

AHF Grant Fund –End of Grant Report

Name of Organization: RAIN UGANDA

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1. Describe activities completed since receipt of grant funds

- **Staff debrief meeting:** This activity was targeted at creating awareness to the technical team about the assignment that lied a head as well as foster team spirit. A meeting was held with the technical working team of RAIN UGANDA. In this meeting, members were informed about the grant and its objectives. Departmental heads were tasked with generating tactical working plans to enable attainment of the objectives.
- **Staff training:** This activity aimed at enabling members deliver the planned activities in a quality manner. RAIN UGANDA team members were taken through the Ministry of Health new policies for HIV testing services in Uganda. The team was also taken through all the HMIS tools. The cervical cancer team also updated and reviewed themselves on the guidelines and criteria for cervical cancer screening.
- **Activity planning meetings.** This activity intended at harmonizing the planned activities in order to ensure efficiency. Each departmental head (Mobilization and health education, HIV, Cervical Cancer, Counseling and Follow up and Project Management) shared the planned activities alongside the budget. Deliberations were made on each of the shared activity and well thought amendments reached.
- **Community awareness creation.** This activity aimed gaining community involvement as they were the primary beneficiaries of our activities. Six (6) learning sessions have been organized in 6 districts (Mbale, Sironko, Budaka, Kibuku, Namutumba, Namisindwa) in our catchment area. Participants for these learning sessions were inclusive but not limited to political leaders, district health team members, expert client (person living with HIV), Village Health team

members, religious leaders, cultural leaders, a portion of the targeted clients for HIV Testing Services (HTS) and cancer screening. During this learning session, the following were addressed:

i) HTS sessions:

- Risky behaviors promoting HIV transmission.
- Role of HTS in HIV prevention
- Role of peer support for HTS
- Wife/girlfriend reliance HIV test results
- Myths and misconceptions about HTS

ii) Cervical cancer screening:

- Significance of early detection of cervical cancer
 - Eligibility for cervical cancer screening
 - Myths and misconceptions about Cervical Cancer
 - Prevention of Cervical cancer.
- **Community Outreaches.** This activity targeted at reaching out to the planned beneficiaries of the grant. Twelve (12) community activities have been conducted in a targeted manner to reach out to the eligible clients. Our outreaches targeted hard to reach communities, adolescents and communities that were ranked to be “risky” according to the district health office. Specifically, men and young women were our primary target. One thousand nine hundred and twenty five (1925) clients benefited from HTS. Of whom, sixty nine (69) clients were newly diagnosed HIV positive.
- **Follow up of positive cases to ensure linkage into care and treatment:** This was aimed at ensuring complete linkage of all the sixty nine (69) clients diagnosed with HIV infection. Each of clients tested HIV positive was referred to a given health facility of their choice for enrolment into HIV care. Follow up activities instituted on all the cases to ensure their complete linkage. The activities included assigning a counselor to a particular client to escort them to the given health facility, phone calls and home visits; using initially the community contact person and ultimately RAIN UGANDA officer.

There was successful linkage of all the clients and there was no cases of lost to follow-up.

Follow up of suspicious lesions: All 10 clients who were having suspicious cervical lesions and the 2 who were having suspicious breast lesions were referred to Mbale regional referral hospital for cryotherapy, examination under

anesthesia and sample collection for histology examination of which **seven (7)** with suspicious cervical lesions were referred to the Uganda Cancer institute for further management after biopsy results confirmed malignant tissues.

One of follow up nurses escorts a client to the reproductive health clinic where cryotherapy services are offered in Mbale regional referral Hospital. For those who needed to go the Uganda Cancer Institute, one of our staff members escorted them and paid some of the bills while in the Uganda Cancer Institute.



- **Performance review meeting.** This was targeted at providing team members with a platform for open sharing of their experiences, challenges met, document best/promising practices as well as generate opinions for quality implementation of community outreaches. Twelve performance review meetings were held with all the team members.

2. Total Grant Expenditure

3. Total Program Expenditure

\$ 11,490	\$ 12,768
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4. Describe program targets that have been met since receipt of grant funds

Using the grant, RAIN UGANDA was able to achieve the following targets:

(1) prevent new HIV and HPV infections;

- Distributed 3828 packs of condoms
- Conduct 12 HIV and HPV community awareness campaigns

(2) increase awareness of HIV and HPV status;

- Tested one thousand nine hundred twenty five(1925) clients for HIV while six hundred and forty eight(648) women had their first cervical cancer screening in their life and provided them with individual results
- Screened 516 women who were between 15 to 24 years.
- We screened a total of 537 men
- We conducted 12 education and awareness sessions.

