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1.0 Introduction

Better World Uganda is an indigenous Non-Governmental Organization registered with the NGO Board as well as Hoima and Masindi Districts Local Governments under Community Development Offices. Better World Uganda believes that every person, always, is in a kind of informal partnership with his/her community. His/her own success is dependent to a large degree on that community, and the community after all, is the sum total of the individuals who form it. The institutions of a community, in turn, are the means by which those individuals express their faith, their ideals and their concern for fellowmen

1.1 Our Vision

“We strive to have a clean and sustainable environment with a socio-economically progressive society in a just world.”

1.2 Our Mission

“We BWU are committed to be the most creative NGO/CBO in Uganda in service-delivery to all stakeholders/partners through environment conservation, food production/security and marketing, health promotion, poverty and injustices reduction, democratic values promotion and the advancement of human achievement.”

1.3 Our Goal

The overall aim of our development efforts is to improve the livelihood security of the poor, the disadvantaged and the marginalized through strengthened, integrated and well-coordinated poverty reduction projects and programmes.

1.4 Our Objectives

In view of the above goal this plan has three (3) major objectives as follows:

- a) To improve food security and incomes of rural poor households.
- b) To strengthen institutional and collaborative capacity for efficient and effective planning, implementation, support of pro-poor poverty reduction programmes.
- c) Improving road safety awareness of students, communities, drivers, motorcycle riders along the newly constructed KF access road to reduce the risks of road accidents.
- d) To develop capacity and awareness of local NGOs/CBOs and community volunteers enabling them to assist the communities and education institutions to plan, manage and maintain their own road safety initiatives.

1.5 Our Values

- (a) “By the people with the people for the people.”
- (b) “Join our hands and our hearts.”
- (c) “Changing society for sustainability through efficient use of resources.”

1.6 The Structure

BWU is headed and governed by a Board of Directors of seven people representing different categories of stakeholders.

Below the B.O.D. are:

The Development management Team (DMT) support staff and extension workers. In some cases, there are volunteers.

2.0 An Overview of BWU's Development Work 2016

BWU has for the past one year been deeply involved in working with rural communities in the area to establish their needs, problems and priorities. The organization has also been closely following the development within Government as a major development stakeholder in the region. It is interesting to note that the needs and priorities of the communities as identified by the organization very well correspond with what the government targets mainly in the vision 2040 development plan. The same needs and priorities are clearly highlighted in the Development Plans of the Local Governments of Hoima and Masindi Districts. It therefore ought to be understood at this level that, the three (3) year strategic plan for Better World Uganda is playing both a complementary and supplementary role to the efforts of Government and other stakeholders.

Aware of the high poverty levels in the district and all the social ills that go with it the principal focus of our development work has been and remains to:

- a) Improve access of the population in the district to poverty reduction (development) programmes with particular attention to farmer-led sustainable agriculture development.
- b) Improve the knowledge of road safety through awareness campaigns throughout the district.
- c) Reduce inequalities between various segments of the population.

2.1 Priority Areas

Better World Uganda is very much aware of the devastating impact of the high levels of poverty in the area and is committed to intensifying her poverty eradication efforts primarily through initiating, supporting and implementing development programmes geared towards improving livelihood security more especially for the poor, the disadvantaged and the marginalized. The following form the key priority areas for the year 2014.

a) Agriculture Development

- Training both rural and peri-urban farmers in Low-cost Modern/appropriate methods of Farming (Sustainable Agriculture/Organic Farming)
- Supporting farmers with inputs of improved seed varieties and animal breeds
- Promotion of environmentally friendly farming practices
- Provision and strengthening of extension services
- Promotion of integrated and mixed farming
- Introduction and promotion of Appropriate Farming Technology
- Improving marketing infrastructure by removing marketing bottlenecks

