOU). The project is supported by three partner organisations of people with disabilities from Denmark; Dansk Handicap Forbund (DHF-the lead), Danish Brain Injury Support Organisation (DBIA), and Disabled Sports Organisation Denmark (DSOD). The project has five components, where by three are specific to each organisations and two (Sports and Joint Component) are cross cutting among the three partner organisations. In UNAPD, this project covers the Districts of Lira, Mukono, Kabale and Mbale with Mubende, Nebbi, Busia and Kampala being cross-cutting sports districts of the project. 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.

The project is being implemented in three Sub-counties per the project district regionally distributed as follows; In Mukono district, covers sub-counties like Mukono Municipality, Nabaale and Kyampsi. Lira district of Northern Uganda, the project covers Aromo, Barr and Central Division sub-counties. In eastern Uganda, covers sub-counties of Mbale like Nakaloke, Bungokho and Bufumbo. Lastly in Western Uganda of in Kabale District, the project is implemented in Kashambya, Amugwa and Katuna Town Council. The project is identified by five thematic areas of advocacy like; Inclusive



Child to child methodology training in Mukono District (left) and Executive Director, Mukasa Apollo (Right) during a Trust Fund training session at Nob View Hotel.

Education, Poverty Alleviation, Access to Rehabilitative Medical Care, Disability Sports, and Organizational Development.

As already mentioned, this project mainly focuses on building the capacity of all key players in the field of inclusive education so as to ensure increased enrollments and retention of CWDs in schools for full completion of the education cycle at primary level. Several strategies have been employed to achieve this which include; trainings of both district and sub-county based stakeholders in areas of inclusive education and accessible physical environment in schools, training of school administrators, teachers in Child to Child Methodology aimed at improving the teacher's conduct and attitude towards the CWDs in schools alongside their counterparts in the mainstreamed schools.

UNAPD also spear headed the establishment of parent support groups in all the districts of operation as a way of bringing together parents of CWDs to have a chance of sharing the challenges and ways in which they could discuss their different problems and working together in addressing such in order to be able to send their children to school. With the establishment of such groups, has seen the importance of the saving cultures amongst the different Parent Support Groups in the districts and currently proudly done in Mbale district.

The project has also carried out capacity building of the different District Associations in Organizational Development which has resulted in increased ability of the membership in advocating and lobbying for their inclusion in the different local government and NGO programs of different districts. Several membership districts have benefited from such programs such as Lira District Association for the Physically handicapped and Mbale District Action on Physical Disability have benefited from programs like CDDs and Special Grants programs. In Mukono district, their advocacy and lobbying efforts resulted into winning the support of Appropriate Technology Center to construct an accessible latrine at Bishop West primary school, one of the project schools in Mukono district. Additionally all our Districts Associations of the 4 Project Districts have been given office space by the district local governments, as the center of operation for the project.



Chairpersons and Executive Directors of the three partner organisation, UNAPD, BISOU & SIA during a joint Trust Fund training at Nob View Hotel Ntinda

The project has a component of the trust fund (i.e. a grant given to the project district to implement their own advocacy activities), but for each project district/membership association to qualify for this fund, must first attend a training in proposal writing, financial management, trust fund application skills, monitoring and evaluation. This being a requirement to access this grant, the project trained all the project district and their neighboring membership associations. Currently, 4 project district and 7 non-project districts have accessed the trust fund in 2015 to implement their own different human rights advocacy activities at various levels.

Disability Sports

UNAPD and her partners through disability sports accomplished a number of achievements in areas like talent identification, social inclusion, confidence building (self-esteem), exposure to general public and also membership mobilization. Some of the achievements during the year of 2015 are;

Formation of national Disability sport committee which aim is to advocate and create awareness on disability sport in Uganda. The committee comprises of stakeholders like National Council of Sport (NCS), Uganda Paralympic Committee (UPC), Uganda Society for Disabled Children (USDC), Makerere University Kampala (MUK), Kyambogo University, Makerere University Business School (MUBS), Right to Play, Ministry of Education Science, Technology and Sports (**M**oESTS), Ministry of Defense among others.



Busia District LC V Chairperson (left) handing over Certificates to trained Disability Sports Coaches in Busia District and (right) different BOCCIA groups during a BOCCIA tournament held at Lugogo Indoor Arena.



