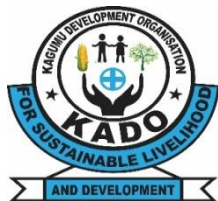


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## **Executive Summary**

Kagumu Development Organization with financial support from AIDS Health care foundation [AHF] implemented a project entitled strengthening adolescents and other key populations to utilize HIV services in Tororo district. It was a 12 months a project covering Osukuru Sub County, Malaba town council and divisions making up Tororo municipality. The targeted project beneficiaries were MSM, sex workers, adolescents, trucker drivers, people living with HIV/ AIDS and the project was implemented in corroboration with Tororo local government and lower government units. This is therefore, a final project report. The overall goal of the project was to contribute to the reduction of new HIV/AIDS infection among adolescents and other key populations in Tororo district by August 2022. The specific objectives were;to enhance access to and utilization of HIV/AIDS prevention information and services among 36,000 adolescents/youth and other Key Populations, to distribute 518,400 pieces of condoms in the 4 supported lower government in Tororo District by August 2022 and to build the capacity of 20 peer leaders in HIV/AIDS prevention in the 4 supported lower governments of Tororo District by August 2022. In the quarter, the following outputs were realized; 18 stakeholders attended project launch, 48 hotspot areas mapped, 20 peer educators selected, mentored and coached,5 out of school adolescents and KPs sensitized on HIV prevention measures,3439 in school adolescents and young people sensitized on HIV prevention measures ,256 clients lost to care followed up and returned to care ,248 KPs suspected of HIV received HTS services 310,082 male condoms distributed,700 Sackets of lubricants distributed and 350 self-test kits distributed.

The major challenge is the influx of trucker drivers at the border and municipality and is ever in transit making it hard to provide them appropriate services. In addition, KPs particularly MSM lack lubricants and WSW lack female condoms. Rigorous work is required to provide comprehensive services to KPs.

## **Project objectives:**

**Overall objective:** The overall objective was to contribute to the reduction of new HIV/AIDS infection among adolescents and other key populations in Tororo district by August 2022

## **Specific objectives: the specific objectives were:**

1. To enhance access to and utilization of HIV/AIDS prevention information and services among 20,200 adolescents/youth and other Key Populations.
2. To distribute 518,400 pieces of condoms in the 6 supported lower government in Tororo District by August 2022.
3. To build the capacity of 20 peers leaders in HIV/AIDS prevention in the 6 supported lower governments of Tororo District by August 2022

## **Project planned interventions:**

- Project Launch
- Mapping of Hotspots and safe spaces
- Mobilization, identification and selection of 20 peer educators and community structures
- Two days orientation of 20 peer support group leaders, cultural and religious leaders
- Procurement of COVID 19 protective Equipment
- Maintain service points and support community distribution of 518,400 pieces of condoms
- Sensitization of 16,000 out of school Adolescents and KP on HIV prevention and referral for prevention, care and treatment services (Sensitization drive)
- Mobilize hot spots (bars/garages, sports betting clubs) for targeted HTS reaching 600 KPs and linkage of positive clients to care
- Door to door and peer to peer sensitization of 1,000 key populations
- Conduct follow -up of 250 lost clients (ART, TB, ANC /PMTCT cases.
- Facilitate quarterly support supervision, mentorships and coaching

## **Report on the Stated Measurable Objectives:**

**Report on Progress for Stated Measurable Objective 1:** This objective was successfully achieved that, a total of 22,272 out of the targeted 20,200 adolescents and other key populations accessed HIV prevention information and services by August 2022.

**Report on Progress for Stated Measurable Objective 2:** This objective was partially achieved. Despite the fact that all condom distribution points were maintained, only 310,082 pieces of condoms out of 518,400 targeted pieces were distributed in the 4 supported lower governments in Tororo District by August, 2022. The challenge was inadequate supply of condoms by the District.

**Report on Progress for Stated Measurable Objective 3:** This objective was achieved because 20 peer leaders were selected, built capacity in HIV/AIDS prevention in the 4 supported lower governments of Tororo District by July 2022. They supported project implementation and are attached to their designated health facilities continuing with delivery of HIV prevention services.

