

# UPLIFT UGANDA



## Acronyms

AFARD	: Agency for Accelerated Regional Development
SDG	: Sustainable Development Goals (Global, 2015-2030)
MDG	: Millennium Development Goals (developing countries, 2000-2015)
CDD	: Community Driven Demand
UPLIFT	: Uganda Programme of Literacy for Transformation
NAADS	: National Agricultural Advisory Services
CBO	: Community Based Organisation
CEFORD	: Community Empowerment For Rural Development



## **Introduction**

UPLIFT Uganda is a non-profit organization committed to reducing illiteracy in Uganda, as a contribution towards UN's Millennium Development Goals (MDG). It is believed by UPLIFT that literacy is vital before the introduction of any development programmes, if these programmes are to succeed.

UPLIFT's target group is illiterate adults and youths in Nebbi and Zombo Districts in Northwestern Uganda.

With the conclusion of the MDGs by the end of 2015, by January 2016, the UN General Assembly adopted an expansive and ambitious set of development goals that aim to "end poverty in all its forms" by 2030. The seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will succeed the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as the UN's chief initiative for advancing basic living standards in the world and addressing a range of issues, including armed conflict, climate change, and equality.

Since its inception in 2001, UPLIFT Uganda has significantly contributed to the achievement of the recently concluded MDGs. Through its activities geared towards improving the lives of vulnerable adults and youths in the West Nile region, UPLIFT will continue its commitment to the realization of the objectives of the newly adopted SDGs.

## **UPLIFT Activities**

### **Community meetings**

Community meetings were held in all areas where UPLIFT activities were carried out.



*A community meeting in Jangokoro*

These meetings were attended by both Government and UPLIFT official. The purpose of these meetings was to introduce the programme in news areas, to identify the potential trainee mentors recommended by the communities, to enroll new learners and also to identify venues for adult classes. A total of 32 venues were identified; some under trees, some in churches and primary school classrooms.

## **Training of mentors and area coordinators**

The training of mentors takes two forms:

1). On-the-job training whereby trainee mentors teach classes side by side with experienced mentors during the course of the year. In 2015 a total number of 15 new mentors were identified and trained. Out of the 15 mentors, 14 mentors were accredited with certificates.



2). The refresher courses which are conducted on a monthly basis to enable both mentors and coordinators to reflect and meditate on their activities and also to share experiences and challenges in order to find solutions for these challenges. In 2015 monthly refresher



*Refresher Course at Kucwiny*

courses were conducted by coordinators mostly, with the guidance of the Program Director by telephone. 4 comprehensive refresher courses, for both mentors and coordinators, were conducted during the year by both the Programme Director and the Programme Officer.

## **Integrated Literacy training**

In 2015 a total number of 1496 learners were registered in the 9 subcounties where UPLIFT activities were taking place. These subcounties include Atego, Kucwiny, Ndhew, Zombo T/C, Abanga, Atyak, Warr, Jangokoro and Nyapea. 1470 learners completed the course. There was an increase in the number of women attending literacy classes in 2015 (73%) compared to that of the previous year (66%).

**Proficiency tests** were conducted in all 32 centers in both districts. 1411 learners, out of 1470 learners who completed the course, attended the proficiency tests – 1052 from Nebbi District and 997 from Zombo District. The tests were supervised by UPLIFT mentors, coordinators and a government official from each of the respective sub-counties.

DISTRICT	NUMBER ENROLLED		DROP OUTS		NUMBER COMPLETED		NUMBER ATTENDED EXAMS	
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M
ZOMBO	492	262	02	08	489	245	489	245
NEBBI	594	148	05	00	588	148	533	144
SUB-TOTAL	1086	410	07	08	1077	393	1022	389
GRAND TOTAL	1496		15		1470		1411	

### Graduation Ceremonies

UPLIFT held a very successful graduation ceremony which took place at Zombo Upper Primary School in Zombo Town Council Zombo District. During this graduation, 1376 learners, 15 mentors and 6 youths were awarded certificates after completing their courses in adult literacy, teaching and tailoring respectively. The ceremony



*A learner speaking at village festivities*



*Presenting the trophy to best the District*

was attended by local government officials who, together with UPLIFT officials and some of the Friends of UPLIFT, co-awarded certificates to the candidates. In the same ceremony a cup was awarded to the best performing District, and this year it was Zombo district.