<p><i>(3) provide access to quality HIV and cervical cancer care and support services.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supported successful linkage of all the 69 clients newly diagnosed with HIV infection ➤ Linked and facilitated 12 (10 with suspicious cervical lesions and 2 with suspicious breast lesions) to specialized centers for further management. <p><i>(4) provide leadership on community solutions to HIV stigma and/or barriers to testing and care.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conducted community learning sessions for HIV infection ➤ Encouraged disclosure for family members of clients diagnosed with HIV infection ➤ Supported the use of community contact persons ➤ Equipped a total of 620 community resource persons in the communities that we provided the lifesaving knowledge on HIV and HPV especially on Prevention and community support and care. 	
Proposed Objectives	Outcomes Achieved (Entire Funding Period)
1. Conduct 6 education sessions by 31 st December 2018	Conducted 12 education sessions by 31 st December 2018
2. Conduct 6 testing sessions by 31 st December 2018	Conducted 12 testing sessions by 31 st December 2018
3. Distribute at least 1000 condoms by 31 st December 2018	Distributed 3828 condoms by 31 st December 2018
4. Follow up of 60% of all those screened	Followed up and linked 100% of all cases in both HIV and Cervical Cancer
<p>5. Within 12 months, RAIN will increase the number of people doing HIV testing from these specific areas:</p> <p>a) 15-24 year old women by 20% (from 217 to 251)</p> <p>b) Men by 5% (from 187 to 197 men)</p>	<p>Increase the number of women (15-24 years) from 217 to 516 testing for HIV. Making it well over 100%</p> <p>We screened a total of 537 up from targeted 197 men. More than 200%.</p>
6. Increase number of women screening for cervical cancer by 20% (from 277 to 332 women)	A total of 509 had a chance to screen for cervical cancer for the very first time in their life up from a targeted 332; this means we increased by 84% instead of the targeted 20%

5. If applicable, complete the table below.

Total number of tests conducted	A total of 1925 test were done; giving them a chance to know their HIV status
Total number of condoms distributed	3828 condoms were distributed from different distribution points and outreaches.

6. Describe any key achievements and challenges to program implementation encountered during the grant period

Achievements:

- We achieved 100% of all the planned activities that included increasing the number of men, and young women who know their HIV status and also more women were able to screen for cervical cancer for the very first time in their life.
- We increased the knowledge on HPV and Cervical Cancer to over 1925 individuals.
- RAIN UGANDA gained more popularity and an organization of choice especially deep in the villages and in areas that have been previously neglected by other main stream organizations.
- The team has greatly improved with the used of the standard Ministry of Health tools
- We managed to follow up and link 100% of all those who need care to care centres.

Challenges

- There were challenges in mobilization of the masses to come for our services.
- Inadequate funding as evidenced when we failed to carry out more outreaches, and have more education sessions.
- Shelter was challenges in urban areas especially markets. There is great need for privacy and sitting comfort as clients wait while carrying out counseling and screening.
- Transport to distant areas also proved a challenge especially with the inflation in Uganda where fuel prices have gone high and vehicle hire was unexpectedly expensive at the end.
- Inadequate equipment especially in Cervical Cancer where the number of women often outnumbered the sterilized specular and other equipment.

Recommendations

- The organization should continue to scale-up access to HIV and Cancer education and counselling by adolescents from key population especially young men and women engaged in sex with older Partners and in multiple sexual partnerships.
- Need to purchase/ hire Public address systems for continuous health educations messages and mobilization while at the outreach site.
- It may be necessary to integrate other services with HTS in order to increase male involvement. Services like screening for Hepatitis B, Diabetes, and Hypertension.
- Need to Purchase a tent(s) to ensure privacy and comfort while carrying out activities.
- Need to Purchase more equipment needed in Cervical Cancer screening services
- Need to print more educational material as they were often needed by the participants.
- The team should always hold review meetings in order to improve the operations as this is found fruitful
- Purchase a gas cylinder and other equipment instead of charcoal to shorten the sterilization time.

7. Include photos, images of any printed materials, links to media coverage, website, etc. related to the funded program.

8. visit our Facebook page <https://web.facebook.com/RainUganda>



Staff orientation meeting.



