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BETTER WORLD UGANDA

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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 dependant 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 co-ordinated poverty reduction projects and programmes.

1.4 Our Objectives

In view of the above goal we have the following objectives:

- 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 community volunteers enabling them to assist the communities and education institutions to plan, manage and maintain their own road safety initiatives.
- e) To provide professional defensive driving skills to selected youth as a response to the opportunities in the oil and gas sector in the Albertine region

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 2017

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. 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.
- d) Contribute to the skilling Uganda Strategy through skilling the youths in professional defensive driving skills.

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 Mobilisation 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.

Projects implemented in the year 2017.

1. Promotion of Self-reliant Trainings through neighborhood groups

Better World Uganda has adopted the community development model from India (Kudumbashree) which involves rural community development approaches. Farmers have been and will continue to be trained in 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
 - Feeding of local birds using available food stuffs and greens.
 - Preparation for the chicks before arrival and warming the houses.

Knitting

Knitting has been one of the activities that better World Uganda has continued to train and emphasize women to do during their times when they are off farming activities. This has helped most women to generate income through school contracts.

2. Road Safety Awareness Campaign Project.

Better World Uganda is implementing the King Fisher Access Road Safety Awareness Campaign project with funding support from CNOOC Uganda Limited for a period of five months from 1st October 2017 to 28th February 2018. This report covers a period from 3rd October to 1st December 2017.

During this project phase we have continued to employ a participatory approach in pursuing our two main objectives of:

1. To improve road safety awareness among the users of the roads to Kyangwali and King Fisher access roads with a view to reduce their risks of road accidents during this period.
2. To ensure waste transportation is executed with due regard to safety of road users living along the routes to Nyamasoga Enviro-serve waste management site in Buseruka Sub county as part of impact mitigation from oil industry related activities.

The project directly works with Boda-boda riders associations, small taxi drivers associations, school children, community road safety volunteers, the general community and markets, Spice FM radio, Uganda traffic police, and the road maintenance brigades in Kyangwali, Kabwoya, Kiziranfumbi and Buseruka Sub Counties in Hoima District.



During this reporting period, we have registered a lot of success, there have not been any major challenges, no accidents happening due to the road safety sensitizations which is a credit to the project.



Table Showing planned activities and progress to date.



Date	Planned activities.	Achievements/ Outputs & outcomes	Comments.	Photo
5 th /10/2017	Write letters to the stakeholders.	Letters for information dissemination were prepared and dispatched to the Resident District Commissioner of Hoima, The OC Traffic Hoima, The District Police Commander Hoima and the Chairperson L.C V Hoima, to inform them of the new project activities and seek their support during the project implementation	All letters were written and dispatched.	
5/10/2017	Prepare Radio Jingles	Jingles prepared and are running on radio.	Radio jingles in three languages prepared and are continuing to run daily on radio Spice.	

3 rd October 2017	Conduct 1 planning meeting at Kingfisher CNOOC Camp with the staff	1 meeting successfully conducted to kick start the project, key indicators shared with CNOOC Uganda staff.	All the members were happy and expressed willingness to work together as a team to achieve the projects objectives.
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5 th /10/2017	Conduct 1 radio programme on Spice FM in Hoima	1 radio programme conducted	In studios we were joined by Mr. Ronald Kaija of CNOOC Uganda limited. Presentations were good, phone calls from the listeners were allowed and we responded to them very well.	

				
5– 17/10/2017	Promoting the formation of road safety clubs in selected Schools along Kyangwali – Kabwoya- Kiziranfumbi – Buseruka road	5 Road safety clubs in 5 schools formed and trained.	Road safety clubs in primary schools (Nsozi, Kisaru, Kikonda, Kiziranfumbi United and Wambabya formed and trained.	


				
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<p>5- 10/10/2017</p>	<p>Promoting the formation of volunteer clubs in the community (flag men and women) and equipping them with tools and safety ware.</p>	<p>Road maintenance volunteers selected</p>	<p>Road maintenance volunteer clubs were established to maintain order in busy trading centers along the KF to Nyamasoga road.</p>	
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24-27/10/17	Procure and distribute safety items to the road safety flag men and women.	The road safety items to flag men and women were procured and distributed.	The materials included T-shirts, overall wear, safety helmets and gumboots.	
				