### Resource centers

UPLIFT office at Agwok is a significant point of local contact for all adult learners, junior youths and other members of the community, where planning of UPLIFT activities take place. In addition to being a centre for meetings, during this year the office has been used also as a storage facility of both adult literacy and junior youth program supplies. Library services rendered by the office have become vital to both course participants and other members of the community who come in search of knowledge through reading.

## **Local Associations**

Community Based Organisations (CBOs) have continued to work with UPLIFT and also network with other development agencies and local government to support development programmes. This year 12 new CBOs were formed and most of them were considered for and supported by different development programmes by both the Local Government and other development agencies as shown below.

<b>Name of CBO</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Supporting Programme</b>	<b>Benefits</b>	<b>Registration Status</b>
Nen Ngeti	Nebbi	CEFORD	Beans for planting 1M shs Revolving fund	Registered
Mungu Tim Parombo	Nebbi	AFARD	2 Pairs of cattle Beans for planting	Registered
Ngec Lonyo	Nebbi	AFARD	Maize for planting Coffee seedlings	Registered
Mar pa Mungu	Nebbi	CDD	Coffee seedlings	Registered
Atego Mentors' Assoc.	Nebbi	CDD	5M shs Revolving fund	Registered
Mungu Tim Palum	Nebbi	NAADS	20 goats for rearing	Registered
Lwala	Zombo	CDD	3 cows	Registered
Can Pidulandu	Zombo	CDD	15 Goats	Registered
Atyero Koma	Zombo	Local Gov't	6 sacks of G-nuts	Registered
Naguru	Zombo	AFARD	Poultry	Registered

Through these CBOs learners have been able to acquire more skills in money saving, development activities, loan management, they have also promoted unity and cooperation among themselves.

## **Junior Youth Programme**

900 junior youths were enlisted in the West Nile, out of which 450 were from Zombo District and 450 youths were from Nebbi District. The age bracket is from 12 to 15 years; however there are some youths who are below the age of 12. Most of these youths are literate with education levels between P.3 and P.7

### *Junior Youth statistics 2015*

<b>District</b>	<b>Enrolled</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>(at outset) Illiterate</b>
<b>Nebbi</b>	450	263	187	59
<b>Zombo</b>	450	271	169	84

The moral education taught to these youth has helped much in changing their social lives. It is reported that the parent-child relationship between the youths who attend UPLIFT classes and their parents has greatly improved. Even the number of youth who sit under tree shades on the roadsides doing nothing has also decreased.

There are also some few youths in Nebbi District who were inspired to go back to school after being taught reading and writing skills using UPLIFT learners' book.

Youths were facilitated with balls for both girls and boys. Local competitions of football and netball teams between youths from different classes were organized and this has helped in bonding all the youths together.

### *The Tailoring programme*



The tailoring programme has also continued to provide a group of youths with technical skills in the craft of tailoring. During 2015, six youths were sponsored to learn to make clothes. All six successfully completed the course and were awarded certificates. Three of these youths were from Zombo and three were from Nebbi.

## **UPLIFT COLLABORATION**

UPLIFT has collaborated with diverse partners who have greatly helped it realize its goals.

### *The Friends of UPLIFT*

Friends of UPLIFT from both Norway, Canada and Uganda have continued their commitment to support UPLIFT activities. In 2015, the friends contributed significantly through moral, technical and, not least, financial support which enabled UPLIFT realize its set goals.

### ***The Local Government***



*Local Government official awarding certificate*

The government has continued its collaboration with UPLIFT in a number of ways. Many CBOs formed by UPLIFT learners and mentor have been included in Local Government programmes, such as the NAADS, CDD, and others. The local authorities participated in the evaluation of the exam papers and co-signed UPLIFT certificate awarded to both mentors and learners.

### ***Other development partners***

Other development partners have also continued to collaborate with UPLIFT by including its CBOs in their development projects. Among the notable ones are AFARD and CEFORD who have provided money as revolving funds, seedlings, cows and poultry projects to different UPLIFT CBOs. For example Nen Ngeti in Kucwiny Nebbi was give 1M Shs as revolving fund and beans for planting. Naguru CBO in Zombo was given a poultry project by AFARD.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

UPLIFT registered a number of achievements in 2015:

- 1470 learners became functionally literate (see Appendix 1). In addition they were enabled to apply the skills integrated in the literacy training provided by UPLIFT.
- UPLIFT conducted a successful graduation ceremony held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 in which 1376 learners graduated.

