

LIRA DISABILITY PROJECT (NOV/06-JUL/08)



BACKGROUND

Lira District is located in Northern Uganda (pink).

It has a population of about 530,000 people.

In November 2006, about 184,000 people lived in 37 Displacement Sites (IDP Camps).

All the camps in Lira District are now closed.

Camp closures led to challenges in reaching or following-up people in their remote rural homes.

2002 census report identifies 4% of the population in Uganda has some form of disability; Lira has over 21,000 Persons with Disability (PWDs).

A small grants/technical assistance project for Persons with Disability was piloted in Gulu District from June 2005 through September 2006. Its success led to initiation of similar activities in Lira District.



The Gulu/Lira Disability Projects are part of the Omega Initiative – a regional funding mechanism based in Nairobi, Kenya. It is an eight-year (2001-2009) \$13 million dollar project supporting disability organizations in sub-Saharan Africa.

Funding for the Omega Initiative is from USAID's Patrick Leahy War Victims Fund.

Partners in the Lira Project are Lira District Local Government, Pact Inc., Pact Kenya, and USAID Kampala.

The Lira Disability Project is staffed by one Disability Advisor (expatriate US Physical Therapist) and one Project Assistant. It is implemented from November 2006 through August 2008. Extensive monitoring and support for the project will continue through June 2009. Backstopping is provided by Pact in Kenya.



Target beneficiaries are PWDs living in Lira District.

Objectives:

- ❖ Facilitate access to physical care services (medical, orthopedic, rehabilitation).
- ❖ Promote information sharing and social protection (data collection, awareness, policy, reduce barriers).
- ❖ Support institutional development/capacity building (training, equipment, materials).
- ❖ Encourage independence and self-sufficiency (education, skill development, business/income generation).

Ms. Christine Anono, Senior Community Development Officer (Lira District Local Government), and Mr. Patrick Ojok,

Pact's Project Assistant, are two extremely dedicated individuals. Without their contributions and support, this Project would not have achieved the level of success it has.

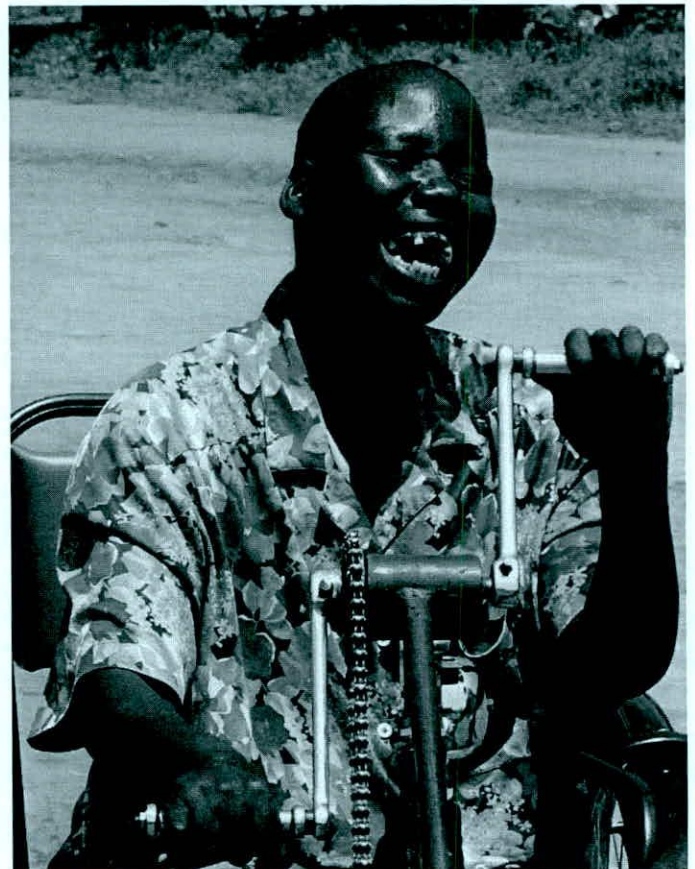


AWARD DETAILS

- 60% of applicants received grants
- Avg. grant amount: \$25,229
- Type of grants:
2 in-kind; 7 fixed obligation; 17 in-kind/cash.
- Avg. grant period: 10 months
- Avg. time from application to review: 6.3 days
- Number of proposal review meetings: 89
- Avg. time from application to award: 1.7 months
- 54% of grantees are disability groups

SUMMARY INFORMATION

- 21-month project with focus in Lira District
- 43 organizations were visited/assessed
- \$655,966 USD obligated in awards
- All projects benefit persons with disability
- 26 different projects funded
- Two non-Ugandan organizations were funded
- 42% of projects reached entire District
- 1/3 of projects benefited Lira and Gulu Districts
- 5,957 beneficiaries



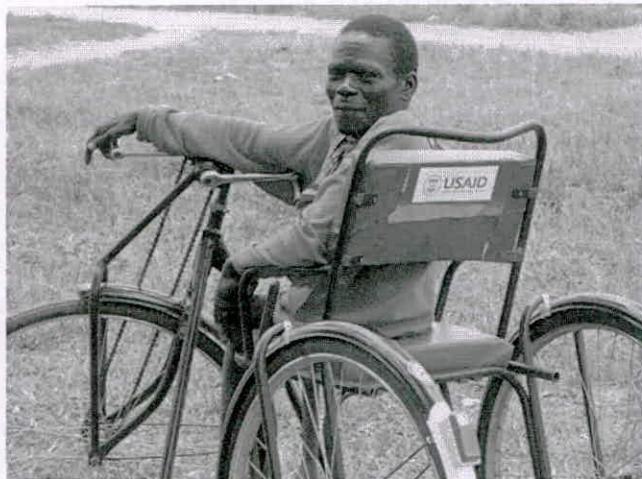
1. OGORO MITA AKONYA DISABLED GROUP

Lira-Omega-1052 (In-Kind)

March 23, 2007 – October 23, 2007

\$5,223

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Satisfied customer in his new tricycle

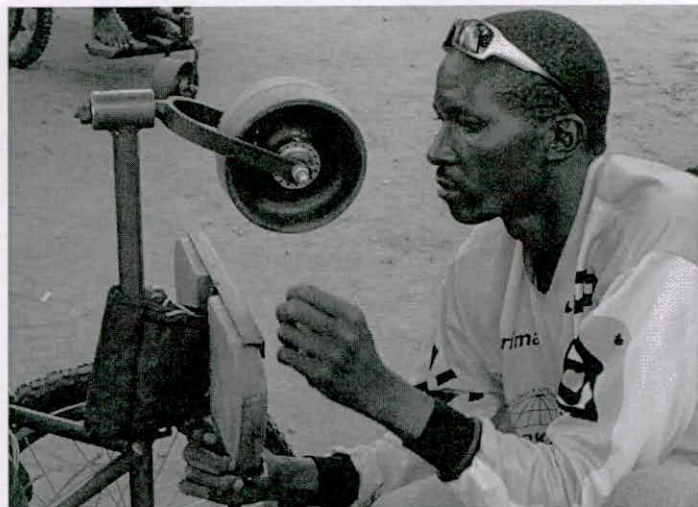


Parents learning "tipping" to go up curbs/over bumps



Learning to push

- Assessed 40 people to identify the need for a mobility aid, and the type/size to be given.
- Gave 12 tricycles and 5 wheelchairs to members.
- 51 follow-up visits made by Ogoro Mita Chairman and Assistant Community Development Officer.



Cyrus Mulyowa, GYDA staff, and TATCOT wheelchair technician graduate, adjusts the footrest height.



