



VOLUNTARY ACTION FOR DEVELOPMENT (VAD)



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LIST OF ACRONYMS

CAT	Community Agricultural Trainers
CHILD	Community Holistic Integrated Learning and Development
CMT	Community Monitoring Teams
CRANE	Children at Risk network
FOLD	Facilitating Organizational Learning and Development
HIV	Human Immune Virus
HURINET	Human Rights Network
HWF	Hand Washing Facility
IDRF	International Development Relief Fund
IEC	Information Education Communication
IMF	International Monetary Fund
JAD	Just A Drop
M.O.U	Memorandum of Understanding
MHM	Menstrual Hygiene Management
MRDF	Methodist Relief Development Fund [All we Can]
NGO	Non- Government Organization

NRM	National Resistance Movement
OD	Open Defecation
PELUM	Participatory Ecological Learning Use Management
PWDs	Persons with Disabilities
RWHTs	Rain water Harvesting Tank
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
SHC	School Health Clubs
SHEP	School Hygiene / Sanitation Education Programme
SMC	School Management Committee
UN	United Nations
UWASNET	Uganda Water and Sanitation Network
VAD	Voluntary Action for Development
VIP	Ventilated Improved Pit Latrine
WASH	Water Sanitation and Hygiene
WATSAN	Water And Sanitation
WSC	Water and Sanitation Committee
WUC	Water User Committee

Message From The Executive Director



Benedict Male

Executive Director,
Voluntary Action for Development [VAD]

We stand at a precipice. For the first time in two decades extreme poverty has risen in the country due to the impacts of climate change compounded by COVID-19. To step back from the precipice and halt the decline from communities where we work, VAD must come up with an effective agenda to reduce inequality, poverty and climate change.

This is what we did this year, VAD tackled the root causes to end poverty, lack of access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene services, limited access to education opportunities, income, health and effective service delivery in the most vulnerable communities in Uganda. In the past year we scaled up to go further than ever before. We supported more than 96,727 beneficiaries with various services including improved access to WASH, livelihoods, access

to finance, education and health.

The platform for these efforts and achievement during the past year has been our new and recently launched strategic plan. We are driving innovation through cooperation, supporting teams to adapt and improve, employing both proven and new approaches to achieve greater impact. Most profoundly, the reach and delivery of our work is made possible because of the commitment of our staff who care deeply for our clients and build strong bonds of trust in the communities where they live and work.

The support and strong partnerships with our donors and funders particularly Just A Drop-UK, Signpost International-UK, Aid Link-Ireland, Friends of Uganda-Germany, Danish People's Aid through UWASNET and the dedication of board members assured us that we can continue to bring fullness of life to vulnerable communities in Uganda with opportunities to thrive even when hope was seemingly fading due to COVID-19 ravaging of the planet and human kind overall over the world.

On a sad note, I would like to bring to your attention the death of our board Chairperson Mr. Elidad Mukasa Ssebale who succumbed to COVID-19. May His Soul Rest in Eternal Peace. On the same note I would also like to introduce to your Mr. Fred Katongole who is the newly appointed Board Chairperson. He comes in with a wealth of experience and dedication to serve the organization and steer it to new heights.

We hope you are inspired and will join us as we seek to go even further than we have ever imagined together.



Katongole

Chairperson, Board of Directors [BoD]
Voluntary Action for Development [VAD]

Message From the Chairperson

2021 has been a truly challenging and historic year, with the onslaught of COVID-19 and so many crises converging at once. Almost nine out of ten of Uganda's children were out of school because of the pandemic. A country hunger crisis put about 1.5 million people on the brink of famine across the Northern and Eastern parts of Uganda, millions were thrown out of employment, business collapsed and millions were thrown to abject poverty. At the same time both communicable and non-communicable diseases put the country's health sector at the standstill due to breakdown in the supply chain of medicines, limited access to safe water and sanitation, breakdown in the communication system to mention. Further still, the breakdown in the economic situation saw millions of the both young people and women totally unemployed.

However, VAD has been there throughout, keeping hope alive. Our staff across the two regions have empowered girls and boys, women and men and the vulnerable communities of Uganda to press for change in their own communities, amplifying their voices to be harder

for better service delivery. The achievements against this challenging backdrop have been remarkable. Even in the midst of COVID-19, we reached more than ninety six thousand (96,727) people in need of WASH, health, education and economic empowered services.