*[See Appendix 1 for more detailed information.]*

- 900 junior youth attended UPLIFT moral education and literacy classes which enabled them to change their moral behavior, become socially accepted **and, generally, inclined to participate in the development of their local communities.**
- 6 junior youths were sent for a tailoring course and successfully graduated
- Over seven thousand trees were planted for environmental protection

- UPLIFT has continued to supply Local Government with skilled personnel. Both mentors and learners have been appointed and elected by local government and local communities to serve in different areas.
- 12 CBOs were formed by UPLIFT learners. Most of these have been incorporated into government programmes:

## CONCLUSION

The creation of UPLIFT Uganda in 2001 was a response to the national goals adopted by the Ugandan government to contribute to the realization of the MDG objectives defined by the UN 15 years ago. By the end of 2015, according to The Millennium Development Goals Report 2015, significant strides toward fulfilling the MDGs, had been made. UPLIFT, within its scope and geographical area, played its part by exceeding its intended target of [??] making 20,000 illiterate adults literate. With the global Sustainable Development Goals, UPLIFT finds itself committed to continue its work towards literacy and integrated social development.

## Appendix 1 : LITERACY PROGRAM STATISTICS SUMMARY (2001 – 2015)

### LITERACY PROGRAM STATISTICS SUMMARY 2001 – 2015

	Current classes	Prior classes	Prior classes	Prior classes	Prior classes	Prior classes	Prior classes	Prior classes	Prior classes	Prior classes	Prior classes	Prior classes	Prior classes	Prior classes	Total classes
<b>KEY INDICATORS</b>	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002/1	2001-2012
No. of Educators (mentors) trained	15	20	24	9	10	14	79	31	61	0	0	20	40	70	393
No. of Educators accredited	14	15	21	5	6	13	55	18	27	0	0	21	33		228
Number of classes during the period	32	32	37	32	31	38	74	66	69	45	50	35	41	33	615
Average sessions per month per class (note 1)	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	8	8	8	5	5	8
Per-cent Women enrolled	73%	66%	64%	68%	79%	76%	81%	80%	79%	86%	85%	94%	82%	88%	79%
Learner enrollment	1496	1756	2049	1650	1537	1893	3445	2967	2792	1358	1744	891	948	1059	25585
Learners unable to complete course.	26	2	10	166	9	34	441	177	227	366	472	260	256	424	2846
Learners completing the course (note 2)	1470	1753	2039	1484	1528	1859	3004	2790	2565	992	1272	631	692	635	22714
Per cent of learners completing course	98.3%	99.8%	99.5%	90%	99%	98%	87%	94%	92%	73%	73%	71%	73%	60%	86%
Number of learners sitting for tests	1411	1748	2011	1462	1527	1802	2539	2418	2402	690	733	417	367	251	19778
Per cent of learners registering for tests	94%	100%	99%	99%	100%	97%	85%	87%	94%	70%	58%	66%	53%	40%	81%
Number of graduates (awarded certificate)	1376	1681	1919	1257	1282	1569	2369	2140	2015	671	593	333	266	181	17652
Per cent of learners with certificates	92%	96%	94%	85%	84%	84%	79%	77%	79%	68%	47%	53%	38%	29%	72%
CBOs	12	33	9	16		25	7	6	10	14	10	15	9	6	171

#### NOTES

1. Estimate an average of 2hrs per session.
2. Drop outs, including those who are unable to attend more than 30sessions and also considered unable to complete the course

**Appendix 2: WEST NILE END OF COURSE STATISTICS SUMMARY 2015**

DISTRICT	NUMBER ENROLLED		DROP OUTS		NUMBER COMPLETED		NUMBER ATTENDED EXAMS		NUMBER CERTIFIED		NUMBER DIED		NUMBER OF TREES PLANTED
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
ZOMBO	492	262	02	08	489	245	489	245	483	232	0	0	3521
NEBBI	594	148	05	00	588	148	533	144	521	140	0	0	3615
SUB-TOTAL	1086	410	07	08	1077	393	1022	389	1004	372	0	0	7136
GRAND TOTAL	1496		15		1470		1411		1376		00		7136