

RAIN UGANDA



ANNUAL REPORT

JANUARY-DECEMBER 2017

Our Vision:

A region with no new HIV infections and where other specific health concerns are better managed for those who are most vulnerable.

Our mission:

Providing education and screening for HIV and other specific public health concerns to those most vulnerable.

Our core values

Compassion

Transparency

Accountability

Confidentiality

Mutual respect

Continuous learning and innovation



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INTRODUCTION FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RAIN-UGANDA at a Glance

January-December, 2017



RAIN-Uganda's motivation starts with standing with the poor, listening to voices unheard, and recognizing potential where others see despair. We know that the simple intervention we are providing can be lifesaving to these people. It demands investing hope as a means, not an end and daring to go where health services provision are not a priority. In such circumstances, partnerships work for us, but do not control us.

The RAIN-Uganda team sees the world as it is, and imagines the world as it could be if more people took that one step to act. 2017 taught RAIN-UGANDA to learn from past experiences, to accept failure, and to gather the courage to continue with the good work. Our work requires patience and kindness, self-satisfaction and resilience; with a hard-edged hope, we break through challenges and even corruption. We do what's right, not what's easy. RAIN-UGANDA is committed to creating hope to our clients in this distrustful world.

We continued to actively pursue and retain partnerships with several local NGOs. Partnerships not only help us reach out to more people, but this also increases the sustainability of our interventions. Partnering is satisfying to us in terms of sharing facilities and resources when invited.

As expected, 2017 was another very productive year for RAIN-UGANDA. The team did not hold back despite the small amount of money available; they hit to the ground running to ensure that many people can access the much needed services. The team was able to serve several communities with both HIV and Cervical/Breast Cancer education and screening. With more sensitization, the demand for our services was so high that we were able to reach out to more people than we did with a smaller budget.

We continued with a small but successful project of providing DIVA cups, reusable, sustainable, menstrual management devices, for 8 new participants, mostly adolescent girls. This project has now enrolled over 30 young women. The cost savings and convenience of DIVA cups is acknowledged and appreciated.

As a group, we continue to grow in our commitment to HIV/Cervical/Breast Cancer education and screening and our commitment to you as our loyal advisors and supporters. We hope you will view these statistics and commentaries critically and engage with us in further dialogue about RAIN, it's funding and its future.

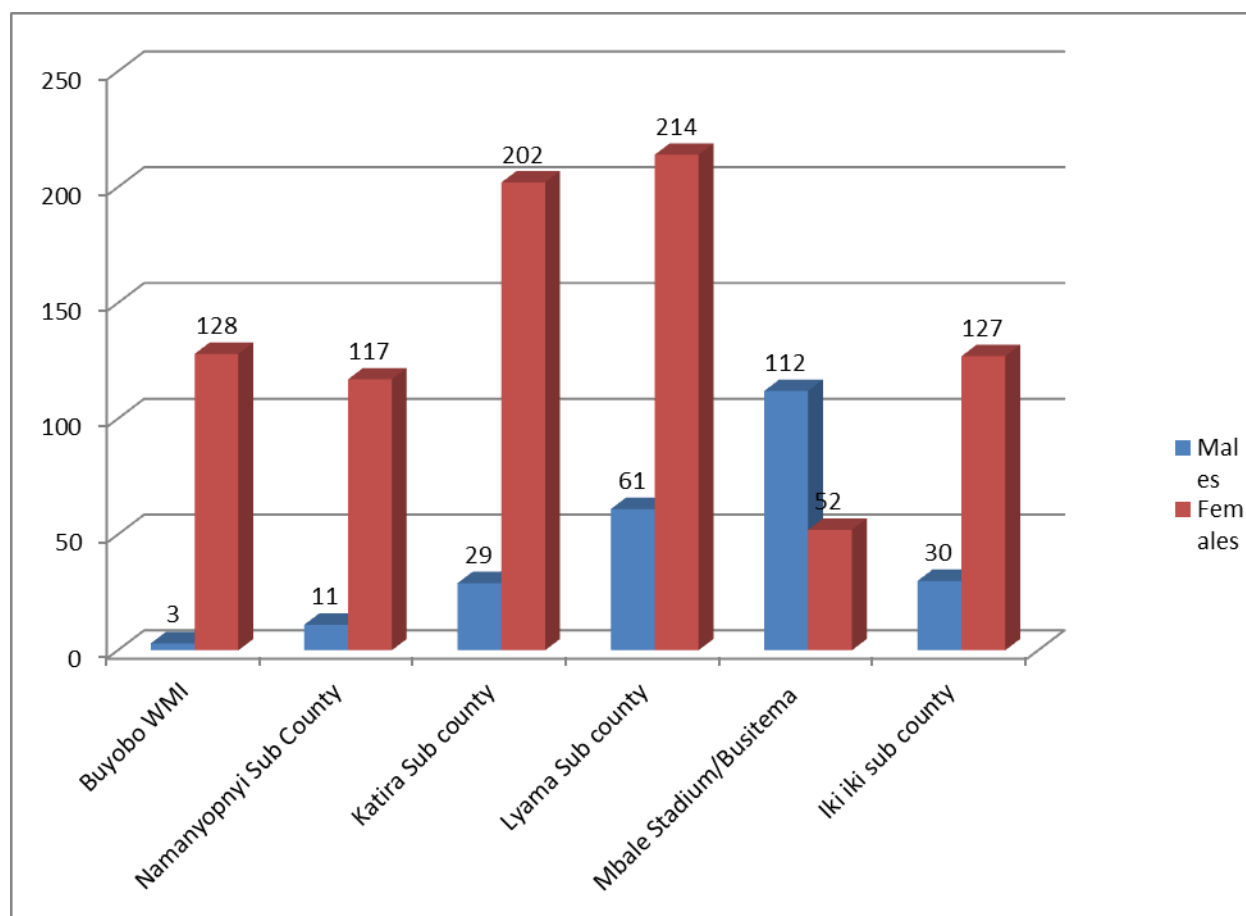
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Executive Director