More soldiers with disabilities have continued to join disability sport activities at MRC, a total of over 90 soldiers are now participating in the 8 disability sport disciplines such as Sitting volleyball, Amputee Soccer, Table Tennis, Boccia, Athletes, Goalball, Badminton, among others.

During the East African Military games, SIA, BISOU and UNAPD members participated in the games and massive awareness was made on amputee soccer, were several media houses featured the stories e.g. TVs, Radios and Print Media among others which boosted the efforts of awareness creation/sensitization.

Formation of SIA, BISOU and UNAPD associations at MRC brought together soldiers with different disabilities to tackle unique issues that concern them. Support from Ministry of defense and MRC have also greatly been notice and this was through supporting and facilitating soldiers with disabilities to participate in key disability sport activities such as tournaments/competition e.g. 2015 Uganda Paralympic gala, supporting a BISOU member to go for Boccia training in South Africa organized by World Federations of Boccia.

Formation of Sport Group Association. This started in the sport district of Nebbi, Kampala and Busia with main objective of promoting sustainability and creating awareness on disability sport. There is increased visibility of SIA, BISOU and UNAPD as DPOs in the district of Mubende, Kampala, Busia and Nebbi. Promotion of gender equality in which more women with disabilities are greatly participating in disability sport activities in the sport districts.

Local government support from the sport district of Busia has been noticed through planning and budgeting for social activities that includes disability sport. Training and capacity building of disabled coaches in the sport districts by UPC in which a total of over 20 SIA, BISOU and UNAPD members have been trained as coaches. There was an official launch of Boccia tournament by the three partner organizations that was aimed at creating awareness about the sport more especially among BISOU members, i.e persons with acquired brain injury.

Accessible and Inclusive Education for CWDs Project (AIEP)

The Project aims at education of Children with Disabilities (CWDs) from accessible and inclusive education settings and has made the following strides in the reporting period;

- UNAPD launched and disseminated the model accessible latrine to the public in order to promote education of CWDs from accessible and Inclusive education settings and in particular to improve on the accessibility situation of WASH facilities in schools in order to enhance enrolment, retention and completion rates of CWDs. It is hoped that government and the construction fraternity will adopt the designs and begin constructing similar facility in schools for CWDs basing on inclusive designs.
- UNAPD BOD, Staff, parent and their CWDs as well as members joined the rest of other Ugandans and celebrated the international day for PWDs in Tororo district on 9th December 2015. The day was celebrated on the theme: “Inclusion matters: Access for empowerment of all abilities”.
- A documentary on how to make an accessible latrine for PWDs was produced and shared on media platforms to guide the construction fraternity in constructing accessible latrines for PWDs.
- Training of parents of CWDs in viable income generating activities has been done and assessment done on enrolment of CWDs in schools. CWDs with mild disabilities are



Training of Bugiri District Action on Physical Disability on Business Development, Financial management and Membership registration (left) and the D.E.O of Sembabule with UNAPD team during a Project Monitoring visit at Sembabule C.O.U Primary School (right)

enrolled in mainstream schools and those severe disabilities are referred to special schools due to their complexity.

- The third phase of the project AIEP September 2015 to August 2016 is on with new component of access to Water Hygiene and Sanitation (WASH) in schools and economic empowerment.

Key achievement during 2015

- More children with disabilities accessing and benefiting from education in community.
- The Ministry of Works and Transport commencement of activities to review the National Building Code and Regulations as to implement the Building Control Act 2013. The Act's regulations have been reviewed by the Technical Working Committee composed of different stakeholders from Ministry of Works and Transport, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, UNAPD, Ministry of Local Government and KCCA, Uganda Society of Architects and Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development. The disability fraternity has made input to the regulations. The zero draft regulations are now with State Attorney in the Justice Ministry for final tuning and the Act will be in force as soon as the regulations are completed.

However

- Despite approval by the highest committee of Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Finance has not yet offered a certificate of financial implication to the special needs and inclusive education policy which UNAPD is advocating for in order to enhance learning of CWDs.
- Owners of private school buildings are still complaining that it's too expensive to put in place accessibility requirements for CWDs on already existing school infrastructure. UNAPD has however advised owners to consider principle of reasonable accommodation as enshrined in the UNCRPD and other legislations.