Registration before screening



Improvised laboratory



one of the women with suspected breast cancer



Budaka community outreach



Budaka community outreach at Budaka Health center iv



Buyobo, Sironko district outreach



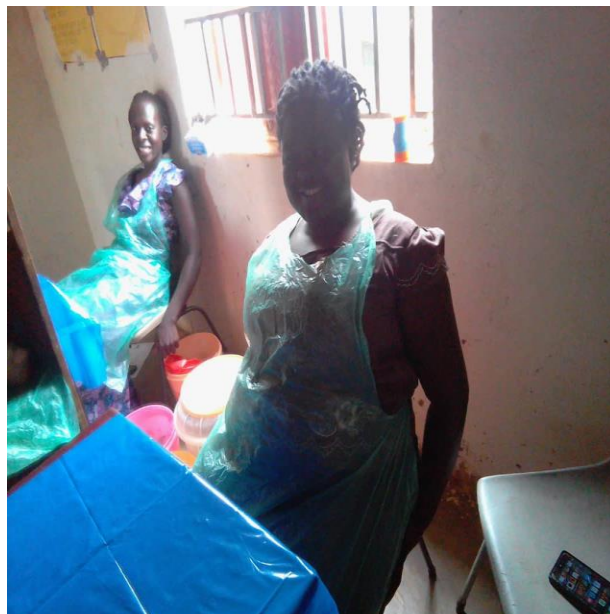
Counselling

session with RAIN-Uganda





Waiting for the services



*Midwives waiting
for the clients in an improvised screening room*

APPRECIATION LETTERS

Sapiri - Budaka
27-3-2018

Dear Rain - Uganda Management
I am writing to thank you for the chance you gave my wife to live had it not to be you I am sure she would not be living now. Thank you for the support both financial and moral and guidance you gave us while in hospital. Thank you for enabling the doctors work on us.
may God reward you
Yours Sincerely
Mudali Ali

Bwikomber Village
Mugiti Subcounty
Budaka
20/3/2018

To management of RAIN-uganda
Dear Sir/madam

I hope you are all good. I am mugabe, 15 years, daughter to Marzala Sarah. I am writing to thank you for saving my mother's life. In your visit, she was found to have HIV Positive and Cancer of the Cervix. We were so worried but the visit of your counselor and facilitating her to see doctors has greatly brought a smile in her face again. We are now fine. No problem. Thank you is all we can say as a family. May God bless you.



Linning up for screening services.



Improvised laboratories in the community



One of the women with suspected breast cancer



CaCx focal person at registration desk



Engaging men of all ages, they are waiting to HIV counseling and testing.



Clients waiting for testing and others waiting for their results in one of the outreaches.



Forcus group discussion with men in one of the education sessions outreach



Engaging the youth on HIV and HPV issues



Clients waiting for screening in an outreach



Health education sessions



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3rd October, 2018

The Manager,
Rain Uganda,
Mbale.

Dear Sir,

RE: APPRECIATION FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP AND CONTRIBUTION DURING THE SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Chosen Church of Christ Ministry-Namatata is one of the Pentecostal churches located in Nyanza Cell, Industrial Division, Mbale Municipality since the year 1993.

On 29th September 2018, the Ministry celebrated the Silver Jubilee (25 years) of existence in Mbale under the theme in Leviticus 25:13, *"In this year of jubilee everyone is to return to his own property."*

We had week long celebrations that commenced on Monday 24th to Saturday 29th September, 2018 with a grand celebration and various activities were carried out among which include cleaning of Mbale town (Nkoma-Kikindu, Busamaga, Taxi and Bus Parks), visiting Mbale Regional Referral Hospital, Visiting Malukhu Prisons (Male and Female sections), Donating to some of the vulnerable people within Namatata community, donation of blood and provision of free medical services to the people.

The purpose of this communication is to extend our gratitude to you and your company for your partnership and generous contribution that led to the success of the event.

We greatly appreciate and pray that God blesses and rewards you abundantly. We were very much honored to work with you and we look forward to more future partnerships with you.

We leave our contacts here for future communication; Ministry Administrator (Mrs. Kevin Busima) on +256 784 052800, Ministry Assistant Administrator (Mrs. Fridah Mugabi) on +256 772 883863, Bishop's Secretary on +256 786 182561 or you can email us on chosenchurchofchristministry4@gmail.com



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If my people who are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14



Registration for cervical cancer



Registration before screening



Improvised laboratory



one of the women with suspected breast cancer



Kikindu Nkoma outreach



Education session in one of the womens' groups that invited us

Mbuliko LC Village
Namanyonyi S/County.
12/6/2018

my name is Kinga Solomon a resident of
of Namanyonyi in Mbuliko Zone.

I am writing to thank you for the good heart you
have showed me. Since you came and tested me
and my family and found out that actually I am
having the Virus, for AIDS, and Counselled us and
directed us, to get treatment, now the disease has
infact reduced in my home. I am sure I would
be a dead man now if I had not tested and started
on drugs. Thank you again RAIN-UGANDA, may
your God reward you Sincerely.

God bless you again
Yours faithfully
Kinga Solomon.
~~Kinga~~

Nkoma, Gangama Cell

29/5/2018

I am a 35 year female who was diagnosed to have HIV in 2014.
I was sickly but I was told that my co-wife was bewitching
me.

Thanks to RAIN-UGANDA which extended testing services to
my village. I was helped to access ARVs and co-trimoxazole and I
must say, I am improving. THANKS YOU RAIN-UGANDA

Yours faithfully
Naguti Robinah