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## ACRONYMS AND DEFINITIONS

BUDGET PERIOD The intervals of time (usually 12months each) into which a

CBO Community Based Organization
CME Continuous Medical Education
COP Country Operation Plan

CRAG Cryptococcal Antigen

CQI Continuous Quality Improvement

DHT District Health Teams

DLFP District Laboratory Focal Person

DLP District Local Government
DLP District Led Programming

DNCC District Nutrition Coordination Committees

DTLS District TB and Leprosy Supervisor

DTWGS District technical working groups

EID Exposed Infant Diagnosis

EQA External Quality Assurance

GCLPS ood Clinical Laboratory Practices

HIV-PT HIV- Proficiency Testing

IAC Intensive Adherence Counselling

IBC Inter-Bureau Coalition

IYCF Infant and Young Child Feeding

LIMS Laboratory Information management system

MAUL Medical access Uganda Limited

MUAC Mid Upper Arm Circumference

NACS Nutritional Assessment and Counselling Services

NMS National Medical Stores

NSRTN National Sample and Results Transport Network

NTRL National TB reference Laboratory
OTC Outpatient Therapeutic Centre

PLHIV People living with HIV

RUTF Ready to Use Therapeutic Feeds

TAT Turn-around time

TATS District Technical assistance teams

TB-LAM Tuberculosis Lipoarabinomannan

UHSC Uganda Health Supply Chain

UNHLS Uganda National Health Laboratory Services

UVRI Uganda Virus Research Institute

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## **ABOUT BAYLOR - UGANDA**



Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation-Uganda (Baylor-Uganda) is a leading provider of Integrated, High-Quality, High Impact comprehensive HIV, Tuberculosis (TB), Reproductive Maternal Neonatal Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH), and global health security (GHS) services in Uganda. An indigenous, not-for-profit organization established in 2006, Baylor-Uganda has a long track record delivering strong returns on investments with ~USD 40 million donor funds annually efficiently

managed. We are affiliated with the Baylor International Paediatric AIDS Initiative (BIPAI), a network of Paediatric HIV care and treatment at Children's Clinical Centers of Excellence (COE).

We provide high-quality family-centered healthcare, capacity building for healthcare professionals, and clinical research. We run the largest single HIV paediatric, adolescent and youth clinic in Uganda serving -8500 young people from our Baylor Children's Clinical Centre of Excellence based within Mulago National Referral Hospital. We provide technical assistance to district local



governments, health facilities, and community based organisations in: Comprehensive HIV prevention, care and treatment; prevention, detection and response to public health threats and emergences; and Reproductive Maternal Child and Adolescent Health. We also build technical and managerial Capacity for healthcare professionals to deliver the Ministry of Health (MoH) care packages. We do Research to generate evidence-based interventions and inform policy development. Other

services include infrastructure improvement, equipment and supply chain management, and services for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) such as economic empowerment, education, food and nutrition.

HOW WE WORK:

Baylor-Uganda as an Implementing Partner (IP) supports the MoH and District Local Governments



to decentralize HIV services in order to increase accessibility, availability and utilization of quality health service to the people of Uganda through a community and health systems strengthening approach. The key program stakeholders in the implementation process are the districts, municipalities, public and Private-Not For-Profit health facilities, persons living with HIV networks and civil society organizations (CSOs) in Baylor-Uganda supported areas.

VISION; A world where children and their families live a healthy and fulfilled life. MISSION; To provide highquality familycentered health care, education and research worldwide. GOAL; To reduce morbidity and mortality from infectious and noncommunicable diseases, maternal and childhood conditions. TAGLINE;

Service above and beyond

#### **OUR CORE VALUES (CLIENT)**

In the process of delivering on its mandate, Baylor-Uganda shall observe the following;



Care: We treat each person we serve in the same way we would want to be treated; being courteous, friendly, and respectful. We aim to be kind and patient at all times, with all the clients we serve and with one another. We shall be true to our calling of upholding the and human rights of all our clients.



Loyalty: We bear true faith and allegiance to Baylor-Uganda's vision and mission, management, and fellow workers. We support the leadership and stand up fo fellow staff and programs.



Integrity: We are fair and honest in all interactions, trustworthy and truthful. We seek to adhere to the highest ethical standards and conduct. We aim for transparency, impartiality, and equity in all our dealings and are open and honest in our communication. We accept our responsibilities and strive to achieve those things for which we are accountable.



Excellence: We strive for excellence in all we do as we deliver high-quality, high-impact, and highly ethical health care, education, and research. We constantly work to enhance ability and competence and to achieve continuous quality improvement. We aim for efficiency in our application of resources to derive the best possible value.



Innovation: We are creative in applying methods and technologies in problem-solving, constantly looking for ways to improve. We recognize the opportunity in every challenge; we focus on solutions rather than problems. We are committed to generating new knowledge and practices and showcasing them.



Teamwork: We support each other to reinforce our competencies towards achieving Baylor-Uganda's vision, mission, and strategic objectives.

#### **OUR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

Baylor-Uganda is committed to delivering on the following Strategic Objectives (SO)

- SO 1: Increase access to and utilization of quality health care services
- SO 2: Strengthen prevention, detection, and response to public health threats and emergencies
- SO 3: Enhance the competencies of health workers to provide affordable, quality, and specialized healthcare services

- SO 4: Strengthen health research to inform policy and programming
- SO 5: Revitalize community systems and structures to address the Health, economic and social needs of children and their families
- SO 6: Strengthen organizational development systems that focus on accountability, best management practices, and good governance
- SO 7: Set up and maintain agile and sustainable systems for Baylor-Uganda institutional and program development

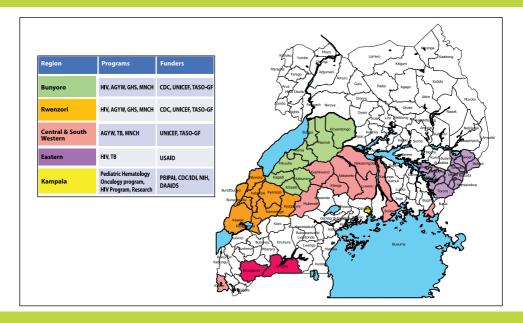
## 2021/2022 PERFOMANCE AT GLANCE





Baylor-Uganda supports a population of over 10,000,000 people in all Baylor-Uganda supported regions. We continue to provide a service with a mission to create a world where children and their families live a healthy and fulfilled life. Baylor-Uganda total HIV Clientele amounts to 217,000 Clients.

### **BAYLOR-UGANDA - OUR FOOT PRINT**



- Kampala: Baylor-Uganda Headquarter, Research, and Paediatric and adolescent HIV Clinical Centre of Excellence and Paediatric Cancer, serving Kampala, Mukono and Wakiso districts, and Global Health Security in Kampala.
- Central Uganda: TB and HIV Prevention Programs focusing on Adolescents and Young Women (AGYW) in 10 districts -Kyankwanzi, Nakasongola, Nakaseke, Luwero, Kayunga, Kiboga, Mubende, Mityana, Namayingo, Buikwe
- **Rwenzori:** Comprehensive HIV and TB services, RMNCAH, and Global health security services in 9 districts Bundibugyo, Ntoroko, Kabarole, Bunyangabo, Kasese, Kyenjojo, Kyegegwa, Kamwenge and Kitagwenda
- **Bunyoro:** Comprehensive HIV and TB services, RMNCAH, and Global health security services in 8 districts Buliisa, Masindi, Kiryandongo, Hoima, Kikuube, Kagadi, Kibaale and Kakumiro
- Western and Eastern: RMNCAH, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and Education programs in 10 districts Tororo, Kamuli, Namayingo, Mubende, Kasese. Kikuube. Isingiro, Ntungamo, Kamwenge and Kyegegwa
- Bugisu, Bukedi and Sebei: Comprehensive HIV services provision in 15 districts
   Mbale, Manafwa, Namisindwa, Bududa, Sironko, Bulambuli, Kapchorwa, Kween, Bukwo, Tororo, Butaleja, Pallisa, Budaka, Kibuuku, and Butebo

# BAYLOR - UGANDA SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM



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MR. JAMES OWONA Head - Human Resources

#### MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON



I give gratitude to God for all of you who serve our clientele and humanity in your various capacities and spaces.

Baylor Uganda made 18 years and we are greatly thankful for the service and the relentlessly foresighted leadership of Dr Adeodata Kekitiinwa who served meritoriously during this time. As we wish her a fruitful retirement, we welcome the passion and energy of Dr Dithan Kiragga who takes over as the New Executive Director for Baylor Uganda.

I also appreciate my predecessor, the very able and amiable Board Chair Emeritus Dr Michael Mizwa for his long unparalleled service to Baylor Uganda, and above all, for steering the Board that has seen Baylor Uganda grow to become a global brand. I unreservedly applause you Dr Mizwa on this achievement and look forward to even greater contribution and guidance from you as you serve on our Advisory Board. I thank the Board members who retired, Dr Peter Kimbowa and Dr Diane Nguyen. Thank you for your dedication and service to Baylor Uganda. I welcome the new members Mr Patrick Ngolobe, Mr Albert

Beine, Dr Adam Gibson and of course Dr Dithan Kiragga. Thank you for offering to serve Baylor Uganda!

We started this reporting year 2022, with a lot of uncertainties from the effects of Covid-19. As a frontline organisation in disease outbreak preparedness and response, we have diligently served and played our part in controlling Covid-19 and other disease outbreaks. Under our Global Health Security Programme, we marshalled resources and support emergency operations centres to provide and coordinate information on disease outbreaks, among other activities.

During this reporting period, we also continued to provide our core services in HIV/AIDS and TB sector, in the 3 regions of Rwenzori, Bunyoro and Elgon as well other areas like the Midwestern Uganda where we implement our RMNCAH Programme, and in other areas under our NFM3 Global Fund/TASO Programme and the UNICEF programme. Through recent funding from CDC, USAID and other partners, we have joined the MOH to support the national Pandemic response efforts against the Ebola outbreak.

I want to wholeheartedly thank the management and staff of Baylor-Uganda for maintaining excellent service amidst many challenges.

This Annual report is a document for all stakeholders and the entire public to take stock of the milestones we have achieved together and provide feedback to Baylor Uganda on where and how we can improve. Finally, we commit to selflessly continue serving you and urge you to play your part as we pursue our Goal to create a world where children and their families live a healthy and fulfilled life.

At your service, For God and my country

Professor Rhoda Wanyenze Board Chairperson

#### MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BAYLOR-UGANDA



Our valued partners and stakeholders, it is an exciting opportunity to be able to share with you our annual report for the period July 2021-June 2022.

As I take on the mantle and step into a space where the outgoing Executive Director Dr Adeodata Kekitiinwa has operated for 18 years, we are reminded of the unequivocal fact that she has worked hard to build this brand to where it is, and it is our responsibility to maintain and grow it even better. As the Executive Director at Baylor Uganda, I have inherited an agile and optimistically vibrant professional team and we pledge to our clientele and stakeholders, that we will continue to serve to create "an even better world where children and their families live a healthy and fulfilled life."

As an addition to our growing portfolio, we have signed a new ELMA Program and the extended Paediatric Haematology and Oncology services project for another 3-year period. We are also in final discussions with UNICEF on the award of the new program under the Reproductive Maternal Neonatal and Adolescent Child Health Programme. We attracted new business in

HIV self-testing using our National 24-hour operating call centre. I unreservedly applaud the team for taking on this trend, which will sustainably grow our Portfolio and Business.

During this reporting period, we bring you snapshots and summarised information on our progress in line with our 7 strategic areas of operation.

We continued to expand our operations under the Global health security component. We grew our portfolio in this sector from just supporting Covid-19 and border security interventions to coordinating the setup of Regional Emergency Operation centers to be able to continue Preventing Detecting and Responding to emergencies and outbreaks. Our Workforce has grown in leaps and bounds from about 381 in the last financial year, to now 502 in this reporting period. This shows that our portfolio has also grown as we continue to serve Ugandans in this space.

We will continue to benchmark best practices and innovate to provide more diverse Baylor-Uganda services, as a way of creating sustainability. We are deliberately working to become more resilient and more risk-averse to the changing dynamics and sources of funding for our programs.

I want to thank my management and staff for working hard to deliver a service that is "Above and beyond" to all our 217,000 Active Clients of which 5,600 are children 0-9 years; 12,600 are adolescents 10-19 years and 198,800 adults of 20+ years, all located in, in the 47 District/city locations and served by 420 Health facilities in Uganda.

I pay special gratitude to the Baylor Board, all our donors, partners, and the Government of Uganda especially the Ministry of Health. You make this Possible!

Dithan Kiragga Executive Director

### Pictorial: Major event of the year

Baylor-Uganda received a New Executive Director Dithan Kiragga, and bid farewell to Associate Professor Dr. Adeodata Kekitiinwa, who had served the organisation for 18 years.



Outgoing ED Dr Adeodata R. Kekitiinwa and in coming ED Dr Dithan Kiragga.



Baylor-Uganda Board led by the Board Chair Prof Rhoda Wanyenze (second left) hands over a gift to outgoing ED

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE



The purpose of the Board, in line with the fundamental concerns of good corporate Governance is to see that Baylor-Uganda fulfils its role within the target community and serves as a wise steward of its resources while preventing unacceptable actions and situations.

The mandate of the Board is therefore to represent the moral ownership in determining and demanding appropriate organizational performance.

**Accordingly:** The Board is responsible for maintaining the connection between Baylor-Uganda and its clients. The Board also approves written governing policies/documents in specific areas including:

- a. Mission-based outcomes; in the form of a strategic plan which describes expected results, for whom (recipients) and at what cost Baylor-Uganda will fulfil its mission.
- b. Organisational health barometer: in the form of Monitoring and Evaluation framework/Balance Score Card (BSC), which defines expectations of, and limits the framework for, executive actions and decision-making.

#### **Board Terms of Reference**

The Company has a Board Charter in place which guides the board in the execution of its duties with reference to legislative requirements and principles of good corporate governance, defines the governance parameters within which the Board exists and operates, sets out specific responsibilities to be discharged by the Board, its committees and Directors, as well as certain roles and responsibilities incumbent upon the directors as individuals. The Board Charter is complementary to the existing laws and regulations governing the organization. The Board has access to the services and advice of legal counsel who advises directors on their obligations in respect of corporate governance practices and effective board processes and any matters that require legal opinion.

The Board is tasked with amongst others; ensuring donor and regulatory compliance; ensuring adequate risk management and internal control systems and processes exist and are complied with; approval of key policies including investment and strategy as well as risk management and reviewing internal and external audit reports and ensuring that management implement the audit recommendations. The Chairman is responsible for the leadership of the Board

and ensuring its effective functioning without limiting its collective responsibility for Board decisions.

The directors continue to be mindful and appreciate their fiduciary duty to act in the best interest of the organization and accordingly discharge their duties independently. The directors particularly through the various Board sub-committees routinely engage and guide Management in the execution of its duties.

#### **Board and Management Interaction:**

The Executive Director and the Senior Management Team report to the Board on a quarterly basis and more frequently where necessary depending on the urgency of the matter. Members of SMT attend and actively participate in Board committee meetings where they present reports and proposals for constructive discussion at board level. Board receives information and reports from Management and additional information and or clarifications are sought as and when needed.

#### **Board Induction and Training:**

Members of the Board once appointed undergo a comprehensive induction process which involves orientating the new Directors with the sector, organizational culture, governance and strategy. This includes but is not limited to site visits and meetings with senior management to enable the Directors to build up a detailed understanding of the organization and the key risks and challenges it faces. They are also provided with an induction pack that includes copies of the Terms of Reference for the Board Sub Committees and a copy of the Board Charter. The Directors are regularly kept abreast of all applicable legislation, regulations, changes to rules, standards and codes, as well as relevant health sector and donor developments, which could potentially impact the organization and its present and future operations.

#### **Board Composition:**

The Board currently comprises of ten non- executive and independent directors and one executive director with one of the non-executive directors being a foreign national.

The current composition represents an enviable mix of skill, knowledge and experience which are integral to the operation of a successful organization.

#### **Board Committees:**

Board committees have been established to enable the Board to operate effectively and to give full consideration to key matters. The Committees meet independent of the Board and prior to the substantive Board Meeting.

Currently, there are four committees namely:

- 1. Board Audit Committee; It ensures compliance of Baylor-Uganda with all Board approved/endorsed corporate policies/agreements and procedures, as well as management of risks.
- 2. Board Finance Committee; It helps the Board in meeting its fiduciary responsibilities to all stakeholders and ensures that Baylor-Uganda complies with international accounting standards and best financial management practices.
- 3. Programs Committee; it advises the Board on strategic and policy issues regarding health program development. It also oversees and evaluates the quality of health programs and their implementation by Baylor-Uganda.
- 4. People Organization and Development Committee (POD); It assists the Board in fulfilling its corporate governance development and performance. And supports management to ensure an optimal organizational structure and best practice human resource policies are in place.

#### **Board Evaluation:**

The Board acknowledges the need to continually assess and improve its effectiveness and process. In accordance with its Board Charter the Board reviewed its last evaluation and is continuously working to implement the proposals arising from the evaluation. The Board will be conducting another Board evaluation in 2023 with a view of improving its effectiveness.

The performance of the Executive Director is evaluated annually against targets set by the Board at the beginning of each year. The Board Chairman, supported by feedback from Directors conducts this evaluation.

#### **Board Renumeration:**

Apart from the Executive Director who is a member of management and gets full staff renumeration, the rest of the non-executive directors operate on a pro bono basis and only get transport allowance and disbursements for any meetings attended.

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021/2022**



PROF. RHODA WANYENZE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Dr. Rhoda Wanyenze, MBChB, MPH, PhD, is Dean of the School of Public Health and a Professor in the Department of Disease Control and Environmental Health at Makerere University. Dr. Wanyenze has vast experience in public health research, capacity building, and program management, especially in infectious diseases, sexual and reproductive health, and health systems. Dr. Wanyenze has led a wide network of research partnerships with academic institutions and ministries of health in Africa. She has served on Boards of several organizations in Uganda and globally. She is a Fellow of the Uganda National Academy of Sciences.



DR. DITHAN KIRAGGA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Kiragga is a public health physician who brings to Baylor Foundation-Uganda 20+ years of experience in technical leadership and management of complex health programs in Africa and Asia. Most recently, as Chief of Party (COP) for the USAID Regional Health Integration to Enhance Services in the North, Acholi (RHITES-N, Acholi), Dr. Kiragga provided technical and managerial oversight for USAID/Uganda's Health and HIV/AIDS project implementation across eight districts in Acholi, as well as leadership for the rollout of USAID's Quality Improvement Collaborative across all regions of Uganda.

Prior to his work on RHITES-N, Acholi, Dr. Kiragga was a

COP of the USAID/Uganda Private Health Support Program (PHSP) and the Health Initiatives for the Private Sector (HIPS) Project, where he spearheaded service delivery, public-private partnerships (PPPs) and OVC programs across the country. Under the HIPS project and together with key professionals, established the Uganda Healthcare Federation (UHF), an umbrella group for the private sector in Uganda. Early in his career, Dr. Kiragga managed critical health service infrastructure rehabilitation and the establishment of functional health systems on World Bank post-conflict projects in East Timor and Rwanda, grounding his understanding of programmatic

implementation in fragile settings.

From District Director of Health Services to senior-level technical advisory and management positions on four US government projects, Plan Uganda and World Bank projects, Dr. Kiragga has fostered and maintained collaborative working relationships with USAID, CDC, GOU, MOH, and its related agencies, international and local implementing partners, and other key stakeholders and has successfully built coalitions to deliver results. A native of Uganda, Dr. Kiragga has a MBCHB (MUK), MPH (Liverpool), MSC (London), and is currently pursuing a PhD in Public Health at Walden University, USA.



MR. DAVID NUWAMANYA
VICE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mr David Nuwamanya is a seasoned administrator and mentor in health systems Leadership, Management and Governance under World Health Organization (WHO)/ African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF). He has over 24 years' experience in the Public-Sector Management and he is currently the Principal Administrator Mulago National Referral Hospital.