Going Home

2. LIRA DEAF ASSOCIATION

Lira-Omega-1053 (In-Kind/Cash)

April 2, 2007 – March 31, 2008

\$38,695

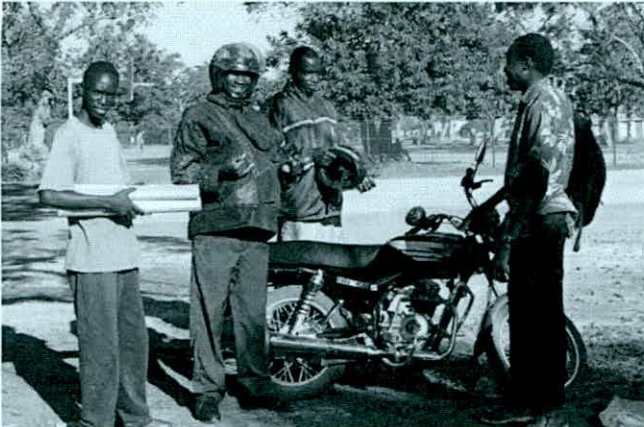
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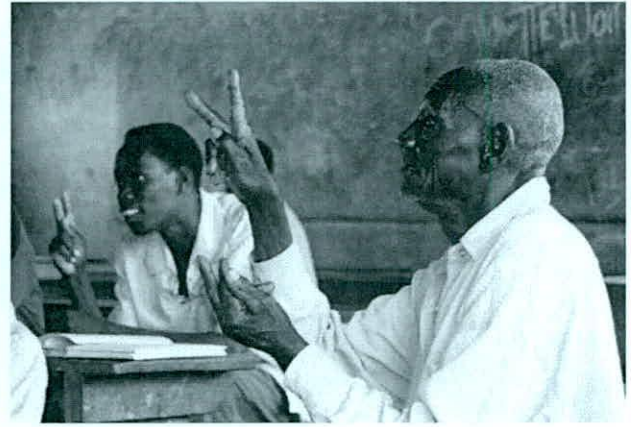
Celebrating completion of the 4-week course



Working on the sign for "Thursday"



Supervisor Michael Okwadi heads to the sub-counties



Never too old to learn Sign Language



The late Harriet Letaru, a gifted and dedicated Sign Language instructor.

- 145 Hearing people received 60 hours (4 weeks) of Sign Language training in 4 separate programs; one was a weekend program.
- 38 Deaf individuals received 3 months of Training of Trainer in Sign Language; 19 were selected to become trainers.
- 399 people (126 Hearing and 273 Deaf) in 15 sub-counties in Lira District received Sign Language training for 2 months. Due to demand from 11 sub-counties, 126 people also received one additional month of Sign Language training.
- Two motorcycles purchased; now assets of Lira Deaf Association.
- Rehabilitated a training room in the Lira District Union of Person with Disability (LDUPD) compound. Purchased 50 chairs that remain assets of Lira Deaf Association for rent as income generation.
- Constructed a much-needed wheelchair accessible latrine at LDUPD.
- Over 500 people trained in Sign Language, resulted in improvement in communication with and understanding of the Deaf community.

3. UGANDA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

Lira-Omega-1054 (FOG)

March 5, 2007 – February 28, 2008

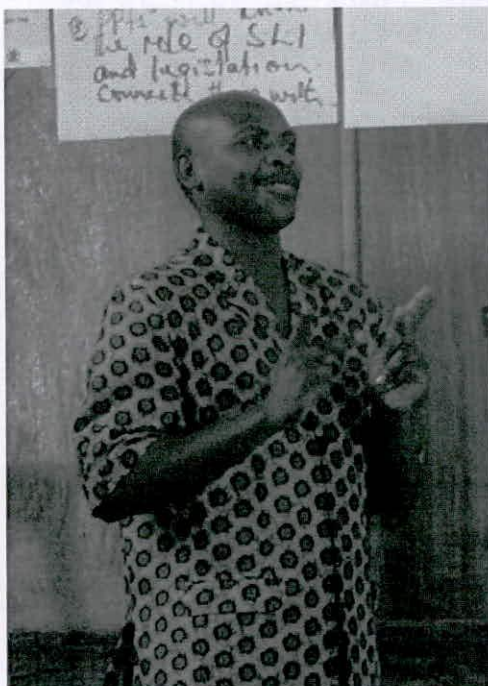
\$42,603

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Signing what is heard from audio tape

Alex Ndeezi (below), the Executive Director of UNAD, is a person with Deafness and a Member of Parliament. He tirelessly advocates for the Rights of Persons with Disability and promotion of Sign Language.



Video taping Sign Language interpretation as part of exams



Sign Language interpreter assigned to local drama group

- Trained 20 individuals (10 Gulu and 10 Lira) for 5 months in Sign Language Interpretation (3 months theory; 2 months practical).
- Held two sensitization meetings (Gulu 126 people; Lira 64 people) to introduce interpreters and promote use of Sign Language.
- Trained 30 members of Lira Deaf Association in organizational management and elected/trained 10 Executive members.
- Produced and printed 500 copies of a Guide for "Working with Constituents with Disabilities".
- Uganda's Disability Act 2006 requires Sign Language interpreters at all public meetings and as hospital staff. The increase in interpreters is building capacity in this vital communication area.

4. COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION ALLIANCE (COMBRA)

Lira-Omega-1055 (FOG)

April 6, 2007 – March 31, 2008

\$25,431

COMPLETED



COMBRA staff with ten students (blue/white shirts)



Corner seat to help with sitting



A brother works with his sister to stretch her legs while sitting



Raised toilet seat

- Trained 10 parents of children with disability (6 Lira and 4 Gulu) for 4 months in Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR). The training was held in Kampala.
- Trained 39 parents of children with disability (20 Lira and 19 Gulu) for 5 days in the production of basic adaptive aids and mobility devices. Training was held in Lira and Gulu.
- Purchased 100 books, "Disabled Village Children". 80 books retained at COMBRA; 9 to Gulu and 11 to Lira.
- COMBRA staff conducted regular supervision visits to Gulu and Lira to monitor activities of the 10 graduates.
- Provided home visits and basic rehabilitation services to 150 children in Lira/Gulu.
- Purchased one motorcycle for Gulu Parent Support Organization.
- Motivating community volunteers to work with disabled children without payment has been a challenge. An incentive system with points earned for results achieved is being piloted. Points can be exchanged for material goods like radios, mosquito nets, gumboots and the like.

5. GULU YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Lira-Omega-1056 (FOG)

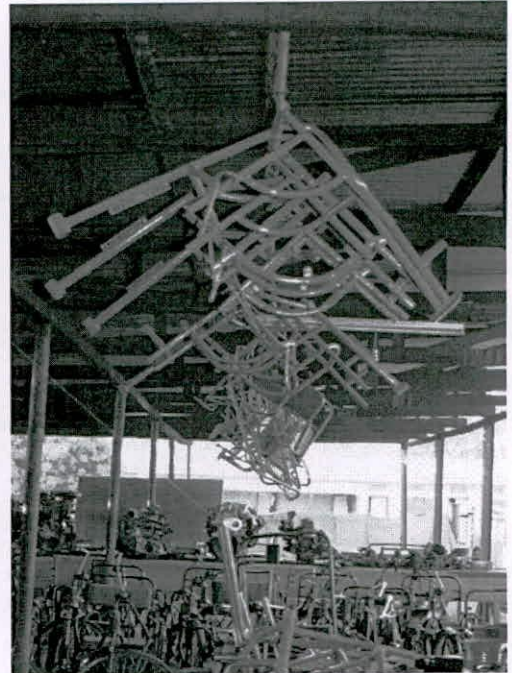
April 23, 2007 – December 23, 2007

\$48,234

CLOSED



Members of the GYDA team with Jimmy in his special cart. Jimmy cannot move his legs – his left leg is fixed in a straight position and his right leg is fixed bent. He cannot bend his hips. He has no arm control, but can move some fingers. Previously, Jimmy rolled on the ground like a log or else was transported in a wheelbarrow. He now goes to school.



Wheelchair frames hung to dry at GYDA



Mobility aids arriving in Lira Municipality

- Project had two main objectives: production of 200 mobility aids and strengthening overall management of the Association.
- Made 100 wheelchairs and 100 tricycles.
- Revised Association constitution; this was facilitated by a Pact Kenya staff.
- Hired a financial assistant.
- Developed, but did not implement a number of organizational policies.
- Despite Pact's stringent efforts, GYDA demonstrated little improvement in management. Pact discontinued the grant.



