



# AMANI GIRLS HOME PROGRAMS ANNUAL REPORT - 2020

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## **Abbreviation**

**AGH** – Amani Girls Home

**AGYW** – Adolescent Girls and Young Women

**AIDS** – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

**ECD** – Early Childhood Development

**HIV** – Human Immunodeficiency Virus

**LGA** – Local Government Authority

**COVID-19** – Corona Virus Disease-2019

**ASTUTE** - Addressing Stunting in Tanzania Early

**CHWs** - Community Health Workers

**RM2NCAH** – Reproduction, maternal, Nutrition, New-born, Child and Adolescent Health

**VAWG** – Violence Against Women and Girls

**CAGs** – Community Action Groups

**CAs** – Community Activists

**YSLAs** – Youth Savings and Loans Associations

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### 1. Annual programmatic achievements.

Over the period of 12 months, AGH has embarked on implementing activities from three interconnected programs (Social Protection, Education and Health) that are operationalized within five stable and vibrant departments for increased programs performance and efficiency.

The following highlights reflect AGH's top line achievements during that period. Overall, AGH has achieved nearly all milestones scheduled to be completed during this period with other milestones 'on track' and a very limited set of delays (largely due to COVID-19 Pandemic).

### 2. Health program

Health Program focus on working with children from conception stage, adolescent girls and young women to 25 years. AGH implement programs around IECD by embracing the NCF and programs that are geared at improving maternal health. AGH intervene on prevention, care and treatment of Malaria, HIV/AIDS and other Pandemic diseases.

- ❖ 4267 villagers were reached during the village health days conducted, provided with Services provided were nutritional education, ECD education, measurements of height and weight for both children and elders, HIV testing, counselling, provision of HIV prevention tools (condoms) and GBV solutions to victims also MUAC measurements, Vitamin A supplements, and de worming provided for the 6 to 59 months' children. 2664 under 5 years children were provided with health and nutrition services, whereby 32 were identified to have acute malnutrition where the caregivers were advised on proper nutrition to improve the condition. On the other hand, 13 children identified to have acute malnutrition were referred to health facilities.
- ❖ 5 Gulio events were conducted at Misungwi ward, Nyang'holong'o, Mbarika, Seeke and Kasololo reaching an overall total of 350 under 5 years children as well as 930 (358 malea and 572 females) villagers. The nutrition session were facilitated on Complimentary feeding. Nutritional services provided were De worming, MUAC Measurements and Vitamin A Supplements for the under 5 years children (none of them was found with malnutrition). Health services provided were HIV testing, counseling, Distribution of condoms and family planning inceptives provision.
- ❖ Establishment of school vegetable demonstration garden using the existing school FEMA Clubs whereby, 8 Secondary schools reached for facilitation on nutrition. AGH supported provision of vegetable and fruits seeds (Chinese, Amaranth, Pawpaw, Spinach, Pepper, Cucumber, cabbage, Watermelon) and watering cans in each school.
- ❖ 4429 pregnant women, 10507 lactating women and 5717 caregivers were reached during the malaria preventions interventions; provided with education sessions on proper use the distributed mosquito nets, proper use of malaria prevention medication during pregnancy.

- ❖ 904 women gave birth in health facilities after several reproductive and maternal health education sessions conducted by Community Health Workers.



Picture 2: A Community Health Worker explaining a nutrition issues in one of the topics during Mkobawasiku 1000 at Nyamswa village and Nyamatala hamlets.



Picture 3: One of the CHWs facilitating on the use of treated mosquito nets, during clinic day at Isanga dispensary Bariadi TC.

### 3. EDUCATION PROGRAM

#### 4.1 PROJECT: Mapema Education Scheme

##### Annual Output achievement:g

- 2928 children (1478 boys and 1450 girls) were enrolled in 21 pre-primary schools including 4 community ECD centres as of 2020 in 3 district of Mwanza region as indicated in the table below:

S/N	DISTRICT	No. pre-primary Schools	Boys enrolled	Girls enrolled	Total
1	NYAMAGANA	2	218	229	447
2	ILEMELA	6	111	90	201
3	SENGEREMA	17	1149	1131	2280
<b>TOTAL</b>		25	1478	1450	2928



Picture 4: Parents/caregivers preparing teaching and learning aids in pre-primary schools

#### 4. SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAM:

Social Protection program focuses on working to improve power balance between genders and social community structures and systems that promote national development. The program embarks on advancing adolescent girls rights, addresses the need of girl's migration including street involved girls, provision of psychosocial support to girl victims of violence and implement a range of interventions geared at preventing transactional sex between young adolescent girls and older men.