And also

- Trainings of non DPOs/ non PWDs on disability and accessibility issues are a brilliant idea. The architects training on accessibility and disability facilitated by UNAPD created more awareness about the work of UNAPD and broadens the advocacy campaign as virgin players come on board to address challenges jointly with PWDs.
- Working with media both print and electronic enabled creation of mass awareness about

the work of UNAPD. As a result, there is much attention created on our work beyond borders.

- The continuous engagements and empowerment of parents of CWDs has resulted into the increase in the enrolment and retention of CWDs in school. It has on the other hand helped in changing the attitudes of community towards families of CWDs.

Accessibility Improvement Project (AIP)

This project is being implemented by UNAPD, the Department of Architecture and Physical Planning of Makerere University and Mukono Action on Physical Disabilities as a DRAF/DRF national coalition project. The main aim of the project is to ensure improved accessibility to the public and private facilities in Kampala and neighbouring areas of Mukono as a representative picture of national level so that Persons with Physical Disabilities can enjoy their inherent rights of access to services without any barriers.

Most of UNAPD and DRF work in Uganda has been on draft Regulations to the Building Control Act, of 2013 and development of bye-law on accessibility in Nabaale Sub County in Mukono district. A bye law on accessibility has been developed, enacted and passed by Nabaale Sub-County in Mukono district in line with article 9 of the CRPD. Mukono District Council approved it as



State Attorney, Juliet Komugisha from the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs in a meeting with DPOs to give inputs on the draft regulations to the BCA 2013



UNAPD Executive Director (left) during an induction of Accessibility Improvement Project in Mukono District and Nabaale Subcounty Council during the passing of the Accessibility By-Law (right)

required by the law of the land. This bye-law is expected to operationalize accessibility laws in the community.

UNAPD printed and disseminated copies of the BCA 2013 together with the Accessibility Standards, also widen the campaign for the need to implement the Act in order to create accessible private and public facilities. The Act has been mostly disseminated among the PWDs and the construction fraternity.

The course unit on accessibility in Makerere University, Department of Architecture which UNAPD lobbied is increasingly enabling Students Architects to appreciate accessibility needs of PWDs and thus have a positive attitude while designing buildings.

The regulations have been reviewed by the Technical Working Committee on preparation of the National Building Code and Regulation as stipulated in the Act. The committee composed of different stakeholders from Ministry of Works and Transport, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, UNAPD, Ministry of Local Government and KCCA. The zero draft regulations are with State Attorney in the Ministry of Justice & Constitutional Affairs. UNAPD has shared the regulations to the disability fraternity who in their responses requested for a meeting to discuss the regulations and give input. A workshop was held and PWDs gave in-put to the regulations. The draft regulations are now with the Ministry of Justice & Constitutional Affairs and the Minister for Works is waiting for the draft regulations from the Parliamentary Council in order to sign them as indicator for commencement of the Act.

How AIP have strengthened UNAPD's networks with the disability movement and across the mainstream actors

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. Involvement of disability movements networks in the review process through regular updates and the forth coming stakeholders input meeting to the regulations is a sign of team work towards a common cause.

Sanitation Project

The state of accessibility to the public and private buildings in Uganda especially to sanitation facilities in schools is not favourable to CWDs and as a result, CWDs are discriminated in service delivery due to lack of proper access to services which are offered from inaccessible public or private places. In schools, CWDs drop out of school because of failure to access sanitation facilities like latrines. This make them miss out from education yet without education they cannot live productive and independent lives.

UNAPD in the Sanitation project involved different stakeholders (Uganda and Danish architects' students, environmental and construction engineering students, ministry of education officials, KCCA, media, PWDs, CWDs etc.) who came together in a co-creation workshop to construct a purely accessible latrine at Kyambogo Primary School. This will help in improving enrolment and retention of CWDs in schools.



UNAPD Partner/Accessibility specialist, Rie Ollendoeff (left) during the construction of a prototype accessible latrine and a representative from MoESST, Department of Construction and Management Unit during the unveiling of the prototype accessible latrine at Kyambogo primary (right)



UNAPD BOD Northern Rep. Mr. Opira Fabiano and Project officer Sports during a training of Women and girls with physical disability on Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights at Nyaravu Sub-county in Nebbi District.