Reality of the roads and challenges of wheelchair delivery during rainy season

6. LIRA UMBRELLA PARENT SUPPORT ORGANIZATION (LUPSO)

Lira-Omega-1057 (In-Kind/Cash)

May 3, 2007 – June 30, 2008

\$25,858

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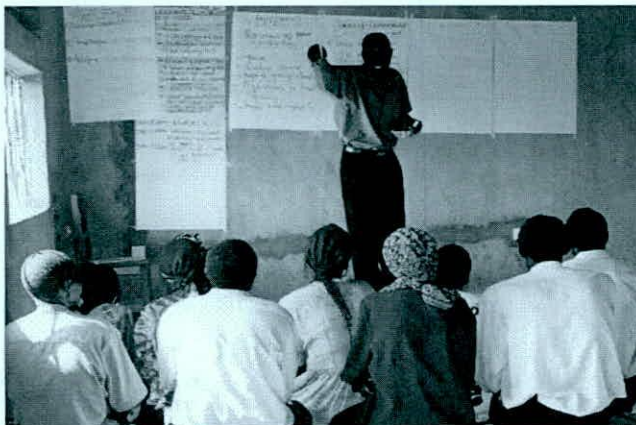
Joshua greets LUPSO Chairman Ogwang GM



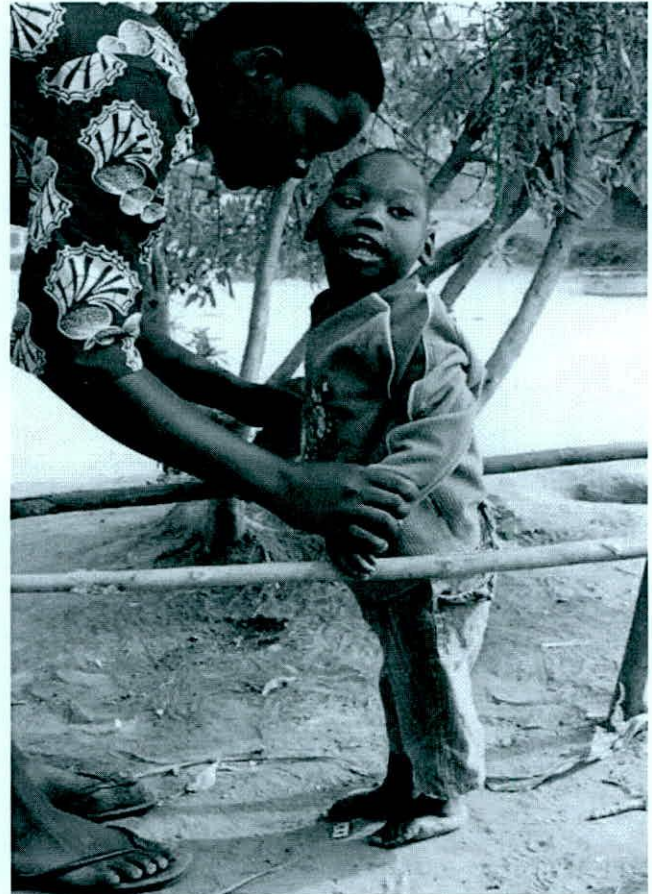
New wheelchair comes with a new pump



Encouraging siblings to be involved in the rehab process



Providing training for new Parent Support Group (PSG)



Parallel bars are used to encourage standing

- Formed four new Parent Support Groups (PSGs) in Adware, Abako, Barr, and Lira sub-counties. Each group elected 13 Executive members and received training on group management. Lira District now has 10 PSGs.
- Sensitized 120 people (roughly 30 per sub-county) on disability-related issues.
- Provided 8 bicycles (2 for each new PSG) one motorcycle, and a camera (for advocacy) to the organization.
- Delivered 52 wheelchairs to children of Parent Support Group members.
- Conducted 135 follow-up visits to PSGs. Incentive scheme for PSG members being piloted.
- Overall, 553 children with disability were identified by community outreach. LUPSO is closely linked with Uganda Society for Disabled Children and works to refer children to services supported by USDC.

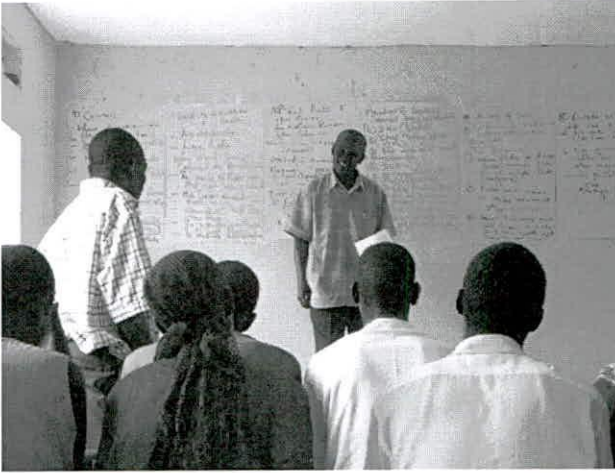
7. LIRA DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR DISABILITY (DCD)

Lira-Omega-1058 (In-Kind/Cash)

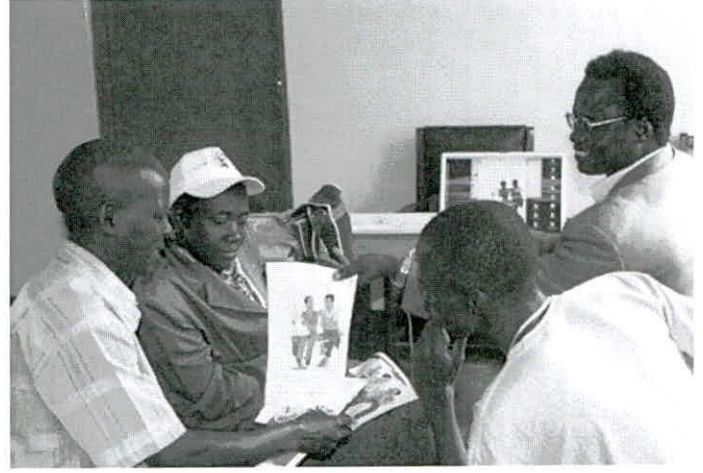
May 1, 2007 – May 31, 2008

\$40,642

COMPLETED



Training sub-county disability council members



Reviewing artwork for Disability Act posters

- Formed 15 Sub-County Councils for Disability (10 members each council). Four already existed.
- Developed 5 posters to highlight Disability Act and printed a total of 30,000 posters: 1,500 each in English (7,500) and 4,500 each in Lwo (22,500). Delivered in Lira District, Kampala, and 8 other Districts in Northern Uganda.
- Trained 856 people in 19 sub-counties on the Disability Act; distributed 1,000+ copies (Lwo/English) of the Act.
- Rehabilitated/equipped an office, hired an assistant, and purchased one motorcycle to help with on-going activities.
- Conducted follow-up visits to Councils and work is underway to pilot an incentive system.
- Funded the completion of wheelchair accessible infrastructure at Lira Primary School (\$5,190).



*Impossible for Anna to go out the back door without help
With a ramp she can come and go independently (right)*



8. UGANDA NATIONAL PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE (UNPC)

Lira-Omega-1059 (In-Kind/Cash)

May 14, 2007 – June 14, 2007

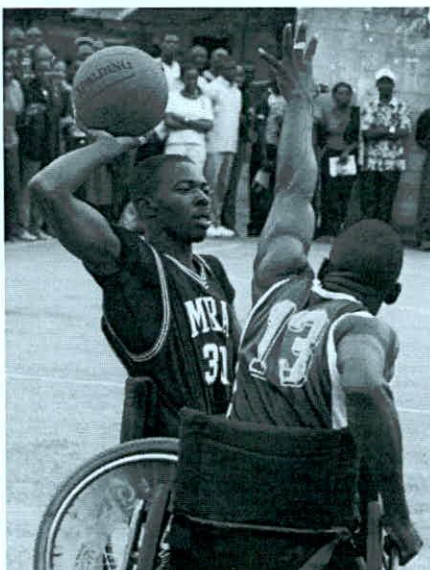
\$11,886

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Tip-off in Kampala (left) and passing the ball in Gulu (above)

- Hosted the Kenya Wheelchair Basketball Team for 9 days (12 players, coach, referee, support staff).
- Held 4 exhibition matches (2 Kampala, 1 Gulu, 1 Lira) with over 1,500 spectators, fan-fare much “hoopla” at each site.
- Rehabilitated a basketball court in Gulu and made a temporary basketball court in Lira.
- These matches were great entertainment, created much enthusiasm for the sport (never before seen in Uganda) and helped inspire increased respect for persons with disability.



Paul Kitheka was a crowd favorite



Fans and players helping to make the Lira court one hour before the game!

