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<b>PROJECTS SUPPORTED</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. West Nile HIV Project supported by IDI/CDC</li> <li>2. Right to Grow supported by the Hunger Project</li> <li>3. Amplified Community Action against Teenage Pregnancy and Child Marriage (ACAA-TPCM) supported by the Girls First Fund.</li> <li>4. School Financial Health Project supported by Edify</li> <li>5. Foundations for Learning Project0- Agha Khan Foundation</li> <li>6. Grassroots Soccer- PeaceCorps Uganda</li> </ol>

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Amani Initiative is a Ugandan registered Non-Governmental Organization founded in 2011 in Maracha District to prevent and respond to harmful practices and barriers against children and women through low cost- high impact community led solutions with a current mandate to operate across Uganda. Our thematic areas include; (1) Education, (2) Child Protection and Safeguarding, (3) Child, Adolescent and Maternal Health, and (4) Socioeconomic Empowerment.

Amani Initiative is currently implementing a 5-years theory of change with a vision of creating a Ugandan Society where every child and woman is able to live with dignity and reach their full potential and mission of preventing and responding to harmful practices and barriers against children and women through low cost-high impact community led solutions.

Between 1<sup>st</sup> April- 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022; Amani Initiative implemented 6 projects across Maracha District, Yumbe, Nakasongola, Mpigi, Kampala, Arua City, Arua District and Wakiso District highlighted as below: -

1. **The West Nile HIV Project** which aims to attain and sustain HIV epidemic control in the West Nile region of Uganda through optimization of high impact interventions to achieve UNAIDS 95:95:95 targets; and strengthening national, regional, district level capacities to meet MoH minimum performance.

The project is implemented in Maracha District with support from CDC and the Infectious Disease Institute across 12 health facilities with activities implemented as below: -

- I. Community Index testing.
  - II. Follow up clients lost in care.
  - III. Home based care for Non-suppressed.
  - IV. Testing of Men 25 year and above.
  - V. Community –Facility linkages.
  - VI. Follow up of mothers to complete the EID cascade.
  - VII. TB Screening
2. **The Right2Grow project** whose ultimate goal is for every child to be able to reach their full potential through ensuring that all children under 5 are well nourished (aligned to SDG 2.2) and there is access to WASH services and it is majorly an advocacy project and aims at strengthening communities, civil society, government and development partners to support and/or advocate for an enabling environment to tackle stunting reduction for children under 5 in Uganda. The project is being implemented by Amani Initiative in Maracha district (Yivu and Oluffe Sub-counties), Arua District (Vurra Sub-County) and Arua City as a sub-grant from the Hunger Project and the Movement for Community Led Development Uganda Chapter under the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During this reporting period two activities were implemented which include;
    - I. The annual essay competitions for boys and girls in P.6 and P.7
    - II. WASH and child feeding competition in the targeted districts of Maracha and Arua
    - III. Orientation of TOTs on IYCF for Men and Feeding Demonstrations for Mothers, Infants and Children Feeding below 2 years in Maracha District
  3. **The Amplified Community Action against Teenage Pregnancy and Child Marriage project** funded by Capital for Good through Girls First Fund and aims at, *Ending child marriage and teenage pregnancy for prosperity and social economic transformation in Maracha and Arua districts*. The project period runs from June 2020 to June 2022 and implemented within Kijomoro, Oleba and Oluffe Sub-Counties in Maracha District, Arua City and Vurra Sub-County in Arua District.

The activities carried out in the second quarter that is from April to June of 2022 included;

- I. School fees support to at risk girls.

- II. Organizing Parents Teacher Meetings (PTA) on parenting in the face of Covid-19 and beyond.
- III. Installation of school talking compounds
- IV. Girls First Fund technical support visit

4. **The School Financial Health Project** supported by Edify with a goal to improve learning outcomes and access to affordable education through supporting low cost private schools improve aspects of school financial management. Follow up visits were conducted in a total of 180 schools across in Mpigi and Wakiso, and ongoing in Nakasongola.
5. Amani Initiative staff were invited to support trainings on Value Based Education (VBE) Project under the Foundations for Learning Project and Grassroots Soccer (GRS) by Aga Khan and PeaceCorps Uganda respectively. The VBE trainings directly supported 10 government schools within Arua City and Yumbe District reaching out to 135 members of the Senior Management Committee and 90 teachers. 28 participants across the Country participated in the GRS Coaches training facilitated by one of the Amani Initiative GRS Certified Coaches.
6. The organization also invested and provided capacity building opportunities for staff through training, workshops and meeting during the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April- 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022. 5 capacity building sessions were availed for staff through which 10 staffs received capacity building.