MR. KIZZA JOSEPH CHAIR BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE

Before diversifying into accounting, Joseph practiced as an educationist for 8 years. Joseph is now a Chartered Accountant with over 20 years of experience. He has worked as an Auditor, Financial management consultant and in-house trainer for many organisations in the public, private and NGO sectors. Joseph is the managing partner of KIZZA & CO. a public accountancy practice in Uganda.

In terms of discharging oversight responsibilities, Joseph is a member of the sector audit committee of the Justice, Law and Order Sector of the Government of Uganda (JLOS). Under JLOS, oversight is discharged to all Ministries and Government agencies in the docket of Justice, Law and Order including: Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Ministry

of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Defense, Uganda Police Force, Uganda Peoples Defense Forces, Uganda Prisons, Uganda Law Reform Commission, Judicial Service Commission, Judiciary, Uganda Human Rights Commission, Uganda Registration Services Bureau, Directorate of Immigration, Law Development Center, among others.



MS. EDNA ISIMBWA RUGUMAYO
CHAIR BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE AND MEMBER BOARD
PEOPLE AND ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT (POD) COMMITTEE

Edna is a Certified Public Accountant with over 30 years' experience and is currently the Director Corporate Services, Uganda National Roads Authority. She has broad finance management experience in private, public and not-for-profit organisations. She holds a Barchelors of Statistics Degree and a Masters of Science in Accounting and Finance from Makerere University.



DR. JOSHUA MUSINGUZI CHAIR BOARD PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Dr Joshua Musinguzi is a seasoned Public Health Specialist and he is currently the Assistant Commissioner AIDS Control Division at the Ministry of Health.



MS. HARRIET OMODING

## CHAIR BOARD PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (POD)

Harriet Omoding has over 25 years of practical experience in Human Resource Management, Human Resource development, HR analytics, corporate governance, diversity and inclusion promotion, employee voice, employment law, learning development, performance management, organization design and development, job quality, reward strategy, skills development, technology, wellbeing, workforce trends to mention but a few.

She has broad experience in coordination and management of client, government and donor relations at administrative, operational, managerial, strategic, and political levels. Harriet is the founder of Hom Consulting Limited, an

organization that helps to address the management challenges in the business environments with regards to talent capacity building. As results-driven HR professional, Harriet is motivated to perform tasks with excellence and attention to detail.



MR. THOMSON ODOKI MEMBER BOARD PROGRAMS AND BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEES

Thomson is a Board Member with versatile professional Project Planning and Management Specialist, Social worker, Researcher and Capacity Building practitioner with extensive training and experience in advocacy and lobbying. He has over 32 years' practical experience working with advocacy and capacity building programs for improving welfare of Children and Youth with government, International and National civil society organizations in Africa. Thomson is currently the Board Chairman and Executive Director of Promise Consult International, a leading consultancy firm in health, education, children, youth and socio-economic development and research work in Uganda for over 10 years.

Thomson holds a Master's degree in Management Studies and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Project Planning and Management from Uganda Management Institute in Kampala. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work and Social Administration from Makerere University, Kampala. In addition, Thomson received a Diploma in accounting for Business and Management from Cambridge International College, England and a Certificate in Advocacy from Centre for Family Studies, Nairobi, Kenya.



MR. ALBERT BEINE
MEMBER BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BOARD AUDIT
COMMITTEE

Albert is a seasoned taxation expert and tax auditor with over 20 years' experience in the taxation industry. Albert holds a degree in Economics from Makerere University, Kampala and a post graduate Diploma in Taxation and Revenue Administration (PODTRA).

Albert has a depth of experience across various aspects of Taxation from compliance, tax advisory and international/cross-border taxation. His earlier career experience in taxation was as a tax auditor in Uganda Revenue Authority and later as a Tax Manager and Tax Director for a span of 14 years at two of the Big 4 audit firms.

He is a member of Rotary Club and is a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF).



MR. PATRICK NGOLOBE MEMBER BOARD PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (POD)

Patrick Ngolobe joins the Board of Baylor, with 20 years executive leadership experience a career that has seen him work for top tier companies in the market. Patrick is a Managing Partner at Africa Executive Leadership Solutions, a consulting firm in human resources, organizational development, and business advisory services. Previously Patrick worked with Umeme Uganda Limited as the Head of Human Resources where he championed several business transformations that improved the company performance, employee productivity & welfare, and customer services. Prior to Umeme Limited, he worked with Uganda Breweries Limited (as subsidiary of East Africa Breweries and Diageo

PLC) as the Human Resources Director where he led the people agenda that enabled business turnaround and positioned Uganda Breweries as a net exporter of talent within the Diageo operations. Patrick has also worked with MTN Uganda as Human Resources Manager having started off his career at Uganda Revenue Authority.

He is President Emeritus of the Human Resources Managers' Association of Uganda and currently serves on the Human Resources Committee of the Board for FOWODE, and Smart Girls Foundation among others.

Patrick is passionate about building and enabling leadership in order to transform organizations and businesses and he brings this conviction to the Board and the Team at Baylor.



DR. ADAM GIBSON
MEMBER BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE

Adam Gibson is Manager for Texas Children's Global Health. He earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence from South Texas College of Law and Bachelor of Arts in International Studies from University of St. Thomas. He previously held positions as Vice President & COO at Salvex, Director of Business Development at Rottet Studio, Vice President of International Business at Greater Houston Partnership and Deputy Director at Bilateral Chamber of Commerce.

Adam has also served as Executive Director of the Houston World Trade Center and World Energy Cities Partnership. Adam currently serves on the President's Advisory Board at University of St. Thomas and Board of Directors of

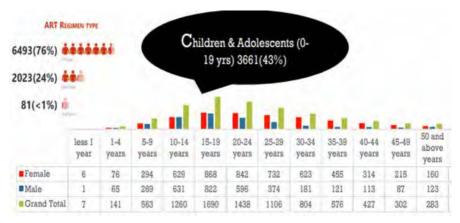
Baylor Foundation Uganda. He has held numerous board of directors positions for community, education and arts organizations, including Houston Export Academy at Houston Community College, Lawndale Art Center and Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Design Council. He is also a graduate of the Center for Houston's Future.

# Baylor-Uganda Centre of Excellence - Mulago



Increasing access to and utilization of quality Paediatric and Adolescent HIV/TB Services within Kampala and surrounding areas

Baylor-Uganda continued to offer comprehensive HIV support, care and treatment services to a total of 8,571 clients at the Paediatric Infectious Disease Clinic (PIDC) within its Centre of Excellence (COE), Mulago National Referral Hospital. Services at this clinic are supported by funding from PEPFAR/CDC through Kampala regional mechanism Implementing partner, the Infectious Disease Institute (IDI).



The Baylor COE clinic continued to provide quality services to its clients in most cases surpassing its target

HIV testing services (HTS) - a total of 3483 clients received HTS, from who 333 (9.6%) were identified HIV positive. This is due to intensified scale up of Assisted Partner Notification (APN) testing strategy which gave a yield of 31.8%. Also, this year, the COE began to offer HIV recency testing to 164 individuals reaching 92% of the target.

*Prevention of Mother to Child HIV Transmission* - Baylor-COE continued to have no child getting HIV from the cohort of HIV mothers enrolled on its program. However about 1.8% of the HIV exposed infants died before a final outcome of their HIV status could be confirmed.

HIV care and treatment - a total of 8,571 client received HIV care from the COE, with about 3,661 (43%) being children 0-19 years and 1,438 (16.8%) young people aged 20-24 years. 93% (8,002) of the 8,571 clients were stable on ART and assigned to appropriate differentiated Service Delivery models (DSDM). Fast tracked visits were the most popular DSDM at 89%, followed by the boda-boda self- initiative model (using motorbikes to deliver service) at 9.4%. ART from the Drug delivery distribution points (ADDP) has not attracted clients with less than 30 clients. The 12-months retention on treatment improved through the year from 86% to 89% but its still suboptimal. This is due to fact that the population served is mostly urban and mobile, with changing contact information including phone numbers. Viral load access was over 93% across all DSDM models and suppression was at 100% for stable clients. Similar to the last quarter, 6% of the unstable clients were suppressed owing to poor time management, lack of adult supervision and treatment supporters.

TB services - A total of 396 (32%) clients received TB preventive treatment of the targeted 1,249 because we are saturated for eligible clients (98%). TB Preventive treatment completion is at 93%. The COE identified and treated 204 new TB clients with a TB success treatment rate of 94%.

Laboratory services - The Baylor COE laboratory is accredited by the College of American Pathologists (CAP). The lab passed all External Quality Assurance (EQA) assessments for HV, CD4, and Early Infant Diagnosis (EID) at 100%.

Toll-free consultation services to Health Workers and clients by National Paediatric and Adolescent Call (NAPAC) centre (0800205555/ 0800305555)

Baylor-Uganda hosts the NAPAC centre, a toll-free consultation service for health workers and clients launched on 1st December 2015 on International world AIDS day. In total, the call center received 6066 consultations within the year as categorized below. Population Services International (PSI) is one of the organisations leveraging on our call center capacity to promote HIV self-testing in the private sector contributing to 22% of the calls received.



#### Health worker consultations

- · ART dosage for children
- ART drug resistance and switching

#### **Client's Consultation**

- PrEP and PEP
- STI management
- ART home delivery
- · SMC bandage removal
- Sepsis or bleeding from SMC
- GBV/IPV
- Access to condoms and lubricants
- Availability of VMMC services

#### Strategic Partners Visit to Baylor-Uganda Centre of Excellence(COE)

The Baylor-Uganda COE continued to receive strategic partners, funders and researchers from CDC, Global Hope, Medical Research Council (MRC), and the Global Fund Country Coordinating Mechanism Team.



Professor Jay Books Jackson, Vice President for Medical Affairs, Dean of the Carver School of Medicine at the University of Iowa, USA with the Baylor Team. Prof JB Jackson discovered the use of Nevirapine for PMTCT at onset of labour



Dr Amy Boore - CDC Program Director, Division of Global health protection, admires a craft ball displayed at Baylor COE Craft stall during her visit to Baylor-Uganda



Ms Emily Bass a Senior Policy Advisor, Writer, Author, Journalist and a Global Health Expert (centre) presents her book "To End A Plague" to Dr. Adeodata R. Kekitiinwa Clinical Research Site Leader, Dr Dithan Kiragga, Executive Director



Professor Mags Thomason, the clinical project manager at Medical Research Council, hugs Dr. Jacqueline Kanywa Balungi, PIDC\_COE Clinic Manager, in the background Clinical Trials Manager-BREATHER plus/LATA trials Ms Babirye Okello



Prof. Sinead Delany-Moretlwe, protocol chair for the HPTN084 study), Dr Adeodata R. Kekitiinwe Clinical Research Site Leader, Dr Violet Korutaro, CRS Coordinator, Community Educator Baylor-Uganda Protocol Representative and PI, Ms Cissy Suuna, Community Educator Baylor-Uganda CRS and CWG Protocol Representative; Dr. Patricia Nahirya Ntege Research Manager

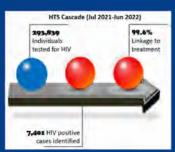
# Rwenzori Region - HIV and TB Prevention, Care, and Treatment



Baylor-Uganda, in consortium with the Inter-Bureau Coalition (IBC) and Women's Organization Network for Human Rights Advocacy (WONETHA), continued to offer comprehensive HIV prevention, care and treatment services in the nine districts (Bundibugyo, Kabarole, Bunyangabu, Kamwenge, Kitagwenda, Kasese, Kyegegwa, Kyenjojo and Ntoroko) of the Rwenzori region and Fort portal city. The services are funded through a PEPFAR/CDC project named "Accelerating Epidemic Control in Fort Portal Region in the Republic of Uganda under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)." Additional catalytic funding was provided by ELMA Philanthropies to support reduce the paediatric and adolescent HIV care and treatment gap, through the "Unfinished Business" project. Using the Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) approach, we supported respective district local governments (DLGs) and communities to plan, implement, and monitor a comprehensive HIV response. Technical assistance is geared towards increasing utilization, ownership, and sustainability of HIV and TB services.

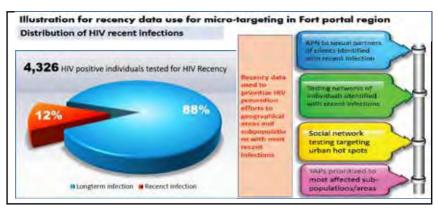
### HIV TESTING SERVICES (HTS)

Baylor-Uganda supported 151 Health facilities to provide highly targeted quality HTS with



rapid or same-day linkage to ART. We redistributed testing commodities (Rapid testing kits (RTKs), HIV-Syphilis duo, self-testing kits (STKs), and recency tests) for service continuity. We implemented several interventions, including targeted mentorships on risk-based HTS to improve testing yield and reduce testing volume; implemented the MenStar strategy to identify high risk and HIV+ men; and optimized index testing and Social Network Strategies (SNS) for HIV+ children and adolescents' case-finding. A total of 293,839 individuals were tested and received HIV results, of these, 7,401(2.5%) tested positive and 99.6% linked to treatment.

HIV Recency Testing - With support from MoH and Uganda Virus Research Institute, we implemented HIV recency testing at 86 activated sites reaching of 4,326 individuals. Of those tested, 12% had a recent HIV infection and 88% had long term infection. Districts with the biggest burden of recent infection included Kyegegwa, Kyenjojo, Kabarole and Kitagwenda. District and Health facility teams received continuous technical assistance in terms of service provision, quality assurance, reporting and ordering for supplies commodities and data use. Recency data was used for microtargeting to improve coverage and utilisation of HIV prevention services in the region as illustrated in the figure below.



#### HIV CARE AND TREATMENT SERVICES

Enrolment and retention of HIV infected individuals on ART: In line with the UNAIDS 95-95 strategy, Baylor Uganda supported district teams in Rwenzori region to provide high quality person-centred HIV treatment services to 89,724 PLHIV, representing 97% of the annual target. This achievement was attributed to technical assistance provided to district-based technical assistance teams (TATs) and HWs on delivery of treatment service package including same-day ART initiation of newly diagnosed PLHIV; screening and treatment of Advanced HIV Disease (AHD) and NCDs including Cervical cancer; TB Preventive therapy; ART optimisation; ART retention; Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI); data use; DSDM; and quantification and ordering of HIV



commodities. HWs to implement the continuation of treatment package including sending reminders on upcoming appointments, SMS/phone calls/home visits for missed appointments, holding clinic day client literacy sessions, and conducting home visits to support adherence and return missing clients to care.

We supported community structures to use people-centered approaches (HCMM, DSDM, MMD, digital platforms, peer-to-peer support, DREAMS, and linkage to OVC programs) to implement the Continuity of Treatment Strategy for increased and sustained treatment. We intensified community engagement to address barriers and demand for

HIV/TB services; continually mentor PLHIV on self-reliance (linkage to village savings and loan schemes to reduce poverty, transport barriers, and food shortage.

Viral Load (VL) Coverage and Suppression: Baylor-Uganda supported HWs in Rwenzori region to integrate VL screening and testing services during provision of HIV services at facility and community level. We used data to map clients missing VL testing; assign community workers or



peer navigators to conduct home or community-based VL collection; conducted health education and patient literacy to create demand for VL testing; trained HWs to provide stigma-free VL services; aligned appointments for ART refills and VL testing. Mentored HWs to provide optimised ART services for all PLHIV sub-populations and agegroups, initiate or switch unsuppressed children to fixed-dose combination DTG-based regimens; provide intensive adherence services to unsuppressed clients; Link OVC to support services;

implement national paediatric VLS/retention QI collaboratives via national QI dashboard; use tele-counselling, and appointment reminders.

Other HIV Care and treatment achievements registered in Rwenzori region

- 21,919 HIV Positive women screened on ART, 654 cases identified and treatment
- 98% PLHIV on ART screened for malnutrition
- 94% HFs integrated IPC within care and treatment service delivery
- 97% PLHIV retained on ART at 12 months after treatment initiation
- 89% New PLHIV on ART received CD4 test
- 90% of VL non-suppressors achieved VL suppression at second VL test after IAC

#### TB/HIV SERVICES IN RWENZORI REGION

During the year, 5348 new and relapse TB cases were identified in Rwenzori region at 151 HFs reaching 113% of the annual target. Of these, 1633 cases were co-infected with HIV and TB and all were linked to treatment. Most importantly however, TB treatment success rate improved from 81% to 90% through the year. The achievements were attributed to the integration of HIV

and TB services at entry points (OPD, ART, MNCH); cough monitors using the combined TB/COVID-19 screening algorithm; enhanced contacts tracing including social networks, use of two-tier expanded community TB screening, and house-to-house community TB screening; Used mass media, political or religious leaders for World TB day commemoration to create demand for TB services.



Working with MoH/NTLP: we supported district teams to expand geneXpert access as first-line TB diagnostic and newer technologies ("C-reactive protein, Truenant") to improve case finding; facilitated lab hub rider/sample

transportation system; scaled-up use of symptom-based desk aide; aided referral/X-ray services via voucher system; sub-granted CBOs for TB patient follow-up; implemented QI initiatives to improve sputum samples referrals, test results Turn-around time, and TB-LAM testing for patients with AHD; scaled-up TB DSDM to improve adherence and treatment completion. We integrated HIV and TB testing, and immediate ART initiation during contact tracing at HF and community. We supported HFs to provide TPT, Scaled-up national TB electronic case-based surveillance (CBS) system for tracking TB patients through treatment completion/outcomes; facilitated quarterly review meetings to enhance data use.

#### PREVENTION OF MOTHER TO CHILD HIV TRANSMISSION (PMTCT)



Baylor-Uganda implemented a robust PMTCT clinic system in 151 supported sites in the Rwenzori region reaching over 110,000 pregnant women and identifying 4,326 new HIV positives, and starting them on ART. This performance was attributed to the enhanced demand creation and referral of pregnant women through routine health education at HFs, radio talk shows and spot messages, and scouting for pregnant mothers in communities by VHTs and peer mothers. There was adequate supply of HIV test kits to ensure continuity of HTS and mandatory testing for mothers at ANC1, retesting through pregnancy, labour and postnatal periods.

We supported peer mothers to link identified positive mothers to ART at MBCPs and enter them into EDD trackers. We leveraged the G-ANC platform using the AGYW mentor mothers to scout for PBF-AGYW mothers in the community to receive facility MCH services, HTS and linkage to PrEP for negatives and ART for positives. We continued to improve access to MCH services by facilitating PMTCT outreaches to 20 HClls.

There was deliberate effort to strengthen EID tracking systems in all supported HFs. We supported HFs to line list and track all eligible mother baby pairs (MBPs) in the EDD cohort trackers, conducted pre-appointment calls for MBPs. We continued to support HFs to integrate EID in EPI outreach and scale-up community EID sample collection and BBMB campaigns. We supported HFs to functionalize the 12 EID/POC HFs and 34 spoke sites.

#### KEY AND PRIORITY POPULATIONS SERVICES IN RWENZORI REGION

During the reporting period, a total of 13,510 Key populations and 7,756 Priority Population received a minimum package of individual layered prevention services. Services provided included HIV prevention and care awareness, risk reduction counselling, condom, PEP, Screening for PrEP, TB, STI, GBV, HEP B, HIV testing and linkage to care, and adherence support. Of the KPs and PPs served, 93% were screened for TB, 99% screened for STIs and 89% received condoms. A



total of 9238 and 14,587 received PrEP and Post GBV care respectively. A total of 1055 KPs and PPs were HIV positive and linked to ART. This performance was attributed to the implementation of high-yielding strategies including moon light outreaches conducted at hotspots and the strong engagement of KP-Led CSOs during service delivery and demand creation. We mentored outreach teams on same-day ART initiation; enhance treatment literacy for KP/their families (Undetectable=Untransmissible (U=U)

messaging), peer navigation, monitoring systems; support pre-appointment reminders, root cause analysis (RCA), weekly data reviews to identify missed visits; multi-month dispensing for HIV+ KP and DSDM (CDDP at DICs, ART refills, VL bleeding at hot spots) while ensuring safety/confidentiality; intensive adherence counselling for the non-suppressed by trained peer navigators. A total of 1055

HIV positive KPs and PPs were served on ART, of these 99% had a valid viral load test and 97% were virally suppressed.