- supporting families with local breeds of piglets
- b) Management and Governance of Development Work**
 - Rationalizing development policies and procedure in all development projects under Better World Uganda.
 - Instituting a professional, competent and dedicated development board.
 - Instituting a rational development structure that will ensure efficient and effective co-ordination of our work.
 - Training staff in relevant development skills e.g. Gender Analysis, Participatory Approaches, information Technology, etc.
- c) Community Mobilization and Development of local Structures**
 - Empowering local leaders with leadership and organizational skills
 - Establishing community Based programme/Project Management structure and Systems of Accountability
 - Using the mass media for information dissemination and community education
- d) Strengthening Networks and Linkages**
 - Developing common area development strategies with all development stakeholders.
 - Promoting and participating in development for a.
 - Collaborating with competent and specialized organizations/institutions in the implementation of particular projects or some components e.g. HIV/AIDS,
 - Agriculture, organizational development, road safety etc.
- e) Partnerships and Promotion of Self-reliant Trainings**

Better World Uganda through her farmers entered into a contract to offer trainings to the refugees from Kyangwali Refugee Camp, this program was coordinated by Africa Action Help. The POCs were offered practical trainings in management of poultry both local breeds, exotic (layers, broilers and kroilers). These included the following;

- Construction of houses using both local materials (papyrus mats, bamboo sticks, grass and reeds, together with other materials such as iron sheets, bricks, timbers and nails.
- Poultry management systems in the following;
 - ✚ Free range system
 - ✚ Deep litter system
 - ✚ The cage system
- Basic structures of a poultry house.
 - Walls
 - Roof
 - Floor
 - Trench
- Basic Poultry Equipment
 - Drinkers

- Feeders
- Roosters
- Nests for laying birds
- Brooder

- Environmental conditions for a poultry house
 - Temperature
 - Moisture
 - Ventilation
 - Lighting in a poultry house

- Poultry sanitation
 - Removal of cobwebs and dust from the walls
 - Sweeping of the litter from the house
 - Washing the house with water

- Farm hygiene
 - Keeping objects used in poultry clean
 - Minimizing visitors to a poultry house
 - Keeping birds of the same age group in the same house
 - Separate the sick birds to their own cages.

- Management of broilers
 - House maintenance
 - Feeding ratios
 - Water supply in broilers

- Management of layers
 - Egg handling

- Management of local birds
 - Feeding
 - Preparation for laying eggs
 - Preparation for chick handling

- General methods of improving local birds
 - Vaccination



Farmers vaccinating local birds

- Feeding of local birds using available food stuffs and greens.
- Preparation for the chicks before arrival and warming the houses.



Making ladders for poultry birds for resting during day time.



Collecting local materials for ladders construction



Making ladders



Putting a ladder in a shade



Tying a ladder on a tree under a shade



POCs learning to apply the droppings from the birds to the crops such as bananas



POCs after constructing a dish rack in one of the family.



POCs training the group members how to make the energy saving stove at Mr. Tugume's residence.

Exposure visit to the feeds processing factory, veterinary drug shops and feeds selling points in Hoima town.

The POCs were taken for an exposure visit to one of the factories processing poultry and animal feeds in Kiryatete industrial area in Hoima town at Vet care General Agencies Limited, there after they were taken to feeds selling points and veterinary drug shops.



POCs at Vetcare poultry and animal feeds factory at Kiryatete industrial area.



POCs at Vetcare poultry and animal feeds factory at Kiryatete industrial area.

Knitting

During leisure time, the POCs were taken through knitting as one of the activities of the association, they expressed desire to be trained in knitting sweaters since it was seen as a very

good source of income as one sweater for children goes for UGX 15,000/= and that for adults is sold at UGX 35,000/= which is profitable and the sweaters are of a good quality and can get better markets.



POCs admiring a knitting machine at one of the members' home.

Challenges encountered during the POCs placement

- ✚ Sickness: Two of the POCs fell sick but were taken to the AAHU reception center in Kijungu-Hoima for treatment.
- ✚ Some POCs were not eating beans and beef but were given alternative source.

All in all it was a very good experience to stay with the POCs and the farmers enjoyed staying with the refugees offering the best to train them and also learn from them.

f). Road Safety Awareness Campaign Project.

Like in the previous phases, this project phase consistently, employed a participatory approach in pursuing her two main objectives of:

- Improving road safety awareness of students, communities, drivers, motorcycle riders along the newly constructed KF access road to reduce the risks of road accidents.
- To develop capacity and awareness of local NGOs/CBOs and community volunteers enabling them to assist the communities and education institutions to plan, manage and maintain their own road safety initiatives.