Annual Highlights

- ❖ Six outreaches were conducted between January and December, 2017, with a total of **1086 (246 males and 840 females)** received Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) at different communities with 30 clients (2 males and 28 females) testing positive for HIV and referred for care and treatment in government health facilities.
- ❖ Five cervical /breast cancer and HIV education sessions were conducted in the communities of Buyobo, Namanyonyi, Katira, Lyama and Iki-Iki and a total of 632 community members benefited from these trainings.
- ❖ We had five successful Cervical and Breast Cancer screening sessions and a total of 606 women were screened of whom 17 were referred for further management.
- ❖ One follow up session on VCT and OVC in the communities of Namutumba and Kamonkoli sub counties was done by the senior counselor.
- ❖ New office space was secured along the Kampala Highway.
- ❖ 5 meetings were attended by RAIN-UGANDA officials at Budaka and Mbale Districts.
- ❖ Over 6000 condoms were distributed through our outreaches.
- ❖ We have begun networking with the Non-Governmental Forum (NGO) to explore the possibility of partnering in the bid to sustain our operations.
- ❖ Kulanu an American NGO, graciously offered to be a fiscal agent for RAIN-UGANDA in the US.

Statistics for HIV testing in 2017

					No. Positive		Total Positive
Date	Out Reach site	TOTAL	M	F	M	F	
22/1/2017	Buyobo WMI	131	3	128	0	4	4
26/06/2017	Namanyopnyi Sub County	128	11	117	0	3	3
22/07/2017	Katira Sub county	231	29	202	0	3	3
20/08/2017	Lyama Sub county	275	61	214	0	9	9
22/08/2017	Mbale Stadium/Busitema	164	112	52	2	5	7
01/09/2017	Iki iki sub county	157	30	127	0	4	4
	Total No. Tested	1086	246	840	2	28	30



There was a small increase in male involvement in 2017 mostly due to athletic activity organized by Busitema University at Mbale Sports Stadium.

Summary Statistics of Cervical Cancer Screening 2017

YEAR	VENUE	Cervical cancer TOTAL Screened	POSTITIVE	NEGATIVE
22/1/2017	Buyobo	97	2	95
26/06/2017	Namanyopnyi Sub County	98	1	97
22/07/2017	Katira Sub county	153	6	147
20/08/2017	Lyama Sub county	162	5	157
22/08/2017	Mbale Stadium/busitema	0	0	0
01/09/2017	Iki iki sub county	96	3	93
Total		606	17	589

Summary of Diva Cup Enrollments across the Years

Diva Cup is a reusable menstrual device which affords women convenience and saves them money. A total of 46 women have participated in the project.

YEAR	NUMBER OF WOMEN
2011	9
2012	10
2013	7
2014	7
2017	13
Total Cumulative	46

GRANTS AND COSTSHARES RECEIVED IN 2017

Organization	Grant Objective	Amount Received	Date Received	Grant Status
Costsharing WMI	Cervical Cancer and HIV Screenings	\$266	January 2017	year

Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation	General fund	\$ 800	May 2017	Once
Indigogo,web-based fundraising	General fund	\$1937.	May 2017	Once
Private Donation- Beth Lange	General fund	\$ 50	May 2017	Once
Private Donation- Laura Alter Klapman	General fund	\$50	January 2017	Once
Private Donation- Robert Oldershaw	General fund	\$ 100	August 2017	Once
Fundraising by Liz Feldman	General fund	\$2210	August 2017	Once
Private Donation- Sarah Conway Weinberg	General fund	\$40	August 2017	Once
Total Amount Received		\$5,403		

Training January to December 2017

Date	Training site	Total Served	Activity Budget
28/02/2017	Namanyonyi Sub County	150	700,000
11/07/2017	Katira Sub County	154	750,000
9/08/2017	Lyama Sub County	171	826,000
15/08/2017	Iki-iki sub county	157	763,500
Total Trained		632	Ushs 3,039,500

The main Beneficiaries of these trainings were; VHT'S, community members, youth in and out of school, health workers, teachers, religious leaders and political leaders.

Administrative costs

			Officer
Date	Item line	Budget	

10/08/2017	Office Rent 6 month 50,000 per month	300,000	Effective Sep 1 2017
Jan –December 2017	Office travel (follow up)	230,000	
1/9/2017	Office facelift	393,000	
Total		Ushs 923,000	

CURRENT CHALLENGES FOR RAIN 2017

- Many rural areas still remain unserved/underserved; over 50% of Ugandans fail to know their HIV status
- Inadequate financial resources to facilitate full mobile VCT to the communities
- Although there was small increase in male involvement in 2017, myths and misconceptions surrounding HIV/AIDS still lead to fewer adult males testing.
- Cultural norms and religious teaching affect attitudes toward use of condoms.
- Unreliable sources for condoms
- Screens are still needed to ensure privacy for cancer screening
- Inadequate financial resources for raising staff remuneration
- Updating data and better storage of materials is needed

Future Plans for RAIN

- Renewed educational sessions in previously served community
- Improved networking with other stake holders in HIV to assess strengths, weaknesses, and gains
- To maintain and improve quality of service to clients attending VCT including quick and reliable results and referrals
- To work to increase the number of youth attending VCT and promote generational attitude changes
- Although there was an increase in the number of males tested in 2017, RAIN needs to continue its efforts to encourage male participation.
- Increased partnerships with other NGOs and less duplication and competition for services

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