UNAPD-NUWODU trust fund project on Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights of Women and Girls with physical disabilities October-December 2015 in Nebbi District

UNAPD received trust fund of 6,000,000/= from NUWODU to conduct activities under the Sexual Reproductive Health Program in order to ensure that Women/Girls with physical disabilities enjoy equal health rights in all aspects of life and are included equally into all health programs and projects.

The following activities were conducted to build the capacity of UNAPD's members who are Women/Girls with physical disabilities to lobby and advocate for their inclusion into health sector in their community:-

- Training 30 Women and girls with disabilities on their sexual and reproductive health rights
- Training women & and girls with physical disabilities in advocacy to demand for inclusion in health service provision
- Train 30 service/duty bearers in disability and Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) in relation to inclusion

The immediate project outcome:-

- The project increased consciousness of women and girls with physical disabilities on their

Sexual Reproduction Health (SRH) rights

- Women and girls with physical disabilities were empowered to demand for inclusion in service provision, the project promoted awareness on disability and SRH in relation to inclusion by the service providers/ duty bearer

Raising Profile of PWDs in situation of risk and Humanitarian Emergencies in line with article 11 of the UNCRPD January 2016 – December 2016 supported by DRF

The issue of climate change is getting on the agenda of Uganda's priority areas/programs and UNAPD recognizes that PWDs are equally vulnerable to the impact of climate change. UNAPD with support from DRF implements a project to address this vulnerability. Currently, UNAPD has 5,411 registered female and male individuals scattered around the different regions of the country including Bugisu sub region. Most of these members are settled in rural mountainous areas; either depends on subsistence or commercial agriculture for their survival to improve on their household income in their rural settings. In recent years, Bugisu sub region where UNAPD's District Associations of Mbale, Sironko and Bududa are located, has suffered deadly landslides triggered by heavy rains, leaving scores dead and destroying homes and gardens of people including those of PWDs. Government of Uganda tried to respond by relocating the locals, but due to logistical challenges, vulnerability, fears of losing their ancestry, many of the locals including those with disabilities did not move and are still trapped in the prone cages of the disaster. PWDs have suffered greatly due to effects of the climate change because there is no clear mechanism by government and private actors to raise profile of PWDs in situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies as enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCRPD), Article 11 which states that 'State Parties are required to take , in accordance with their obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law, all necessary measures to ensure the protection and safety of persons with disabilities in situations of risk, including situations of armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies and the occurrence of natural disasters'. The UNCRPD and its Optional Protocol was signed by Uganda on 30th March 2007 and ratified on 25th September 2008 without reservations.

It is important to note that Natural disasters cause accessibility challenges to PWDs in the regions where they occur which affects PWDs full participation in society. For example the landslides that happened in June 2012 in Bunakasala parish Bududa district, left in its wake huge land gaps that cover a surface of about 35-45 meters. Such gaps are a huge challenge to visually impairment people as well as the physically disabled when it comes to mobility. Huge swathes of rocks were

swept downwards when the landslides struck and this not only blocked/covered pathways but led to destruction of homes, crops, water sources, vegetables and livestock in the area thus hampering survival of residents including those with disabilities. According to the Uganda Red Cross, this heavy landslide in June 2012 occurred after a two-day downpour, 08 people went missing, 09 were injured, and 72 survived and 15 houses were buried. Despite of this information, there is no clear mention on what happened to residents with disability or how many disabilities occurred or were registered as result of the environment challenge. Although it is claimed that some residents were able to vacate in time partly in response to a distress call from fellow residents at the pinnacle of the hill, many PWDs were not able due to communication challenges for the deaf and deaf-blind as well as mobility problems for the visually impaired and physically challenged people among other disabilities.

It is against this background context based on the human rights that UNAPD desires to intervene in Bugisu sub region to try to address the plight of over 300 PWDs residents in times of disaster so that they can live a good life like any other citizen through this project ***which begins January 2016 - December 2016***. In particular, UNAPD wants to conduct a baseline survey to establish the situation of PWDs in disaster prone areas of Bugisu sub region, hold a one day workshop to disseminate the survey findings and seek stakeholders inputs, print and disseminate copies of the survey report in electronic and print media, Partner with the media to raise awareness on the needs and challenges of PWDs in disaster prone areas and train PWDs in disaster prone areas on human rights and equip them with advocacy skills to demand for their rights during situations of risk and disaster and inclusion in climate change programs in the region.