While operating in a highly unstable social, ecological and economic environment, the project was alert and effective in responding to the changing needs and demands of the various stakeholders without losing track of its development objective.

As a result of effective design, relevance to the people's safety needs and a fair availability of financial and other resources, the project registered remarkable positive changes in the communities. BWU has, in a major way contributed to the improvement of most of her targets groups' road safety in its strategies.

2. Activity Report Matrix

Planned activities.	Achievements/ Outputs & outcomes	Variance [Explanation]	Comments.
Develop information, Education and Communication materials on IEC, translated into local languages (Alur and Runyoro), distributing and disseminating them widely in the project area.	3,000 posters printed	No variance	3,000 posters printed and distributes in communities and schools.
Providing gifts to community members who come to attend the road safety awareness sessions	Different gifts provided Including foot and net balls.	No variance.	Gifts including helmets, riding boots, reflector jackets, T-shirts, football and netballs were all procured and distributed to those attending the sensitization sessions.
Hold 2 meetings with local leaders and the cattle keepers to draft by-laws on cattle management.	Two meetings were held, the first one held on 7 th /January/2016 to draft the by-laws and the second was held on 5 th /August/2016 to sign the by-laws by mutual consent of the stakeholders.	No variance	The meetings were very successful as both stakeholders agreed to implement the by-laws. The cattle keepers accepted to observe the by-laws at all times. The by-laws have been given to the sub county council for discussions and inclusion in their records and approval. After approval they will be adopted by the community in Buhuka.

Promoting the formation of road safety clubs in selected Schools along Hoima to Kyangwali road	Road safety clubs formed and trained.	No variance.	Road safety clubs in schools were promoted in Kyangwali through sensitizations.
Promoting the formation of road maintenance volunteer clubs in the community and equipping them with tools and safety ware	Road maintenance volunteers selected	No variance	Road maintenance volunteer clubs were established and equipped with materials to maintain the road. They have kept it clean throughout this project phase.
Sensitizing the community and other road users on the issue of falling debris	Sensitization sessions carried out at different places. Members were sensitized on how to protect themselves from the falling stones while on the road and also those responsible for maintaining it.	No variance	The community was worried of the falling debris which were blocking part of the road especially those who were moving at night. Lorry drivers were also cautioned on the same issue and this was done on one by one on the road since it is difficult to have them as a group. However this exercise has to be a continued because every after heavy rains debris may continue falling on the road.
Slashing the road and clearing the drainage	Successfully done.	No variance	Slashing and clearing of the road commenced May 2016. This is being done by the road brigades. This was done after we agreed with engineer Edmond Mugisha and Mr. Mwijakubi Stephen CNOOC staff in the meeting held at Ikamiro camp on 25 th May 2016 who gave us a go ahead. Among the issues discussed in the meeting included; Drivers to take

			caution on the falling debris, overloaded trucks of sliver fish (Mukene) were also advised to reduce on their load.
Sensitization in Market centers	Market center sensitization campaigns conducted.	The turn up was good	People are appreciating the messages they get from Better World Uganda, that they have helped them a lot in road safety issues. The sensitizations were successfully conducted in markets at Buhuka, Wairagaza and Kyangwali trading Centre. An estimate of 960 people attended.
Mobilize bodaboda riders, private owned motorcycle riders and motor vehicle drivers to acquire valid permits.	Activity carried out.	Two bodaboda riders at Kyangwali stage, registered with St. Augustine Driving School.	The process is on-going.
Conduct radio programs for community sensitization on road safety awareness	Nine radio programs on Spice Radio, radio jingles in three different languages (Runyakitara, English and Kiswahili).	Nil.	Nine Radio programs were successfully conducted on radio spice throughout the life of the project. The information aired out on radio has been very effective in reaching out to the people within Hoima district. In addition, the radio jingles, adverts and DJ mentions have been very instrumental in informing the people on road safety tips.
Distributing e riding gears to bodabodas in Kyangwali	We have continued distributing riding gears to boda-boda riders as gifts who attend training sessions to motivate	Nil.	We are continuing to distribute these materials as gifts to those who are active in attending and answering the questions during the training sessions. This has attracted new participants on board. The following riding gears were distributed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 reflector jackets distributed to motorcycle riders and drivers in