## STATUS REPORT FOR QUARTER PLANNED ACTIVITIES

PLANNED ACTIVITIES	STATUS	REMARKS
Thematic Area: Child, Adolescent and Maternal health		
<b>Project:- West Nile HIV Project: Districts:- Maracha Funder:- Infectious Disease Institute/CDC</b>		
Activity 1:-Community Index testing.	We were able to reach 28 clients of the 30 targeted in the quarter with 47 people tested, and 5 positives registered who all got linked to care.	This was possible due to proper targeting of people for the tests and the commitment of the Linkage Referral assistants in conducting the activity
Activity 2:-Follow up clients lost in care	The activities target of 360 lost clients to be followed was surpassed as we were able to follow up to 408 clients both TB and HIV.	This was possible because of the commitment of the Linkage Referral Assistants together with the IDI Koboko team, VHT's, local council one chairpersons and other stakeholders in identifying the lost clients, and the timely follow ups made, though 23 clients were found to have self-transferred, one refused to resume care and four (4) clients were found to have died.
Activity 3:-Home based care for Non-suppressed clients.	This activity's target of counselling services for 30 non-suppressed clients for the quarter was surpassed by ten to 40 clients.	Five of the clients who were bled got suppressed viral loads, and this was because of the timely beginning of the activity and commitment of the Linkage Referral Assistants in identifying clients with non-suppressed viral loads, and maintaining consistency in the sessions, though some clients disappointed us by dodging some counselling sessions which affected the consistency of the activity, and some results remained pending up to the time of reporting.
Activity 4:-Testing of Men 25years and above.	This activity's performance was fairly okay as we were able to screen up to 349 people of the 360 targets for the quarter, and 86 of the screened were tested for HIV with six positives registered and linked to care.	This was possible due to the collaboration of the Linkage Referral Assistants and the VHT's in targeting and identification of men for HIV testing.
Activity 5:-Community – Facility linkages	This activity's performance was good as we were able to surpass the quarter's target of 330 by 17.	This was possible due to LRAs good collaboration with the VHT's and Local council one chairpersons in identifying community members who needed the above services.

Activity 6:-TB Screening	This activity's performance was good as we were able to screen 306 people which is more by 6 of the quarters target of 300, collected sputum from 99 of the screened, and 15 positives were registered and all linked to care.	This was due to the support of the VHT's and Local council one chairpersons in identifying TB hotspots in the communities.
Activity 7:-Follow up of mothers to complete the EID cascade	This activity was well implemented with its target of 12 clients targeted to be followed surpassed by 8 since these mothers were readily available with clear addresses.	
<b>Project:- Right2Grow Districts:- Maracha, Wakiso and Arua Funder:- The Hunger Project Uganda/MCLD Uganda</b>		
<b>Activity 8:-</b> Organizing WASH and child feeding competition in the targeted districts of Maracha and Arua	<p>The WASH and child feeding competition is part of the right to grow activities to achieve the dream for every child to reach their full potential and to ensure that no child under 5 is undernourished (aligned to the SDG 2.2), ending all forms of malnutrition by 2030, including achieving by 2025 the internationally agreed targets on stunting and wasting in children under 5 years of age and address the national needs of adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women and older persons</p> <p>The expected output was to enable mothers to share their knowledge on WASH and child feeding and for others to learn the best practices in WASH and child feeding. Category of Participants was mothers who are lactating or pregnant, sub county officials, community members both male and female and health workers who did the assessment basing on their technical knowledge and as well sensitized the community on best WASH and child feeding practices.</p> <p>During this competition participants were assessed under the following areas;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Describe clean water, its source and how to get clean water</li> <li>➤ How clean water can be contaminated</li> <li>➤ Dangers of using/drinking contaminated water</li> <li>➤ Components of an ideal home</li> <li>➤ Describe a clean child/baby</li> <li>➤ Describe a good care taker</li> <li>➤ How to breast feed a child 0-6 months, 7moths – 2years and 2-5years</li> <li>➤ The roles of partners/ husbands in feeding a child</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4 community sensitization meetings on WASH, nutrition and child feeding practices held.</li> <li>○ 40 individuals (mothers with children below the age of five) consulted and engaged in competition to sensitize communities in aspects of around WASH, nutrition and child feeding</li> <li>○ 98 community members empowered with information on WASH, nutrition and child feeding across five sub counties including Maracha town council which was the host</li> </ul>