#### VOLUNTARY MEDICAL MALE CIRCUMCISION (VMMC) IN RWENZORI REGION

During the reporting period, the project offered quality VMMC services in geographic areas with the highest HIV burden and/or low male circumcision coverage, focusing VMMC demand creation on age groups at most immediate risk of acquiring HIV sexually to maximize possibility of epidemic control and focusing on the 15 - 29 age group. A total of 23,087 men were circumcised representing 126% of the annual target. Of these, 91% men were within the pivot age group (15-29 years). Overall, 86% of circumcisions were reached through the surgical method and 12% were through device method. The comprehensive VMMC package offered included health education, risk-based HTS with linkage to care for those found HIV positive, Td vaccination, STI screening and treatment, and follow-up to reinforce post-operative instructions and ascertain the healing process. To increase demand for the Shang-Ring (SR) method, we conducted multiple demand creation activities including radio engagements, peer to peer mobilization by those previously circumcised using SR, use of community Public address systems and VHTs. In order to prevent the risk of COVID-19 infection, we continued to strengthen IPC measures across all our static and outreach centres. Together with the FRRH mechanism, we formed and initiated a regional VMMC QI committee to building capacity to manage severe or Notifiable AEs. We registered 10 adverse events (MAEs) which were managed well.



#### OVC SERVICES IN RWENZORI REGION

Baylor-Uganda continued to implement comprehensive OVC program in Rwenzori region supporting 2 CSOs, 130 HFs, and six districts to provide comprehensive services to 6,173 OVC households, including Income Generating Activities (IGAs); VSLA training and monitoring, follow up visits to food-insecure households; agricultural advisory & extension services







L-R School monitoring visits in Kasese, Apprenticeship training, VSLA group sitting in Kasese

(kitchen gardening); distribution of farming inputs; community-based ART refills and VL sample collection for OVC unable to reach the HFs; scholastic materials to children in school; and follow up of AGYW receiving apprenticeship training. The program served 24,678 beneficiaries with comprehensive OVC services, of whom 489 graduated out of the program and 5,796 received a layered package of education and Early Childhood Development (ECD) services. A total of 3788 OVCs were HIV positive and all on ART, 97% of them had a valid VL test and 96% were virally suppressed.

We continued to strengthen GBV/VAC/IPV screening, and documentation through provision of additional suggestion boxes to HFs, intensified mentorships on GBV/VAC, IEC materials supply to HFs, and popularised reporting mechanisms. Health workers were mentored on integrating routine GBV screening into general services, especially at MCH, adolescent, and HIV care clinics. Furthermore, the program supported the implementation of microfinance & credit services through the Village Savings & Loan Association (VSLA) model. By the end of June 2022, a cumulative total of 518 VSLA functional groups were established across the region, with a joint membership of 9,582. VSLA group savings increased by 13% from USD 120,857 to USD 136,101 and borrowings also increased by 32% from USD 147,371 to USD 168,660 between June 2021 to June 2022.







L-R: YAPS training and experience sharing at Kyegegwa Hospital, YAPs completed a PPE training at Kamwenge, Integrated health education and play activities for adolescents during adolescent clinic days at Kyegegwa,

#### HEALTH SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING IN ACE FORT

Laboratory Quality Management Systems: The project strengthened access to quality HIV/TB laboratory diagnostics at the 138 referring and seven laboratory hub sites, across 3,576



L-R\_New bike handover to hub-rider at Kyegegwa hubs; SANAS surveillance assessment at Fort Portal RRH.

hub routes. Four laboratory hubs of Kyenjojo Hospital, Kyegegwa Hospital. Bundibugyo hospital, and Kagando hospital were assessed and achieved the international accreditation status. By end of June 2022, all the 7 laboratory hubs were accredited to the South Africa National Accreditation

System (SANAS).

These include Fort Portal Regional Referral Hospital, Kilembe Mines Hospital,

Rukunyu Hospital, Kyenjojo Hospital, Bundibugyo Hospital, Kyegegwa Hospital, Kagando Hospital Laboratory. All hubs received administrative support to run their activities smoothly including Human resource, Stationary, Internet, Fuel, ICT equipment and equipment maintenance. The project supported districts and health facility teams to implement Laboratory External Quality Assurance and proficiency testing schemes for EID-POC, HIV, CD4, TB Microscopy and TB GeneXpert. All tests passed above expected National standard as follows: TB GeneXpert and Microscopy (99%), CD4 (100%), HIV (99%), EID (100%)

Health Financing: In order to address some of the district/HF funding gaps affecting the delivery of HIV/AIDS services in the region, Baylor-Uganda provided performance based subgrants a total of USD 644,014 to 30 sub grantees under Results-based financing and Input based financing. These include: 9 OVC CSOs, 4 KP CSOs, 9 Districts, 1 Fort Portal City, 1 Kasese Municipality, 6 DCDOs. The purpose of the funds was to strengthen the Districts and CSOs capacity to plan, coordinate and deliver quality HIV/TB and OVC services in targeted areas. The project team conducted trainings, mentorships and supportive supervision for subgrantees to improve funds management and utilisation. The details of amount disbursed per subgrantee is presented in the table

| Capacity Building for Health workers: Trainings and |
|---|
| mentorships were conducted in the region reaching   |
| 1,128 health workers to ensure they deliver quality |
| HIV/TB health services. Trainings were delivered    |

| Sub Grantee<br>Category              | Mode of financing                | Amount sub<br>granted in USD |  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| RBF CSOs                             | Results based<br>financing (RBF) | 348,690                      |  |
| KP CSOs                              | Input-based financing (IBF       | 125,474                      |  |
| PHA Networks                         | Input-based<br>financing (IBF    | 21,176                       |  |
| Health Facilities                    | Input-based<br>financing (IBF    | 84,641                       |  |
| District Health<br>Office            | Input-based<br>financing (IBF    | 31,838                       |  |
| District<br>Community<br>Devt Office | Input-based<br>financing (IBF    | 14,919                       |  |
| FRRH                                 | Input-based<br>financing (IBF    | 17,276                       |  |
| Total                                |                                  | 644,014                      |  |

Amount disbursed by sub-grantee in Fort portal region July 2021 – June 2022

through both face-face meetings and virtual echo-zoom approach and the focus was on all project program areas. The table below shows the knowledge gain achieved from some of the selected trainings conducted.

1,128 Health workers trained

| Type of Training                     | Number<br>of<br>Health<br>workers | Pre-Test<br>score |     | Knowledge<br>Gain |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----|-------------------|
| Quality Improvement                  | 220                               | 67%               | 87% | 20%               |
| The 5S quality methodology           | 177                               | 70%               | 90% | 20%               |
| Bio Risk Management                  | 125                               | 21%               | 69% | 48%               |
| Electronic Medical<br>Records system | 58                                | 58%               | 79% | 21%               |

Knowledge gain achieved from selected key trainings conducted in Fort portal region

Human Resources for Health (HRH): With support from PPEFAR/CDC, Baylor Uganda supported district health service commissions and DHTs to recruit and train critical HWs to deliver HIV/TB services, absorb them where opportunities prevailed and implement HRH performance management systems including appraisals, mentorships, rewards, and sanctions). This intervention helped to address some of the existing staffing gaps in district health sector during the review period. A total of 610 HWs were recruited and the absorption rate on government payroll is 41%.



#### Strategic Information

Baylor Uganda supported districts and CSOs to implement key SI activities including submission of timely periodic reports through national and donor reporting systems (DHIS2, OVCMIS, PIRS, DATIM), data quality assessment, data use, review and planning meetings and functionalising health information systems. During the reporting period, the average reporting rates was sustained at 99% for both monthly and quarterly reports in DHIS2, 100% in OVCMIS, 100% in DATIM. With support from METS and MOH, we availed critical data capture and reporting tools to 96% of the supported sites. All 9 districts and Fortportal city conducted all scheduled four quarterly review and planning meetings



demonstrating EMR system at



L-R: DQA exercise Quarterly feedback meeting at Fortportal city,



#### STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS IN ACE FORT

Health Information Systems: In collaboration with district leadership, DHT, METS, MOH and CDC, Baylor Uganda continued to scale up HIS solutions in Rwenzori region to improve data management for effective service delivery. We focused to expand and maintain Tiered EMR systems for HIV/TB care, roll-out HIE platform, provide sustainable power solutions, secure and maintain HIS hardware, support use of virtual communication platforms.



#### ELMA-UNFINISHED BUSINESS PROJECT

Baylor-Uganda with support from the ELMA Foundation has since October 2018 implemented the Unfinished Business project in the seven districts of Kabarole, Bunyangabu, Kasese, Kyegegwa Kyenjojo, Kamwenge and Kitagwenda aimed at closing the HIV treatment gap between children and adults.

During the implementation period, Baylor-Uganda supported 33 health facilities (26 publicly owned and 7 private not-for-profit) to implement evidence-based and high-yield HIV testing approaches to improve case identification including index testing, social network testing strategies (SNS), and optimized PITC using validated age-appropriate screening tool. A total of 836 HIV+ children and adolescents (300 children aged 0-14 years and 536 adolescents aged 15-19 years) were identified reaching 75% of the annual target (children 36% and 201% adolescents). All supported health facilities were mentored to utilize the risk-based HTS eligibility screening tool and expand index testing to biological children and siblings of HIV+ parents and siblings respectively. YAPS and peer leaders were trained to screen, refer eligible adolescents for HTS, implement index testing including APN to sexually active adolescents, social network strategies (SNS) among high risk adolescents, distribute 4940 HIV self-testing kits, screen and link OVCs to services. We worked with 13 CBOs to cascade testing of family members through home-based HIV testing.

Linkage and ART initiation was at 103% (857/836) of the annual target (299 aged 0-14 years and 558 adolescents aged 15-19 years) cumulatively reaching 93% of annual target. All new Children and adolescents were initiated on ART attributed to the efficient peer navigation model by expert clients, linkage assistants and the YAPS. Starter packs of ART were provided at community outreaches to ensure same day ART initiation. Implementation of linkage to ART package, transition to optimal ART regimen, retention package, and laboratory disease monitoring services were priority in the reporting period.

There was improved 12 months' retention at 93% and viral load suppression at 91%. The retention and ART adherence package comprised of pre-appointment reminders (phone call and text messaging), intensive individualized HIV case management of new in care and unsuppressed by counsellors, active follow-up by YAPS, home-based adherence counseling and viral load sample collection, and linkage of eligible children and adolescents to OVC services. To ensure service continuity amidst the COVID-19 resurgence, we scaled up multi-month drug prescriptions; home ART delivery and VL sample collection; home-based counseling and switching of ART; and phone call and SMS reminders on services.

# Updating The Skills Of Health Providers For RMNCAH

Baylor-Uganda on March 7, 2022 signed a contract with the Ministry of Health's (MoH) Uganda Reproductive, Maternal, and Child Health Services Improvement Project (URMCHIP) to provide Consultancy Services for Clinical Skills Updates and mentorship for Reproductive, Maternal, New-born, Child, and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) in the Mid-Western Region in 17 districts and 2 cities of Tooro and Bunyoro sub-regions.

Working with the health professional associations of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Uganda (AOGU), of Anaesthesiologists of Uganda (AAU), Uganda Paediatrics association (UPA), Federation of Uganda Nurses and Midwives (FUNM) and the Uganda Private Midwives association (UPMA), Baylor-Uganda has assembled a pool of 47 master mentors (consisting of Obstetricians, Anaesthesiologists and Paediatricians) and 21 mentor midwives to conduct onsite mentorships for medical officers, anaesthetic officers and midwives to ensure proficiency in providing emergency obstetric and neonatal care.



Obstetrician conducting a CPD/simulation on Management of nsite HBB/ New born resuscitation skills training at Ntara abortion and MVA at Kyarusozi HC IV HCIV

By the end of June 2022, the mentors had determined the critical health facility gaps and engaged up to 361 providers at 49 sites that provide caesarean section deliveries and 61 mentees at 22 sites providing normal delivery once, to start address their skills gaps for management of the leading causes of death to mothers and their babies.

#### Conclusion and Recommendation.

By end of the first round of mentorship it was clear that most of the HC IVs are operating at less than full capacity or not at all because of shortages in critical staff, especially anaesthetists and Medical officers, essential medicines, supplies, equipment, and key infrastructure. If the mentorship exercise is to impact maternal and new-born morbidity and mortality, MoH needs to address the persisting system gaps that are beyond results based financing and current PHC funding.

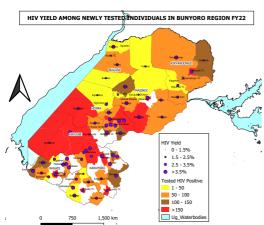
# **Bunyoro Region - HIV and TB Prevention, Care and Treatment**



Baylor-Uganda in partnership with Trans-Psychosocial Organisation (TPO) implements a PEPFAR/CDC-funded project named "Accelerating and sustaining Epidemic Control in Bunyoro region in the Republic of Uganda under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)" alias "ACE-Bunyoro". The project goal is to contribute to MOH efforts to reduce the incidence of HIV infection and HIV/AIDS-related morbidity and mortality among children and adults in Uganda in line with UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets for epidemic control. The project supports 106 HFs in the eight (8) districts and one (1) city of Bunyoro region; Buliisa, Hoima, Kagadi, Kakumiro, Kibaale, Kikuube, Kiryandongo, Masindi and one City-Hoima. Technical assistance in comprehensive HIV care is also provided to Hoima Regional Referral Hospital. We use a HSS approach through district-led programming emphasizing increased utilization, ownership, and sustainability of quality comprehensive adult, pediatric, and adolescent HIV/AIDS and TB services.

#### HIV TESTING SERVICES IN BUNYORO REGION

Baylor-Uganda supported the implementation of high-yielding case identification strategies



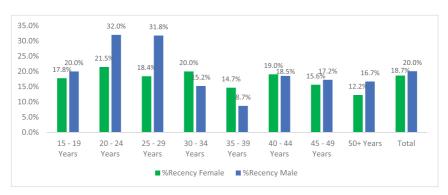
including Index case testing, SNS, and optimized screening and testing at high-yielding facility entry points such as OPD, in-patient wards, malnutrition, and TB clinics. We aimed at bridging the case finding gaps specified in the preliminary UPHIA 2020 results. Working with MOH and UVRI, we scaled-up recency testing sites to eligible clients from 40 to 62.

The maps below show the sub-counties with the different levels of positivity and recent infection. The new infections are predominantly in urban centers Like Bwikara Kiryaanga, Kisiita TC, Kitoba, Busiisi, Masindi Central, Kigumba TC and Kiryandongo TC.

The overall yield among individuals tested for HIV over the year was averagely 3.6% with 5.6%,3.7%, and 2.8% among Females, Males and children respectively. The linkage to ART was averagely 94% with 98%, 88% and 100% among females, males and children respectively. The timely initiation of men onto ART is still sub-optimal due to their mobility and stigma related issues.

#### Recency Infection by Age and Gender in Bunyoro Region, July 2021 - June 2022

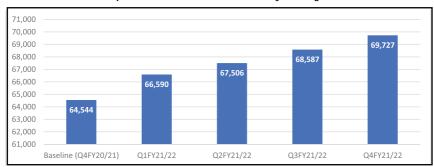
The surveillance was initially rolled out in 15 health facilities (HFs) and later scaled up to 40 HFs with effect from October 2021. Of the 7,600 Newly identified clients above 15 years, 1,370 (18%) accessed a recency test; 19% (262/1370) were recent infections, slightly higher among males at 20% compared to females at 18.6%. Data from the surveillance will inform the micro-targeting and mapping as the region closes the case identification gaps identified in UPHIA.



#### CARE AND TREATMENT UNDER ACE BUNYORO

By the end of June 2022, Bunyoro region had 69,737 HIV positive clients active in care an increase from 64,544 clients reported active the previous year. This achievement surpassed the 69,052 annual targets, and is attributed to improved case identification, linkage and retention. All districts registered an increment in the number of clients active in care surpassing the 95% target.

#### Increase in number of HIV positive clients on ART in Bunyoro region, 2021-2022



#### TB/HIV SERVICES IN ACE-BUNYORO

The use of data as a compass for decision-making and adaptive management was strengthened through weekly performance reviews, quarterly District TB performance review meetings, National TB and TB-HIV cascade, QI collaborative coaching and QI learning sessions. All districts were supported to participate in the MoH "3 by 1" TPT catch-up campaign among TB contacts and PLHIV and in the roll-out of TB DSDM.

We continued to build the capacity of regional and district TB mentors who were supported to conduct continuous data-driven onsite mentorships on; intensified TB screening targeting all HF service delivery points, continuous TB Hot-spot mapping and screening and TB contact tracing and improved utilization of the TB active case finding stamps by distributing to all 31 TB DTUs participating in the National TB and TB-HIV cascade QI collaborative which improved TB screening at HF outpatient departments. QI initiatives for timely TB treatment initiation and contact tracing coupled with early TB treatment cohort monitoring were established and emphasized through onsite mentorships across all DTUs. The RTLS and DTLS' continued to spearhead all TB activities in their districts and conducted joint technical support supervision with the project TB technical team. The TB electronic Case-Based Surveillance system (eCBSS) was effectively utilized across all 26 active sites and TB patient level back-log data entered into the system. The project supported weekly TB case detection performance monitoring targeted onsite supportive supervision and continued to leverage virtual communication platforms (District/Regional TB WhatsApp groups and ECHO zoom) to; offer real-time technical support, enhance TB data exchange, and share change packages/learnings across HFs.

#### **TB Treatment Outcomes**

The TB Treatment Success Rate for the region improved from 89.2% (932/1,045) to 91.4% (1173/1284) with Hoima City and four of the 8 districts surpassing the national target of 90%. ACE-Bunyoro continued to support the regional efforts to improve TB treatment outcomes, registering a steady reduction in the loss to follow-up rates from 4% to 2.9%. This is attributed to the attachment of TB clients to sub-county healthcare workers for community CB-DOTs at the inception of treatment, timely initiation of TB QI interventions for treatment monitoring such as; the monthly TB active cohort monitoring with the aid of electronic TB Cohort Audit tools, timely follow-up of TB treatment interrupters by CSOs and leveraging on virtual communication platforms (WhatsApp groups and ECHO zoom) to enhance TB treatment outcomes data-exchange. By end of June 2022, the TB death rate was 4.8% (62/1284); below the 5% National TB death rate threshold. The reduction in death rates is attributed to intensified TB screening which enabled timely diagnosis of TB clients and enhanced adherence support through sub-county healthcare workers, community linkage facilitators and VHTs. There has also been sustained improvement in TB cure rates from 79% (June-2021) to 81% (479/1284) in (June-2022), attributed to timely treatment initiation and monitoring even amidst the 2nd COVID-19 wave-related movement restrictions which coincided with the above cohort as the project facilitated communitybased TB sputum sample collections at 2, 5 and 6 months through facility TB focal persons, lab personnel and sub-county health workers and VHTs who supported TB patient follow up and anti-TB drug delivery efforts.

Success story; Saved from Malnutrition and Tuberculosis; Baylor-Uganda intervenes in time to save Baby Edmond's life.

In September 2021, Edmond's Mother Akumu Margret brought Edmond to the Baylor Aided paediatric Clinic at Bijwanga Health center 3 in Masindi. Edmond was diagnosed with TB and had lost appetite and weight. Prior to this, Baylor Uganda had earlier intervened to save Edmond from contracting HIV before birth under its PMTCT programme after discovering that Akumu had been diagnosed positive during pregnancy. "I've come a long way to seek help for my son from Baylor, he is wasting away and has a recurrent cough", said Edmond's mother" who had trekked for over 2 kms to find help from Baylor supported Bijwanga Health Centre IV in Western Uganda Rwenzori region.