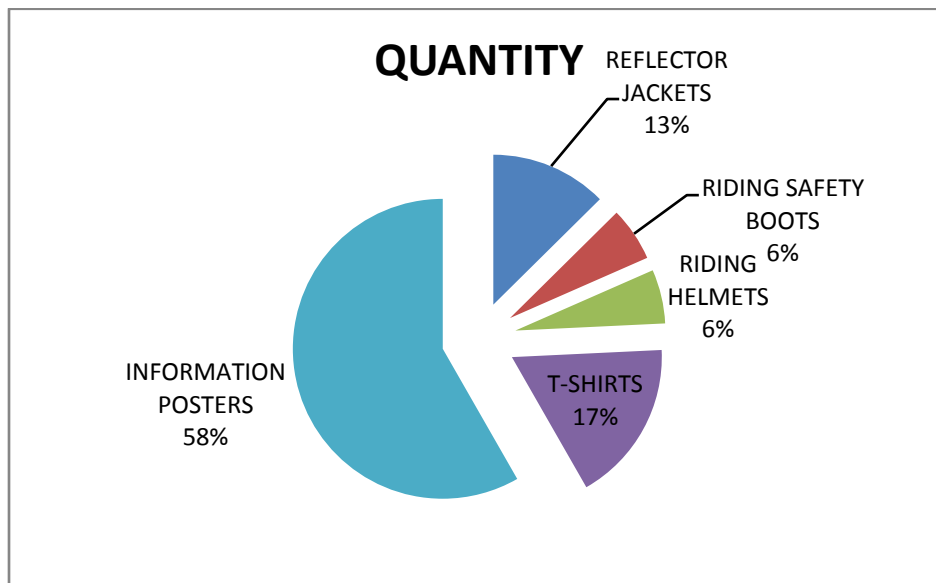
	them. This has helped us to register an increase in the number of participants.		<p>Kyangwali Sub County.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 riding boots distributed. • 100 riding helmets distributed. • 200 T-shirts distributed to the community road safety volunteers.
Mobilization of motorcycle riders to pay third party insurance for their motorcycles was continued.	Activity done successfully.	Nil	Twenty five boda-boda riders and private owned motor cycles have continued to pay insurance fees for their motorcycles. This activity will be on-going throughout the project period.
Train road safety tips in Primary Schools of Kyangwali sub county.	Activity was Successfully conducted	Nil	<p>We conducted road safety trainings in five primary schools in Kyangwali Sub County. The schools included; Rwemisanga, ButoleBugoma, Wairagaza and Buhuka primary schools. We reached out to 3,126 pupils out of these 1,267 were boys and 1,859 were girls. Buhuka P/S had the biggest number of pupils and Rwemisanga had the least. Data was obtained for the school registers respectively.</p> <p>Bugoma Primary school was the most active among others and in appreciation, Better World Uganda rewarded the School with the gifts of one football for boys and one net ball for girls to keep them in play grounds during their games time. This was on Thursday 23rd June 2016 Mr. Kaija Good Ronald CNOOC staff officiated the ceremony. Mr. Kaija cautioned the staff to keep on reminding the pupils on road safety tips even when they are out of school. Five teachers were given reflector jackets.</p>
Hold a meeting with CNOOC	Successfully conducted	Nil	The meeting was conducted on 15 th /August/2016 at Ikamiro site

staff at Ikamiro site in Kyangwali for updates on Road safety Awareness Campaign Project.	on 15/08/2016.		between Better World Uganda staff and CNOOC Uganda staff, CNOOC was represented by the Road Civil engineer Mr. CAO HUA and Mr. Mwijakubi Stephen, whereas Better World Uganda was represented by Mr. Tugume Desteo and Mr. Atugonza Robert. During the meeting we had fruitful deliberations and among the issues discussed were the need for continuation of the project basing on the fact that the road is still under construction and people needed to be given more information on road safety but also the need for continued maintenance by the road maintenance brigades.
Providing progress reports to CNOOC Uganda Ltd on the progress of activity implementation	Progress reports have been provided on a monthly basis.	Nil	All progress reports covering the project period were submitted to CNOOC Uganda Limited to give highlights of how the project was being implemented.
Providing end of Project report to CNOOC Uganda Ltd at the end of the project	1 end of project report prepared and submitted.	Nil	The end of project report was prepared giving the whole overview of project activities, achievements, lessons, challenges and areas for future interventions.