<p>23- 31/10/2017 (this activity is still ongoing)</p>	<p>Sensitizing the community and other road users on road safety issues.</p>	<p>Sensitization sessions carried out at different places (Kyangwali, Wairagaza, Nsozi, Kisaru, Kabwoya, Munteme, Kiziranfumbi, Butimba and Kabale. Members were sensitized on how to protect themselves from road accidents especially during transportation of waste using heavy vehicles.</p>	<p>Vehicle drivers and boda-boda cyclists were also cautioned on reducing speed after approaching the lead vehicle of the waste transportation convoy. The strategy was to use a public address system throughout the trading and market centers.</p>	
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From 3/10/17 it will be ongoing till project end.	Supervising of volunteers (flag people) along the roads from Nyamasoga, through Kiziranfumbi and Kabwoya to Kyangwali.	Volunteers (flag men and women) supervised and kept active on the roads to guide traffic during waste transportation.	Road volunteers were kept on major trading centers along the KF to Nyamasoga road. They have kept order throughout the week and vehicles have moved well without any difficulties.
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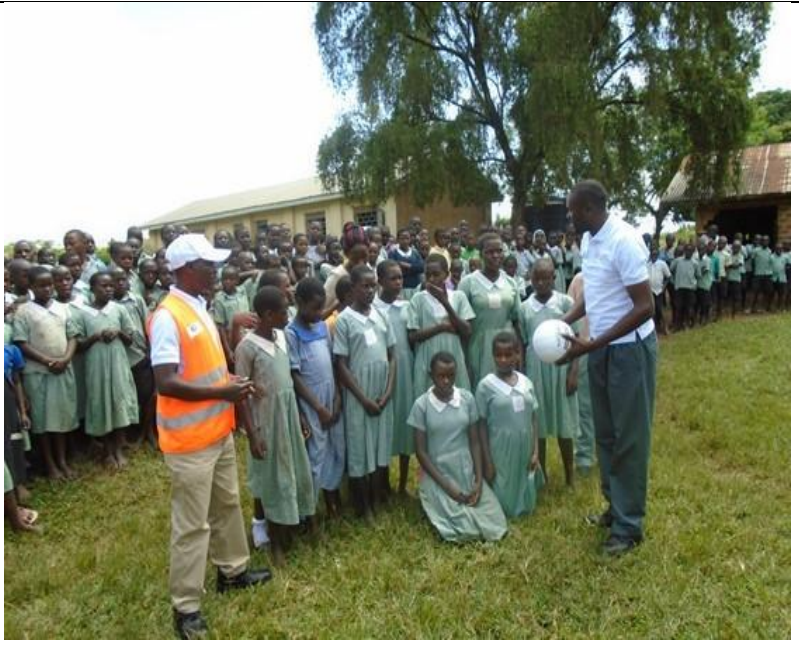


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18/10/2017.	Conduct 1 meeting with EnviroServ technical staff to share project updates.	1 meeting conducted at Nyamasoga EnviroServ site	The meeting was attended by two Better World Uganda staff and three EnviroServ staff. During the meeting updates were shared and the EnviroServ staff appreciated the input of Better World Uganda in controlling traffic along the roads especially during waste	


			transportation.	
19/10/2017	Conduct 2 follow up phone calls to CNOOC Uganda field team and office in Kampala to share updates.	1 phone call to Mr. Lubega Patrick. 1 phone call to Mr. Byaruhanga David.	The phone conversation was successful on Thursday. Mr. Lubega Patrick on behalf of CNOOC Uganda Limited was very grateful for the work done by Better World Uganda and appreciated the achievements towards controlling road users during the transportation of waste. When contacted on phone, Mr. David Byaruhanga appreciated the work being done by Better World Uganda although BWU had not yet received project funds from CNOOC Uganda Limited, but the work done was commendable.	

9/11/2017	Procure and distribute foot and net balls to selected schools.	12 balls were procured and distributed to 6 schools.	The activity was carried out with support from Mr. Ronald Kaija Good of CNOOC Uganda limited.	
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10 th to 30 th November 2017.	Continued community sensitizations	20 community sensitizations conducted in the project areas.	To be continued until the end of the project.	
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Appreciation: Better World Uganda would like to thank CNOOC Uganda Limited staff at all departments for the continued support during this project phase. We shall continue to enjoy the fruits of our efforts.

‘Better World Uganda, join our hearts and our hands’

3. The Professional Defensive Driving Project

This project provided professional defensive driving skills to 40 selected youth as a response to the opportunities in the oil and gas sector in the Albertine region. The project was jointly implemented by Better World Uganda as a lead applicant and St. Simon Peter's VTC as a co-applicant for the period of six months (July 2017-December 2017). During the project phase, Better World Uganda implemented the following activities: Conducted 1 mobilization meeting with companies, drivers' associations and organizations, Developed a selection criteria and tools and ran adverts on public notice boards, selected 40 targeted drivers for the training, procured training materials, health and safety gears for 40 trainees, conducted trainings of 40 drivers in soft skills including 'Do No Harm', business, environment and development and life skills, conducted follow-up visits, carried out field excursions and compiled monthly and end of project report to BTC.