I am honored to take up the role of Chairman Board Governors for Voluntary Action for Development to lead a group of dedicated and distinguished men and women to steer the organization to new heights amidst new local, national and global challenges.

We cannot do this alone but partnerships remain key to our work. From our incredible volunteers, donors, international partners, local and Central Government in communities where we work to beneficiaries of our work throughout the country, these spectacular results we have achieved together are in plain sight in this report. The amazing work done by our VAD staff and family is truly inspirational and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Key Achievement for the Year 2021:

Over the last year, we have been able to reach a total of 96,727 beneficiaries which included school children, farmers, households, patients, teachers, SMT and PTA members directly with WASH services, health, livelihood services and improved access to education services through our projects across the three districts of Napak, Kapelebyong and Wakiso. The table below presents a summary of beneficiaries across our thematic interventions.



COMMUNITY WASH



04

BOREHOLES UNITS
CONSTRUCTED

54,630 PEOPLE SERVED



04

COMMUNITY WASH
PROMOTION POSTERS

36 PEOPLE SERVED

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 54,666

SCHOOL WASH



03 Schools | 36 Stances

SCHOOL LATRINES
(VIPS) CONSTRUCTED

1,218 PEOPLE SERVED



03 schools

SCHOOL WASH PROMOTION

Trained pupils, teachers and School Management Committees in School WASH best practices and their roles and responsibilities and in Operation & Maintenance

1,347 PEOPLE SERVED



04 schools

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE
MANAGEMENT (MHM) TRAININGS

1,280 PEOPLE SERVED



04 schools

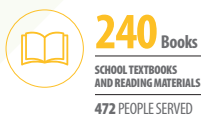
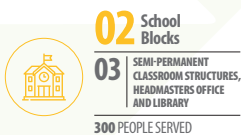
SELECTED AND TRAINED
SCHOOL IN LIQUID SOAP MAKING

2,096 PEOPLE SERVED

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 5,941

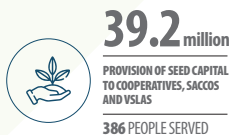


EDUCATION



TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 1,723

LIVELIHOODS



TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 2,498

WASH IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES



22 | CONSTRUCTED 2 LINED VIP LATRINES
INCLUDING 2 STANCES FOR STAFF
AND PATIENTS/CARE GIVERS
4,200 PEOPLE SERVED



04 | FERRO CEMENT
TANK CONSTRUCTED
30,000 LTRS | Galvanized stainless tank /
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education promotion
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04 | HAND WASHING FACILITIES
(HWFs) CONSTRUCTED
4,000 PEOPLE SERVED



02 | WATER AND SANITATION
COMMITTEES (WSC)
FORMED AND TRAINED
25 PEOPLE SERVED

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 23,625

ADVOCACY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE



03 | 1 STUDY, 2 AGENCIES
RESEARCH ON ELECTRICITY
CONSUMPTION
250 PEOPLE SERVED



02 | CHILD RIGHTS
AWARENESS
TRAININGS
100 PEOPLE SERVED



01 | CHILD RIGHTS
AWARENESS
OUTREACHES
24 PEOPLE SERVED



02 | 2 SETS (500 COPIES) PRODUCTION
AND PRINTING PF CHILD RIGHTS
AWARENESS IEC MATERIALS
1500 PEOPLE SERVED

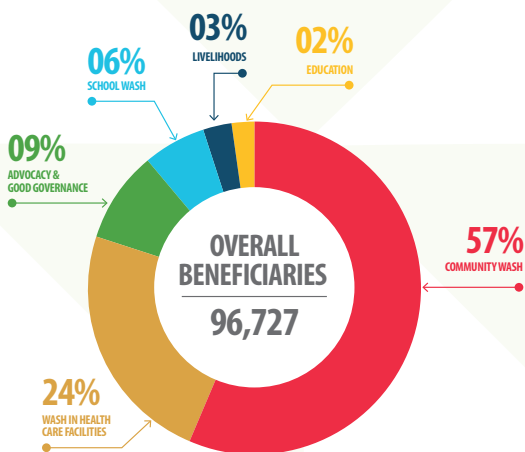


02 | 2 PETITIONS, OPERATION AND
MAINTENANCE OF LWABENGE SOLAR
POWERED WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM
2400 PEOPLE SERVED