3. Monitoring and evaluation

Through monitoring and evaluation activities Better World Uganda was able to identify the following changes as a result of the road safety project interventions.

Figure 1: Presentation of the materials distributed in Kyangwali Sub County.

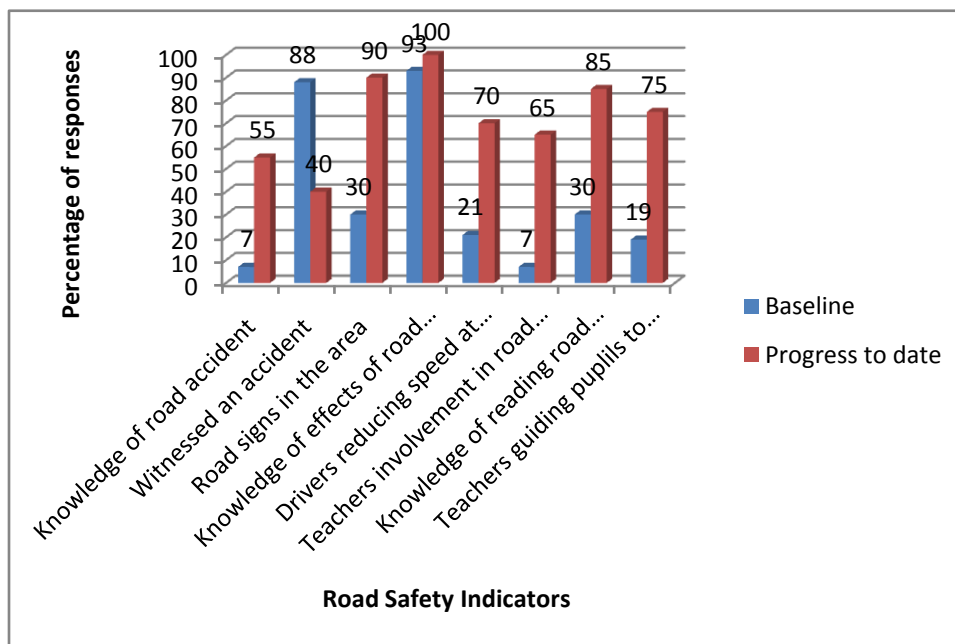


Source: Presented by Better World Uganda 2016.

From figure 1 above it was noted that posters accounted for 58% of the items distributed, T-shirts with road safety information accounted for 17%, reflector jackets accounted for 13% while riding boots and helmets accounted for 6% respectively. This means that the project has given information to a wider community and also helped to equip the motorcycle riders with safety items to improve on their riding safety. It was emphasized that the project cannot give every one riding materials but requested those who did not receive to buy for themselves and enhance on their own safety.

Figure 2: Road Safety Indicators in the community since 2013 to 2016

PROJECT INDICATORS	BASELINE 2013 IN %	PROGRESS TO DATE 2016 IN %
Safety indicators	Baseline	Progress to date
Knowledge of road accident	7	55
Witnessed an accident	88	40
Road signs in the area	30	90
Knowledge of effects of road accident	93	100
Drivers reducing speed at trading centers	21	70
Teachers involvement in road safety lessons to pupils	7	65
Knowledge of reading road traffic signs	30	85
Teachers guiding pupils to cross roads	19	75



Developed by Better World Uganda 2016:

From the figures above, it was indicated that the project has improved the knowledge and understanding of road safety issues, by referring to the selected parameters above.

The project increased peoples' knowledge of effects of road accidents to reach 100% at present from 93% at baseline. The project also helped to increase the percentage of people understanding knowledge of causes of road accidents to 55% up from 7% at baseline.