	<p>The activity took place in market cell, Bura ward in Maracha town council Maracha district and;</p> <p>Arua it was conducted in Vurra Sub-County. Adravu East village.</p>	
<p><b>Activity 9:-</b> Organize annual essay competitions for boys and girls in P.6 and P.7</p>	<p>The activity took place in twenty (20) primary schools of which 5 are in Wakiso, eleven are in Maracha and four in Arua district Ajono, Ekarakafe, Opia and Oyoo primary schools in Vurra Sub county, Arua District Adravu East village.</p> <p>In maracha the schools include Yivu, Egamara, Offude, Ombiabura, Meki, Loinya. Okuvu, Ambekua, Kamaka, Koriba and Otravu primary schools in the sub counties of Yivu and Oluffe in Maracha district</p> <p>The School Essay competition on WASH is part of the right to grow activities to achieve the dream for every child to reach their full potential and to ensure that no child under 5 is undernourished (aligned to the SDG 2.2).</p> <p>The expected output was for Learners, women, adolescent girls, and child Mothers and their Families mobilized and aware of their rights and good food, nutrition and WASH practices.</p> <p>The Activity targeted child mothers and in school adolescents as primary beneficiaries. Households, teacher's local leaders, religious leaders and government officials engaged as indirect beneficiaries.</p>	<p>Total direct beneficiaries were 278;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 142 females</li> <li>➤ 136 males</li> <li>➤ 1 person with disability</li> <li>➤ No refugees</li> </ul> <p>Age range 12-18</p> <p>Total of 443 were sensitized but 278 participated in the competition</p>
<p><b>Activity 10:-</b> Orientation of TOTs on IYCF for Men and Feeding demonstrations for mothers, infants and children below 2 years.</p>	<p><b>Main objective</b></p> <p>To build the Capacity of key parish based YCC staff, VHTs and CBOs on awareness creation on IYCF for men and food demonstrations for adequate feeding for mothers, infants, and children below 2 years to equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge to facilitate awareness creation among infant and young child care providers in the community.</p>	<p>The training took 2 days and 24 participants including; 4 Young Child Clinic staff (YCC), 16 VHTs (2 per Parish representing each Parish level health facility) and 2 CBO staff, the DNFP and THP APO</p>

	<p><b>Specific objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To raise awareness and orient participants on the roles men play in IYCF and appropriate practices for mother, young child, and infant feeding for prevention of stunting in children under 2 years.</li> <li>• To equip the participants with the necessary knowledge and skills in demonstrating to mothers and child care providers on preparation of nutritious weaning and complementary diets for children under 2 years of age.</li> <li>• To equip participants with skills and knowledge in monitoring and provision of community growth monitoring, promotion services and growth promotion counselling.</li> <li>• To generate a plan of action for continued food demonstrations and infant and young child feeding activities in the community, among the men and pregnant and lactating mothers.</li> <li>• To establish a structure and mechanisms for implementation and coordination of continued food demonstration and IYCF orientation sessions for men in the community.</li> <li>• To assess the magnitude and nature of gaps in child weighing equipment for VHTs in the community.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Project:- Grassroots Soccer Districts:- Maracha Funder:- Peace Corps Uganda</b></p>		
<p><b>Activity 11:-</b> Trained Skills coaches for Grass Root Soccer organized by peace corps on 8<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at Esella hotel Kampala</p>	<p>Grass Root Soccer trains local community leaders in SKILLZ curricula that address pressing public health issues from HIV/AIDS and Malaria to Gender based violence.</p> <p>Florence the Child, Adolescent and Maternal Health Coordinator at Amani Initiative as a trained coach was invited by PeaceCorps to deliver SKILLZ program was selected to be a trainer of trainees and trained 28 participants from different Community based organizations and Non-governmental organizations from different districts in Uganda</p>	<p>28 participants attended the training Peace corps to support Amani Ininitative to train 600 adolescents on HIV/AIDS prevention and testing communities sensitizing communities on HIV/AIDS</p>