There are five projects under this program which embarks on a social accountability intervention and support out of school's adolescent girls and young women to engage in decent work for employability and poverty reduction. These projects are A Working Future (AWF), Safe Healthy and Productive Community for Tanzanian Girls and Young Women, Power Up, Msichana Thabiti and Chicken Federation.

## 5.1 PROJECT: A WORKING FUTURE

A Working Future project is implemented in collaboration with Plan international Tanzania aiming at empowering youth, especially young women, to save and borrow through informal saving group practices, equips them with necessary skills and knowledge and links youth to private sector economic opportunities. The main goal of the AWF is that vulnerable youth, especially young women supported by Plan International Tanzania through AGH engage in decent work.

The projects Key Output Achievements from the period of 1st January to 31st December 2020 as outlined below:

- 56 YSLAs with 829 members (413 male youth and 416 female youth) supported to complete second saving cycle through share-purchase, loan borrowing, loan repayment and contribution to group social fund).
- Increased youth access to capital through regular share-purchase and social fund contribution on weekly basis.
- 35 YSLA groups have supported on constitution development and registered in the LGAs.
- All 35 YSLA groups with registration in the LGAs, received linkage with financial service providers (Banks and microfinance). However only 13 had opened group savings account and are now accessing financial services.
- 6 bi-monthly briefing, reporting and planning meetings on the progress of AWF project were conducted and all project staff were kept updated and informed on the progress of the project.
- SAVIX-MIS profiles for 56 registered YSLAs updated 57 youth Gender Mentors 1 from each of the 57 operating YSLA groups trained on Gender topics.



### **Field visits photos**

*The photos above show YSLA members under the AWF Project participating in share-purchase meetings and social fund contribution in different areas of the project implementation. Inuka na Ufaidike group at Lutongo Kayenze ward(left), Faith group at Nyangwi street Buhongwa ward(middle) and Isamilo Viziwi group at Nera street Isamilo ward.*

## Selected Success Story “*The savings group that is changing lives*”

A success story of “Mariam Tumaini” Kahama street, Kahama ward, Ilemela district in Mwanza region

*Mariam Tumaini is a member of UPENDO saving groups located at Kahama street, Kahama ward, Ilemela district in Mwanza region. Prior to joining the group, she experienced difficultness in accessing capital for investing in small business and she had no ideas of what economic opportunities are available around her community, as she said “Before joining the Saving Group I was only engaging in food crop cultivation and after harvesting most of the crops were used by my family for foods. However, I sold some of the crop to earn money that help me to meet daily life expenses but the money earned was not enough to cover all my daily life expenses and could not fully support my family”*

*In May 2018 Mariam Tumaini joined UPENDO Savings group and she started saving money through share-purchase together with other group members under supervisions of Amani Girls Home with support from Plan International Tanzania. Through this intervention she also participated in different trainings such as Financial literacy, Gender training, life skills and digital literacy these series of training stimulated her desire of engaging in small business into local markets available within her community*

In March 2019, she took back some of her savings (money) from her group and started buying cow milk from cattle farmers and selling them at a local market in her community with a start-up capital of 20,000/= Tanzanian shillings. Her investment capital has been increasing and by the of November 2020 was approximately 60,000/= Tanzanian shillings. Currently she is continuing with her business and it is helping her earn money and be able to meet her daily life expenses and still be able to continue saving money through her group.

Apart from greater financial independence that she experiencing nowadays Saving Group has also helped her to increase self-confidence compared to how she was. Mariam said “Best of all, being in Saving group is like supporting each other both socially and economically. At the end when we share it out, each member gets his or her money back and everyone feels at peace.

## 5.2 PROJECT: SAFE HEALTHY AND PRODUCTIVE COMMUNITY FOR TANZANIAN GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN

AGYWD aims at empowering Girls and Young women and shift social and cultural norms in Simiyu and Mwanza toward the prevention of gender violence and HIV among girls and young women. Under this Department Amani Girls Home implements a project titled “Safe healthy and productive communities for

Tanzania girls and young women in Magu District in 4 wards i.e. Kongolo, Bujashi, Bujora and Kisesa wards whereby Adolescent’s girls are empowered through forming girls' clubs guided by mentors and local artisans and is provided with training on issues such as HIV/AIDS, Sexual reproductive health, health and sanitation, human rights, self-esteem especially handicrafts training and financial literacy so that the girls, with the help of a micro-credit, can start their own small business and become responsible, self-reliant young adults.