## **Descriptions of activities completed since receipt of grant award**

### **Activity1: Project Launch:**

It was a one day meeting held and 20 participants attended. The meeting enhanced leadership and community collaboration, involvement and ownership of the project.





## Activity2: Mapping of Hotspots and safe spaces:

This was a four days activity conducted by KADO staff, the District technical staff and peer leaders from Western, Eastern Divisions, Malaba Town Council and Osukuru Sub County of Tororo District. A total of 48 Hot spots were mapped.



## Activity1.3. Sensitization of out of school Adolescents and KP on HIV prevention and referral for prevention, care and treatment services: (Sensitization drive):

A total of **16,255** out of the targeted 16,000 Adolescents and KPs were sensitized on HIV prevention, referral for prevention services, care and treatment through Sensitization drive approach.

This increased dissemination of HIV prevention message and increased awareness among the out of school adolescents and key populations.



### Activity1.3.1.Sensitization of 3200 in-school adolescents and young people on HIV prevention:

A total of **3439** in school Adolescents out of the targeted **3200** were sensitized on HIV prevention. A total of 12 schools both secondary and upper primary in four lower local Governments in the project area were the target. This increased dissemination of HIV prevention messages and increased awareness among the adolescents in schools.



### Activity 1.3.2. Door to door and peer to peer sensitization of 1,000 key populations:



This was through door to door campaign. A total of 1,588 KPs out of the 1,000 targeted KPs received HIV prevention Messages in Malaba Town Council, Western and Eastern Divisions of Tororo District. The peer educators followed the key population peers in their homes and sensitized them through peer to peer sessions on HIV prevention measures.

### Activity 1.4. Maintain service points and support community distribution of 518,400 pieces of condoms:

This activity was conducted in hotspot areas of Western, Eastern Divisions, Malaba town council and Osukuru Sub County of Tororo District. Condoms were secured from the District Health Office and Uganda Cares. In addition, the organization secured **700** Sackets of lubricants and **350** HIV self-test kits from the District and distributed to KPs and adolescents out of school. A total of **310,082** Condoms were distributed.





**Activity1.5. Mobilize hot spots (bars/garages, sports betting clubs) for targeted HTS reaching 600 KPs and linkage of positive clients to care:**



Targeted HTS outreach at Kasooli in Eastern Division, Tororo

This activity was implemented in the hotspot areas of Western and Eastern Divisions, Malaba Town Council and Osukuru Sub County of Tororo District. This increased access to HIV prevention services and identification of new HIV positives and linking them to care. A total of 734 KPs were mobilized, counseled, screened and 248 suspected of HIV were tested. 24 positives

were identified and linked to care and treatment, and 224 negatives were referred for other services i.e. PEP, PrEP and condom use.

**Activity2.1. Mobilization, identification and selection of peer educators and community structures:**

A total of 20 out of 20 peer leaders were mobilized identified and selected from Western, Eastern Divisions, Malaba town council and Osukuru Sub County of Tororo district. The selected members were VHTs, CSWs, MSMs, WSWs, HIV Positive Population, with 07 selected in Malaba, 05 in Osukuru, 4 in western Division and 04 in eastern division.



Peer Leaders posing for a photo with Community Leaders



**Activity 2.2. Two day's orientation of 20 peer support group leaders, cultural and religious leaders:**

KADO conducted this activity at hospital Hub Tororo. A total of 20 out of 20 participants attended this training. The targeted participants were peer support group leaders, cultural and religious leaders selected from Western and Eastern Divisions, Malaba town council and Osukuru Sub County of Tororo district. District based trainers facilitated the training.



*A training of peer educators at the hospital Hub Tororo*

**Activity 2.3. Facilitate quarterly support supervision, mentorship and coaching:**



*Peer leaders after coaching in western division, Tororo*

20 peer support group leaders were supervised, mentored and coached. The mentorship was on linkage, follow-up, sensitization and mobilization for HTS and other HIV utilization. This equipped the peer educators with knowledge and skills of supporting in project implementation

**Activity 2.4 .Conduct 4 targeted Sub County dialogue meetings on identification of barriers to HIV prevention and testing for the audiences of; adolescents and young people and KPs in the project area:**

Four (4) dialogue meetings were conducted to identify and discuss barriers to access HIV prevention services among KPs and adolescents and 60 stakeholders

attended the meetings i.e. 15 per lower local government. Issues identified were stigma and discrimination, job security for commercial sex workers and lack of corners in health facilities.