Promoting effective Representation of PWD Councilors for Better Access to Development programs and services in Soroti and Hoima districts January 2016 - December 2016 supported by Open Society Initiative for Eastern Africa (OSIEA)

According to the Local Government Act 2010 as amended, PWDs and other marginalized groups in Uganda have to be represented at all levels of local government beginning from the L.C 1 committees, up to the district councils to have a clear platform of discussion of issues affecting them. This was intended to ensure that the specific needs of such groups (e.g. PWDs) are not ignored but incorporated at any level of planning, budgeting and implementation of service provision all aimed at having an all-inclusive social-economic development, reducing the poverty levels in the community and also live up to the disability slogan of ***“Nothing for Us without Us”***. Such concerns

include among others as access of PWDs to poverty alleviation programs, education, employment and health.

Although the process seems to be participatory, open and transparent, it's noted with concern that the involvement of PWDs is very limited and non-existent at certain local government levels. There is general lack of meaningful representation of PWDs on decision making bodies of several committees in the districts, PWDs continue to be represented by non-disabled who take decision on their behalf which have in most cases not in their interest.

Whereas the concept of “equalization of opportunities” states that it's the duty of the government to ensure the benefits of development programs reach out to the disabled citizens, they continue to be marginalized in development programs due to a number of factors such as; low education levels among PWDs leading to lack of confidence and self-expression, inadequate information access, 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 from, lack of technical knowledge to contribute towards the elite led discussions, lack of skills of effective representation and negotiation, among others.

In areas where PWDs are involved, their technical capacity to contribute meaningfully to the discussions is very limited due to their low levels of education. In the long run, this situation leads to lack of prioritization or limited prioritization of disability mainstreaming in the existing local government programs and justifies the saying that ***“Government policies of inclusion or affirmative action in favour of PWDs have remained more on paper than in action”***.

It is therefore important for UNAPD to intervene through this project ***which begins in January 2016*** to enable PWDs benefit from service delivery at local government level for an all-inclusive participatory development. In the proposed project, UNAPD will be empowering PWDs with appropriate skills and knowledge, required to effectively participate in the planning and budgeting process at various levels of local government. The project among other areas of emphasis will capitalize at ensuring that empowered PWDs plan, budget and advocate for increased budgetary allocation to the education sector at the district level. This increment is targeted to offer better inclusive education services in the targeted districts such as availability of special needs equipment, recruitment or training of teachers in special needs skills, improved accessibility situation in schools, adoption of disability sports in the school sports calendars, among others.

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 a project from UNAPD. This is a principle in UNAPD to have a democratically elected committee to manage the affairs 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 2015, seven District Associations of Masinidi, Iganga, Soroti, Kamuli, Mubende, Mbarara, and Nebbi 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:

Registration means getting data from individual members so that the information is used to plan and take services to the members; it's also strengthening coordination and unity of members. Registration aims at strengthening the organization as well as empowering members to ensure maximum benefit.



Project Officer Sports handing over Membership Registration booklets to the Executive of Busia District Action on Physical Disability

The aim of the individual membership registration therefore is to know the size of the membership and reach our members as individual and as Associations. By end of 2015, showed massive increase in membership where a total of 1003 individual members registered. This increased the total individual registered membership with UNAPD to 5411 and a total of 756 identity cards given out to registered members

Working with Media Houses

In 2015, UNAPD worked with the media to raise awareness on the need to ensure an accessible environment, and right to education for CWDs in Uganda through 05 radio talk shows on Impact FM Mbale in September, Mbabule FM 101 in April and November, 94.1 KTR FM and 102.3 Eastern Voice FM in march and TV Talks shows was held on Record TV on 20th Feb, 10th July, 26th Aug 2015, 27th Nov 2015, and 5th December the three EDs' for UNAPD, SIA & BISOU were hosted on NTV while on 16th December UNAPD was invited as guest on NTV at one.

