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We are proud to share with you the tremendous contributions Hunger Fighters Uganda has made to improving access to Nutritious food for refugees and host communities in Nakivale and Oruchinga refugee settlements as learnings for better programming

Malnutrition remains a pressing global challenge. Some progress has been made towards ending malnutrition. But this progress has been slow with little tangible achievement. Hunger Fighters Uganda has taken action under the implementation of the General Food Assistance (GFA) supported by United Nations World food programme (WFP) and other partners to overcome the barriers of food insecurity, access to nutritious foods and end malnutrition among the refugees of Nakivale and Oruchinga settlement and Isingiro district.

According to HFU Outcome Evaluation report 2022 for Nakivale and Medical Teams International, the cases of acute Malnutrition have increased from 1.8% in 2019 to 2.8% in 2020 and now stand at 5.7%.

Since 2018, one of the complementary activity we are implementing is Tackling injustices in food and health systems, Poor diets and resulting malnutrition as societal challenges, causing vast health, economic and environmental burdens. To fix this nutrition crisis equitably, we must shifted our approach dramatically in a number of ways: focusing on food and health while addressing inequities in food systems, from production to consumption among refugees in the settlement

On 22ND AND 23RD MAY 2022, we are proud to have hosted the FRIENDS OF NUTRITION DONOR MISSION from United Nations World Food Programmes to our Nutrition implementation sites in NAKIVALE AND ORUCHINGA

| NAKIVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL | | |
|---|--------|------|
| Key Statistics | | |
| Population/ total enrolment | Gender | |
| | Female | Male |
| 2,025 | 155 | 970 |
| Activities supported under the Hunger and Learning initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 School debates focusing on school feeding in 2022. • 1 Pupil, parent- teacher seminar • 95 Fruit trees planting • 4 Vegetable kitchen gardens • Food & Nutrition Clubs (30 members) who take a leading role in School feeding sensitization and advocacy activities through debates and Music dance and drama. • Crop production to support school feeding e.g maize and iron rich beans planting and seed support | | |

HOPE SAVINGS GROUP (RABBIT REARING)



Livelihood component under GFA aimed at contributing to the self-reliance of the POCs through promotion of alternative income generating initiatives which can be undertaken by groups or individuals these include rabbit rearing and poultry. Together with the community leadership, 18 groups have been formed including 14 in the refugee community and 4 host community since 2020 to date. Having expressed interest to venture into rabbit rearing, HFU supported the group on construction of the hutch and with 10 rabbits. Members have been sensitized on the benefits of rabbit rearing which include:

- Highly Nutritious rabbit meat
- Rabbit urine can act as crop fertilizer and pest control
- Rabbits can be sold to generate income for acquiring alternative food items.

KEY STATISTICS

| Group Name | No. of members | Gender | | Location | | Host | | Refugee | | Number of rabbits | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--------|---|----------|---------|------|---|---------|---|-------------------|----|----------------------|
| | | F | M | Host | Refugee | F | M | F | M | F | M | Total |
| Hope Saving rabbit rearing group | 29 | 21 | 8 | 9 | 20 | 6 | 3 | 15 | 5 | 43 | 11 | 54 (7 are expecting) |

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BASECAMP II FDP

We are using the Food Distribution Point as a model learning site for promoting agronomy initiatives that can thrive on small pieces of land such as those allocated to POCs in the settlements while emphasizing maximizing the Nutrition value to the beneficiaries in all the 7 FDPs. The Base Camp II FDP Model focuses on show casing climate smart agriculture on dry bare land and achieving productivity season in season out. Crops grown include; Tomatoes, green leafy vegetables, banana plantain (matooke), cabbages, onions, orange fleshed potatoes, iron rich beans, green paper, egg plants as well as fruit trees and Aloevera used in the treatment of rabbit disease. The model also contains rabbit rearing. The harvest is distributed to HH with pregnant & lactating mothers as well as those with children 2 years old and below.



FDP Setup During In-Kind Food Distribution



Hunger Fighters uganda Executive Director demonstrating the yields of one of the kitchen gardens at Basecamp II during the Friends Of Nutrition Visit

KEY STATISTICS

- Over 2,000 households have adopted the kitchen/vegetable gardening in the community while recycling the locally available raw materials.
- 27 youth and women groups adopted small animal rearing (20 for Rabbit rearing & 7 for poultry)
- The rabbits' demonstration/model for initially started with 05 rabbits that contributed to an accumulation of over 50 rabbits which were given out to groups and 03 households.
- Maternal and Child Nutrition sensitizations conducted at each of the 7 FDP Food distribution days targeting pregnant and lactating mothers.
- Nutrition Sensitization for the POCs at the 7 FDPs and in the community by the Music Dance and Drama (MDD) groups which are part of the SBCC project complementary activities.



Hunger fighters Uganda MDD Basecamp II group performing during GFA Food Distribution and Stakeholder Visit



Nakivale Primary School pupils FAN club with their rabbits.



Hunger Fighters Uganda Executive Director translating a story of a beneficiary during the Friends Of Nutrition Visit



Potato Kitchen Garden at Base Camp II



Hunger fighters Uganda Staff Carry out an exhibition during the World Refugee Day on 20th June 2022



Nurseries for Seedling Production at Rubondo FDP



Lettered Kitchen Gardens and Fruit Trees at Base Camp II Nakivale refugee Settlement.



Nakivale Primary School Pupils Perform a Nutrition Skit for The Friends Of Nutrition Visitors



Vegetable Distribution by HFU Staff at Rurongo Health Centre II

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