01 | LOBBIED FOR ONE (MOTORIZED) BOREHOLE AND
EXTENSION OF WATER TO COMMUNITIES IN NAGURU
FROM UGANDA. MOSLEM SUPREME COUNCIL
4000 PEOPLE SERVED

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 8,274



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54,666	Community WASH
23,625	WASH in Health Care Facilities
8,274	Advocacy & Good Governance
5,941	School WASH
2,498	Livelihoods
1,723	Education



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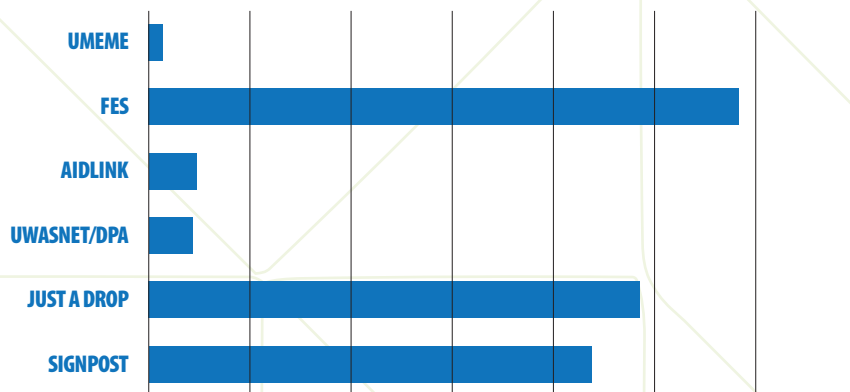
Incomes, sources, expenditure and accountability

Incomes

Due to COVID -19 pandemic, VAD finances took a nose dive from UGX 1,582,146,596/= to UGX 807,048,125/=. However we continue to be very grateful for all those donors who heeded to the call of COVID-19 and have continued to support us through the years. We give you one assurance that we shall continue to be accountable up to the last shilling and emphasize financial frugality while expending our resources to the benefit of the vulnerable communities we serve.

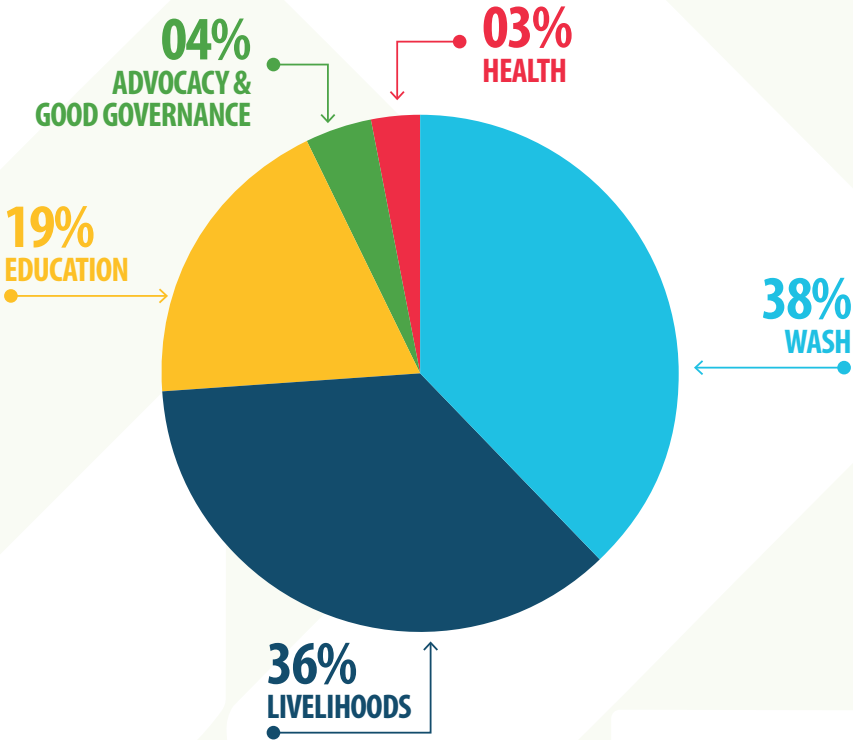
Our revenue sources for the financial year 2021 were generated from the following sources:

Figure 1: Revenue sources and amount in UGX (2021)



All your contribution was spent on improving people's lives in the following ways over the last year (2021).