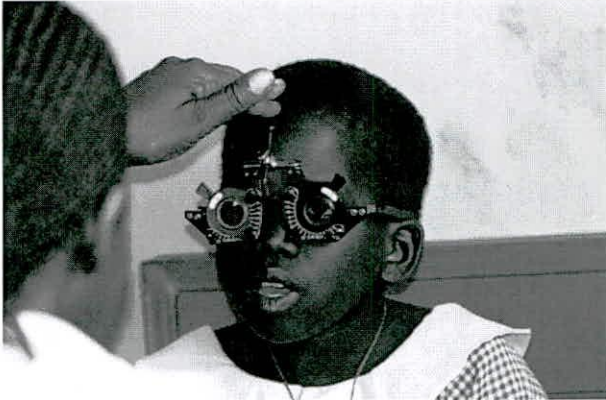
9. AGAM DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Lira-Omega-1060 (In-Kind/Cash)

May 21, 2007 – May 21, 2008

\$16,130

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Testing to see what strength lens is best

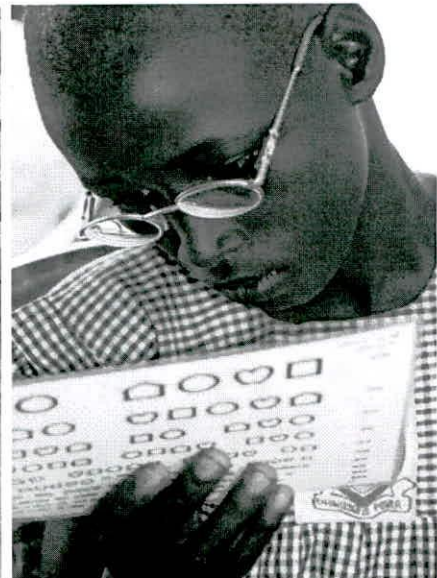


Testing vision after giving glasses at school



Making spectacles in Lira – putting lenses in the frames

- Collected data on children with disability in 252 primary schools in Lira District and produced report (1,044 CWDs). This information was vital to the EARS office (special needs education) and also helped inform this project.
- Sensitized 450 people in 19 sub-counties on “harmful eye practices”.
- Screened over 300 children in all sub-counties for eyeglasses; assembled 131 spectacles at Lira Eye Unit and delivered spectacles to children in Lira District. 572 follow-up visits were made; 69% reportedly using glasses.
- Provided one motorcycle to AGAM that was used for follow-up activities.



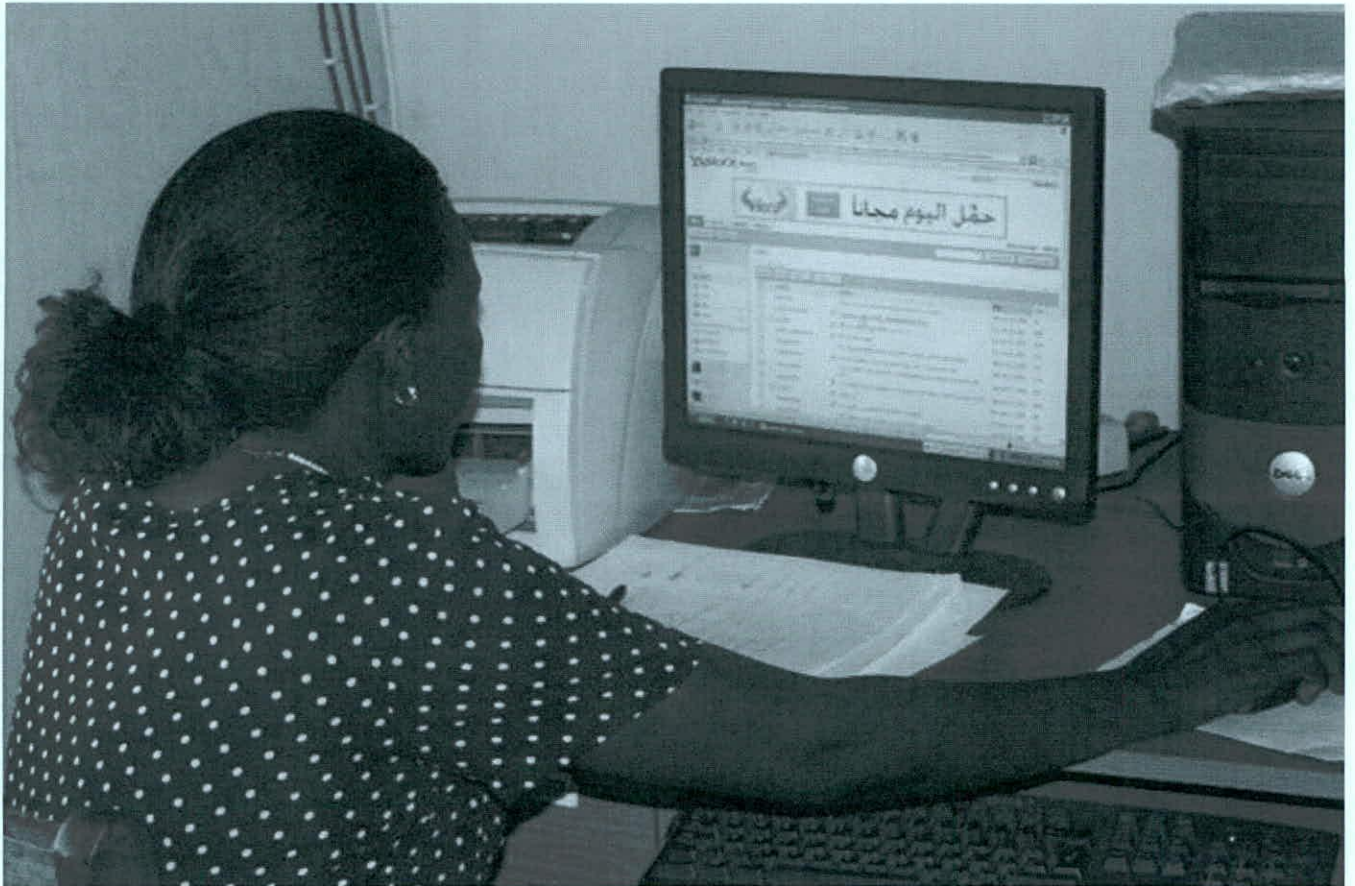
10. COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES DEPARTMENT – LIRA DISTRICT

Lira-Omega-1061 (In-Kind)

May 21, 2007 – June 20, 2007

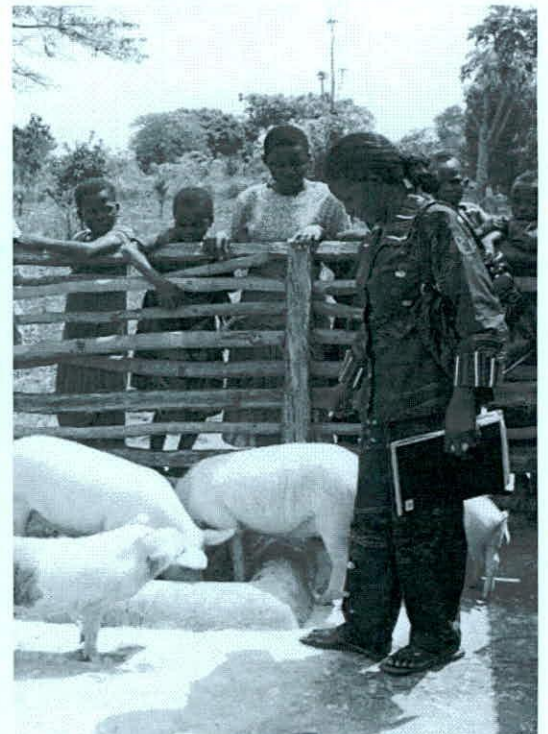
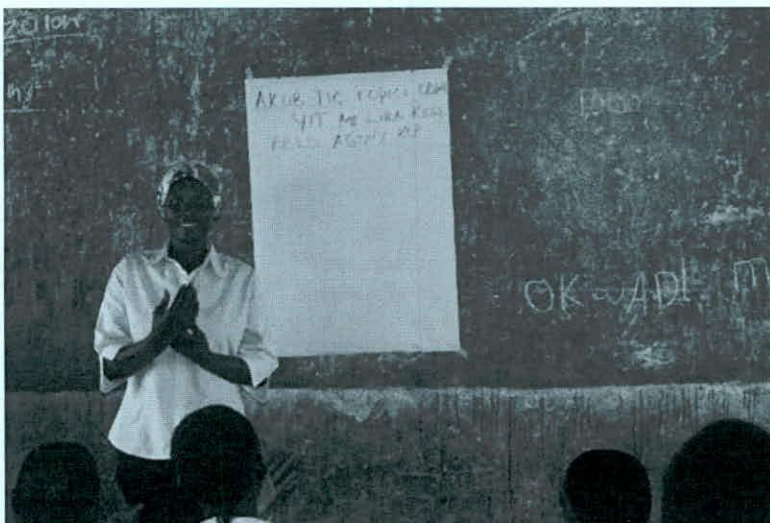
\$2,372

COMPLETED



Christine Anono checking email to keep up-to-date on information

- Provided Internet connection, computer desk, and UPS.
- The Senior Community Development Officer (SCDO) has been a vital partner within Lira District Local Government and this small investment has helped increase her efficiency and communication not only with Pact, but also with other partners.