UNAPD ran presenter mentions/radio spot messages on accessibility and inclusive education on Radio One (90.0 FM) and Radio two (87.9 FM), education and disability during the global week campaign on education whose theme was on education and disability and also during the day of the African child whose theme was "End Child marriage, NO to child labor – YES to quality education".

Staff Capacity Building

UNAPD Project staff, benefited from several training sessions such as Monitoring and evaluations, Management of Information System (MIS), and Database management. Additionally, UNAPD Project Officer for CBSDP benefited from a training in resource mobilisation and grant proposal writing supported by the project and conducted by Dantel Skills Limited.



UNAPD Executive Director, Mukasa Apollo and Information & Advocacy Officer, Patrick Synole (left) during a talk show on Record TV and Projects Coordinator, Kafeero Vincent during a public forum discussion on Record TV (right)

FUNDRAISING AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

During the year, UNAPD managed to mobilize resources both internally and externally. A number of applications to potential donors were submitted and as a result, 2 projects were approved, namely;

- Raising profile of PWDs in situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies in line with article 11 of the UNCRPD January 2016 - December 2016 supported by Disability Rights Fund(DRF).
- Promoting effective Representation of PWD Councillors for Better Access to Development programs and services in Soroti and Hoima districts January 2016 - December 2016 supported by Open Society Initiative for Eastern Africa (OSIEA).

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 collaborates 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 Education and Sports, Ministry of Defense, Media, Disabled People's Organizations(DPOs), African Center for Media Excellence(ACME), Uganda Society of Architects, 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), Anonymous, Open Society initiative for Eastern Africa (OSIEA)

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Nasanga Sylvia
Project Assistant - Mukono



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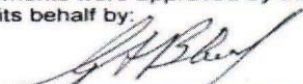
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Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2015

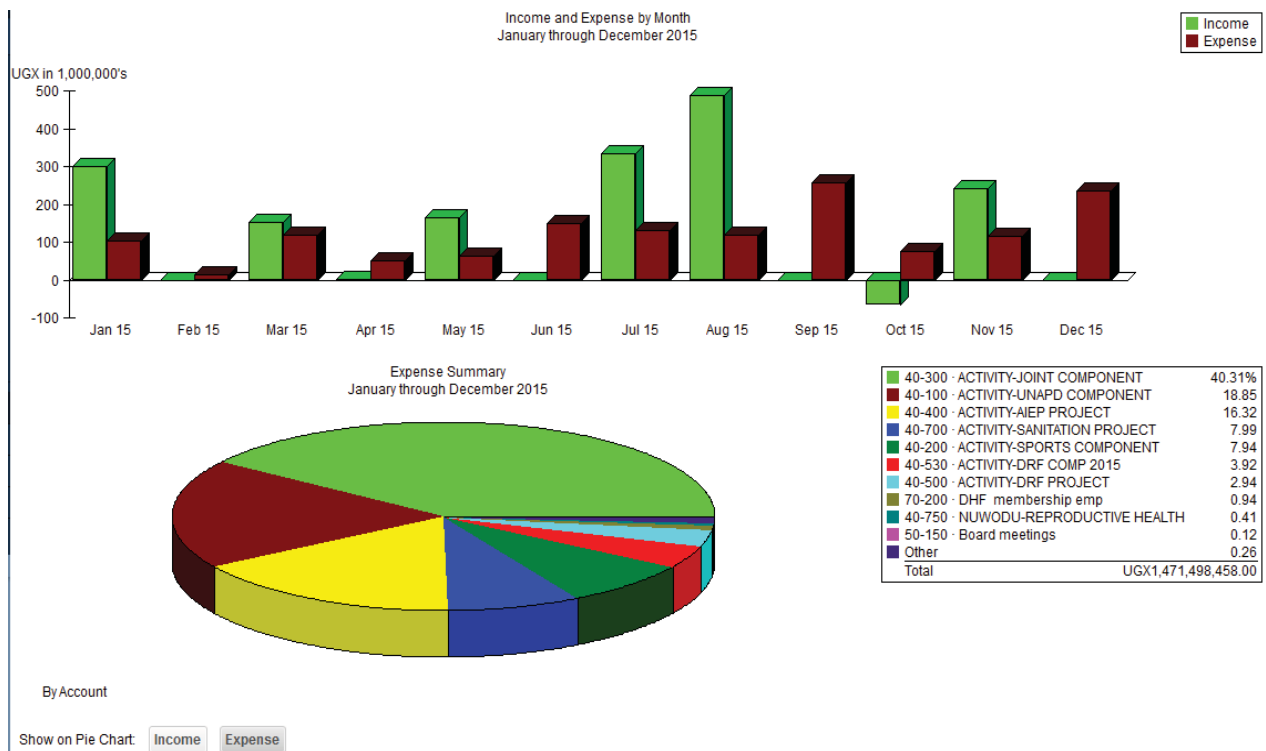
	Note	2015 Actual Ushs.	2014 Actual Ushs.
ASSETS			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	3	65,037,885	21,983,361
CURRENT ASSETS			
Receivables	4	10,899,181	21,000,000
Bank Balances	5	396,140,076	242,871,040
		407,039,257	263,871,040
TOTAL ASSETS		472,077,142	285,854,401
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES			
FUNDS			
CAPITAL FUND	6	65,037,885	21,983,361
GENERAL FUND	7	(22,593,744)	(10,708,644)
RESTRICTED FUNDS	8	246,222,243	126,684,862
TOTAL FUNDS	9	288,666,384	137,959,579
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables and accruals	10	183,410,758	147,894,822
TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		472,077,142	285,854,401