When Baylor Uganda field Medical team visited the community where Akumu lives, they discovered that she barely survives on selling local potent gin and she was a casual laborer. This is the reason she could hardly afford nutritious food for her baby, but also exposed him to TB infection. We Assess, sensitize, screen TB." said Hellen Abitegeka - a Case Management Officer at Baylor-Uganda.

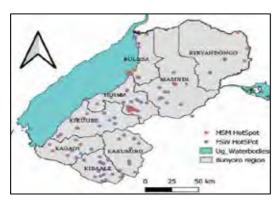


After 3 weeks of intervention, the infant had gained up to 12kgs from 5kgs, he could now play and feed better

and was out of danger. "Edmond can now smile and run. We are exceedingly grateful for all the support. We promise to adhere to our treatment", said Edmond's beaming grandmother

#### PROGRAMMATIC MAPPING AND KEY POPULATION SIZE ESTIMATES IN BUNYORO

Key Populations (KP) are disproportionately affected by the HIV/AIDS with the prevalence higher among KPs than the general population. By March 2021, reach to KPs was limited due to lack



of data on regional location and size estimates of KPs, affecting KP service coverage and Prioritization of resources. A mapping and size estimation of KPs was therefore conducted in August 2021. The objectives were to establish the population size estimates of KPs by type and map the hotspots to support targeted HIV prevention interventions. It was conducted by KP peer leaders, health care providers, community key informants and KP leaning CSOs with technical support from Baylor Uganda, Population Council and the District Health Team (DHT). The mapping showed 1.360 hotspots mainly distributed along

busy urban centres, shores of lake Albert, major highways and areas with major construction projects. The number of KPs reached with standard HIV prevention services increased by 35% between April-June 2021 and July-September 2021, registering the highest number of KPs ever reached in the region.

#### Health Systems Strengthening in Bunyoro region

Digital Health Investment: Digital health investment continued to be a priority for direct service delivery sites in the region. Dedicated internet connectivity at 41 HFs and 3 DHO's offices has remained the cornerstone of data sharing, exchange and virtual communications. Internet connection steadied utilization of E-Systems (eCBSS, KP tracker), and health information exchange for VL, ART ACESS and Recency. Of the 85 EMR sites, 71 (84%) are exchanging VL data with CPHL. In order to enhance alternative drug distribution through private pharmacies, we have supported 4 private community pharmacies attached to 3 HFs (Hoima Regional Referral Hospital, Kagadi Hospital and Masindi Hospital) in the digital data exchange using the ART Access EMR.

Sixty (60) health facilities have been supported to synchronize recency Surveillance data with Central Public Health Laboratories in real time after an additional 22 sites were added to the existing 40 sites through a step-down training in June 2022. Working with METS Uganda, the project is piloting SMS appointment reminders at 5 HFs which will be scaled up to 40 sites. All these technologies are intended to improve quality of health care services in terms of access and accuracy of records for proper planning and decision making.

Virtual communication: With support from CDC, ACE-Bunyoro project has supported the installation of ECHO Zoom systems at fifteen (15) points in the region. These will support in capacity building of health workers without having them to move from their service stations. Joint support supervision improves the functionality of health facilities in Bunyoro region

The lack of infrastructure and supplies affects health workers' motivation to provide quality services to clients in most parts of this country.



Kiryandongo and Kibaale District leadership receive the echo zoom equipment from Baylor Uganda's ICT team

These service delivery deficiencies can be addressed by the joint technical support supervision (TSS) to health facilities. Much as support supervision role is decentralized, districts are still struggling with inadequate funding, logistics and staffing for support supervision. Besides, there is general lack of awareness of the existence of a standardized guide for a regular and targeted TSS to health facilities.

To address the above challenge, Baylor Uganda supported district leaders and district health team (DHT to conduct TSS to 40 HFs (38% of the 106 supported HFs) in the 9 districts of Bunyoro region. The joint TSS identified service delivery gaps at facility level and came up with actions to address those gaps. The support supervision motivated the staff and improved their communications skills and compliance to set service delivery standards.

BU developed a checklist which focused on the six building blocks of health systems strengthening.

The joint TSS has contributed to strengthening collaboration, integration, information sharing and capacities of district leadership to respond to the service deficiencies at facility level. For example, in Hoima city Police HC3 drained an overflowing pit latrine, more space was provided for maternity services. In Karongo HC3 in Hoima city, power was reconnected to the facility after 3 months of total black-out, bushy staff quarters/

compound were cleared, a rubbish pit was constructed, staff pit latrine renovated and fixed with doors.

## SITE IMPROVEMENT THROUGH MONITORING SYSTEMS (SIMS) SUPPORTS ACE-BUNYORO TO DELIVERS HIGH-QUALITY CARE IN BUNYORO REGION

ACE-BUNYORO team hosted a team the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to conduct a Site Improvement through Monitoring Systems at district, Health facility and Community levels. Proudly, all the health facilities visited (Hoima RRH, Biiso HC4 and Masindi RRH) scored above



95% meaning they majorly scored green in key areas. SIMS has led to tangible and sustainable changes that positively affect facilities' delivery of care through physical modifications in sites' systems. One specific example of positive change that stood out was registered at Biiso HC IV where the use of VHTs to bring back patients to care significantly grew the numbers of returned clients at the health facility. Also, the use of the raspberry pi has also saved situations where power abruptly goes off as it does the same work as computers.

#### STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS UNDER ACE BUNYORO



Baylor Uganda, offered a number of free health services like HIV counselling and testing, cervical cancer and TB screening. As part of the celebrations COVID-19 mass vaccination was launched and 194,815 doses of COVID-19 vaccines were availed.

#### Activities to create GBV awareness during the 16 days of Activism

Baylor-Uganda partnered with Child Rights Empowerment Development Organization (CEDO) to create awareness around the 16 days of activism against Gender Based Violence under the theme "Orange the World: End Violence against Women Now!". This was marked by a series of community and sector dialogues and activities to foster a collaborative effort in dealing with GBV to share information with the community. The COVID-19 pandemic, which necessitated isolation and social distancing, enabled a second shadow pandemic of violence against children, women and girls, where they often found themselves in lockdown with their abusers. This exposed them to all types of violence particularly domestic violence, yet most were unprepared to respond to its rapid escalation.

Participation of District top leaders in biannual performance review meetings - We engaged regional project stakeholders in assessing reviewing the semi-annual performance of the project against the set targets. as a result, Baylor-Uganda's performance in the region was reviewed. The meeting also disseminated progressive performance of the ACE-Bunyor o project against the set objectives, shared best practices from the districts that performed better than their counterparts and gathered support and commitment from project stakeholders especially the political leadership. The regional stakeholders in attendance agreed to the need to devise innovative strategies to support more men and children access HTS services, care and support in an effort to improve the 95-95-95 cascade for these sub-populations.

# **Eastern Uganda Region - HIV and TB Prevention, Care, and Treatment**

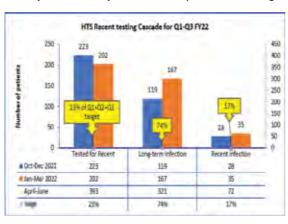


In October 2021, USAID awarded Baylor-Uganda a 5-year Cooperative Agreement to implement the "Local Partner Health Services - Eastern Region Activity (USAID LPHS-E)". The activity supports the Ministry of Health to achieve the PEPFAR goals of reaching and maintaining HIV epidemic control by 2026 and ending AIDS by 2030 by increasing availability, accessibility, and utilization of quality integrated HIV/TB services in fifteen (15) districts of Eastern Uganda (Budaka, Bududa, Bukwo, Bulambuli, Butaleja, Butebo, Kapchorwa, Kibuku, Kween, Manafwa, Mbale, Namisindwa, Pallisa, Sironko and Tororo) and one city.

#### HIV TESTING SERVICES IN EASTERN UGANDA

A combination of static and outreach approaches was used to deliver HTS to 265,365 surpassing the annual target of 218,758. However, only 3,998 tested HIV positive translating to an overall yield of 1.5%, which accounted for only 79% of the targeted HIV positives. Mbale (885) and Tororo (716) districts posted the highest number of newly diagnosed HIV-positives.

HTS Recency surveillance - USAID LPHS-E supported 62 sites from 10 districts to conduct 818 recency tests of newly identified HIV-positive clients aged 15 years+ which is 23% of the target, with



74% long-term infections and 17.2% reported as recent infections. Top Recent infections were distributed as follows; Budaka at 47.5% (38/80), followed by Bududa 47.4% (9/19), and Tororo 20.9% (32/153). The most affected age group contributing to recent infections were 25 years+ (males 28%, females 26%). Long term infections were largely from Bududa, Kween, and Budaka (100.0%). This indicates delayed identification of new HIV-positive patients identified within communities in these districts attributed to the high level of stigma affecting access to HIV testing services.

#### CARE AND TREATMENT IN EASTERN UGANDA UNDER LPHS-E PROGRAM

By the end of June 2022, USAID's LPHS-E achieved the following in HIV care and treatment against the COP21 targets.

- 94% Linkage to ART
- 98% ART Optimisation for Adults (20+ years)
- 97% Pediatric ART optimization for children <20kg</li>
- 46% ART optimization for adolescents >20kg
- 84% MMD dispensation for all sub-populations
- 89.5% (44357/49586) ART Coverage
- 44% DSDM enrolment in stable models
- 40% (4511/11420) cervical cancer screening for women of reproductive age
- 66% (116/177)% cervical cancer treatment rate

Enrolment on ART through surge for quality strategy implementation- USAID's LPHS-E set out to maintain ART enrolment above 95% from Q1. The activity sustained the best practices of using the 10-point linkages package; 195 referral assistants provided post-test, motivation messages and escorted clients to enrolment point, where a comprehensive package of clinical (assessment and AHD screening), psychosocial (GBV screening, family tracking, PSS assessment and referrals, filing locator details) and laboratory services (Recency testing, CD4 testing, RBS, HBSAg) were offered by 48 case managers and the health workers. Starter packs of 90-day packs of TLD available in all 161 sites for community ART enrolment.

Collaboration with the community structures and development of a region wide directory supported service provision upon referral.

#### Retention in Care and Treatment through differentiated service delivery (DSD) models

- USAID's LPHS-E planned to reduce the percentage of uncategorized clients from 7%, and improve the enrolment of clients in less intense models to more than 45%. We conducted targeted mentorship visits to 62 health facilities in the districts of Tororo, Mbale, Mbale city, Bududa, and Manafwa with a focus on DSD implementation. 243 clinicians and Nurses and 110 lay workers were reached. This enabled the activity to reduce the proportion of uncategorized clients from 7% to 4%. USAID LPHS-E however is still underperforming by DSDM where only 44% of the clients are in stable models of care and a high proportion of clients in FBIM (39%) away from the national target of at most 10%. Intra- and inter-facility staff transfer from ART clinics affects knowledge transfer where the new health workers in HIV care do not have adequate information and skill set to manage HIV clients. This calls for continuous capacity building to ART sites to address the pockets of knowledge gap that occur due to such formal arrangements.

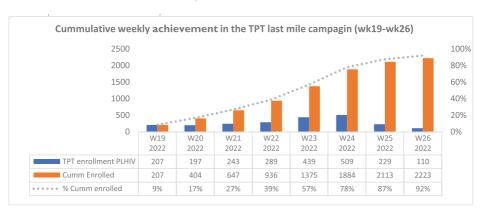
Improving VLC and VLS: By the end of June 2022, the region registered a viral load coverage of 90% and a viral suppression of 93%, all shy of the 95% targets. The activity supported district-based mentors to conduct mentorship sessions in viral load in 75 high volume facilities out of the 161 LPHS-E supported sites. Specific attention was given to Kween district to improve their viral load coverage. 273 clients were listed by the district-based mentors and the ART clinic incharges of the six (6) ART sites in the district. The community health workers and the clinicians were facilitated to conduct community viral load sample collection. 163 samples were collected and sent to CPHL representing a reach of 60% of the line listed clients. The activity continued to streamline the clinic flow and result utilization at the health facilities. The activity also supported the VL sample and result transmittance, tracking the turnaround time through a CQI project. Overall, the VL TAT has dropped from 40 days in Q1 to 23 days by the end of Q4. The changes were around reducing time travel time of the samples from the health facilities, to the HUBs, printing of results and returning them to the lower facilities. Nonetheless, the required TAT target is 14 days however samples still take 10 days at CPHL away from the target of 4 days.

#### TB and HIV SERVICES INTEGRATION IN EASTERN UGANDA

TPT coverage among PLHIV at 98% - By June 2022, 98% of the PLHIV active on ART under USAID LPHS-E Activity had either completed or been initiated on TB preventive treatment (TPT). It is a WHO guidance that all TB MARPs are given TB preventive treatment, among whom are people living with HIV (PLHIV). In April-June quarter, the MOH and PEPFAR Uganda launched a TPT last mile campaign to mop-up the PLHIV who had never been initiated on TB preventive treatment. LPHSE started this campaign in the 19th week of the year 2022 with a target of 2416 who were line listed as never been initiated on treatment. This was tracked weekly at regional and national level.

The activities included cleaning the line lists of the eligible PLHIV, redistributing INH (drugs used for TB preventive treatment) to health facilities that were understocked, called back PLHIV who had long return dates (beyond June), delivered INH to PLHIV at their homes, cleaned up the patient records at the health facilities and supported weekly reporting of progress. The graph below shows the weekly progress that LPHSE made during the campaign weeks (week 19 to week 26) where 92% of the line listed PLHIV were initiated on TPT

By the end of COP 21, USAID LPHSE had provided TB preventive treatment to 98% (43600/44357) of the active patients on ART. The mop-up efforts continue to track the new PLHIV starting treatment and those who are returning to care.

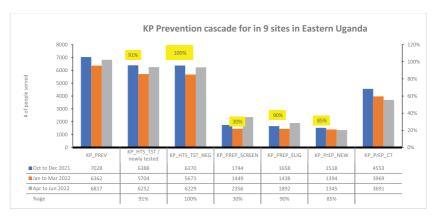


TB STAT, TB STAT POS, and TB ART - By the end of June 2022, USAID LPHS-E cumulatively identified 111% (3192/2864) incident TB cases with a documented HIV status. The cumulative achievement on TB STAT POS was 103% against the COP target while the TB ART cumulative achievement was at 103% as well. The over performance is attributed to the intensive TB screening efforts at all entry points including HIV clinic. 100% of all notified TB cases were tested for HIV, and the newly HIV positive were initiated on ART. Of the 46071 clients active on ART, 97% (44692) were screened for TB, and 236 were diagnosed with TB and started on treatment. Although the region overachieved on TB STAT, Sironko and Bulambuli districts are lagging behind. We will work with NTLP to conduct a CAST TB campaign in Pallisa and Namisindwa districts to further improve on TB case finding.

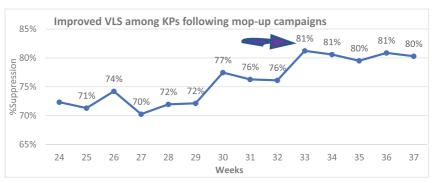
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#### KP-PROGRAMING INTERVENTIONS IN EASTERN UGANDA UNDER LPHS-E

USAID LPHS-E supported Baylor-Uganda to implement interventions to increase the number of Key Population (KPs) enrolled and retained in care as well as those receiving HIV prevention services. Eleven (11) sites were supported to provide KP/PP services in the region including HIV prevention, HIV testing and counseling, linkage to treatment, retention in care and viral load uptake and suppression. These sites included Maluku HCIII, Namatala HCIV, Tororo General Hospital, Malaba HCIII, Nakaloke HCIII, Mukujju HCIVI, Namakwekwe HCIII, Busiu Health HCIV, Sironko HCIII, Bison HCIII and Mbale Regional Referral Hospital. The program also provided KP service tools to support documentation across these sites. These tools included; Key and Priority Populations Prevention and Care Registers (12), KP and Priority Populations Prevention Services Tracking Forms (2000) and Monthly Report Booklets (300) and PrEP Eligibility Screening Form (3400).



Further analysis of program data shows an upward trend in the Key Population Viral Load suppression across the weeks (25 to 37) as shown in the graph below. This performance was attributed to the Viral load mop up campaign efforts and weekly follow up using the Viral load mop up tracker.



A combination of static and outreach approaches was used to deliver HIV Testing Services. Cumulatively, a total of 279,737 (128% of annual target- 218758) individuals received HIV Testing

Services and of these, 4,327(85% of annual target-5081) clients tested HIV positive translating to an overall yield of 2.0%, and linkage into care increased across the quarters from 92% to 94% by the end of the annual period. USAID LPHS-E supported integration of HIVST kits distribution at facility & in all community outreaches, and distribution was mainly to male partners of pregnant women attending antenatal care (ANC), adolescent girls and young women (AGYW), and to Key Populations (KP) using the peer-led approach. As a result, 244% of the annual target (10051) was achieved.

#### **VOLUNTARY MEDICAL MALE CIRCUMCISION (VMMC)**

Voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) services were delivered at 21 facilities during

#### Voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC)



the reporting period. Both static and outreach modes of delivery were utilized and as a result, 23,634 males aged > 15 years were circumcised. Overall there was a gradual improvement from 46% to 83% (9234/7102) by June 2022. The majority of circumcisions were from the priority age group of 15-29 years (23034) while 1303 clients were circumcised older than 30 years. Of all the circumcised males, 31 developed moderate adverse events and three developed severe adverse events (AEs). All clients with AEs were assessed, managed with antibiotics and wound dressing.

#### Gender-Based Violence

Percentage of standards achieved by category - USAID LPHS-E conducted a two-day orientation of 40 Gender Based Violence (GBV) focal persons per facility focusing on the GBV Quality Assessment tool, GBV screening tool and GBV monthly data template.



This orientation was followed by GBV Quality Assurance using the QA tool at 38 poorly performing sites to assess the quality of services and the performance.

As a result, cumulatively, USAID LPHS-E has supported the identification and management of 15,314 GBV cases, representing 124% of the annual GBV target (12368). Of these, 5,630 were due to sexual violence where 97% (5,458) were females and 3% (172) were males. The age group and sex with the highest number of SGBV was 15-19-year females.

#### Health Systems Strengthening in Eastern Uganda

Human Resource and use of Human Resources Information System (HRIS): USAID LPHS-E has continued to support the human resource function in the implementation of activities in all the clusters. By the end of year one (1) of the project, 99% of the Human Resources for Health Community workers and 93% of core members of staff had been recruited. This enabled USAID LPHS-E to achieve 89% (44357) and 93% (3758) of TX-CURR and TX-POS respectively.

#### Summary of the HR metrics and improvements as at end of quarter three

| HR metrics  | Quarter 1              | Quarter 2              | Quarter 3              | Quarter 4              |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Number of technical & support staff (project implementation team) | 41                     | 60                     | 63                     | 65                     |
| Gender ratios   | Male: 31<br>Female: 10 | Male: 45<br>Female: 15 | Male: 46<br>Female: 17 | Male: 47<br>Female: 18 |
| Human Resources for Health (HRH)                                  | 532                    | 544                    | 547                    | 567                    |
| Mbale RRH technical and support staff                             | 47                     | 45                     | 46                     | 47                     |

Improved retention and motivation of health workers: We have worked jointly with the district leadership to support the teams by providing HR support through onsite meetings, mentorships, support supervision, salary payments and clear job description and training in key performance improvement areas. We have filled most of the vacant positions in the approved HRH staff establishment/structure for all the districts up to 99% which has reduced the workload of the health facility staff in running the HIV clinics. However, during the period 35 (6.2%) members of HRH left the project.

Three (3) members of HRH Community Workers were absorbed within the Ministry of health Structures out of the 94 members eligible for these opportunities. This was in the districts of Sironko, Butaleja and Bukwo representing 3%.

