

MOVEMENT FOR COMMUNITY- LED DEVELOPMENT UGANDA CHAPTER

Wilmot Development Foundation (WDF)



Year 1 Implementation Progress

OUTPUT 1: CBOs, women, adolescent girls, child mothers, and their families are mobilized and aware of their rights to good nutrition, food and WASH services.

Activity 1: Project Entry meetings were conducted in all the 5 (Five) selected villages of Mayuge District. These included:- Igunda, Maina, Lugole, Nakabafu and Buvuna respectively. Five local council one (1) leaders were engaged along with 5 (five) Parish Leaders on the purpose of the Right2Grow project expectations and community needs in Mayuge district. This took 2 (Two) days to be accomplished upon approval from the Right2Grow Secretariat.

Activity 2: Development and piloting of Household mapping Assessment Criteria and selection score card for Households on Good food and WASH practices. This was championed by Wilmat Development Foundation on behalf of MCLD members as a way to ensure vivid information and data is collected consultatively and later sampled to assess its applicability. To ensure quality feedback and proper interpretation of the Household mapping needs assessment questionnaire, the activity involved a total of 20 households with 20 acceptancy for feedback from the households visited during a 1 (one) week engagement by Field staffs and Volunteers with the guidance from the Local Council leadership.



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Activity 3: Household Mapping On Food, Nutrition And Wash Practices: Mayuge District, Eastern Uganda. Most of the correspondents were female (103 respondents) representing 62% and male were 63 representing 38% of the total respondents. This activity involved a total of 170 participants, with 166 consenting to the assessment and 4 laying low to consent to the assessment. The aim of this activity was to assess household performance and later identifying of 25 Households (5 per village) with good food Nutrition and WASH practices. Upon completion, the data collected was captured and recorded as raw data and later analyzed for evaluation on the performance of Households. This was later followed up by selected of the best 5 households per village making a total of 25 households with good food, nutrition and WASH practices at community level. Out of the total numbers of respondents (166), only five (3%) Households had a score greater or equal to 50%, which is the average score. Villages score were:- Igunda with 3 (Three) households, Nakabafu with 1 (One) Household, Maina with 1 (One) household, Luhone and Buvuna with 0 (Zero) household respectively.

Activity 4: Community Consultative Workshops: This activity involved a total of 250 direct participants with 168 female and 83 male in the five selected villages by holding community-driven consultative engagements in ascertaining capacity building needs and challenges on good Food Nutrition and WASH practices at the grassroots level.



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Activity 5: Report writing, Designing and Dissemination: A comprehensive report was developed followed up with evidence-based data that has been carefully analyzed and assessed for the right end users. This will guide the follow-up activities and workshops as evidence information on the performance of households has already been collected for sharing, planning and sensitization of local communities in line with Food, Nutrition and WASH practices.

Activity 5: Collection of Community-Led successful development Practices: As a member to the MCLD (The Movement For Community-Led Development) – Uganda chapter, WDF (Wilmat Development Foundation) participated in the evidence collection activity that was leveraged to MCLD-Uganda chapter members participating in the implementation of Right2Grow project. The purpose of the data collection through documentary were captured, documented and share transformation, sustainable achievement and continuous progress resulting from adapted CLD practices among communities. This activity was also supported with community engagement workshop that was attended to by 35 participants with 11 male and 24 female participants of Igunda village and Buvuna village respectively.



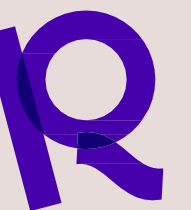
Challenges Encountered

- ❑ There is still a great gap in linking local contexts and National policies and vice versa is still prevalent in most areas of Mayuge.
- ❑ The literacy levels and awareness on Food Nutrition and WASH Practices in these communities is still a big challenge.
- ❑ Restricted number of community members during the consultative meetings in the spirit towards controlling COVID-19 spreading.
- ❑ Language barrier was another challenge that was encountered during the household mapping exercise as the tools had been prepared in English hence translating information from the assessment tools into local language for ease of understanding by both the Interviewer and Interviewee (Respondent).
- ❑ Restricted engagements with the District Heads and sub-county leaders was another challenge encountered due to the presence of Covid-19 cases in the district.