Christine (Senior Community Development Officer) greets Deaf students in Barr and checks pigs in Adekokwok Parish

11. UGANDA SOCIETY FOR DISABLED CHILDREN (USDC)

Lira-Omega-1062 (FOG)

May 23, 2007 – June 30, 2008

\$49,650

COMPLETED



Plastic surgeons from Kampala releasing elbow contracture

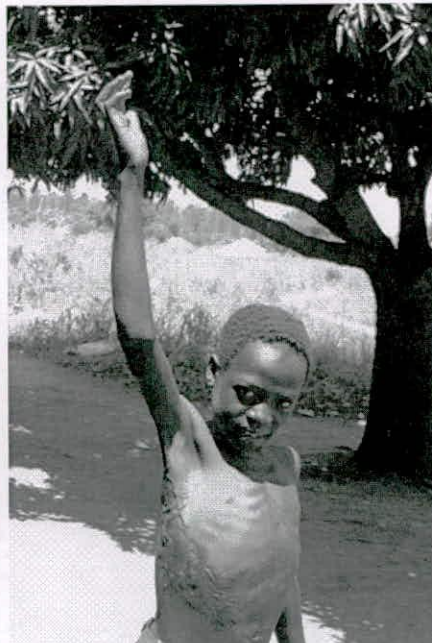
- Registered 1,187 children with disability through 16 outreach clinics conducted in Lira District.
- Conducted 5 corrective surgery camps at Lira Hospital – each was one week. Surgeons from Kampala assisted those based in Lira.
- Operated on 143 children. Plastic surgery: 2 camps; 60 kids. Orthopedic surgery: 3 camps; 83 kids.
- 300 follow-up visits were made and 77 children were provided with various assistive devices.
- Produced excellent surgery, but poor management resulted inconsistent follow-up and apparent financial irregularities.



Waiting for surgery for bone infection at the elbow



Recovering well after club foot surgery



Otim Jasper is 11 years old and lives in Adware sub-county. He fell into a fire when he was 3. For the past ten years he could not use his right arm because of contractures at the shoulder. After surgery he can now raise his arm high, use it when playing with other children, and also begin to help with gardening.



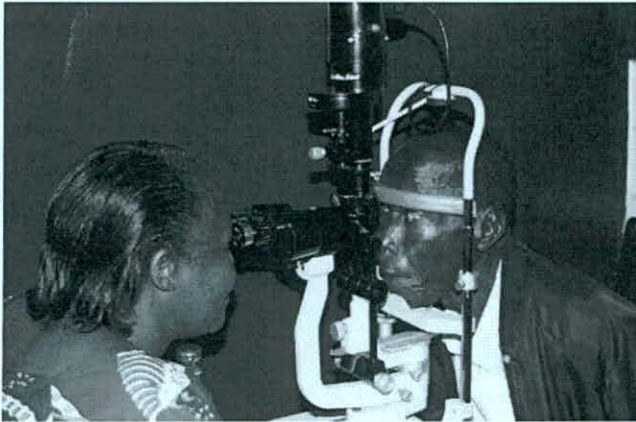
12. LIONS AID NORWAY (LAN)

Lira-Omega-1063 (FOG)

June 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

\$49,986

COMPLETED



Screening for cataracts using new technology in Lira



Dr. Paddy Musana performing cataract surgery



A close-up of the eye placing new inter-ocular lens

- Screened 1,923 people in all sub-counties in Lira District.
- Performed 1,134 cataract surgeries during 27 surgical camps (generally three days each).
- Conducted 636 follow-up visits.
- Printed over 1000 posters and fliers to promote surgery.
- Held five radio talk-shows giving information on eye care.



This patient had her second cataract surgery in as many days
The surgical team operates only one eye at a time

CATARACT IS TREATABLE BY SURGERY



**Do you have a relative
with a cataract problem?**

1. TAKE YOUR RELATIVE TO THE NEAREST HEALTH CENTRE
2. LISTEN TO RADIO FOR ANNOUNCEMENT
3. CONTACT THE NEAREST EYE HEALTH WORKER

**for a USAID sponsored
cataract surgery.**



13. LIRA DISTRICT UNION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (LDUPD)

Lira-Omega-1064 (In-Kind/Cash)

May 29, 2007 – April 30, 2008

\$36,822

COMPLETED



Deaf carpenters working under a tree



The workshop site before construction began



Working on the foundation of the building



Wall and roof boards put in place

- Main objectives of the project were to fence the entire LDUPD compound area, construct a wood and metal workshop area, and provide repair services for wheelchair users.
- Fenced the compound.
- Constructed the workshop. The building is complete but activities within are problematic.
- Trained four technicians (in Gulu) for 3 months in welding and wheelchair repair. They have yet to begin work in the workshop.
- LDUPD has a Mobility Committee to guide the workshop activities. This committee has so far failed to meet its responsibilities and requires extensive future supervision.
- Peer Committee is considering other alternatives for wheelchair repair.



Completed building with on-going woodwork activity

14. SPINAL INJURIES ASSOCIATION – UGANDA (SIA-U)

Lira-Omega-1065 (FOG)

June 1, 2007 – May 31, 2008

\$47,403

COMPLETED



SIA Coordinator, Tino Grace, providing counseling



Jimmy is able to touch his face for the first time in 6 yrs



Christine advising on swelling



SIA Director explaining leg-bags



Working on ground to chair transfers

- Established, equipped and staffed SIA Lira office. Developed new constitution; elected Executives.
- Held 3 Peer Group Trainings (Skin Care, Bowel/Bladder Management, Wheelchair Skills, Reproductive Health); 30 people attended each.
- Identified, supported 40 members in 9 sub-counties; 171 home visits.
- Provided 15 wheelchairs.
- Trained 20 health workers (3 days) in management of spinal injuries.
- Supported SIA Kampala office through salaries, rent and materials for 20 spinal injured individuals.



SIA-Lira group photo

15. KIBERA COMMUNITY YOUTH PROGRAM (KCYP)

Lira-Omega-1066 (In-Kind/Cash)

June 19, 2007 – May 31, 2008

\$27,001

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Adjusting the solar panel to the sun for radio power



First group of trainees in Gulu (all are landmine survivors)



Explaining cell phone charging in Lira



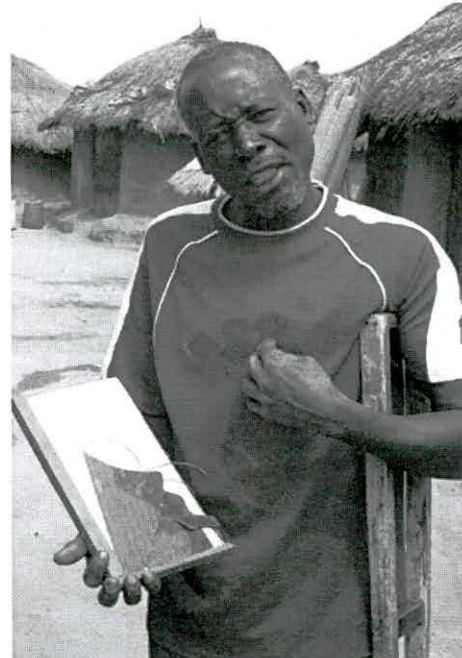
Measuring the voltage output



The three trainers from Nairobi



*Monitoring the profits and use of panels for phone charging in Gulu (above)
A Gulu beneficiary explains why a broken panel is not his fault (right)*



- Engaged 3 trainers from Kenya to train 40 people in solar panel assembly (10 days). 4 training courses held, 10 people each.
- Selected 2 organizations to implement the project (Landmine Survivors in Gulu and the Parents Support Organization in Lira).
- Provided 40 solar panels to 40 trainees (18 women; 22 men) with repayment expected at roughly \$28 per person.
- 289 follow-up visits made; 200 in Gulu and 89 in Lira. 10 people have completely repaid (8 in Gulu; 2 in Lira) the cost of the panel and 25 people have made partial payments (total amount collected: Gulu-\$333; Lira-\$252).
- Solar panels used as income generation – payment of 30 cents to charge mobile phones. They are also used to play radios – no batteries are needed when the sun shines.
- Roughly 80 solar panels remain with each group to be utilized in the future.