Improve health worker performance through performance management (CPD) - A total of 44 (62%) USAID LPHS-E members of staff were confirmed in service and 2 put on a performance improvement plan. With support of the DHOs, HR Focal Persons, Health Facilities In-Charges, 515 (94%) HRH were successfully appraised and recommended for continuity in service. This was a deliberate effort to retain quality and efficient members of staff and HRH community workers within the project so as to enhance the achievement of the project goal and objectives and as well as build systems for improving service delivery and sustainability.

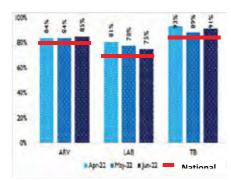
#### COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS IN EASTERN REGION

USAID LPHS-E designed and rolled out a digital HRH timesheet to all the supported sites in the Eastern region to ease management of monthly health facility-based staff timesheets/reports hence support the districts and health facilities in tracking key deliverables for each HRH staff. These timesheets are critical documents in tracking project activities implementation, time and attendance at health facility level and as well act as accountability documents for all staff salaries at health facility level.

With this innovation all Human Resources for Health Community workers will be submitting their monthly timesheets/attendance online. A test run of the digital timesheet system was done at Kaproron HC IV and Binyiny HC IV in Kween District in quarter 4. The HRH Community workers in the two Health Facilities were able to submit timesheets and reports without any glitches noted thus a notable innovation and value for money. We plan to scale up its use in all the 161 health facilities in quarter one (1) of year two. This will in a long run strengthen systems and improve quality services delivery and enhance patient linkage to care.

#### MEDICAL LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY CHAIN IN ACE FORT

Essential commodities, logistics and technologies: Baylor Uganda supported districts and facilities to have adequate quantities of HIV commodities such as ARVs, CTX, OI medications, HIV test kits and lab reagents through capacity building in quantification, forecasting, stock-management and ordering for essential medicines and other health supplies through the relevant supply chain systems (NMS, Joint Medical Stores and MAUL). We provided routine technical assistance to supported HFs through the district RASS super users to report, monitor, and utilize health commodity stock-status data in RASS; conducted Rx solution technical support supervision all hospitals and HC IVs in the region to monitor logistics and prevent stock outs



and, support district drug audits. Furthermore, we conducted technical assistance in aDSM to the regional sentinel site located at FRRH to improve the screening and reporting rates of adverse drug reactions (ADRs) associated with TLD, INH, and other regimens. In collobolation with MoH and other partners, Baylor Uganda supported districts to implement Community Retail Pharmacy Drug Distribution Points (CRPDDP) and the HFs which is intended to increase patient access to drugs in order to improve treatment adherence. In regard to Supervision Performance Assessment and Recognition Strategy (SPARS), all the supported districts maintained their medicines management

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# Baylor-TASO-Global Fund AGYW Project



#### TASO NFM3 PROGRAMME

The power of Knowledge; a means to increase uptake of Sexual and Reproductive Health services and economic up thrust among HIV vulnerable AGYW. Limited access to sexual and reproductive health information and services remains a key driver to HIV infection and teenage pregnancies in Uganda. Amidst limited access to youth-friendly services points within the accessible radius, the vulnerability of Adolescent Girls and Young Women 10- 24 years (AGYW) increases thus haziness about the quality of their future. Social isolation, poverty, discriminatory cultural norms, orphan-hood, gender-based violence, and inadequate schooling all contribute to their vulnerability to HIV and a life not lived to its full potential. In addition, low access to Sexual and Reproductive Health information and services coupled with economic deprivation at the household and individual levels play a big role in worsening vulnerability among AGYW.

Thus; between June 2021-June 2022, the New Funding Mechanism3 Project reached out to 22,047 AGYW with comprehensive HIV prevention services. This has been done through awareness events to include; edutainment events (out-of-school tournament), targeted community outreaches, weekly group sessions in the community safe spaces, radio talk shows, announcements and spots messages. Capacity building for service providers has been key in the implementation of this project. Health workers, mentor mothers, peer leaders and project staffs have been trained in several deliverables with specific focus to service delivery to AGYW,

retention in the program and community support. Secondly, since determinants of HIV risk among AGYW are multifaced, they call for intertwined approaches.

In line with Baylor Uganda's vision, a world where children and their families live a healthy and fulfilled life, the project also empowered a total of 3005 AGYW through soft and vocational skilling. To augment the utilization of these skills to boost the economic status of the AGYW as individuals but also as a family, 1116 were provided with Skills Sustainability Kits, thus addressing



improved access to basic needs.

Kyakusiima Fiona, a 19-yearold Standard 5 drop out praised her mom Ngonzi Christian that allowed her to join the shoe-making class. The single mother of two kids only practices subsistence farming to maintain her family livelihood. "I feel like my dad betrayed us by leaving my mom. I am going

to work hard to reverse this. My shoe-making skills will help me do just that!" she empathetically stresses.

"My dream is to help my little sister attain school to the highest. And with the knowledge we have acquired about the dangers of HIV/AIDS, I 'am all out to protect her" she adds. Fiona says her biggest challenge has been the stigma from the community where she was referred

to as a failure after she dropped out of school due to pregnancy.

Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation-Uganda (Baylor Uganda) is an indigenous not-forprofit child health and development organization. The New Funding Mechanism3 (NFM3) a Global Fund Grant where Baylor Uganda is one of the sub-recipients from TASO the Principal Recipient for the non-Public Sector for the period 2021 to 2023 which aims to tackle HIV-related vulnerabilities beyond the individual health initiatives to address these factors hence working towards



Kyakusiima and her little sister after getting a Shoe making Skills Sustainability Kit

meeting the Sustainable Development Goal of ending AIDS by 2030. The Project is implemented in 27 districts including; Buliisa, Hoima, Kyankwanzi, Buikwe, Nakaseke, Nakasongola and Kiboga implementing both TB contact tracing and AGYW HIV prevention activities while; Kagadi, Kakumiro, Kibaale, Kikuube, Kiryandongo, Masindi, Bundibugyo, Bunyangabu, Kabarole, Fort portal City, Kamwenge, Kasese, Kitagwenda, Kyegegwa, Kyenjojo, Ntoroko, Kassanda, Kayunga, Luwero, Kyankwanzi, Mityana, and Mubende remain solely focused on TB contact tracing.

### **Baylor-UNICEF MCH Project**



#### **BAYLOR UGANDA - UNICEF PROJECT**

#### About the Programme

During this reporting period under UNICEF Baylor Implemented "Strengthening technical and management capacity of District Local Governments for Reproductive, Maternal, New-born, Child, Adolescent Health (RMNCAH), WASH and education services in 10 districts in Western and East-Central zones of Uganda." The Project is aimed at improving access and utilization of RMNCAH, education and WASH services in 10 districts of Uganda as well as the reduction in the supply and demand bottlenecks in the health systems in underserved populations in the 10 selected districts in the Western (Kasese, Kamwenge, Kyegegwa, Kikuube, Mubende, Isingiro and Ntungamo) and East Central zones (Kamuli, Tororo and Namayingo.

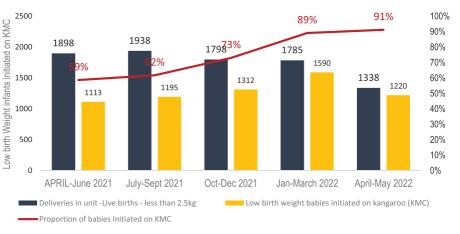
#### PROJECT OUTPUTS

- Strengthened capacities of District Health Teams (DHTs) and district local governments to plan, implement and monitor high quality and equity focused interventions for MNCAH, HIV/AIDs and nutrition.
- Improved capacity of health facilities to provide a full range of essential maternal, neonatal and child health, HIV/AIDS & nutrition services.
- Increased community awareness, demand, acceptance and utilization of available maternal, newborn child health, HIV/AIDS & nutrition services, including the use of key innovative approaches.
- Leadership and Governance development to strengthen the capacity of schools as Integrated Platforms for Adolescents Services Delivery.

#### KEY PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS - APRIL 2021 TO JUNE 2022.

1. Improvement of quality of maternal and new-born care at primary healthcare level in (1. Labour and delivery care, 2. Kangaroo mother care (KMC) 3. New-born Resuscitation).

Figure 1: Initiation of KMC among Low-birth-weight infants in 10 districts from April 2021 to May 2022





NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT (NICU) AT KABUYANDA HCIV (Before and After)



Team from MOH and Baylor UNICEF project supporting Kabuyanda HCIV in Isingiro district to convert an old theatre building into a NICU

Table 1: DHSS Progression model assessment for ten supported districts over the last 3 years.

| District      | FY 2018/2019 (%) | FY2019/2020 (%)              | 2020/2021 (%) |  |
|---------------|------------------|------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Namayingo     | 59.8             | 55.7                         | 70.7          |  |
| Tororo        |                  | 66.4                         | 68.6          |  |
| Kamuli        | 60.6             | 50.7                         | 65            |  |
| KZO Districts | 60.2             | 57.6                         | 68.1          |  |
| Kasese        | 73.5             | 65                           | 79.3          |  |
| Kikuube       | 64.4             | 58.6                         | 66.4          |  |
| Kyegegwa      |                  | 62.1                         | 76.4          |  |
| Mubende       |                  | 70                           | 70            |  |
| Ntungamo      | 43.2             | 59.3                         | 69.3          |  |
| Isingiro      | 52.3             | 55                           | 70            |  |
| Kamwenge      |                  | 84.3                         | 80.7          |  |
| WZO Districts | 46.68            | 64.9                         | 73            |  |
| Key           |                  | -                            |               |  |
| <50%          | Level 1          | Needs urgent remediation     |               |  |
| 50%-70%       | Level 2          | Fair, needs improvement      |               |  |
| 70%-90%       | Level 3          | Meets basic expectations     |               |  |
| >90%          | Level 4          | Surpasses basic expectations |               |  |
|               | Not Applicable   | No baseline assessment       |               |  |

The assessment is based on the 6 WHO health systems building blocks. I.e. Leadership and governance, Access to medicines, HMIS, Health workforce, Health financing and health service delivery.

 Improved capacity of health facilities to provide a full range of essential maternal neonatal and child health. HIV/AIDS & nutrition services.



Young people empowered to support others through a YAPS program in Isingiro and Kikuube districts.

- 3. Increased community awareness, demand, acceptance and utilization of available maternal, newborn child health, HIV/AIDS & nutrition services, including the use of key innovative approaches. This was done through supporting district leaders, Health workers and other stakeholders to engage communities through dialogue meetings and Radio talk shows.
- Leadership and Governance development to strengthen the capacity of schools as Integrated Platforms for Adolescents Services Delivery.
- A total of 60 schools were supported to include life skills and citizenship education in their school plans and activities to build their capacity in adolescent services delivery in Kasese and Kamuli districts.



Community dialogue meeting on RMNCAH-PMTCT AND GBV PREVENTION at Rugaaga Sub County in Isingiro district



GBV referral map and Poster at Buteme
P/s in Kamuli district



VAC referral map at Buwoya P/S-Kamuli district.

### **GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY**



The Global Health Security (GHS) program is in its 2nd year of implementation at Baylor-Uganda. The GHS program is mainly funded by the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to Improve Health Security and Build International Health Regulations Core Capacities in the Republic of Uganda through a cooperative agreement. The GHS program also received funding from GIZ to strengthen community surveillance in Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA). The program is implemented in collaboration with the Subject Matter Experts from CDC and in partnership with the Ministry of Health (MoH).

#### Geographical Coverage

The program supports the Ministry of Health, 19 districts/cities in Rwenzori (9 districts, one city) and Bunyoro (8 districts, 1 city) regions, and other regions as the need arises, especially for emergency response work. The two regions have a population of 6,129,400 people and are served by 700 health facilities (282 in Bunyoro and 418 in Rwenzori). Figure 1 shows the districts in Hoima and Fort Portal region



Districts served by the Baylor GHS project in Hoima and Fort Portal regions

#### US Ambassador's visit to Rwenzori

The U.S. Ambassador to Uganda, Natalie E. Brown, conducted a four-day working visit to the Rwenzori region to evaluate the impact of U.S. assistance programs on promoting the global health security Agenda, among other programs. During her visit, the Ambassador observed how the US CDC-funded GHS project managed by Baylor-Uganda is supporting improvements in existing cross-border screening and IPC procedures and practices at the Uganda



through the screening process at Mpondwe POE

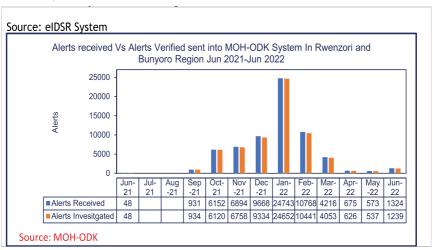
- DRC Mpondwe POE to prevent, detect and respond to public health threats.

The project supported twenty-four volunteers to screen cross-border travellers at six points of entry in the districts of Ntoroko, Bundibugyo, and Kasese. The volunteers screened all traveller for priority diseases including COVID19 and viral haemorrhagic fevers.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTERS**

Baylor-Uganda supported the National Public Health Emergence Operations Center (NPHEOC) of the Ministry of Health to carry the function of coordinating and communicating the multisectoral

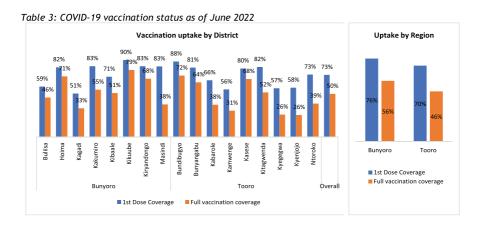
efforts to preparation and response to public health events. The NPHEOC was also supported in its role of monitoring and scanning the environment for public health threats and in capacity building of the fourteen regional emergency operation centers. Such monitoring and scanning was done using the eIDSR and ODK.



#### **Enhancing COVID-19 vaccination Efforts**

Supported the accelerated mass vaccination campaign (AMVC) in facilitating district planning for vaccination, community mobilization efforts, data management and analysis, distribution and re-distribution of vaccine.

The distribution and redistribution of vaccines to static and outreach sites and mobilization for vaccination in management and minimising vaccine expiry. Over 70,000 doses of Moderna vaccine that was at the risk of expiry by December 16, 2021, and 20, 400 doses of Astra Zenecca vaccines were distributed and utilized.



#### **Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for COVID-19 patients**

Over the past year, the Ministry of Health under the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) department and other collaborating partners worked to enhance the capacity of EMS services through regional case management training focusing on emergency care of severe and critical COVID-19 patients to avert death and disability. To develop a finer model for EMS implementation, Baylor-Uganda together with a volunteer doctor from the US embassy Dr Ma Marek, and MOH conducted a rapid assessment of EMS rollout to identify gaps and develop newer approaches to implement. The assessment was followed by training of 538 health workers from 159 health facilities from three regions (Soroti, Bunyoro and Rwenzori).

| Region   | District            | HF  | HCW |
|----------|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Bunyoro  | Buliisa             | 5   | 19  |
| Bunyoro  | Kakumiro            | 5   | 20  |
| Bunyoro  | Kagadi              | 6   | 20  |
| Bunyoro  | Kibale              | 6   | 17  |
| Bunyoro  | Kiryandongo         | 5   | 18  |
| Bunyoro  | Masindi             | 5   | 18  |
| Bunyoro  | Kikube              | 5   | 23  |
| Bunyoro  | Hoima City          | 5   | 18  |
| Bunyoro  | Hoima               | 8   | 21  |
| Rwenzori | Bundibugyo          | 6   | 20  |
| Rwenzori | Bunyangabu          | 5   | 21  |
| Rwenzori | Fort Portal<br>City | 6   | 19  |
| Rwenzori | Kabarole            | 6   | 17  |
| Rwenzori | Kamwenge            | 7   | 18  |
| Rwenzori | Kasese              | 5   | 20  |
| Rwenzori | Kitagwenda          | 7   | 20  |
| Rwenzori | Kyenjojo            | 6   | 20  |
| Rwenzori | Ntoroko             | 5   | 21  |
| Soroti   | Ngora               | 5   | 21  |
| Soroti   | Amuria              | 5   | 20  |
| Soroti   | Kapelebyong         | 5   | 10  |
| Soroti   | Bukedea             | 5   | 26  |
| Soroti   | Serere              | 7   | 26  |
| Soroti   | Soroti              | 6   | 20  |
| Soroti   | Katakwi             | 7   | 20  |
| Soroti   | Kalaki              | 8   | 25  |
|          |                     |     |     |
| Soroti   | Kaberamaido         | 8   | 20  |
|          | Total               | 159 | 538 |



Practical administration of oxygen session, Hoima district



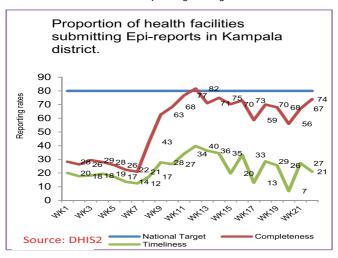
EMS participants in a session, Ntoroko district

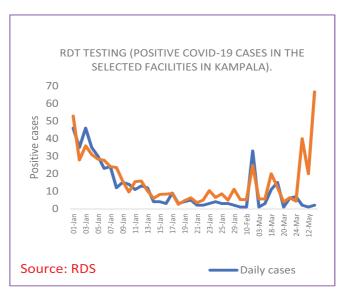


The national trainer illustrating donning and doffing to participants

## STRENGTHENING LINKAGES BETWEEN COVID-19 TESTING, SURVEILLANCE AND HOME-BASED CARE TO SUPPORT THE CONTAINMENT OF COVID-19 IN KCCA

Under the GIZ project, Baylor-Uganda worked with Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) and the city divisions to strengthening: capacity of surveillance systems; COVID-19 laboratory data management, reporting and use; and enhanced community systems and engagement for prevention and control of COVID-19. The project supported surveillance reporting through HMIS033b into the DHIS2 COVID-19 results reporting through RDS and e-LIF, as shown below.





# RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT



#### RESEARCH OVERVIEW

The research directorate's agenda is to generate knowledge that will inform health policy, improve programs and save lives globally and locally. We conduct ethical research that is globally relevant and locally responsive through clinical trials, observational studies, and operational studies to enhance understanding of the epidemiology of poor health conditions and programs whose results will ultimately inform policy. We have built local research infrastructure with the capacity to do vaccine studies; carry out research in clinical infectious disease, epidemiology, and cancer; and enhanced the critical mass of skilled researchers, particularly young scientists, through established training. The research portfolio includes but is not limited to mortality surveillance, PrEP adherence among adolescents and youth, TB, Pharmacokinetics, KP/PP, HIV & NCDs, Cancer, Genetics, HIV care, treatment, and Prevention of HIV and COVID-19.

#### RESEARCH OUTPUT



By June 2022, there were 34 active studies on site (Fig 1). Significantly, two clinical trials have contributed to policy locally and internationally. The Odyssey trial showed that twice-daily dolutegravir is safe and sufficient to overcome the rifampicin enzyme-inducing effect in children, and provides a practical ART option for children with HIV-associated TB. In addition, the adult dolutegravir 50 mg film-coated tablets given once daily provides appropriate pharmacokinetic profiles in children weighing 20 kg or more, with no safety signal, allowing simplified practical dosing and rapid access to dolutegravir. These results informed the WHO 2019 dolutegravir paediatric dosing guidelines and have led to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval of adult dosing down to 20 kg. The HPTN 084 study evaluating the safety and efficacy of the long-acting

injectable agent cabotegravir (CAB LA) compared to daily oral tenofovir

disoproxil fumarate/emtricitabine (TDF/FTC) for preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) in HIV-uninfected women showed that both products for HIV prevention were generally safe, well tolerated, and effective. However, Cabotegravir was superior to TDF/FTC in preventing HIV infection in women. Consequently, Cabotegravir was approved on 20th December 2021 by the FDA as a long-acting cabotegravir injection (CAB LA shots) to prevent HIV in adults and adolescents (youths), to



was recognized in Gratitude on 06 June 2022 for having best data query

reduce the risk of sexually acquired HIV who are at risk for HIV.

For a synopsis of the all studies, visit https://www.baylor-uganda.org/baylor-research/ and publications can be accessed at https://www.baylor- uganda.org/publications/.