<b>Thematic Area: Education</b>		
<b>Project: Amplified Community Action against Teenage pregnancy and Child Marriage; District- Arua and Maracha; Funder - Girls First Fund</b>		
<b>Activity 12:-</b> Re-entry of child mothers back into school through scholarships.	Education school fees scholarship Support for 3 girls at risk or victims of child marriage and teenage pregnancy	Three at risk girls supported with school fees scholarship to a tune of 898,100= in the school second term of 2022.
<b>Activity 13:-</b> Agha Khan Foundation training for teachers and school management committees.	The Agha Khan foundation training for 90 teachers and 135 members of school management committees from 10 schools within Arua City and Yumbe districts which included : Ave primary school, Endreku Primary school, Pajuru primary school, Awika primary school in Arua district Niva primary school, Arua Prisons primary school, Endru primary school, Driciri primary school in Arua City and Eleke Primary School, Manibe Islamic Primary School in Yumbe district.  The trainings focused on pluralism and value-based education on module 1 the self, the goal was for the participants to be able know their identities, ethics and values.	Two (2) staffs from Amani Initiative considered as part of CSO organization who trained teachers and school administration on Value based education and Pluralism in schools in Arua, Arua City and Yumbe districts the staffs involved are is Inzikuru Everline and Alezuyo Gloria  Ten (10) primary schools were directly trained by Amani Initiative staff
<b>Thematic Area: Child Protection and Safeguarding</b>		
<b>Project: Amplified Community Action against Teenage pregnancy and Child Marriage; District- Arua and Maracha; Funder - Girls First Fund</b>		
<b>Activity 14:-</b> Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) Sensitization Meeting	The PTA, sensitization meeting was conducted in one school, that is Ambekua primary school in Maracha District The objective of the meeting was to sensitize the parents on the Uganda National Parental roles in order to remind them on their obligations as a parent to take fully responsibility of their children and some of the guidelines discussed included; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Expressing Love to children as part of parenting.</li> <li>○ Spending quality time with children</li> <li>○ Effective communication</li> <li>○ Building children’s self-esteem and confidence</li> <li>○ Instilling cultural and religious values</li> <li>○ Living by example</li> <li>○ Providing for the child’s needs</li> <li>○ Responding to children’s sexuality</li> </ul>	60 (24F and 36M) parents and teachers attended the PTA meeting.  The category of participants during the PTA sensitization meetings include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parents Teachers</li> <li>● Executive committees and members, School Management Committees</li> </ul>



Activity 15:- Installation of school talking compounds.	The school talking compounds were installed in 16 schools, 4 in Arua District and 12 in Maracha District, these talking compounds contain messages on prevention and response to child abuse cases and reporting pathways with popularization of the 116-toll free child help line. The messages are both in English and the local language (Lugbarati)	16 talking points installed in schools and 4 talking points installed at 4 sub counties.
<b>Thematic Area Socio economic empowerment</b>		
<b>Project:- School Financial Health Project; Districts- Kampala and Wakiso; Funder; Edify</b>		
<b>Activity 17:-</b> Follow up of schools under the School Financial Health Project	This follow up exercise was aimed at providing additional support in key financial management aspects of fee collection, financial record keeping, budgeting and financial reporting. 787 schools were followed within Wakiso district, 52 schools within Kawempe and 128 in Mpigi District.	967 schools were followed up in total during the reporting period.

<b>INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY STRENGTHENING</b>		
Training/Capacity Building Institute	Training Content	Remarks
Infectious Disease Institute	We conducted joint mentorship/ support supervision with IDI Koboko team in a total of three facilities with a main focus on documentation of implemented activities in their various registers, updates of all the registers in the ART clinic, indication of Amani Initiative's initials in the registers for activities implemented by the CBO, techniques of targeting people for HIV testing and TB screening, among other issues	