Besides that, the project helped to reduce the occurrence of road accidents in the area, at baseline accidents were 88% but due to the projects intervention this had reduced to 40%. In addition, the project has helped to increase the availability of road signs to 90% as compared to only 30% at baseline, this is not only to have the road signs installed but also rider and drivers to be able to read and interpret them.

Coupled with that, the project helped drivers to reduce speed while approaching trading centers which was not being done before the project introduction. This was represented by 70% of the target communities who consented that drivers' now days reduce speed as they approach trading centers which was not a common practice before the project introduction.

The project helped teachers to learn to sensitize pupils in schools on the dangers of road accidents and how they could avoid falling into road accidents as was increased to 65% up from 7% at baseline.

4. Lessons learnt

The project attracted many riders to insure their motorcycles and to constantly check them on any mechanical fault.

The sensitization sessions helped to reduce on the road accidents there was no fatal accident registered last year in Kyangwali Sub County as a result of our intervention compared to an average of 8 accidents which used to occur before the road safety sensitization project.

The project empowered many boda-boda riders; in fact some of them offered to sensitize their fellows on road safety issues. An example was that of Mburara stage, riders offered to sensitize their fellows from Kololo and Kyarushesha so as to help them reduce on road accidents along the Mburara-Kololo-Kyarushesha road.

By giving balls to pupils in primary schools, helped to keep them playing from the play grounds always.

We found out that some parents and relatives do give boys of below 18 years motorcycles to ride. We cautioned them that they would cause accidents and also they would be arrested if caught riding motorcycles because being below the required age to ride or drive.

The continued falling of debris from the escarpments were blocking the road for some hours before they were cleared by CCCC therefore this required our constant sensitization to all road users.

Slashing and maintaining of the road was done perfect, but there was need for this to continue because we observed the growing bush on sharp corners to be obstructing drivers from viewing at a distance.

On the part of Better World Uganda, we have the following vision:

- We intend to continue working in Kyangwali Sub County. We would like to maintain partnership with CNOOC Uganda Limited and the structures established during the King Fisher Access Road Safety Awareness Campaign. We would love to continue with the same interventions in the future because the need is still there as more people are every day using the roads and the new developments indicate that there is increase in traffic along Hoima-Kyangwali-Buhuka road as the roads continue to be improved.
- We would like to be supported to engage in post-crash interventions such as emergency response systems, such as management of ambulance services to help those involved in an accident.

Appreciation

Better World Uganda would like to sincerely thank CNOOC Uganda Limited, for its continued support towards the implementation of the King Fisher Access road safety awareness campaign. We appreciate most profoundly the financial support without which we could not have achieved the milestones already covered.

As we work to amplify the voices of the people who form boda-boda riders and drivers associations, safety clubs in schools and road safety volunteers, we wish once more to reiterate our commitment to the overall vision we have always espoused – a fair, equitable and improvement of social justice and improve the quality of life of men, women, and children in Uganda. We will continue to invest in people-powered actions, enabling and catalyzing citizens in Uganda to bring about positive social, environmental and economic change.

We are also fulfilled when we see the contribution our efforts yielding in transforming some lives of a few hundreds of households in Bunyoro Region. The simplest measure of development is the fact of living a better life today than yesterday regardless of the magnitude of change. Whoever is able to notice this in his/her life should count themselves among those developing. And the reverse holds true!

We would like to thank the stakeholders, Hoima district Local government, Kyangwali sub county technical staff and the politicians. In this respect we also thank the management and staff of Uganda National Roads Authority Hoima office for the technical support in installation of the road safety signs, also the Uganda Police traffic department, the management and staff of Spice FM radio, our road safety volunteers, the head teachers of schools in Kyangwali, Kabwoya and Kiziranfumbi sub counties and the general community.

Our commitment is to continue working in Hoima district Kyangwali Sub County in particular, following our mandate to serve the people of Hoima and Uganda as we encourage ***‘Safe Way Right Way’***.

We appeal to government and other stakeholders to support us in this noble cause so that we together develop and implement a ***safe systems approach*** so that a mistake does not mean a death sentence.

Better World Uganda: *join our hearts and our hands.*

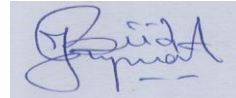
Thank you

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