#### **Collaborative Research Partners**

Baylor-Uganda is an agile institution that conducts research in a collaborative manner with about 20 local and international partners. Consequently, we have seen growth in the research portfolio of increased research studies and more capacity built for Baylor-Uganda staff as committee members on different networks/scientific communities as follows: Dr Adeodata R. Kekitiinwa- member of ACTG Cure committee, Dr. Violet Korutaro- member of HANC Site Coordinator Working group & SCORE Champion, Dr. Victoria Ndyanabangi- member of HPTN Scholars committee (2022-2023), Dr. Rogers Sekabira- member of HPTN Scholars committee (2021-2022), Dr. Peter J. Elyanu- In country lead for CoVPN 3008, Dr Pauline Amuge- member on the paediatric TB national coordination committee. member of the national TB &Leprosy eCBSS, member of the WHO paediatric ART working group / Child and adolescent TB committee, Dr George Akabwai- member of trial management group for Breather plus study, Cissy Ssuuna- member of HPTN Community Working group, Gerald Agaba Muzorah - Voting member of ACTG/

IMPAACT Lab committee, Annet Nalugo- Non-voting member of ACTG / IMPAACT Lab committee, Dorothy B. Nansikombi- member of IMPAACT eCRF development and review committee,

Aisha Nakitto-member on ICAB LG scientific committee, Ibrahim Kibalama: Community scientific Subcommittee (CSS) member for ACTG and Scovia Aseru: Co-chair for ACTG CSS & Represents CSS on Protocol study A5410.

#### CAPACITY BUILDING FOR RESEARCH

Baylor-Uganda made history as the first international site to have two scholars. Dr. Victoria Ndyanabangi was selected as the Division of AIDS (DAIDS) HIV Prevention Trials Network (HPTN) Scholar for 2022-2023.

Baylor-Uganda is leading the capacity building through the Universal project to improve young



Dr Victoria Ndyanabangi, the newest Division of AIDS (DAID Prevention Trials Network (HPTN) Scholar for the year 2022-2023.

investigators' ability to conduct clinical trials, learn regulatory skills, and access affordable research training and publication of their research findings. By 30th June 2022, the project had completed the research training needs assessment on capacity-building needs, CIPHER fellowship selections for West African countries scientific writing webinars by JIAS, placement of one Baylor-Uganda Laboratory staff at JCRC lab in preparation for Baylor COE lab international accreditation and development of the trial management module. This project offered research support to selected master students in Pharmacology and Paediatrics (US \$3,500 each) and supported training for local monitors.

Partner institutions have visited Baylor-Uganda for learning purposes on document management and others such as the JCRC Research team led by Dr. Rachel Kyeyune Bakyayita for electronic systems on managing regulatory documents (a paperless system) on 11th May 2022. Severally, regulatory

bodies and sponsor monitors have applauded the ease of navigating the e-regulatory system and recommended Baylor-Uganda as a learning site for other sites.

#### Community Advisory Boards (CAB)

The DAIDS -approved research pharmacy is in the process of purchasing a second chemosphere. This is to facilitate the conduct of research on the protocol required preparation of injectable ART and vaccines. The Baylor-Uganda Pharmacy continues to be a learning hub for other institutions.

#### Community Advisory Boards (CAB)



Figure 3Community advisory board engaging the study team and participants

The CAB educates and dialogues with communities of interest about new and ongoing studies at Baylor Uganda to address barriers and enablers for recruitment in the community. The CAB actively engages stakeholders in Key population/ Priority populations to inform them about the new research findings in PrEP- HPTN 084 and initiation of the Open Label arm of the study (HPTN 084 OLE).address barriers and enablers for recruitment in the community. The CAB actively engages stakeholders in Key population/ Priority populations to inform them about the new research findings in PrEP- HPTN 084 and initiation of the Open Label arm of the study (HPTN 084 OLE).

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

#### Staffing:

The HR directorate is responsible for translating organizational strategy into an aligned HR strategy, providing oversight on development and procedures, managing people risk, providing guidance and interpretation of HR policies, championing change initiatives and; providing leadership in building a positive work environment so as to harness the collective potential and abilities of all Baylor people and achieve Baylor Uganda's goals.

#### Staffing overview

Total head count at end of the year was 498 full time staff. This is a 28% increment from the previous year. This increment is mainly attributed to the additional projects acquired in the course of the year.

Gender diversity was at 37% female and 63% male overall and 44% female and 56% male at senior management level.



#### **Executive transition:**

A new Executive Director, Dr Dithan Kiragga, was successfully recruited and onboarded during the year.

#### HR policies review

The HR manual was revised and approved by the Board during the year. The new manual aligns the existing HR practices to the organizational strategy and incorporates best practices so as to enable Baylor Uganda attract and retain the most suitable talent.

#### Professional development, talent development and learning.

Continued leadership development initiatives were implemented through the middle management development programme and the Board/Senior management development programme. The development programmes equipped Board and senior management with skills in leadership, technology and managing workspace in a Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous (VUCA) environment. Middle management development programme built capacity of the extended senior management team and middle managers in coaching and mentoring for effective team supervision and development. A total of 57 staff development initiatives were planned for the year. 46 of these (80%) were successfully implemented. Continued professional development sessions were conducted at all regional offices on a weekly basis.

#### Staff recognition

Annual and semi-annual staff recognition events were held in the year. Recognition covered 7 (quality improvement, programme execution, operation efficiency, leadership spirit, innovations and foresight, change management and customer care) categories that were considered by management as critical to inculcate the desired behaviours within the workforce.

#### Staff benefits enhancement

Baylor Uganda introduced life insurance scheme in addition to the group life assurance for staff. The scheme ensures all Baylor staff are fully covered for critical illnesses that were not covered under the medical scheme and that a staff's family will be well taken care of in the unfortunate event of demise of a staff member.

#### Human Resources for Health

Total HRH headcount stood at 1619. 15 out of 119 (13%) established staff were absorbed by respective district service in the 3 regions of Mbale, Bunyoro and Rwenzori. The increasing absorption rates demonstrates progress in the health systems strengthening by recruiting and mentoring staff.

### **Success story**

#### Kindness changes lives!

In one of the Key Population (KP) call centre marketing trips last year, the call centre KP Counsellor visited a hotspot in Kyegegwa district and while conducting health education talks about PrEP and PEP as well as sexually transmitted infections (STIs) with the commercial sex workers, one of the girls suddenly stood up and requested to talk to the counsellor in private.

With tears welling up in her eyes, Sharon(not real name), as we later came to learn, a commercial sex worker aged 19 years walked outside the room and stood under the mango tree that was in the compound. The counsellor followed her and before she could ask anything, Sharon quickly held her hand and requested to be examined in her private parts because she was afraid they were rotting.

Sharon told the counsellor that it was not her choice to be a commercial sex worker but one of her neighbour's in the village had lied that she had got her a job. She found herself in a brothel and now had contracted a terrible STI which she kept secret for fear of being stigmatized by her peers and also the thought of losing her clients was terrifying. Her condition was increasingly becoming worse that she had to clean herself every after 20 minutes lest the odour from her body drives the clients away.

After screening her for STIs, Sharon was eligible for STI management but it was very unfortunate that the drugs were not readily available and so the counsellor took her to the Health facility. She was taken to Kakabara H/C 3 and handed over to the KP focal person for further management.

In about a week, the call centre counsellor followed up with a call to see how Sharon was fairing and in about two weeks, Sharon called the helpline at around 8:00pm to thank the lady who had run to her rescue; "I want to thank the Musawo who hurriedly attended to me, May God bless her for she was so kind to me, am now very ok" She happily exclaimed.

The call centre kept in touch for continued support towards behavioural change and when we recently followed up, Sharon had left the hotspot for a livelihood skill back home in Bushenyi district.

#### Major achievements this year

Customer Relationship Management tool upgrade, there is a lot that the system can perform and most of the variables needed for report writing in the call center have been updated for example, after working hours, the system is able to record offline call conversations and the caller line identity which enables the team to re-listen to client's conversation, enter notes and even call back clients in case of any call calibrations.

#### Future Plan

There is need for extensive marketing of the helpline across the country in order to revive the number of calls from health workers. This will only be possible if funds are secured for call center promotion. It would be of profound benefit for the call center to have a doctor attached to the unit. This will be very motivating especially when it comes to calling back old callers and reminding them of the toll free line knowing there is someone readily available to attend to the calls without waiting in queue. The call center team is optimistic about the year ahead and is ready to seize every opportunity available to increase utilization of the toll free as we work towards a healthy and fulfilled life for every HIV infected and affected child and their family in Africa.

## FINANCIAL PERFOMANCE FOR THE YEAR 2021/2022



#### Financial report FY 2021/2022

In FY 2021/2022, Baylor Uganda received grant income of UGX 120.6BN (excluding donations in kind) of the secured funding of UGX 131.9BN against a budget of UGX 137.2BN; 91.4% of budget realisation.

95% of Baylor Uganda income is received in advance; whilst 5% which is mainly from NIH (JHU studies) is received on reimbursement basis as targets / milestones are achieved. The financial statements of the organisation are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as such, income received in advance is deferred and released to the income statement when spent. Income received on reimbursement is recognised when the milestones / targets are achieved and invoiced.

#### Key Highlights during the year

Grant income released was UGX 119.4BN, compared to UGX 91BN in the previous year which is a 23.8% increase. This relates to new grants obtained in the year e.g. USAID for Local Partner Health Services- Eastern Project (LPHS-E); FHI 360 for the CoVPN study; GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH) for the KCCA project, among other smaller studies and projects.

Drugs and Other Donations received was UGX 21.3 BN compared to UGX 15.3 BN in the previous year (28% increment). This is in line with new projects in the year and increased program activities. Revenue from contractors with customers was UGX 2.1 BN compared to UGX 1.2 BN in FY 2020/21; a

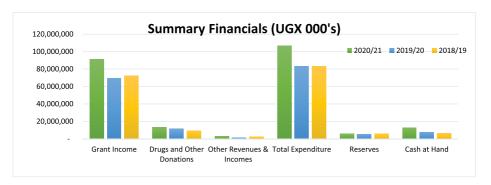
40% increment. Revenue from customers include internal project recharges for overhead recovery, car pool recharges, project facility charge for use of COE building and lab test charges to projects. The increase related to overhead recoveries from projects mainly USAID.

Other income generated was UGX 3.4 BN compared to UGX 1.6 BN last year; a 52% increment. This is mainly due to foreign exchange gains of UGX 3BN compared to UGX 844M last year.

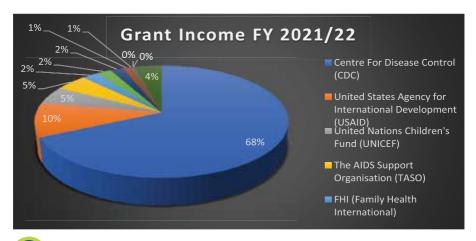
Expenditure in FY 2021/22 of UGX 141.8BN was mainly driven by staff costs (UGX 50BN), medical supplies and patient care (UGX 26BN), program costs (UGX 36BN) and administrative costs (UGX 32.5BN). This is in line with the increased grants and programs.

On the balance sheet; assets increased by 28% in FY 2021/22 mainly due to increased grants i.e. Purchase of vehicles for project implementation and increased cash balance from grants received in advance not yet implemented.

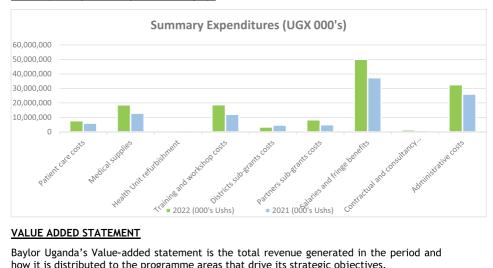
#### Trend Analysis of Key Financial Performance Indicators:



Baylor Uganda income and reserves have grown steadily over the period in line with its programming base. CDC remains the biggest funder contributing 68% of the grant income, although this is a reduction from last year (71%). New funder USAID now contributes 10% of the grant income.



#### Summary of Expenditure per cost category:



#### VALUE ADDED STATEMENT

Baylor Uganda's Value-added statement is the total revenue generated in the period and how it is distributed to the programme areas that drive its strategic objectives.

The Surplus is ploughed back into service delivery to ensure Baylor meets its strategic objectives.

| Value Added                  | 2021/2022 (000's<br>Ushs) | 2020/2021 (000's Ushs) |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Grant Income                 | 119,472,560               | 91,015,061             |
| Drugs and Other Donations    | 17,552,734                | 13,239,289             |
| Other Revenues & Incomes     | 5,609,548                 | 2,942,951              |
| Wealth generated             | 142,634,842               | 107,197,301            |
| Distribution of Wealth       |                           |                        |
| Patient care costs           | (7,752,771)               | (6,096,247)            |
| Medical supplies             | (18,689,264)              | (12,962,645)           |
| Health Unit refurbishment    | (907,794)                 | (1,025,909)            |
| Training and workshop costs  | (18,801,576)              | (12,156,622)           |
| Districts sub-grants costs   | (3,349,569)               | (4,692,370)            |
| Partners sub-grants costs    | (8,345,134)               | (4,989,753)            |
| Salaries and fringe benefits | (50,055,856)              | (37,375,172)           |
| Contractual and consultancy  |                           | (1,073,793)            |
| services                     | (1,423,104)               |                        |
|                              |                           | (26,122,601)           |
| Administrative costs         | (32,545,406)              |                        |
| Income Taxes                 | 7,640                     | (118,528)              |
| Wealth distributed           | (141,863,014)             | (106,613,641)          |
| Surplus / (Deficit)          | 771,828                   | 583,660                |

#### Graph Showing Proportional Expenditure per area:

Strategic Objective 7: Set-up and maintain agile and sustainable systems for Baylor Uganda institutional and program development



Patient care

osts. 6%

raining and

Districts sub

grants costs, 2%

Medical

supplies, 13%

Health Unit refurbishment,

1%

Strategic Objective 1: Increase access to and utilisation of auality health care services.

Strategic Objective 2: Strengthen prevention, detection and response to public health threats / emergencies

Strategic Objective 5: Revitalise community systems and structures to address the health, economic and social needs of children and their families

costs, 23%

Partners s ants costs, 6%

Strategic Objective 1: Increase access to and utilisation of quality health care services.

Strategic Objective 3: Enhance the competencies of health workers to provide affordable, quality and specialised health care services.

#### **BUDGET PERFORMANCE**

all the other objectives

In FY 2021/2022, Baylor Uganda had an annual budget of UGX 137.1 BN to run its operations and meet its strategic objectives. As at 30th June 2022, UGX 131.8 BN was secured funds against this budget (96%).

#### Secured Funding Per Project as at 30th June 2022

Baylor Uganda funding straddles different years depending on the start of the project or the funder's fiscal years. The secured funding in FY 2021/2022 has therefore been pro-rated to consider the project period versus Baylor Uganda's reporting period. Expenditure against budget is on a cash basis; the overall burn rate for FY 2021/2022 was 87%. The low burn rate is mainly due to COVID 19 effects in the first half of the year especially travel restrictions, and delayed procurements for vehicles which is an international dilemma.

| Funders & Projects            | Annual Budget<br>(July21 - June 22)<br>UGX | Secured Funding<br>(July21 - June 22)<br>UGX | %age<br>Funding<br>Realize<br>d | Spend (July21-<br>June 22) UGX | Burn<br>Rate (%)<br>against<br>secured<br>funding |
|-------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| OE Core                       | 353,696                                    | 647,834                                      | 183%                            | 394,624                        | 39%   |
| BIPAI                         | 11,972                                     | 16,897                                       | 141%                            | 15,423                         | 9%  |
| CDC ACE-Fort                  | 11,566,267                                 | 11,791,056                                   | 102%                            | (471,017)                      | 104%  |
| JHU (DAIDS Studies)           | 634,196                                    | 1,044,635                                    | 165%                            | 1,433                          | 100%  |
| KHIV - IDI                    | 851,571                                    | 729,305                                      | 86%                             | 20,325                         | 97%   |
| ELMA Foundation -<br>PHO      | 263,269                                    | 263,269                                      | 100%                            | 123,804                        | 53%   |
| ODYESSY Study                 | 184,242                                    | 182,240                                      | 99%                             | 13,013                         | 93%   |
| ELMA Foundation -UB           | 366,607                                    | 363,976                                      | 99%                             | 32,107                         | 91%   |
| Baylor Botswana -<br>CAfGEN   | 81,560                                     | 81,080                                       | 99%                             | 9,582                          | 88%   |
| TASO Global Fund              | 1,463,121                                  | 1,528,206                                    | 104%                            | 21,112                         | 99%   |
| UNICEF                        | 1,740,464                                  | 1,565,863                                    | 90%                             | (128,337)                      | 108%  |
| Breather Plus                 | 193,249                                    | 192,832                                      | 100%                            | 76,604                         | 60%   |
| LSDA-UPMB                     | 177,900                                    | 243,745                                      | 137%                            | 40,979                         | 83%   |
| ACE Bunyoro                   | 8,702,086                                  | 8,161,796                                    | 94%                             | 334,525                        | 96%   |
| Global Health Security        | 5,249,861                                  | 3,155,808                                    | 60%                             | (42,274)                       | 101%  |
| RHITES - E                    | 56,273                                     | 60,000                                       | 107%                            | 2,926                          | 95%   |
| USAID-LPHS-E                  | 4,616,489                                  | 4,162,522                                    | 90%                             | 871,115                        | 79%   |
| CoVPN - NIH                   | 2,143,625                                  | 2,143,625                                    | 100%                            | 1,796,381                      | 16%   |
| WHO Contact Tracing<br>+ CBDS | 75,000                                     | 113,570                                      | 151%                            | 55,543                         | 59%   |
| Texas Children's<br>Hospital  | -  | 231,634                                      | 100%                            | 120,237                        | 22%   |
| UP-ART                        | 154,618                                    | 154,618                                      | 100%                            | 365                            | 100%  |
| NOD Study                     | 136,558                                    | 136,558                                      | 100%                            | (4,459)                        | 102%  |
| GIZ                           |  | 47,519                                       | 100%                            | 36,510                         | 23%   |
| URMCHIP                       |  | 118,890                                      | 100%                            | 53,641                         | 55%   |
| PENTA                         |  | 166,991                                      | 100%                            | 165,746                        | 1%  |
| Small projects -Others        | 171,116                                    | 368,038                                      | 215%                            | 30,213                         | 92%   |
| TOTAL                         | 137,178,084,322                            | 131,896,569,269                              | 96%                             | 119,401,147,075                | 91%   |

#### Condensed financial statements for the year ended 30th June, 2022

#### BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION UGANDA STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

The Companies Act, 2012 of Uganda requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of financial affairs of the entity as at the end of the financial year and of its operating results for that year. It also requires the directors to ensure the entity keeps proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the company. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Entity.

The directors are ultimately responsible for the internal control. The directors delegate responsibility for internal control to management. Standards and systems of internal control are designed and implemented by management to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of the financial statements and to adequately safeguard, verify and maintain accountability of the entity's assets. Appropriate accounting policies supported by reasonable and prudent judgments and estimates, are applied on a consistent and using the going concern basis. These systems and controls include the proper delegation of responsibilities within a clearly defined framework, effective accounting procedures and adequate segregation of duties.

The directors accept responsibility for the period's financial statements, which have been prepared using appropriate accounting policies supported by reasonable and prudent judgments and estimates, in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirement of the Companies Act, 2012 of Uganda. The directors are of the opinion that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the financial affairs of the Entity and of its operating results. The directors further accept responsibility for the maintenance of accounting records which may be relied upon in the preparation of financial statements, as well as adequate systems of internal financial control.

The Directors have made an assessment of the company's ability to continue as a going concern and have no reason to believe the company will not be a going concern for at least the next twelve months from the date of this statement.