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 15th April 2016 and were signed on its behalf by:

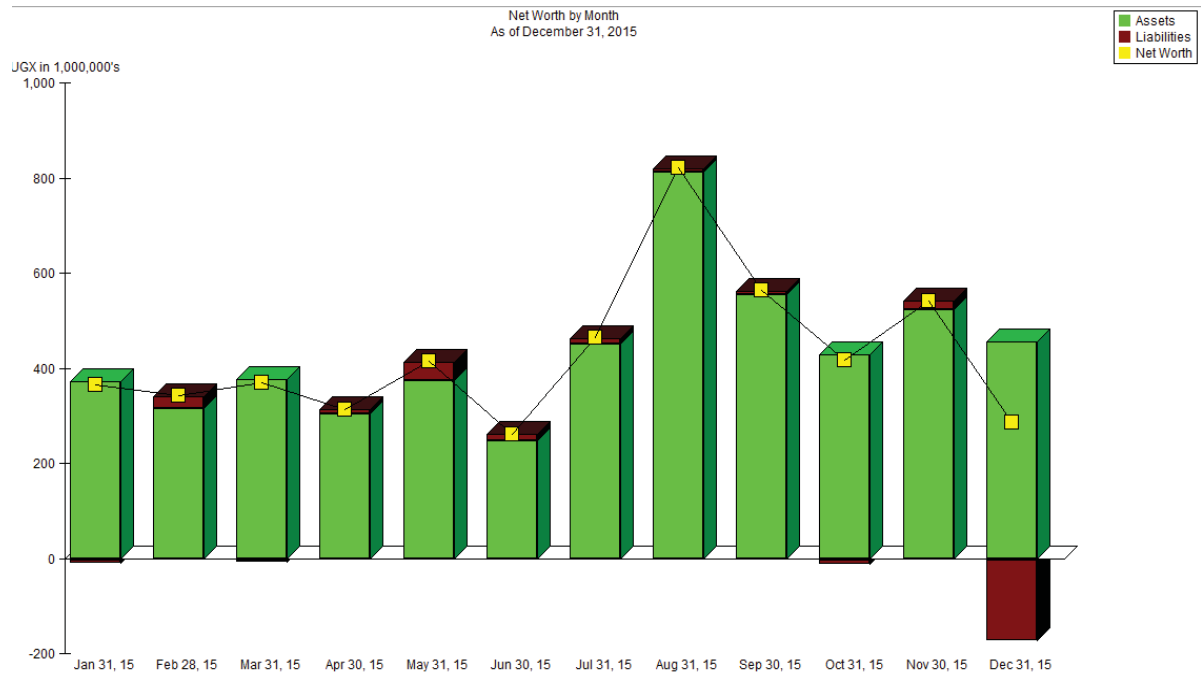

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 MR. ARTHUR BLICK


 _____ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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b) INCOME AND EXPENDITURE December 2015



c) BALANCE SHEET – 2015



Against all Barriers





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