**AGYW Output achievement for the period of January 2020 to December 2020 are as per below:**



- Supportive supervision to CAS and CAGs conducted reaching 87 out of 89 CAs & CAGs (26 CAs of Bujashi, 29 of Kongolo, 20 CAs of Bujora and 12 CAs of Kisesa) whereby materials used were Picture card and Jessica & Natalie number 2, health cards whereby all the materials emphasized on providing support to women who experience violence whereby this lead to reduced number of violence cases among adolescent girls and young women, increased respect, protection and fulfilment of their rights at the family and societal level.
- Supportive supervision to 14 out of school girls group reaching 194 members for operationalization of adolescent girls and young mother's violence prevention clubs to build their protective and productive assets. Girls and young women had opportunities to have discussions on the 6 topics i.e. Health specifically on HIV/AIDs, finance, communication, Leadership and friends, Violence and power whereby this enabled 70% of 194 Adolescent girls and young women exercise agency and autonomy over their bodies and lives.
- Supportive supervision to 14 in-school girls' clubs reaching 256 girls clubs from 4 secondary school i.e. Bujora secondary school 2 clubs consisting of 43 girls, Kitumba secondary school 5 clubs reaching 88 girls, Kongolo secondary school 2 clubs reaching 58 girls and Bujashi secondary school 5 clubs reaching 67 girls. Conducted on weekly basis whereby the topics discussed Health, finance, communication, Leadership and friends, Violence and power
- SASA&PtG phase 4 training to all network of change conducted reaching 20 AGH staff and partners, 89 CAs & CAGs, 25 Service providers, 60 Local Leaders and 28 girls mentor with the aim of Strengthened network of change for preventing HIV/AIDs and VAWG whereby 73% of Adolescent girls and young women survivors of violence safely access adequate and appropriate support service (economic, medical, psychosocial, and security)
- 12 Monthly meeting for reporting, planning and practicing monthly activities with CAs & CAGs conducted reaching 89 CAs & CAGs (26 of Bujashi, 29 of Kongolo, 20 of Bujora and 14 of Kisesa wards) whereby CAs improved skills in facilitating and providing support to victims of violence.
- 28 Girls mentors trained on 6 topics i.e. Health, finance, communication, Leadership and friends, Violence and power so as to lead, motivate, represent and facilitate girls groups.

**In- house practical session:**

- 24 in-house practical sessions conducted on a weekly basis, 13 in-house team regularly attended the sessions and strengthening their capacity on using SASA! & PtG communication materials, updated on ongoing project activities in the project areas.

### **Rapid Assessment Survey:**

- 20 data collectors were trained on quality and quantity data collection thereafter Rapid Assessment Survey on SASA! & PtG phase 3 was conducted reaching 806 people whereby 434 females and 372 males. RAS enabled project staff to plan activities to be implemented in phase IV, what to leave behind, and best practice.

### **Media and Advocacy**

- Project staff conducted film show to 4 wards reaching an average of 3000 community members whereby the film name was HADITHI YA FATUMA (Fatumas' Story) which addressed the message on HIV/AIDS and economic violence. Film increased awareness to 43% of community members on HIV/AIDS and Economic violence and how to provide support to victims of violence.
- Attended and participated in commemoration of national and international events such as International women's day, African Child day, International girl child day, menstrual hygiene day and 16 days of activism reaching 3346 community members in providing Gender based Violence education, balancing power and prevention of new HIV/AIDS infection.



*Mentors practicing facilitating a session during mentors training*



*Students discussing power poster in groups*

### **5. Monitoring, Evaluation and learning Department:**

**A monitoring and Evaluation plan** has been developed and finalized for programs. Generated through active engagement of all departments to incorporate all AGH projects. The M&E plan also integrates a robust approach to program learning and approach.

**Learning and Check exercise** with Results for Development (R4D) to assess the effectiveness of Women Economic Empowerment (WEE) projects' contribution towards the development of ECD in Sengerema district, Mwanza region.

**Rapid Assessment:** In close collaboration with other departments, we developed SASA! Phase 4 survey protocols and survey plan in 2020. The survey was intended for a transit from phase 3 to phase 4 and it was done in four wards of Bujora, Kisesa, Bujashi and Kongolo in Magu district, Mwanza region.

**Conclusion:**

Over the reporting period of 2020, AGH has made substantial strides toward achieving programs objectives. The process has also yielded significant lessons both on what works across projects and what AGH work on improving implementation of projects activities toward achieving overall organization objectives.