

Organisation profile

Name of the organisation	Advancement for Urban and Rural Communities
Date of establishment	27 th December 2016
Contact person	Biira Valeria, Programme Coordinator.
Vision	"A healthy community offering the marginalized people (Women, children and youth) an opportunity to have a say and be involved in the socio-economic development decisions affecting them".
Mission	"A Community focused organization working towards: peace, unity, social and economic empowerment through Advocacy, psychosocial support, sensitization, community outreaches, networking, educational support, environmental protection and conservation"
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To create social stability and awareness on reproductive issues, HIV / AIDS and other related adolescence issues. b) Creating avenue for advocacy for human rights, peaceful resolution of conflicts and sustain socio- economic development among the marginalized communities. c) To advocate for a society whereby children and youth with disabilities have equal rights and opportunities for growth and development. d) Improved access to education and psycho-social well being of marginalized children and youth. e) Increase household income through self help projects hence eradicating household poverty among the victims of armed conflict and marginalized communities.
Activities of the organisation	<p>a) Psychosocial Support</p> <p>Multiplier TOT module, development and implementation of community action plans on psychosocial support, follow up of formerly abducted children in the community, provision of counseling services, community based reception and rehabilitation of Formerly Abducted Children (FAC), referrals of severe cases to other specialized service providers.</p> <p>b) Child protection</p>

Formation and training of child protection committees, community dialogue meetings, and support to community led initiatives on child protection, translation of key legal and policy documents into local languages, data collection on violation of children's rights and supporting formal education for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Western Uganda

c) Livelihoods Support

Provision of sustainable and profitable means of livelihoods, training of Income Generating Activities and financial management, support to Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs') to attain vocational skills and provision of basic start up tool kits to beneficiaries War affected children in the community.

d) Peace Building and Reconciliation.

Training of Parents Support Groups and Youth Support Groups on peace building and conflict resolution, ongoing tracing and re-union, facilitation of community reconciliation and peace meetings, community and religious dialogues and consensus building on traditional justice systems, interactive games and sports among children and youth, development and implementation of peace, action plans, and dissemination of Information Education and Communication (IEC) materials to provide acceptance and reintegration.

e) HIV/AIDS is mainstreamed into all the core programs of ADVANCEMENT FOR URBAN AND RURAL COMMUNITIES.

f) Advocacy

Is a strategy through which ADVANCEMENT FOR URBAN AND RURAL COMMUNITIES addresses cross cutting issues that arise from the above core programs messages are generated through Parents Support Groups and Youth Support Groups meetings.

g) Environmental Protection and conservation

Training of Youth Support Groups, formation of Environmental Protection and Conservation Clubs in schools, established a tree nursery which acts as a demonstration site and supplies tree seedlings to the community. ADVANCEMENT FOR URBAN AND RURAL COMMUNITIES will open a tree demonstration garden in 2018 which will be used as a learning centre for tree growers, students and environmentalists.

h) Emergency and relief

Provision of food aid, training in food security and agricultural rehabilitation to formerly displaced returnees, people affected by drought and floods which resulted to famine in Western Uganda.

i) Reproductive Health

This is done through: Behavioral Change Communication (BCC), awareness and sensitization, guidance and counseling, distribution of Information Education and Communication materials, HIV/AIDS Counseling and Testing and community outreaches.

j) Mental Health

Due to the war in Rwenzori Region Kasese District, Advancement for Urban and Rural Communities has identified the post war effects in youth characterized by street life, alcoholism, drug and substance abuse. Advancement for Urban and Rural Communities is looking for funding for this project. It will be implemented through: guidance and counseling, radio talk shows, Youth rehabilitation and skills promotion/capacity building center and community outreach. This is an area not being supported by any organization and the Government facilities are lacking. We feel there is need for an immediate response to this programme.

k) Education

This is a cross-cutting activity in all the programmes of ADVANCEMENT FOR URBAN AND RURAL COMMUNITIES. It is an integrated activity. ADVANCEMENT FOR URBAN AND RURAL COMMUNITIES is supporting 20 orphans and vulnerable children by provision of scholastic materials, school fees and basic materials. We are getting a very big challenge in terms of funding considering the level of poverty resulting from the 20-year war. There are many OVCs that need support but the financial capacity of ADVANCEMENT FOR URBAN AND RURAL COMMUNITIES cannot support beyond the 20 beneficiaries.

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