#### Approval of the financial statements

Chairman Board of Directors

Executive Director



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION - UGANDA

#### REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation Uganda, set out on pages 7 to 36, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in reserves and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation Uganda as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act, 2012 of Uganda

#### Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Uganda, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises Company information, the directors' report as required by the Companies Act, 2012 of Uganda and the statement of directors' responsibilities. The other information does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### Responsibilities of Directors for the Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act, 2012 of Uganda, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
  fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit
  evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting
  a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may
  involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal
  control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures
  that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
  effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the
  disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events
  in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

#### REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

As required by the Companies Act, 2012 of Uganda, we report to you based on our audit, that:

- We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit;
- in our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Company so far as appears from our examination of those books, and
- The Company's statement of financial position and statement of comprehensive income are in agreement with the books of account

The Engagement Partner responsible for the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is CPA Geoffrey Byamugisha -P0231

Ernst & Young

Certified Public Accountant of Uganda Kampala Uganda

Nampaja Uganda

13 October 2022

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#### BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION UGANDA STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

| INCOME                                   | Notes | 2022<br>Ushs '000 | 2021<br>Ushs '000 |
|--|-------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Grant Income                             | 4(a)  | 137.025.294       | 104.254.350       |
| Revenue from contracts with customers    | 4(b)  | 2,115,394         | 1,269,350         |
| Other Income                             | 4(c)  | 3,494,154         | 1,673,601         |
|  |       | 142,634,842       | 107,197,301       |
| EXPENDITURE                              |       |                   |                   |
| Medical supplies and patients care costs | 5     | (26,442,035)      | (19,058,893)      |
| Program costs                            | 6     | (31,404,073)      | (22,864,654)      |
| Staff costs                              | 7     | (50,055,856)      | (37,375,172)      |
| Contractual and consultancy services     | 8     | (1,423,104)       | (1,073,793)       |
| Administrative costs                     | 9     | (32,545,406)      | (26,122,601)      |
|  |       | (141,870,474)     | (106,495,113)     |
| Surplus before tax                       | 10    | 764,368           | 702,188           |
| Income tax credit/(charge)               | 11(a) | 7,460             | (118,528)         |
| Surplus for the year                     |       | 771,828           | 583,660           |
| Other comprehensive income               |       |                   |                   |
| TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME               |       | 771,828           | 583,660           |

#### BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION UGANDA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

|                                     | Notes | 2022<br>Ushs '000 | 2021<br>Ushs '000 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS                              |       | 7,510,110         | 20000 315         |
| Non-current assets                  |       |                   |                   |
| Property and equipment              | 12    | 7,027,462         | 6,229,695         |
| Intangible assets                   | 13    | 173,900           | 83,721            |
|                                     |       | 7,201,362         | 6,313,416         |
| Current assets                      |       |                   |                   |
| Inventories                         | 14    | 5.977,789         | 3,842,856         |
| Current income tax recoverable      | 11(b) | 22,404            |                   |
| Receivables and prepayments         | 15    | 7,806,475         | 4,978,590         |
| Financial assets at amortised cost  | 16    | 1,126,046         | 803,708           |
| Cash and bank                       | 17    | 17,780,088        | 12,779,787        |
| 1961 - 167 Alexander                |       | 32,692,802        | 22,404,939        |
| Total assets                        |       | 39,894,164        | 28,718,355        |
| RESERVES AND LIABILITIES            |       |                   |                   |
| Reserves                            |       |                   |                   |
| Accumulated surplus                 |       | 6,346,588         | 5,574,760         |
|                                     |       | 6,346,588         | 5,574,760         |
| LIABILITIES                         |       |                   |                   |
| Non-current liabilities             |       |                   |                   |
| Grant liability: noncurrent portion | 19    | 7,055,589         | 6,313,416         |
|                                     |       | 7,055,589         | 6,313,416         |
| Current liabilities                 |       |                   |                   |
| Trade and other payables            | 18(a) | 6,312,111         | 3,583,332         |
| Provisions                          | 18(b) | 1,277,598         | 1,073,508         |
| Grant liability: current portion    | 19    | 18,902,278        | 12,173,339        |
|                                     |       | 26,491,987        | 16,830,179        |
| Total reserves and Liabilities      |       | 39,894,164        | 28,718,355        |

Director

Director

#### BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION UGANDA STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

#### **Accumulated Funds**

| At 1 July, 2020 Total comprehensive income for the year At 30 June, 2021 | Ushs '000<br>4,991,100<br>583,660<br>5,574,760 |
|--|--|
| At 1 July, 2021  | 5,574,760                                      |
| Total comprehensive income for the year                                  | <u>771,828</u>                                 |
| At 30 June, 2022   | 6,346,588                                      |

# BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION – UGANDA STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

|  | Notes   | 2022<br>Ushs '000        | 2021<br>Ushs '000        |
|--|---------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| CASHFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES   |         |                          |                          |
| Surplus for the year<br>Adjustments for:                                     |         | 771,828                  | 583,660                  |
| Depreciation   | 12      | 1,131,861                | 1,052,008                |
| Amortisation   | 13      | 50,431                   | 77,621                   |
| Amortisation of grant liability  | 19      | (129,375,182)            | (103,271,465)            |
| Unrealised foreign exchange gains  | 4(c)(i) | (88,393)                 | (542)                    |
| (Decrease)/increase in impairment allowance for advances                     | 9       | (247,376)                | 305,046                  |
| Increase in provisions   | 18(b)   | 204,090                  | 353,529                  |
| Loss on disposal of assets  Net cash outflows before working capital changes | 9       | 247,954<br>(127,304,787) | 132,948<br>(100,767,195) |
| Net cash outflows before working capital changes                             |         | (127,304,767)            | (100,767,195)            |
| Changes in working capital   |         |                          |                          |
| Increase in inventories  |         | (2,134,933)              | (844,345)                |
| Grant liability movement related to inventories                              | 19      | 21,319,002               | 15,304,118               |
| Increase in receivables and prepayments                                      |         | (2,492,118)              | (1,561,653)              |
| Increase in payables and accrued expenses                                    |         | 2,721,320                | (2,791,897)              |
| Decrease in provisions   |         |                          | (28,082)                 |
|  |         | (107,891,516)            | (90,689,054)             |
| Tax paid   | 11(b)   | (14,944)                 | (118,528)                |
| Net cash used in operating activities  |         | (107,906,460)            | <u>(90,807,582)</u>      |
| CASHFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES   |         |                          |                          |
| Payment for acquisition of property and equipment                            | 12      | (2,177,581)              | (1,580,238)              |
| Payment for acquisition of intangibles                                       | 13      | (140,610)                | (1,500,250)              |
| Net cash used in investing activities  |         | (2,318,191)              | (1,580,238)              |
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| CASHFLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES   |         |                          |                          |
| Cash receipts from grants  | 19      | <u>115,527,292</u>       | 94,237,975               |
| Net cash from financing activities   |         | <u>115,527,292</u>       | <u>94,237,975</u>        |
| Increase in cash and cash equivalents  |         | 5,302,641                | 1,850,155                |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July  |         | 13,583,493               | 11,733,338               |
| Cash and cash equivalence at 1 cary  |         | 10,000,100               | 11,700,000               |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 30 JUNE REPRESENTED BY:                         |         | <u>18,886,134</u>        | 13,583,493               |
| Cash and Bank  | 17      | 17,760,088               | 12,779,787               |
| Financial assets at amortised cost   | 16      | 1,126,046                | 803,706                  |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS  |         | <u>18,886,134</u>        | <u>13,583,493</u>        |





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# INTERNAL AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT



#### INTERNAL AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT

#### INTERNAL AUDIT MANDATE

Baylor-Uganda recognizes the Internal Audit Directorate as a strategic unit to promote governance, assess risk management practices, and improve internal controls. The Internal Audit function is robust and fully functional with relevant policy frameworks and competent staff led by the Head of Internal Audit. It has a well-defined operational and administrative reporting relationship with the Board Audit Committee and the Executive Director.

#### **OUR PRINCIPAL RISKS**

| Risk<br>Category  | Risk Description   | Risk Drivers/ Sources  | Risk Response   | Results  |
|---|--|--|---|--|
| Strategic / Operational   | ICT infrastructure/<br>system (hardware and<br>software) and digital<br>capabilities cannot<br>sufficiently compete,<br>support business<br>operations, manage<br>cyber threats and<br>information security. | a) Old and aging/ outdated ICT infrastructure (hardware and software).  b) Revolving ICT requires constant training of IT personnel. | a) A consultant conducted an organizational-wide ICT assessment of the infrastructure, software, hardware, personnel capacity, etc., was conducted by a consultant. b) Roadmap for Remedying vulnerabilities identified and developed. c) We monitor the implementation of the remedial actions and provide a status report to the Board quarterly. d) Some hardware upgrades have been made, and solutions (such as Veeam backup, and Microsoft 365) procured to improve efficiency and IT security. | Improved<br>security over<br>information.  |
| Strategic   | Public health<br>emergencies such<br>as epidemic<br>outbreaks (Ebola,<br>Marburg, COVID 19,<br>etc.) and floods  | a) Inadequate surveillance system for epidemic      b) Shortage/inadequate capacity  | a) We support the epidemic and flood Surveillance Taskforces in our operations areas as the implementing partner.     b) We support building infrastructure for remote training and healthcare and containing public health emergencies.  | a) Continuous<br>provision of<br>healthcare<br>services during<br>COVID 19<br>pandemic.          |
| ත් could lead to<br>interruption of<br>program activities<br>and staff contracti<br>the disease |  | of health care workers<br>to handle and contain<br>public health<br>emergencies  | c) We support our clients, health workers, and staff with Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) d) We continuously advise our team to take COVID 19 vaccination   | b) Low<br>transmission rate<br>and severe<br>disease among<br>staff and health<br>workers in the |

| Risk<br>Category       | Risk Description  | Risk Drivers/ Sources  | Risk Response   | Results   |
|------------------------|---|--|---|---|
|                        |   |  |   | areas of our operation.   |
|                        | Potential penalties and sanctions for   | a) Continuous<br>enactment of new laws<br>and regulations.   | We monitor and consistently<br>respond to changes in laws and<br>regulations and donor<br>requirements.   | a) No penalties<br>for non-<br>compliance with<br>laws and  |
| Compliance             | noncompliance with<br>laws and regulations,<br>policies/ procedures,<br>and donor   | b) Continuous changes in donor requirements.   | b) We conduct regular compliance assessments to identify compliance gaps and address them.  | regulations and<br>donor<br>requirement in<br>reporting period  |
| Comi                   | requirements that could impact the organization's financial performance and image   | c) Continuous<br>changes in<br>professional standards  | c) We train our staff regularly on changes in legislation and donor requirements d) Critical decisions are reviewed for compliance with laws and regulations and donor requirements before being implemented. | b) Unqualified/<br>clean audit<br>opinion issued<br>by our external<br>auditors.  |
| Strategic              | Suspension/<br>reduction in<br>funding from our<br>major donors   | a) COVID 19<br>pandemic impact on<br>the global economy<br>causing a reduction in<br>donor resource<br>envelopes and a shift<br>in funding priorities. | emic impact on lobal economy ng a reduction in resource b) Strategic networking, donor opes and a shift on the strategic networking, donor engagement, and prepositioning.                                    |   |
| Stra                   | could lead to<br>nonachievement<br>of the strategic<br>objectives   | b) Failure to adhere to<br>project proposal writing<br>guidance and<br>submission timelines  | c) Diversification of the strategic program scope of the organization. d) Expand our core funding base/sources. e) Strong leadership over project proposal writing and submission processes                   | year. b) Although our core funds did not increase as expected, more efforts are being made to widen the core funding base/sources |
| Strategic/ Operational | Oversight deficiencies due to the increased number of projects and scope could lead to misappropriation of funds and no achievement of project objectives.  Lack of proper M&E framework/plan to guide integrated monitoring and oversight activities |  | a) We developed M&E framework/plan to guide integrated monitoring and oversight activities.      b) We monitor/track the implementation of activities using an electronic activity tracker.                   | Improved timeliness in implementation of activities   |

# BUSINESS EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS



## **Business Process Efficiency and Effectiveness**

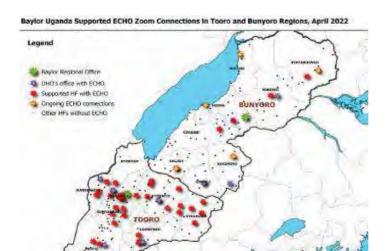
Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation (Baylor-Uganda)'s expansive growth has necessitated the alignment of the Operations Directorate as a business partner towards the attainment of the 5 - year Baylor Uganda Strategic and Business Plan. The Directorate of Operations continues to support all programs collaboratively through effective and efficient provision of administration, procurement, stores management, logistics, ICT, and facilities management. This is an attribution to partnership and collaboration with line ministries, departments, and agencies, working closely with Mulago National Referral Hospital and directly with the respective district leadership (Chief Administrative Offices and District chairpersons.

Establishing a safe, secure, and conducive working environment by identifying office premises for new projects has contributed to a quick start-up of the USAID-funded LPHS - E project in Mbale, enabling the accomplishment of program targets for COP 21. This has included mobilization and effective management of a fleet of vehicles that have supported field programs, mainly VMMC, thus contributing to the 95-95-95 UN - AIDS targets. Despite the challenges arising out of COVID-19, we have been able to procure goods and services to support the continuity of treatment. The increased costs have negatively impacted the budget, but we have been able to provide value-for-money goods and services.

## ICT Innovation and Business process improvement

ICT has played a pivotal role as a business continuity enabler in implementing and executing program activities, especially during the heightened COVID -19 country-wide lockdown and after. With stable Internet connectivity, up-to-date cybersecurity and related controls, and establishing ECHO ZOOM and points of care at various health centers and district health offices, we have ensured real-time capacity building, mentorship, and program coordination.

ICT continues to cement collaboration with line ministries, departments, and agencies, including NITA-U, universities, internet service providers, and the Research Education Network (RENU) to extend internet connectivity across the Baylor Uganda regions and health facilities, including modifications to the Electronic Medical Records (EMR) and other supply chain management platforms, for business process automation and efficiency



## Stores management

The expansion in scope and size of Baylor Uganda programs created a high demand for an efficient inventory management system.

Well-stocked stores across different regions have enabled continuous availability of medicines and health supplies to support program activities across Baylor Uganda areas of Operations, despite space challenges.

Table illustrating Baylor Uganda Stock Turnover

| Inventory<br>Posting Group<br>Name | As of 01/06/22  | Increases<br>(Receipts) (LCY) | Decreases<br>(Issues) (LCY) | As of<br>10/31/22 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Category                           | Value           | Value                         | Value                       | Value             |
| ARVS                               | 861,171,536.9   | 3,463,203,452.1               | 2,914,702,604.9             | 1,409,672,384.1   |
| LAB-REAGEN                         | 1,563,020,734.2 | 4,102,091,121.4               | 5,030,173,507.6             | 634,938,348.1     |
| MED SUPP                           | 1,360,911,707.1 | 10,852,814,188.2              | 9,639,732,914.1             | 2,573,992,981.2   |
| NON-ARVS                           | 283,669,757.9   | 1,347,546,025.6               | 1,109,579,920.3             | 521,635,863.1     |
| OTHER SUPP                         | 1,594,026,881.8 | 6,725,145,642.6               | 6,290,513,533.1             | 2,028,658,991.4   |
| STATIONARY                         | 245,614,486.7   | 1,428,233,639.9               | 1,412,697,220.6             | 261,150,906.0     |
| Total                              | 5,908,415,104.6 | 27,919,034,069.8              | 26,397,399,700.5            | 7,430,049,473.9   |

#### Stores arrangements that have improved





Before

After

### **Facilities Management**

In this reporting year we installed solar systems to ensure timely data capture and reporting for decision-making, refurbished ART clinic infrastructure and Adolescent centers. we Improved drop-in centers to facilitate the uptake of ART services and retention of clients. We renovated several laboratories, many of which received SANAS accreditation and refurbishing other infrastructure to provide maternal and child health services (Maternity, NICUs, and Theatres). We also supported communicable disease surveillance efforts under Global Health Security in establishment and maintenance of border screening structures at the border crossing points of DRC in Rwenzori region

#### Screening structure in Kayanzi in Kasese District





Kayanzi Point of Entry (Before and After)





Solar establishment at Ntara Health Center 4, Kitagwenda District solar equipment

# BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ORGANISATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY



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#### Our vision and mission are:

Vision: A financially self-sustained and secure organization

Mission: To increase Baylor-Uganda's financial resource base through diversified donor base and self-generating income streams.

Purpose: To ensure institutional sustainability beyond donor funds.

During the year 2021-2022, Baylor-Uganda has reached several milestones which among others include:

Business Plan Review: The current Business plan expires at the end of 2023.

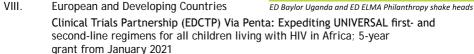
With financial support USAID, we have been able to start the review process for both the strategic plan & the revenue diversification plan. This support has enabled us to engage both internal and external stakeholders that are key in developing a quality plan by identifying strategic areas of focus for the new strategic planning period (2023-2028).

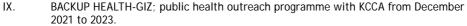
The revenue diversification plan will enable us increase capacity for institutional sustainability.

New Partnerships and Opportunities: During the year we had some new grants and extensions / enhancements of exiting grants. These included;

- Global Fund through TASO New Funding Model (NFM3) from March 2021 ending December 2023.
- II. UNICEF NEW Program Cooperative Agreement was signed which ended May 2022.
- III. Uganda Paediatric and Adolescent HIV Cohort on Antiretroviral Therapy (UP-ART), August 2021 to February 2022.

- IV. NIH CoVPN research study via FAMILY HEALTH INTERNATIONAL (FHI 360); 5-year grant from July 2021
- ٧. Differentiated delivery of tuberculosis preventive treatment (TPT): November 2021 to October 2023
- VI. NIH NOD study Via Makerere University College of Health sciences-Molecular & Microbiology lab; June 2021 to May 2022
- VII. USAID Local Partner Health Services-Eastern Activity (LPHS-E); 5-year grant from October 2021





Χ. Strengthening technical and management capacity of District Local Governments for Reproductive, Maternal, New-born, Child, Adolescent Health (RMNCAH), April 2021 to December 2022.

Prospects: This Financial year we responded to requests for applications (RFAs) and submitted



Absa team Donates Laptops

proposals worth USD 37,193,853.

The unit has proactively worked hard to bring on board corporate organizations to partner and support our programs through their Corporate Responsibility programs. This is to enable us to expand and diversify the portfolio of Baylor Uganda sources of funding in line with our strategic plan and business development plan.

#### ABSA Bank Donation:

The Baylor-Uganda COE clinic is going paperless with all client's documents

secured in an electronic medical records system. The COE clinic introduced virtual counselling for relatively well clients who do not need to physically see doctors.

The virtual engagement with clients was introduced at the COE to allow doctors and counsellors work remotely with virtual private network access to the electronic medical records system.

To make the above possible, ABSA Bank supported the COE with 10 laptops for social workers and volunteers to complete patient information on community HIV medicines and tuberculosis drug deliveries before they travel to and on return from the field respectively.

In addition, this has enabled our clients get services conveniently without coming to the clinic physically, client data collected and entered real time and the clinic is less crowded which has a contributed to clients adhering to their appointments.

#### SUCCESS STORY

Baylor Uganda secured its first full grant with USAID Local Partner Health Services- Eastern Activity(LPHS-E) to be implemented in the districts of Mbale, Tororo, Butaleja, Namisindwa, Manafwa, Pallisa, Kibuku, Butebo, Budaka, Kapchorwa, Sironko, Bududa, Bulambuli, Bukwo, and Kween. It is a 5 year programme totalling USD 19,193,853 over the 5 year period with an annual budget of USD 5.5m.