16. RURAL DISABLED PERSONS ORGANIZATION LIRA (RUDIPOL)

Lira-Omega-1068 (In-Kind/Cash)

July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

\$26,149

COMPLETED



RUDIPOL staff explains how sun is key for cooking

- Purchased 24 Global Sun Ovens™ from the USA.
- Produced 50 intermediate cookers (local materials).
- Trained over 100 people in making low cost cookers (cardboard and tinfoil); gave 30 to individuals.
- Provided 104 solar cookers to individuals in ten different disability groups (types as listed above).
- Purchased one motorcycle and office equipment.
- Conducted 420 follow-up visits for solar cookers.
- Held “solar cooking competition”; 21 participants with Global Sun Ovens™. Judged by the Mayor and two officials of Lira District. The winner was banana bread.
- Supported 3-day strategic planning for RUDIPOL.



Disabled group is pleased to be taking the ovens home



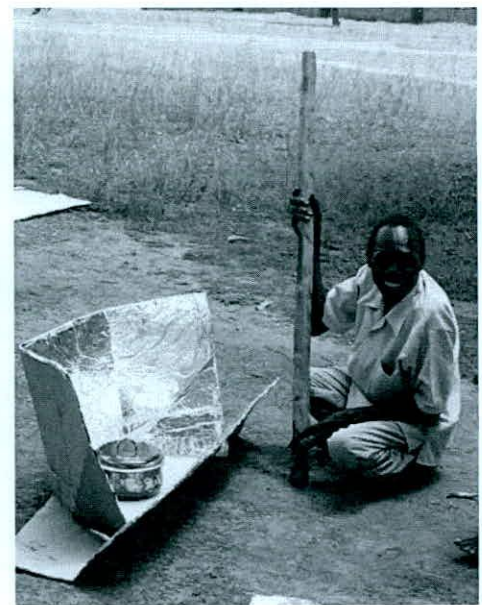
Sun Oven cooking competition near Christmas time



Steam rises as the pot is removed



Intermediate solar cooker in use



Low cost cooker just made

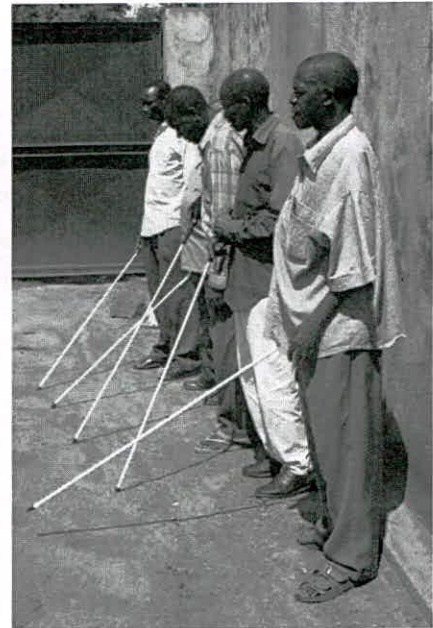
17. LIRA MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER FOR THE BLIND (LMCB)

Lira-Omega-1069 (In-Kind/Cash)

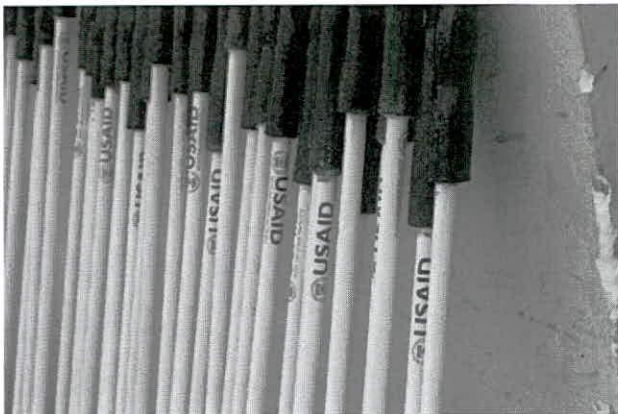
July 2, 2007 – April 30, 2008

\$11,006

COMPLETED



Mobility trainers for the sub-counties of Lira District practice using white canes with and without blindfolds.



USAID branding for the white canes



Group photo of the mobility trainers



- Purchased 190 white canes from Gulu.
- Screened/measured 161 people in 19 sub-counties for white canes.
- Provided 1 week mobility training for 16 people from 16 sub-counties.
- Delivered 171 white canes (155 to beneficiaries, 17 for trainers).
- Conducted 77 follow-up visits to 16 mobility trainers to assess white cane use by beneficiaries; a total of 103 individuals were independent with white cane use.
- White canes not delivered to Olilim and Orum during the project period. The Peer Committee delivered these.
- Lightweight aluminum was used in production of white canes. Beneficiaries were using the canes for weight bearing and not simply as a guide and so 12 canes have been broken to date.

A blind individual finding his way at home

18. DANIEL COMBONI DISABLED TRAINING CENTER (DACODPE)

Lira-Omega-1070 (In-Kind/Cash)

July 1, 2007 – April 30, 2008

\$9,917

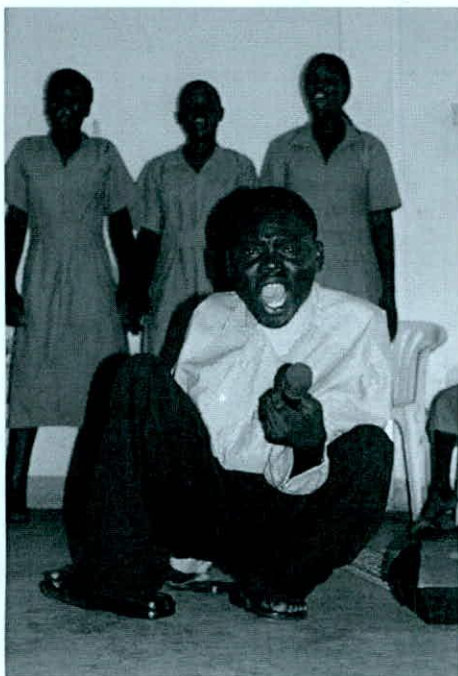
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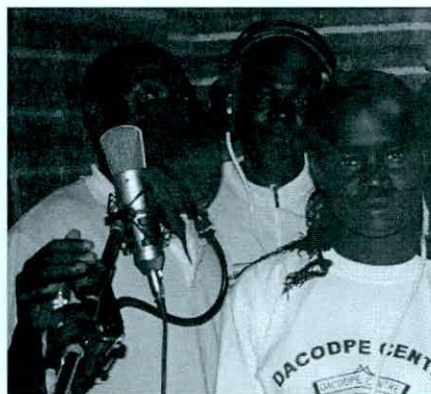
Obote Charles takes the class through the doh-rae-me lesson



Students encouraged to annunciate



Singing at the locally held concert in Lira



Squeezing-in at the recording studio

- Trained 10 persons with disability in music/singing for three months.
- Hired singing trainer for four months.
- Held a music performance in Lira Municipality.
- Recorded six songs on CD and tape.

- Constructed a basketball court within the LDUPD Compound. It is the only functioning basketball court in Lira District.
- Signed 5-year MoU with LDUPD for management of the court. Individual fee is 60 cents per month.
- Peer Committee negotiated the donation of 15 wheelchairs for wheelchair basketball.