Figure 2: Annual expenditure across thematic areas in UGX (2021)



Our approaches summarized



Boreholes construction



Water source rehabilitation



Lined latrine construction
(institutional)



Unlined latrines construction
promotion (households)



Construction of
Incinerators in schools
and health centers



Construction of Laundry
areas in health centers



Menstrual hygiene
management (MHM)
sensitization and training



IEC materials
production and
distribution



School water tanks
construction (Ferro cement
tanks of 30,000 liters)



Hand washing tanks in
schools (3,000 liters)



Hygiene and sanitation
education/ promotion
at community, school
and health centers.



WASH advocacy and lobbying
for equitable service delivery,
accountability and transparency



Formation and training of
Water User Committees



Formation and training of
School Health Clubs/ hygiene
and sanitation promotion clubs



Formation and training Health
Management Committees at
Health Centers

PARTNERSHIPS

As Voluntary Action for Development (VAD) aspires to deepen its impact, partnering is core to our work. We seek to collaborate and advocate for broader impact. With nearly 25 years' experience working in Ugandan communities, we have built strong partnerships international, national and locally with donor Agencies, Government Ministries, Departments, Authorities, Local Governments, cooperate organizations,

individual, partner NGOs and the communities in which we work.

Voluntary Action for Development wishes to acknowledge and express appreciation to our funding partners listed below for their continued commitment to improve the lives of Uganda's most vulnerable populations.

AIDLINK



WE ARE VOLUNTARY ACTION FOR DEVELOPMENT (VAD)

Established in 1996, Voluntary Action for Development (VAD) is a non-profit, indigenous, Non-governmental Organization registered by the Ministry of Internal Affairs Re: No: S.1594/1709.



Our Vision

A Healthy and Vibrant self-reliant community



Our Mission

A developing Organisation that empowers poor communities to be self-reliant through health, education, livelihood and advocacy interventions.



Our values



Team work:

Being helpful and supportive to one another in ways that enable success of the whole team.



Accountability:

Responsibility taking and faithfulness in working with organizational values, purposes and resources



Commitment:

Adhering to essential organization principles, guidelines, and timely delivery of quality work and services.



Love and Respect:

Respect for oneself and caring for the needs of others.

How we Work:

VAD works with local communities, partners and institutions to facilitate them to break the cycle of poverty for the last 25 years. We work towards delivering services that are appropriate, integrated, informed and sustainable in the communities where we work.

Who do we Serve:

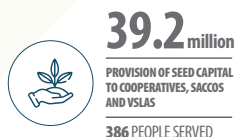
VAD works towards improving the livelihoods of the poor and marginalized communities in Uganda with special focus on children, women, youth, elderly and persons with disabilities.

Our strategic Focus:

Focused exclusively on improving livelihoods of rural poor and disadvantaged communities through water, hygiene and sanitation improvement, Sustainable Agriculture promotion, Agri-business, Advocacy and lobbying, Relief aid, Rural Micro credit scheme and the family economic empowerment

Strategic areas

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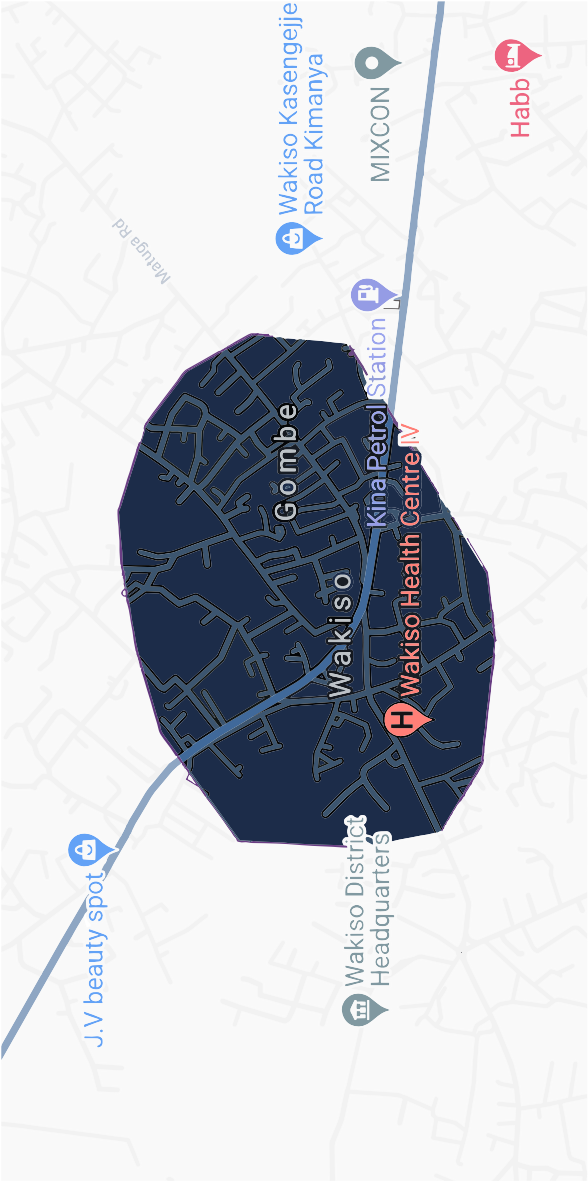