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

- 1. Continuous Engagement of stakeholders both in the corporate world and development partners to preposition Baylor Uganda.
- 2. Organize social fundraising events with major stake holders
- 3. Conduct an organization wide training in resource mobilization
- 4. Operationalize the reviewed Business plan

# BAYLOR-UGANDA GRANTS PORTFOLIO FY 2021/22



|      | Baylor Uganda - Grants FY 2021/22  |   |                                 |                             |                           |   |  |  |
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| S.No | Name/ Title of Grant   | Donor   | Thematic<br>Area/prog<br>area   | Grant period                | Amount US<br>Dollars (\$) | Districts of oper-<br>atiom   | Current<br>Year<br>Amount US<br>Dollars (\$) |  |
| 1    | Accelerating Epidemic Control in<br>Fort Portal Region in the Republic<br>of Uganda under the President's<br>Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief<br>(PEPFAR)- ACE FORT  | Centres for<br>Disease Con-<br>trol aand<br>Prevention<br>(CDC)   | HIV/TB<br>program               | 01/10/2020 to<br>30/09/2021 | 11,829,337                | Kabarole,Kyenjo-<br>jo,Kyegegwa,Kam-<br>wenge,Kitag-<br>wenda,Bunyangabo,-<br>Kasese, Bundibugyo<br>and Ntoroko       | 2,957,334                                    |  |
|      | Accelerating Epidemic Control in<br>Fort Portal Region in the Republic<br>of Uganda under the President's<br>Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief<br>(PEPFAR) - ACE FORT | Centres for<br>Disease Con-<br>trol aand<br>Prevention<br>(CDC)   | HIV/TB<br>program               | 01/10/2020 to<br>30/09/2022 | 11,778,296                | Kabarole, Kyenjo-<br>jo, Kyegegwa, Kam-<br>wenge, Kitag-<br>wenda, Bunyangabo, -<br>Kasese, Bundibugyo<br>and Ntoroko | 8,833,722                                    |  |
| 2    | COLLABORATIVE AFRICAN GENOMICS NETWORK (CAFGEN)  | National<br>Institues of<br>Health(NIH)<br>via Baylor<br>Botswana | Clinical<br>trial-Re-<br>search | 01/09/2020 to<br>31/08/2021 | 61,395                    | Kampala CoE   | 10,233                                       |  |
|      | COLLABORATIVE AFRICAN GENOMICS NETWORK (CAFGEN)  | National<br>Institues of<br>Health(NIH)<br>via Baylor<br>Botswana | Clinical<br>trial-Re-<br>search | 01/09/2021 to<br>31/08/2022 | 85,017                    | Kampala CoE   | 70,848                                       |  |
| 3    | International Maternal Pediatric<br>Adolescent AIDS Clinical Trials Net-<br>work (IMPAACT) Bridge Funding  | NIH via<br>Johns Hop-<br>kins Univ                                | Clinical<br>trial-Re-<br>search | 17/03/2020 to<br>15/09/2029 | 129,565                   | Kampala- Baylor<br>Clinical research<br>site(CRS) at the COE  | 129,565                                      |  |
| 4    | IMPAACT Salary PF  | NIH via<br>Johns Hop-<br>kins Univ                                | Clinical<br>trial-Re-<br>search | 01/12/2020 to<br>01/11/2021 | 110,967                   |   | 110,967                                      |  |

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| 6    | HIV Preventions Trial Network<br>(HPTN084)  | FHI via JHU                                    | Clinical<br>trial-Re-<br>search             | 01/12/2020 to<br>01/11/2021 | 740,938                   | Kampala- Baylor<br>Clinical research<br>site(CRS) at the COE                            | 555,704                                      |  |
|      | ELMA Global Hope (PHO)  | ELMA Philan-<br>thropies                       | Hema-<br>tology-<br>oncology<br>research    | 01/07/2021 to<br>30/06/2022 | 263,269                   | Kampala- cancer institute and COE   | 263,269                                      |  |
|      | ELMA Pediatric & Adolescent HIV   | ELMA Philan-<br>thropies                       | Paed and<br>adoles-<br>cent HIV<br>program  | 01/07/2021 to<br>30/06/2022 | 363,976                   | Rwenzori Region   | 363,976                                      |  |
| 9    | Accelerating epidemic control in<br>Kampala region of Uganda under<br>the President's Emergency Plan<br>for AIDS Relief through scale up of<br>evidence based and high impact<br>interventions towards achievement<br>of UNAIDS 90:90:90 targets<br>(Kampala HIV) | CDC via<br>Infectious<br>Diseases<br>Institute | HIV/TB<br>program                           | 01/10/2020 to<br>30/09/2021 | 877,219                   | Kampala-COE   | 219,305                                      |  |
|      | Accelerating epidemic control in<br>Kampala region of Uganda under<br>the President's Emergency Plan<br>for AIDS Relief through scale up of<br>evidence based and high impact<br>interventions towards achievement<br>of UNAIDS 09:09:09 targets<br>(Kampala HIV) | CDC via<br>Infectious<br>Diseases<br>Institute | HIV/TB<br>program                           | 01/10/2021 to<br>30/09/2022 | 680,000                   | Kampala-COE   | 510,000                                      |  |
| 10   | ODYSSEY (PENTA 20): A randomised trial of dolutegravir (DTG)-based antiretroviral therapy vs. standard of care (SOC) in children with HIV infection starting first-line or switching to second-line ART (ODYSSEY-Longterm Follow up)                              | Fondazione<br>PENTA                            | Hema-<br>tology-<br>oncology<br>research    | 01/09/2020 to<br>30/08/2021 | 189,929                   | Kampala CoE   | 31,655                                       |  |
|      | ODYSSEY (PENTA 20): A randomised trial of dolutegravir (DTG)-based antiretroviral therapy vs. standard of care (SOC) in children with HIV infection starting first-line or switching to second-line ART (ODYSSEY-Longterm Follow up)                              | Fondazione<br>PENTA                            | Hema-<br>tology-<br>oncology<br>research    | 01/09/2020 to<br>30/08/2022 | 180,702                   | Kampala CoE   | 150,585                                      |  |
| 18   | Pediatric HIV/AIDS & Infection-Re-<br>lated Malignancies Research<br>Consortium for sub-Saharan Africa<br>(PARCA-U54)   | Baylor<br>College of<br>Medicine               | Clinical<br>trials-Re-<br>search            | 01/10/2020 to<br>30/09/2021 | 115,643                   | Kampala-Cancer<br>Institute and CoE   | 28,911                                       |  |
| 20   | Local Service Delivery Activity-LSDA  | USAID via<br>UPMB                              | Pead and<br>adolescent<br>HIV/TB<br>program | 01/09/2020 to<br>30/08/2021 | 368,012                   | Countrywide   | 92,003                                       |  |
|      | Local Service Delivery Activity-LSDA  | USAID via<br>UPMB                              | Pead and<br>adolescent<br>HIV/TB<br>program | 01/10/2020 to<br>30/09/2022 | 202,322                   | Countrywide   | 151,742                                      |  |
| 21   | Accelerating and Sustaining HIV<br>Epidemic Control and Related<br>Diseases in Western and West Nile<br>Regions in the Republic of Uganda<br>under the President's Emergency<br>Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)-ACE<br>Bunyoro                                      | CDC  | HIV/TB<br>program                           | 30/09/2020 to<br>29/09/2021 | 6,131,019                 | Hoima,Masindi,Bu-<br>lisa, Kiryandon-<br>go,Kibaale,Kaku-<br>miro,Kikkube and<br>Kagadi | 1,532,755                                    |  |

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| 22   | Improving Health Security and<br>Building International Health<br>Regulations core capacities in the<br>Republic of Uganda (Global Health<br>Security /GHS)   | CDC   | Public<br>health<br>emergency<br>response   | 30/09/2020 to<br>29/09/2021 | 4,200,000                 | Kabarole, Kyenjo-<br>jo, Kyegegwa, Kam-<br>wenge, Kitag-<br>wenda, Bunyang-<br>abo, Kassese,<br>Bundibugyo, N-<br>toroko, Hoima, Ma-<br>sindi, Bulisa, Kiry-<br>andongo, Kibaale,<br>Kakumiro, Kikkube<br>and Kagadi   | 2,268,750                                    |
|      | Improving Health Security and<br>Building International Health<br>Regulations core capacities in the<br>Republic of Uganda (Global Health<br>Security /GHS)   | CDC   | Public<br>health<br>emergency<br>response   | 30/09/2020 to<br>29/09/2022 | 1,127,744                 | Kabarole, Kyenjo-<br>jo, Kyegegwa, Kam-<br>wenge, Kitag-<br>wenda, Bunyang-<br>abo, Kasse,<br>Bundibugyo, N-<br>toroko, Holma, Ma-<br>sindi, Bulisa, Kiry-<br>andongo, Kibaale,<br>Kakumiro, Kikkube<br>and Kagadi   | 845,808                                      |
| 23   | Breather Plus   | Europe-<br>an and<br>Developing<br>Countries<br>Clinical<br>Trials<br>Partneship<br>(EDCTP) | Clinical<br>trial-Re-<br>search   | 01/01/2021 to<br>31/12/2021 | 192,832                   | Kampala CoE  | 192,832                                      |
| 24   | USAID/Regional Health Integration to Enhance Services (RHITES- E)   | USAID via<br>Intra-Health   | HIV/TB<br>program   | 27/01/2021 to<br>30/09/2021 | 100,000                   | Budhaka  | 33,333                                       |
| 25   | TASO Global Fund (Oct-Dec2018)  | Global Fund<br>via TASO   | HIV/TB<br>Program   | 10/03/2021 to<br>31/12/2023 | 4,085,830                 | Bundibugyo,<br>Bunyangabu, Ka-<br>barole, Kamwenge,<br>Kasese, Kitagwenda,<br>Kyegegwa, Kyenjo-<br>jo, Ntoroko, Buliisa,<br>Hoima, Kagadi,<br>Kakumiro, Kibaale,<br>Kikuube, Kiryandon-<br>go, Masindi, Kassan-<br>da, Kayunga, Kiboga,<br>Luwero, Kyankwanzi,<br>Mityana, Mubende,<br>Nakaseke, Naka-<br>songola  | 1,361,943                                    |
| 26   | Strengthening technical and management capacity of District Local Governments for Reproductive, Maternal, New-born, Child, Adolescent Health (RNINCAH) services and Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) services in 10 districts in Western and Central zones of Uganda (UNICEF REWASH) | UNICEF  | Repro-<br>ductive<br>Maternal<br>Adolescent<br>Child<br>Health, HIV,<br>WASH &<br>Education | 01/04/2021 to<br>31/03/2022 | 2,087,817                 | "HIV/AIDS: Bugweri,<br>Iganga, Kamuli,<br>Namayingo, Kasese,<br>Hoima, Kikuube, Isin-<br>giro and Ntugamo<br>MNH: Isingiro,<br>Kyenjojo and Kasese<br>Nutrition: Kam-<br>wenge, Kikuube,<br>Kyegegwa and<br>Isingiro<br>Family connect:<br>Bugweri, Iganga,<br>Kamuli, Kasese,<br>Kyenjojo, Isingiro,<br>Rakai and Ntugamo<br>DHSS: Bugweri, Igan-<br>ga, Kamuli, Kyenjo-<br>jo, Kasese, Hoima,<br>Kikuube, Isingiro and | 1,565,863                                    |

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| 28   | Determining the Effectiveness of<br>Dispensing Messages on Adherence<br>and Viral Suppression among Chil-<br>dren with an Unsuppressed Viral<br>Load in Uganda (DEDIM Study)   | Interna-<br>tional<br>Association<br>of Providers<br>of AIDS Care<br>(IAPAC)                                | Imple-<br>mentation<br>science-Re-<br>search   | 01/03/2021 to<br>30/06/2022                   | 50,000                    | Kampala CoE   | 50,000                                       |  |
| 29   | Strengthening Reporting and<br>Contact Tracing and Follow up of<br>Covid 19 in Uganda  | World<br>Health<br>Organisation<br>(WHO)  | Public<br>health<br>emergency<br>response      | May 17, 2021 -<br>July 31, 2021               | 174,723                   | Project area: 63<br>districts in 6 regions<br>of Jinja, Masaka,<br>Mbale, Moroto,<br>Mubende and Soroti<br>region   | 14,560                                       |  |
| 30   | PREVALENCE AND RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH METABOLIC SYNDROME IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS LIVING WITH HIV IN UGANDA (MetS Study)   | YALE UNI-<br>VERSITY  | Clinical<br>trial-Re-<br>search                | March 12,<br>2021 - Decem-<br>ber 31, 2021    | 13,651                    | Kampala-CoE   | 9,101  |  |
| 31   | Uganda Paediatric and Adolescent<br>HIV Cohort on Antiretroviral<br>Therapy (UP-ART)   | UCL, WHO,<br>CIPHER, &<br>UNICEF  | Implemen-<br>tation Sci-<br>ence-Re-<br>search | August 01,<br>2021 - Feb 28,<br>2022          | 154,618                   | Kampala (Sites<br>include Mildmay,<br>Hoims RFH, & Lira<br>RFH)   | 154,618                                      |  |
| 32   | Differentiated delivery of tuberculosis preventive treatment (TPT)   | CIPHER  | Implemen-<br>tation Sci-<br>ence-Re-<br>search | November<br>01, 2021 -<br>October 31,<br>2023 | 149,391                   | Kampala   | 49,797                                       |  |
| 33   | Multi-Center, Randomized, Efficacy<br>Study of COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine in<br>Regions with SARS-CoV-2 Variants<br>of Concern (CoVPN 3008)   | NIH via FAM-<br>ILY HEALTH<br>INTERNA-<br>TIONAL (FHI<br>360)   | Clinical<br>trials-Re-<br>search               | July 15,2021-<br>November 30,<br>2021         | 377,125                   | Kampala   | 377,125                                      |  |
| 34   | CoVPN 3005 VAT00008, "A paral-<br>lel-group, Phase III, multi-stage,<br>modified double-blind, multiarmed<br>study to assess the efficacy, safety,<br>and immunogenicity of two SARS-<br>CoV-2 Adjuvanted Recombinant<br>Protein Vaccines (monovalent and<br>bivalent) for prevention against<br>COVID-19 in adults 18 years of age<br>and older" (CoVPN 3005) | NIH via FAM-<br>ILY HEALTH<br>INTERNA-<br>TIONAL (FHI<br>360)   | Clinical<br>trials-Re-<br>search               | July 1, 2021-<br>November 30,<br>2021         | 1,766,500                 | Kampala   | 1,766,500                                    |  |
| 35   | NOD study  | NIH Via<br>Makerere<br>University<br>College<br>of Health<br>sciences-<br>Molecular&<br>Microbiology<br>lab | Clinical<br>trials-Re-<br>search               | June 2021-<br>May 2022                        | 136,558                   | Kampala   | 136,558                                      |  |
| 36   | Local Partner Health Services-<br>Eastern Activity(LPHS-E)   | U.S. Agency<br>for Interna-<br>tional De-<br>velopment<br>Mission in<br>Uganda<br>(USAID/<br>Uganda)        |  | 21/10/2021 to<br>30/09/2022                   | 6,660,035                 | Mbale, Tororo, Bu-<br>taleja, Namisindwa,<br>Manafwa, Pallisa,<br>Kibuku, Butebo,<br>Budaka, Kapchorwa,<br>Sironko, Bududa,<br>Bulambuli, Bukwo,<br>and Kween | 5,550,029                                    |  |
| 37   | Closing -TB GAPs - for people living<br>with HIV: TB Guidance for Adapt-<br>able Patient-Centered Service  | CDC via Bay-<br>lor College<br>of Medicine<br>Texas   | Clinical<br>trials-Re-<br>search               | 10/01/2021 -<br>09/29/2022                    | 4,442                     | CoE   | 3,332  |  |

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| 39   | BACKUP HEALTH-GIZ   | GIZ                                     | Public<br>Health/<br>outreach<br>project                                       | 01.12.2021 to<br>31.03.2023          | 108,614                   |                             | 47,519                                       |  |
| 40   | Uganda Reproductive Maternal and<br>Child Health Services Improvement<br>(URMCHIP)  | World Bank<br>via Ministry<br>of Health | Repro-<br>ductive<br>Maternal<br>Adolescent<br>and Child<br>Health<br>Services | 28 Feb- 31<br>Dec 2022(10<br>Months) | 297,224                   | Mid Western<br>Uganda ()    | 118,890                                      |  |
| 41   | "D3 : A randomised non-inferiority<br>trial with nested PK to assess<br>DTG/3TC fixed dose formulations<br>for the maintenance<br>of virological suppression in<br>children with HIV infection aged 2<br>to <15 years old"" | ViiV Health-<br>care Via<br>PENTA       | Clinical<br>trials-Re-<br>search   | Oct 2021-Sept<br>2024                | 819,097                   | CoE                         | 166,991                                      |  |
| 42   | HPTN International Scholar  | HPTN via<br>FHI                         | Scholar<br>grant   | 01/06/2022-<br>30/11/2023            | 186,480                   | CoE                         | 15,540                                       |  |
|      |   |   |  |                                      | 66,258,341                |                             | 37,733,821                                   |  |

# PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMUNICATION AND ADVOCACY



#### COMMUNICATIONS AND ADVOCACY DEPARTMENT

Baylor-Uganda Communications Department revise the communication policy during the year to allign with the revised strategic plan 2021-2023.

## THE COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

Baylor communications strategy has been structured/contextualised around four strands:

- A. Corporate Communications.
- B. Regional/Baylor Communications.
- C. Internal and International Relations/Donor/Diaspora Communications.
- D. General Communications.

#### Enshrined in there is the:

- 1) A rebuttal/crisis communications strategy
- 2) A social media strategy
- 3) A branding strategy
- 4) One core script

This reporting year we have streamlined communications coordination with a Manager at the center to mentor coordinate and provide technical supervision and performance oversight to the technical staff at the district.

Our Social Media channels have been reactivated and we have now revamped and launched a new website: these links are shared below.

Mail: <u>admin@baylor-uganda.org</u>

LinkedIn: https://linkedin.com/company/5078481/admin

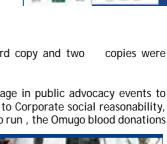
YouTube: @BaylorUq

Instagram. bayloruganda

Website: http://baylor-uganda.org

We revived the Baylor Mail Newsletter in Both Digital and Hard copy and two copies were produced and widely circulated

As part of the Advocacy, Baylor Continued to organise and engage in public advocacy events to continue growing the brand of Baylor Uganda as well contribute to Corporate social reasonability, some of which are highlighted in the pictures below. The empango run, the Omugo blood donations





The 19th Rotary Cancer Run at Kololo and other parts of Uganda

event and many others.

#### The NAPAC CALL CENTER (0800205555/0800305555)

The National Paediatric and Adolescent HIV/TB Call Center is a toll free consultation service for health workers and clients launched on 1st December 2015 on the International world AIDS day.

#### Services offered:

- Technical assistance to health workers on issues regarding HIV/AIDS/TB.
- Voluntary medical male circumcision follow ups
- HIV Self testing consultations
- Key population
- HPTN research studies
- ART Clinic patients at the Baylor-COE clinic.





















































































# BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION-UGANDA

Who we are:



We are Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation Uganda!!

- . We are a nationally recogonised NGO founded 2006.
- . Affiliated to Baylor International Paediatric AIDS Initiative(BIPAI), a network of Paediatric HIV Care and treatment Children's Clinical Centres of Excellenece (COE), worldwide.

**VISION:** A world where children and their families live a healthy and fulfilled life.

MISSION: To provide high-quality family-cantered health care, education and research worldwide.

## Where we work/ Capacity

These operations are carried out at the COE and Post Natal Clinic both located at Mulago Hospital Complex. In addition, we support 145 health facilities in 9 districts in the Fort Portal region, 106 in facilities in 8 districts in the Bunyoro region, to implement comprehensive HIV and Global Health Security funded by CDC/ PEPFAR. We also work in 18 districts supported through grants from Global Fund/TASO, namely; Bulisa, Kagadi, Masindi, Kyankwanzi, Kiboga, Kisoro, Rubirizi, Luwero, Kalangala, Nakaseke, Kavunga. Kasese, Ntoroko, Nakasongola, Buikwe, Hoima, Kiryandongo. Under UNICEF, Kibale and we work in 13 districts located in Eastern, Central and Western Uganda.





## What we Do







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