Newly constructed basketball court nears completion



Girls get the first shot during the handover festivities

19. TAMU PIRWA DISABLED ASSOCIATION (TPDA)

Lira-Omega-1071 (In-Kind/Cash)

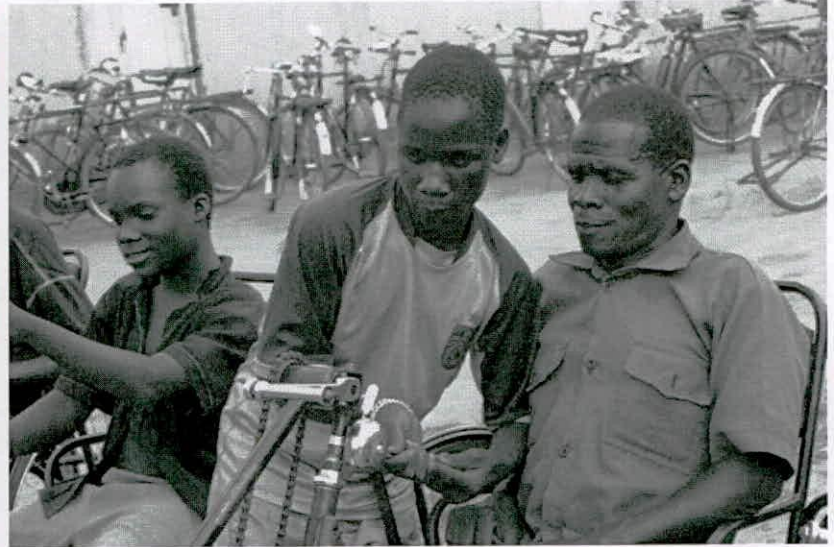
July 11, 2007 – March 31, 2008

\$2,090

COMPLETED



Signing for receipt of the tricycle



Adding a bell to promote safety on the road



Waiting for final check-out in Amac



Getting into the tricycle



Pleased to have a wheelchair



Taking time to practice using the tricycle

- Assessed over 45 people to identify the need for a mobility aid, and the type/size to be given.
- Gave 12 tricycles, 3 wheelchairs to members.
- Conducted 30 follow-up visits, made by Tamu Pirwa Chairman and Assistant Community Development Officer.
- The delivery method involved an initial fitting and training using a sample of devices brought to the assessment site. This was followed by the complete delivery two days later. The method worked extremely well.

20. LIRA DISTRICT DISABLED WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (LIDDWA)

Lira-Omega-1072 (In-Kind/Cash)

July 17, 2007 – June 30, 2008

\$29,767

COMPLETED



Celebrating the site of the restaurant



Restaurant foundation begins



Restaurant structure in process



Opening ceremony/hand-over



Restaurant and office at the holidays



Customers enjoying their lunch



Parking area before construction



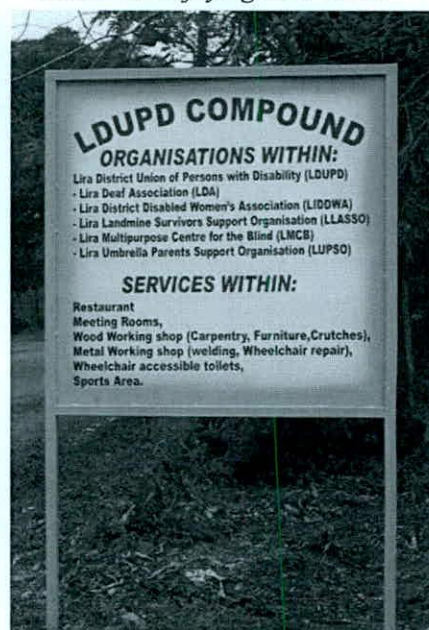
Parking area and distant kitchen



Charcoal-saving stove (insulated bricks)



Cookers using sawdust as fuel



- Constructed: restaurant, office area, 2 food storage rooms, and a kitchen. Rehabilitated existing latrine, leveled compound area and installed sign for organizations and services within LDUPD compound.
- Purchased all materials, equipment and initial food stock related to restaurant activities.
- Provided innovative cooking equipment (Global Sun Ovens™, “saw-dust cookers” and charcoal-saving stoves).
- Introduced improved business methods.
- The restaurant is in an excellent location – central to local government offices – and has many customers. LIDDWA Executives have not been involved in the project and this needs to be rectified as soon as possible.

21. UGANDA YOUNG CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Lira-Omega-1073 (In-Kind/Cash)

July 23, 2007 – June 30, 2008

\$41,965

COMPLETED



Giving way to the four-legged traffic in Ogur Sub-County



Fitted for a chair at school



Packing up the wheelchair for home



Local transport to carry tricycle



Going to school with friends

- Mobilized over 600 people in 17 sub-counties to be assessed for wheelchair or tricycle needs.
- Organized delivery of 308 wheelchairs and tricycles.
- Conducted 609 follow-up visits for 308 beneficiaries.
- Purchased one motorcycle and office equipment.
- The strategy of using one central organization for mobilization, delivery and follow-up was more effective than utilizing many smaller organizations at community level.



A bit more practice needed!

22. CHRISTIAN SUPPORT TO LANDMINE SURVIVORS (CSLS)

Lira-Omega-1074 (In-Kind/Cash)

August 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007

\$2,064

CLOSED



Members of CSLS in front of their office

- Project brought 2 landmine groups together to avoid duplication.
- Repaired CSLS office, added ramp, purchased office furniture.
- Identified members (over 80) in all sub-counties.
- Developed constitution with support from Pact Kenya. During discussions, CSLS members disagreed with a name change and walked out of the meeting. Project was discontinued as a result.



Toilet needing repair in CSLS office

25. LANDMINE SURVIVORS SUPPORT ORGANIZATION (LASSO)

Lira-Omega-1077 (In-Kind/Cash)

October 20, 2007 – February 20, 2008

\$5,630

COMPLETED

(* Note: This project is a direct follow-on from the CSLS Project described above. The landmine survivors of Lira wished to continue their objective of setting their organizations and electing members. CSLS continues independently).



Opio Grace, Chairperson of LASSO

- Registered 102 members and distributed Constitution.
- Purchased office equipment (table, shelf, desk, 10 chairs).
- Held general assembly/elections, approved Constitution. New name is Lira Landmine Survivors Support Organization.
- Distributed 5 bicycles and 5 mobile phones.



Participants at LASSO General Assembly

23. ADEKOKWOK SUB-COUNTY DISABLED ASSOCIATION (ASDA)

Lira-Omega-1075 (In-Kind/Cash)

August 15, 2007 – June 30, 2008

\$21,786

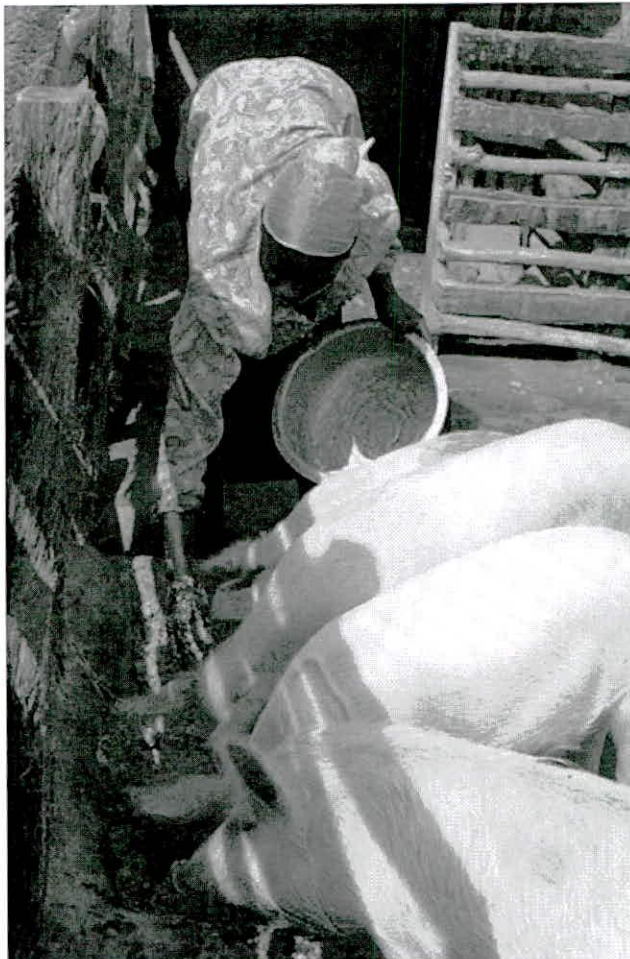
COMPLETED



Pigpens were constructed in each of 7 parishes



Exotic boars were delivered to each group setting



Feeding the pigs twice per day



The object of the disability group's affection



Piglets!!!