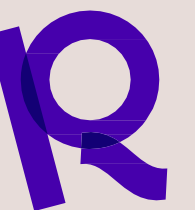
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- ❑ Time dedicated to learning was limited because the program was scheduled for a short period of time.
- ❑ Complicated Reporting Tool that was hard to interpret and input findings that are collected from community feedback and observation. This has been solved through the provision of more simpler tools for reporting on impact.
- ❑ Long distance from one household to another affected the number of interviews to be conducted in a given day.
- ❑ Fear from the community to express themselves hence took us more time to explain the purpose of the study.
- ❑ Delayed release of funds was another challenge. We had to improvise by being flexible and relocating of funds to the project activities as they had to be implemented in a specified time.



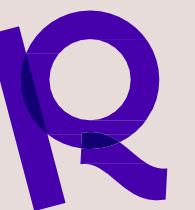
Recommendations

- ❑ Based on WDF report findings (Household Mapping on Good food nutrition and WASH practices, September, 2021), Nutrition and WASH practices need more focus by stakeholders on strengths to increase access to safe drinking, improved sanitation/hygiene practices, access to nutritious foods and seek enhanced capacity in important areas of weakness.
- ❑ There is need to determine what value-added food nutrition and WASH programs can provide to inform decision makers. Does it involve giving a ground truth narrative, evidence base advocacy, analysing how soft power is used to determine related trends, and what dominants community narratives.
- ❑ There is need for more capacity building in linking local contexts and National policies (and vice versa). Whereas there is a better understanding of how such links can be made (i.e. through the institutional positioning), this understanding is not often put to use.



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- ❑ Provide an analysis of the personal, institutional, and political dynamics behind decision-making as well as assist in the interpretation of mis- and disinformation in violent conflict situations.
- ❑ Assess how narratives are constructed to influence the crafting of responses to the contextual understanding of nutrition and WASH as well as monitor the impact of implemented programs at all levels.
- ❑ There is need to popularise the Food Nutrition and WASH programs and structures at all levels.
- ❑ There is need for increased community engagements at the grassroots with allocated budget to facilitate these engagements.



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- ❑ There is need for integrated and inclusiveness in planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of sectoral performance on Food Nutrition and WASH Practices at community level.
- ❑ MCLD Member efforts in advocating for good Food Nutrition and WASH practices at the grassroot need to be allocated sufficient budget prior to implementation of allocated activities.
- ❑ Efforts of promoting good Food Nutrition and WASH practices need to be more strategic in accelerating advocacy.



2022 Planned Interventions

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- ❑ **ACTIVITY 1:** Organize household mapping exercises to identify potential community members and MCLD members in advocacy for better food, nutrition and WASH services.
- ❑ **ACTIVITY 2:** Organize a nutrition and member consultative meeting on key WASH and nutrition integrated messages.
- ❑ **ACTIVITY 3:** Organize community consultations to identify capacity needs of and amplifying impact through portraying voices of communities.
- ❑ **ACTIVITY 4:** Build capacities of resource persons at the community level to become champions of the Right2Grow project.
- ❑ **ACTIVITY 5:** Orient religious and cultural leaders on issues of stunting in communities.
- ❑ **ACTIVITY 6:** Establish model homes with good nutrition and WASH practices.
- ❑ **ACTIVITY 7:** Organize community supporters for profiling the communities' food, nutrition and WASH issues, to attract the attention of decision makers.
- ❑ **ACTIVITY 8:** Organize community competitions on good food nutrition and WASH practices.
- ❑ **ACTIVITY 9:** Develop and package gender sensitive radio messages for targeted districts on issues of stunting.





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