CEHURD-Uganda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We attended a training on gender equality and HIV/AIDS organized <b>CEHURD-Uganda</b> on April 13<sup>th</sup> 2022</li> <li>Two of our Linkage Referral Assistants based in Maracha hospital and Wadra health centre III attended training on HIV/AIDS, Malaria and TB prevention organized by CEHURD in Yumbe district.</li> </ul>	
MEMPROW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Feminist leadership exchange was organized by MEMPROW under the SEE FAR project to build girls and young women's leadership and collective organizing and to build the capacity of feminist leaders to sustainably deliver and push the advancement of women's rights in West Nile. The training was from 16-20/May 2022</li> </ul>	Feminist ideas need to in cooperate in the work Amani does since we work with women.
Feminature Uganda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The training on legal and policy frame work for CSOs and Media was organized by Feminature Uganda on 18-19/May 2022. The topics of the training include; understanding the civic space, legal compliance for NGOs and CBOs, training on press freedom for media, digital security, mobile communications, online security, browsing securely, device security, data storage and backup, security planning.</li> </ul>	Amani Initiative is ok with legal compliance, We need to work on our digital and device security
Peace Corps Uganda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The integrated malaria training was held from June 6-10, 2022 at Pope Paul Memorial Hotel Kampala. The aim of the training was to build the capacity of Peace Corps' partners and other community health workers within those districts with malaria cases upsurge to meaningfully contribute to the national malaria prevention and control strategic objectives, strengthen communication behaviour change activities for malaria and improve monitoring and evaluation of malaria SBC interventions.</li> </ul>	Peace corps is planning to implement Malaria program with Amani Initiative in Maracha district  The Amani Initiative staffs that attended the training were: Mr. Ochatre Nixon and Mr. Tabu Majid
SIHA Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amani Initiative joined other women rights led organizations and institutions to participate in the local caravan on the theme End sexual harassment against women at the work place. The caravan took was organized on 22/06/2022 in Arua City and sensitizations were also organized at Arua police grounds. Other stake holders included the police, the Lugbara Kari, Financial Institutions, women market vendors, schools and others. The campaign was spear headed by SIHA Network</li> </ul>	Amani Initiative in a member of SIHA network
Girls First Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Girls First Fund Grantee technical support visit was conducted on 27/06/2022 by Miss Ayo Florence at Amani Initiative Arua office and a visit to Vurra Sub County Local Government where Girls First Fund Project with Twenty-nine (29) Participants being engaged who included four Amani Initiative Staff, Six (6) Community change Agent, One (1) Sub county official, eighteen (18) members of young mothers' support group and Two (2) school administrators.</li> </ul>	



## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- 6 projects supported across 6 districts of Uganda (Maracha, Arua City, Arua District, Yumbe, Nakasongola, and Wakiso)
- 17 activities implemented directly contributing to the organization thematic areas of education, child protection and safeguarding, child, adolescent and maternal health and socioeconomic empowerment.
- Followed up and provided technical support on school financial health management to 967 low cost private schools under the school financial health project.
- The targets for activities planned under the West Nile HIV project were greatly achieved
- 16 talking compound with messages of prevention and response on child abuse were installed in 16 schools
- 04 sign posts for young mothers' groups were installed in 04 sub counties
- Girls First Fund awarded for us a 2 years project to be implemented in Arua and Maracha districts
- 15 community sensitization meetings on WASH, was held for both Maracha and Arua
- Over 600 learners and their teachers across 20 primary schools (learners in 11 different schools in Maracha, 5 schools in Wakiso and 4 under Arua including teachers) consulted and engaged in competition to assess knowledge and sensitize communities in aspects around water, sanitation, hygiene and nutrition.
- 278 pupils 142 females and 136 males both in Arua and Maracha) empowered with information about Water. Sanitation and Hygiene

## **CHALLENGES**

- Limited funding sources to support implementation of activities
- Some schools closed or had participants who attended the BAFF trainings leaving the schools making it hard to re-start the re-orientation process for BAFF.
- Delay to complete award ceremony on time due to temporary send off of pupils to homes due to teachers sit down strike

## **RECCOMENDATIONS**

- Boys should be adequately involved in our programing
- There is need for continuous mentorship of all the Linkage Referral Assistant in the areas of HIV testing, TB screening and testing, and general documentation in the ART clinic
- Need for frequent support supervision both physical and phone calls
- More knowledge should be passed to communities to ensure WASH is a priority since healthy body leads to healthy minds
- More knowledge should be passed to mothers and their husbands on child feeding, WASH and Family planning