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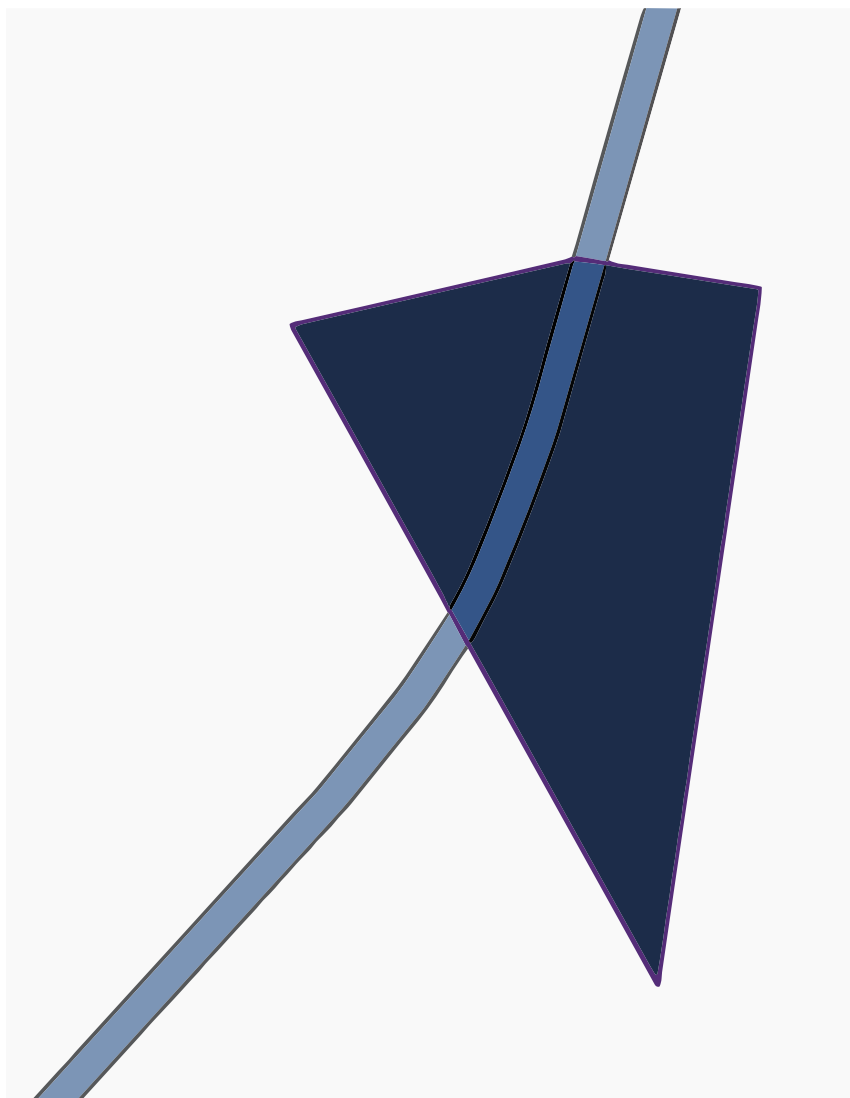
Operation areas



Map of wakiso district



Map of Kapelebyong district



Map of Napak district



3 kms, Kampala - Hoima Road
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