Section	Information
Beneficiary-contractor	Better World Uganda
Name and function of the point of contact	Mr. Birungi K. Desiderius, Accounting Officer.
Title of action	Executive Director
Grant Agreement number	UGA1402711/AP/001/GA/001
Start date and end date of the reference period	17/7/2017 to 8 th /12/2017
Target District/s	Hoima
Number of final beneficiaries (gender disaggregated)	40 (39 Males and 1 female)

N o.	Specific objective	Expected results	Planned activities	Progress to date on the planned activities	Comment
1.	To mobilise and select the targeted drivers.				
1.		1 meeting conducted with prospective employers.	Conduct 1 mobilisation meeting with companies, driver's associations and organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 people attended the meeting (25 men and 5 ladies). • Representatives were grateful that the intervention was timely. • Interest of recruiting defensively trained drivers was expressed by the company representatives. 	We did not plan for transport refund of the stakeholders which was a problem to convince them.
2.		1 selection criteria developed.	Develop a selection criteria and tools and run adverts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key features in the selection criteria were; 10 marks extra awarded to female applicants, willingness to attend full time and be employed at the end of the course, possession of a driving permit with initial driving skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The criteria was covering key important features of the target beneficiaries (vulnerability, age, gender, driving skills, district of origin).
3.		40 targeted drivers selected.	Conduct selection of targeted drivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 drivers selected using the developed selection criteria. • Better World Uganda staff did the selection of the applicants, out of 87 applicants, there 	This was a challenge because all our efforts to enroll 30% to be women for defensive

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				were only 4 women who applied, we selected three who were qualifying but only one turned up for the training (we followed them up but they could not make it due to various reasons.	driving training were futile with women not qualifying lacking basic driving skills. We hope to have initial driving skills training intervention in order to have a target number of women.
2.	To train the selected drivers in practical, entrepreneurship and life skills	40 drivers acquire skills in conflict sensitivity management and defensive driving.			
1			Identify and customise a training program	The training programme customised (it included; Do No Harm, theory and practical of defensive driving, life skills, environment and business skills.	
2		Safety gears for the trainees procured and distributed.	Procure training materials, health and safety gears for trainees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White Safety helmets, black safety shoes, dark blue overall wears were procured and distributed to 40 trainees. Overall wears were branded with Better World Uganda logo and captions “funded by BTC Uganda in front. At the back there we used ‘My Skills My Opportunity’”. We sought for guidance from BTC field staff. 	We received branding instructions after we had already procured, branded and distributed. In future we shall consider the new branding instructions since it is now clear on

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					how to brand our training gears.
3		40 trainees placed at SSPVTC for training.	Placement of the trainees (theory training at St. SSPVTC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 trainees taken at SSPVTC motor vehicle garage for orientation. 	The training venue was very convenient with training facilities in place.
4			Conduct the trainings		
		40 drivers acquire skills in defensive driving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background: Components of driving Preparations to go on the road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 trainees acquire information on the components of driving. Drivers learn on preparations to go to the road. 	
		40 drivers acquire skills in ‘‘Do No Harm’’.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do No Harm training from 31st July to 4th August 2017. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background of ‘‘Do No Harm’’ Context of conflict Dividers Connectors Unpacking Aid Implicit Ethical Messages Effects of Resource Transfers Framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The drivers understood that there are small details which they did not consider yet they could in a way feed into or exacerbate conflicts in areas of their work. They realised the different connectors which are important aspects in work environment and the dividers that cause tensions.