- Constructed 7 pig pens and provided 35 pigs (5 pigs per group -- one exotic boar and four sows).
- Trained 105 people in pig-raising for one week.
- Provided pig food and veterinarian fees for 8 months. Purchased eight bicycles.
- Established project management committees at parish and sub-county levels.
- Developed the constitution for the Association.

24. COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TO ALLEVIATE SOCIAL PROBLEMS (CEASOP)

Lira-Omega-1076 (FOG)

September 1, 2007 – April 30, 2008

\$9,932

COMPLETED



External view of the boys 'of a shower area and a latrine with 3 stances, one is fully wheelchair accessible



A water pump with wheelchair access



Raised toilet seat with rails

- The overall objective of the project was to increase wheelchair access to the CEASOP vocational training center.
- Modifications include:
 - Bore hole apron extended to permit wheelchair access.
 - Two pit latrines/bath shelters at the dormitory areas that are wheelchair accessible.
 - Ramps installed to classroom areas, dormitories and health unit.
 - Rain water harvest tanks installed
- Inclusion and integration of persons with disability has been enhanced by making these structures accessible to wheelchairs.

26. LIRA DISTRICT PEER COMMITTEE

Lira-Omega-1079 (In-Kind/Cash)

March 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

\$27,724

OPEN



Monitoring Team: Patrick and Christine with the four Peer Committee members (Peter, Betty, Jacinta and Grace)



Motto of the Peer Committee



Stimulating neck extension through use of a toy.



In discussion with pig-raising group



Cutting out low-cost solar cookers

- The Peer Committee Project is under the Senior Community Development Office.
- Objectives of the Peer Committee are to monitor and support organizations funded through Omega Initiative to encourage impact and promote sustainability. They:
- Received training on Sign Language, proposal writing, financial tracking, Disability Act, National Council for Disability, and National Plan for Disability.
- Conducted introduction visits to 17 organizations and identified future objectives.
- Peer Committee meets weekly to review visits/progress made and set the visit schedule for the coming week. Coordinator submits weekly and monthly reports to SCDO and Pact.
- Objectives will be reviewed quarterly and updated; monitoring and support will continue for one year. The project budget has about \$10,000 available for support activities or interventions related to initial project investments.

LIRA PROJECT SUMMARY – AWARDS (NOV '06 – JULY 31, '08)

No.	Org Name	Activity	Funding	Duration	Beneficiaries
1.	Ogoro Mita Akonya Disabled Group (Adware)	11 tricycles and 6 wheelchairs for members; follow-up for all.	\$5,223	7 months	17
2.	Lira Deaf Association	145 hearing people trained in Sign Language, ToT SL for 38 deaf; SL training in 19 sub-counties	\$38,695	12 months	582
3.	Uganda National Assoc. of the Deaf	5-month SL interpreter training in Gulu/Lira (10 each district). Cap bldg Lira Deaf Assoc. PWD Guide.	\$42,603	12 months	42
4.	Community Based Rehab Alliance	10 Parents of CWDs (6 Lira/4 Gulu) trained in CBR for 4 months; upgraded training and follow-up.	\$25,431	12 months	199
5.	Gulu Youth Development Association	Production of 200 tricycles or wheelchairs; staff salaries and capacity building.	\$48,234	8 months	14
6.	Lira Umbrella Parent's Support Org.	Establish 4 new parent support groups in 4 sub-counties; training. 52 child wheelchairs for PSGs	\$25,858	14 months	605
7.	District Council for Disability	Establish sub-county councils; training on 2006 Disability Act in all sub-counties; 30,000 posters.	\$40,642	13 months	1,118
8.	Uganda National Paralympic Committee	4 exhibition wheelchair basketball games (Gulu, Lira, Kampala/2) using Kenya WC team.	\$11,886	1 month	23 (viewers: over 1,000)
9.	AGAM	Identify CWDs in all sub-counties, screening, provision of 200 eye glasses; follow-up	\$16,130	12 months	131
10.	Community Devt. Office	Provide internet connection; desk, office supplies	\$2,372	1 month	1
11.	Uganda Society for Disabled Children	Outreach to identify kids, 170 corrective surgeries, (60 plastic/110 ortho) and follow-up visits.	\$49,650	13 months	143
12.	Lira District Union of Persons with Disability	Wood/metal working shop; wheelchair repair training, and fencing Union compound	\$36,822	11 months	15
13.	Lions Aid Norway	1000 cataract surgeries, screening camps, sensitization/500 posters, follow-up.	\$49,986	13 months	1,134
14.	Spinal Injury Association Uganda	Establish spinal injury branch in Lira – target support to 30 people with spinal injuries	\$47,403	12 months	60
15.	Kibera Community Youth Program	Train 40 people (20 Gulu/20 Lira) on assembly of small solar panels for phone and radio charging	\$27,001	12 months	45
16.	Rural Disabled Person Organization of Lira	10 PWD groups each receive 2 Sun Ovens, 5 mid-range solar cookers and 3 simple solar cookers.	\$26,149	12 months	100
17.	Lira Multi-purpose Center for the Blind	Identify white cane need in 19 sub-counties; provide 190 white canes (from Gulu); ToT mobility training.	\$11,006	10 months	168
18.	Daniel Comboni Disabled Training Center	Singing training for ten PWDs for three months to see if impact and/or need for furthering this project.	\$9,917	10 months	12
19.	Tamu Pirwa Disabled Group (Amac)	15 wheelchairs/tricycles for members; follow-up for all. 10 under grant #5 and 5 paid direct by project.	\$2,090	9 months	17
20.	Lira District Disabled Women Association	Tea shop established in Lira municipality; culvert repair, toilet repair. Pig distribution with profits.	\$29,767	12 months	2
21.	Uganda Young Christian Community Devt Assoc.	Delivery/follow-up of 266 tricycles/wheelchairs in 19 sub-counties. Motorcycle/computer.	\$41,965	11 months	308
22.	Christian Support to Landmine Survivors	Constitution development, dissemination to sub-counties, general assembly and some office repairs	\$2,064	5 months	3
23.	Adekokwok Sub-county Disabled Association	Pig raising (7 parishes, 10 pigs/parish, 1 week trng on pig raising for 15 people; develop constitution)	\$21,786	11 months	105
24.	Collaborative Efforts to Alleviate Social Problems	Improved physical access to structures in this vocational training center.	\$9,932	7 months	6 +
25.	Landmine Survivors Support Organization (LASSO)	Restarted project activities as listed in #22. CSLS grant was cancelled and LASSO replaced it.	\$5,630	4 months	102
26.	Lira District Peer Committee	Provide follow-up for all funded projects in Lira Dist.	\$27,724*	16 months	5
	TOTAL	Avg grant amount \$26,126	\$655,966	Avg 10	5,957

* Shaded areas indicate projects benefiting both Gulu and Lira.

* May obligate additional \$25,370 to Lira Peer Committee to have Lira grant total reach \$681,366

LESSONS LEARNED

- The project requires a mature disability environment and developed service sector in order to capitalize on partnership opportunities.
- The complexity of the project is such that it requires more than one person to manage it. A three-person team (Disability Advisor, project assistant and admin/finance assistant) would be sufficient.
- To promote objective decision-making and close project monitoring, the Disability Advisor should be an expatriate, based in the immediate project geographical area.
- The project assistant must be familiar with the community and speak the local languages to gain a deeper understanding of the individual groups or associations.
- A Peer Committee comprising individuals of integrity with experience in disability is fundamental to the success and sustainability of the project.
- The Advisor's position is vital until all awards have been made and Peer Committee introduced.
- A close relationship with both local government and the disability unions is essential to the acceptance and support for the project.



- This project is essentially community based. It is vital the local community determine the projects they would like to establish according to their needs. This can best be achieved by setting broad objectives without predetermined outcomes.
- The evidence shows small grants of \$50,000 limit have a tangible impact and produce good results at community level.
- A Peer Committee must be established under local government authority to give it credibility and also promote continued local ownership of established projects.
- Things given for free are not valued as much as those that have to be earned. This earning process can be in the form of co-payment, a graduated reward, or clear understanding on the part of the recipient that if the item is abused it will be removed.

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