**Activity 3.1. Conduct follow-up of 250 lost clients lost to (ART, TB, ANC /PMTCT) cases:**

Follow-up of lost clients was implemented in collaboration with the District Health Office, community linkage facilitators and peer leaders attached to designated health facilities i.e. Malaba Health Center IV, Bison Health Center III and Mudakori Health Center III.

Data was collected using the Ministry Of Health approved tool and data reported through HMIS. In addition, physical tracking of the clients in their respective homes was conducted. A total of 256 lost clients were followed-up and returned to care and treatment.



*A Linkage facilitator and a client during the follow up of lost client, in Malaba Tororo*

**Activity 3.2. Annual Peer review meeting to evaluate performance of HIV prevention, referral and linkage outcomes:**

A total of 22 participants attended the meeting. A progressive report was disseminated to the participants. Peer leaders pointed out that HIV prevention services are still inadequate i.e. lack of female and male condoms, lubricants, PEPs, PrEP, and self-test kits.



*Peer leaders posing for a photo after peer review meeting in Tororo*

### **Activity3.3. Procurement of Covid-19 protective equipment:**

A total of 133 reusable face masks, 10 aprons and 50 Litres of hand wash sanitizers were procured, staff and other key stake holders used them in the field.



### **Activity4.1.Administrative costs.**

A total of 5 (five) key staff were involved in the project implementations that are the executive director, project officer/coordinator, M&E officer, data entrant and Accountant.

### **Describe program targets met since Grant award**

The project was implemented in Tororo district targeting Adolescents and young people as well as key populations. Adolescents and young people were primarily targeted because of their vulnerability relating to their stage of development, peer influence, low knowledge levels about HIV prevention, low health seeking behaviour due to stigma and discrimination and judgmental attitude of most adult service providers. While the KPs & PP's were targeted because of their high risk of acquiring HIV/AIDS stemming from the nature of their work, age, economic demand, social life and multiple sexual partners.

The project was implemented in Eastern and Western Divisions of Tororo Municipality, Malaba Town Council and Osukuru Sub-county. The project reached these populations at the Uganda- Kenya border at Malaba, hot spots, schools, and divisions of the municipal council, trading centers, slum areas / ghettos, lodges, bars and sports betting clubs.

## **key achievements and challenges to program implementation during grant period.**

### **Achievements:**

- 91% of all planned project activities were implemented successfully
- There was high cooperation with the District and CSOs leadership, and beneficiaries
- 48 hotspot areas mapped
- 20 peer educators selected, mentored and coached
- 16,225 out of school adolescents and KPs sensitized on HIV prevention measures
- 3439 in school adolescents and young people sensitized on HIV prevention measures
- 256 clients lost to care followed up and returned to care
- 248 KPs suspected of HIV received HTS services
- 310,082 male condoms distributed
- 700 Sackets of lubricants distributed
- 350 self-test kits distributed

### **Challenges:**

- Overshooting fuel prices hiked transport charges.
- Increased dollar exchange rate hiked the prices of the required items; however KADO had to incur some expenses to ensure that the project activities are implemented.
- Oversight in the budget where by in some activities KADO staff were not budgeted for yet they were involved.
- Inadequate supply of HIV test kits, male and female condoms, and lubricants by the district yet the demand is too high.
- Comprehensive HIV prevention services such as PEP, PrEP and self-testing is still inadequate



**Future plans for program or project after grant award.**

- The peer leaders that were trained and engaged in the project implementation shall be attached to the designated health facilities to continue providing health education, condom distribution, counseling and referring their fellow peers for HIV services.
- Grant writing to other donors seeking another funding to expand the program activities.

## Appendix 1



*A Peer Leader demonstrating on use of self test kits among KPs in Malaba*



*Out of school sensitization at Malaba Boarder*



*Educating KPs on use of self test kits in Western Division Tororo*