N o.	Specific objective	Expected results	Planned activities	Progress to date on the planned activities	Comment
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They further learnt that there should be different options to solve an issue for effective programme implementation.
3.	To create awareness and market defensive driving skills among the prospective employers	At least 15 companies are aware and express the need for defensively trained drivers.	Conduct a meeting with 15 prospective companies, organisations and driver's associations for awareness creation and marketing of defensive driving skills	A meeting conducted and was successful.	Stakeholders showed interest in recruiting defensively trained drivers.
4.	To provide certification to successful trainees	40 successful drivers acquire certificates in defensive driving, life and business skills and environment and development.	Conduct assessment of trainees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The trainees have been given theory tests to determine their level of understanding the concepts during the training. The general performance was good with the following results. (7 people scored 90 to 98%, 6 people scored 80 to 88%, 9 people scored 70 and 78%, 6 people scored 60 to 68%, 3 people scored 50 to 58%, 4 people scored 40 to 48% 1 person scored 30% and 1 scored 28%. <p>These assessments will be calculated to give an average mark that will lead final results to appear on certificates.</p>	

N o.	Specific objective	Expected results	Planned activities	Progress to date on the planned activities	Comment
5.	Monitoring and Evaluation (project management)				
1.		Monitoring tools developed	Develop monitoring tools	<p>1 monitoring tool developed to guide monitoring activities.</p> <p>Key features in the monitoring form are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date • Activity • Sub county • Venue • Number of trainees (Male/Female) • Observations • Challenges • Lessons learnt • Action points • Report by • Discussed with the Executive Director and signatures. 	
2		Follow up visits conducted.	Conduct follow up field visits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 follow up visits conducted by the coordinator and the project assistant at SSPVTC during the project reporting period. 	
4		6 monthly progressive reports prepared and submitted.	Compile and submit monthly progressive reports	Six monthly financial and narrative reports compiled and submitted to BTC.	

Pictorial report of defensive driving project.









No-	Challenges	Recommendation
01.	No transport refund to the stakeholders for the stakeholders meeting.	Need for budgeting for transport refund by road in future projects.
02.	Late response/guidance on the branding of uniforms.	In future the branding formats will be followed now that it is clear on how to brand the equipment's.
03.	Much as we wanted to have as many female driver trainees enrolled for training this objective couldn't be met as they were not available. We received only four female applicants out of which three had gone through the selection. Only one reported for the training, we followed up on the other two but they had their domestic problems that hindered them from participating in the training.	Future female interventions should begin with imparting initial driving skills and acquisition of driving permits.

Describe good practices in skills development and the cross cutting issues (Green skills and environmental protection), HIV, gender, life skills and entrepreneurship) that have emerged during the reporting period.

The selection criterion was very exhaustive and included all the information required from the applicant.

The category of youth driver trainees was the real target group; we have high expectations from them in-terms of acquiring jobs and doing the right things at their work places as a result of the defensive driving skills acquired.

The practical testing at the beginning of the training for all selected drivers was instrumental in that it screened those who had driving permits but did not know how to drive. Two people failed completely and were advised to go back to driving schools and perfect their driving abilities before they can be enrolled for defensive driving training.

General challenges and recommendations.

- ❖ We recommend that in the future intervention to include training for the first time drivers to acquire driving skills more especially targeting females and have a programme for upgrading drivers from class B to classes DL, CM, CH and others.
- ❖ To continue with defensive driving training skills to improve on their performance and increase chances to acquire jobs.
- ❖ We recommend that, in future defensive driving interventions there should be soft skills such as Conflict Sensitive Management, life, environment skills and environment and development so that the trainee gets a complete package at the training and comes out as a complete skilled person.

As a sustainability measure, we have helped these drivers to start up a savings and credit group for self-help so that they can save money which later they can borrow and pay back as individuals.

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

- We are looking forward to working with different groups to effectively replicate the Indian model of women empowerment through women's self-help groups as seen in Kerala state through the Kudumbashree Mission since this has proved successful in RUCEDA.
- We would like to firmly recommend that road safety as well as defensive driving training be emphasized in Hoima district, as Better World Uganda we are ready to give the services as and when engaged. We have been tested, tried and we possess comparative advantage over many organizations not only in the region but in the country at large.

We thank all our donors BTC Uganda, CNOOC Uganda Limited, The USAID through MANAGE and Indian Triangular Training Programme and Feed the Future for having trusted us with funding to implement the projects, without which this success would not have been tasted. We equally thank our other partners, Ddembe Driving School for accepting to work with us during the project phase, management of St. Simon Peters VTC and government departments including the office of the Resident District Commissioner Hoima.

As Better World Uganda, ours is a mission to create a Better World in Uganda through projects and programs that target real issues affecting development. Together we shall transform Uganda.

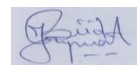
We are always fulfilled when we see the contribution of our efforts yielding in transforming some lives of a few hundreds of households in Uganda. The simplest measure of development is the fact of living a better life today than yesterday regardless of the magnitude of change. Whoever is able to notice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

Our commitment, as already said is to continue working in Hoima district in line with our mandate to serve the people of Uganda.

Better World Uganda: *“join our hands and our hearts”*

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