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Striving for Self Reliance

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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Board Chairman's Foreword



On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am honored to present the 2025 Annual Report, a testament to our enduring commitment to building self-reliant, healthy communities that live with dignity. In 2025, Rural Initiative for Community Empowerment West Nile (RICE West Nile) embarked on a transformative journey, launching a new Strategic Plan (2025–2029), shifting our focus toward long-term economic, food stability, and institutionalized community capacity.

Our efforts this year directly impacted 71,246 lives, including women, men, youth, and persons with disabilities. This reach represents more than just numbers; it signifies a systemic shift in how households navigate challenges. Through Sustainable Livelihoods, we empowered the vast majority of our supported households to acquire productive assets and diversify their income streams, creating a vital buffer against economic volatility.

In our pursuit of Environmental Stewardship, we moved communities toward climate-resilient agriculture and restored critical ecosystems, ensuring that the natural resources the region depends on are preserved for future generations. Simultaneously, our Health and Education initiatives transitioned toward system-level strengthening. Mentoring health workers and community health teams improved the quality and reliability of frontline healthcare. In classrooms, our integration of digital learning and menstrual hygiene management has removed traditional barriers, ensuring that both national and refugee learners remain in school and are equipped for decent employment.

This progress was achieved amidst a challenging landscape marked by shifting donor priorities, political complexities, and environmental shocks such as floods and droughts. These hurdles only reinforced our commitment to innovation and strategic partnerships. As we look ahead, RICE West Nile remains steadfast in aligning our local actions with the national development frameworks and the Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff, visionary Board, diverse partners and donors.

Your collaboration is the catalyst that allows us to bridge the gap between vulnerability and self-reliance, ensuring a future where every individual in our areas of work can live with dignity and hope.

Yours in Service

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Counsel Odama Henry

Chairperson BoD | RICE West Nile



Executive Director

The year 2025 has been a defining chapter for Rural Initiative for Community Empowerment (RICE) West Nile. It marked the official launch and first year of implementation of our new Strategic Plan (2025–2029). This roadmap serves as an ultimate guide, transitioning our efforts from short-term interventions toward a bold vision of self-reliant and healthy communities living with dignity across the West Nile region and Uganda at large.

Our progress this year was underpinned by a commitment to strengthen innovation. Beyond our community-led programming, we successfully integrated digital learning and climate-smart technologies into our service delivery, ensuring that the communities we reached do not just survive but are equipped to thrive in an increasingly digital and climate-volatile world. We have moved closer to the "last mile," ensuring that those often left behind, including persons with disabilities and refugee populations, are at the center of our development agenda.

This journey would not be possible without a robust support system. I extend my profound gratitude to our Board of Directors for their visionary leadership and steadfast oversight during this transition. To our Donors and Development Partners, your continued trust and flexible support allowed us to remain agile in a shifting funding landscape.

Our success is deeply rooted in our collaboration with Local and Central Government authorities. Their technical guidance and enabling policy environment have allowed us to scale our impact and ensure institutional sustainability. Most importantly, I salute the Community Members and Local Leaders, the true architects of this report. Your willingness to embrace new ideas and lead your own development is what gives our work meaning.

To the Management and Staff of RICE West Nile, thank you for your tireless dedication. You have navigated environmental setbacks and resource constraints with a resilient spirit that remains the bedrock of this organization.

As we step into the second year of our Strategic Plan, we are energized to deepen our impact. We remain committed to transparency, accountability, and the relentless pursuit of dignity for every household we serve.

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Yours in Service

Pax Sakari

Executive Director | RICE West Nile

List of Acronyms

Acronym	Full Meaning
BMU	Beach Management Unit
BoD	Board of Directors
CAC	Climate Action Champion
CHASE	Community Health and Sustainable Environment
CORE	Coaching, Orientation, Reflection, and Engagement
CMSG	Community Managed Savings Group
CSO	Civil Society Organization
CWTL	Can't Wait To Learn
CORE	Coaching Orientation Reflection and Engagement
ERI	Enabling Rural Innovation
FP	Family Planning
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
ICCM	Integrated Community Case Management
IDI	Infectious Disease Institute
IGA	Income Generating Activity
MoH	Ministry of Health
MoFPED	Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development
MWE	Ministry of Water and Environment
PDP	Personal Development Plan
PWD	Person with Disability
RICE	Rural Initiative for Community Empowerment
SEA WNK	Strengthening Environmental Accountability and Climate Action in West Nile and Karamoja
SDC	Savings and Development Cluster
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
SRH	Sexual and Reproductive Health
SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
TASO	The Aids Supports Organisation
TVET	Technical and Vocational Education and Training
USD	United States Dollar
VHT	Village Health Team
VSLA	Village Savings and Loan Association

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Vision

Self-reliant and Health
Communities living with dignity

Brief Profile

RICE West Nile, founded in 2004 and headquartered in Arua City, is an indigenous NGO with a mandate to operate across Uganda. The organization empowers vulnerable women, youth, persons with impairments, men, children through programs in health promotion, skills development, sustainable livelihoods, environment and climate change, and advocacy.

Mission

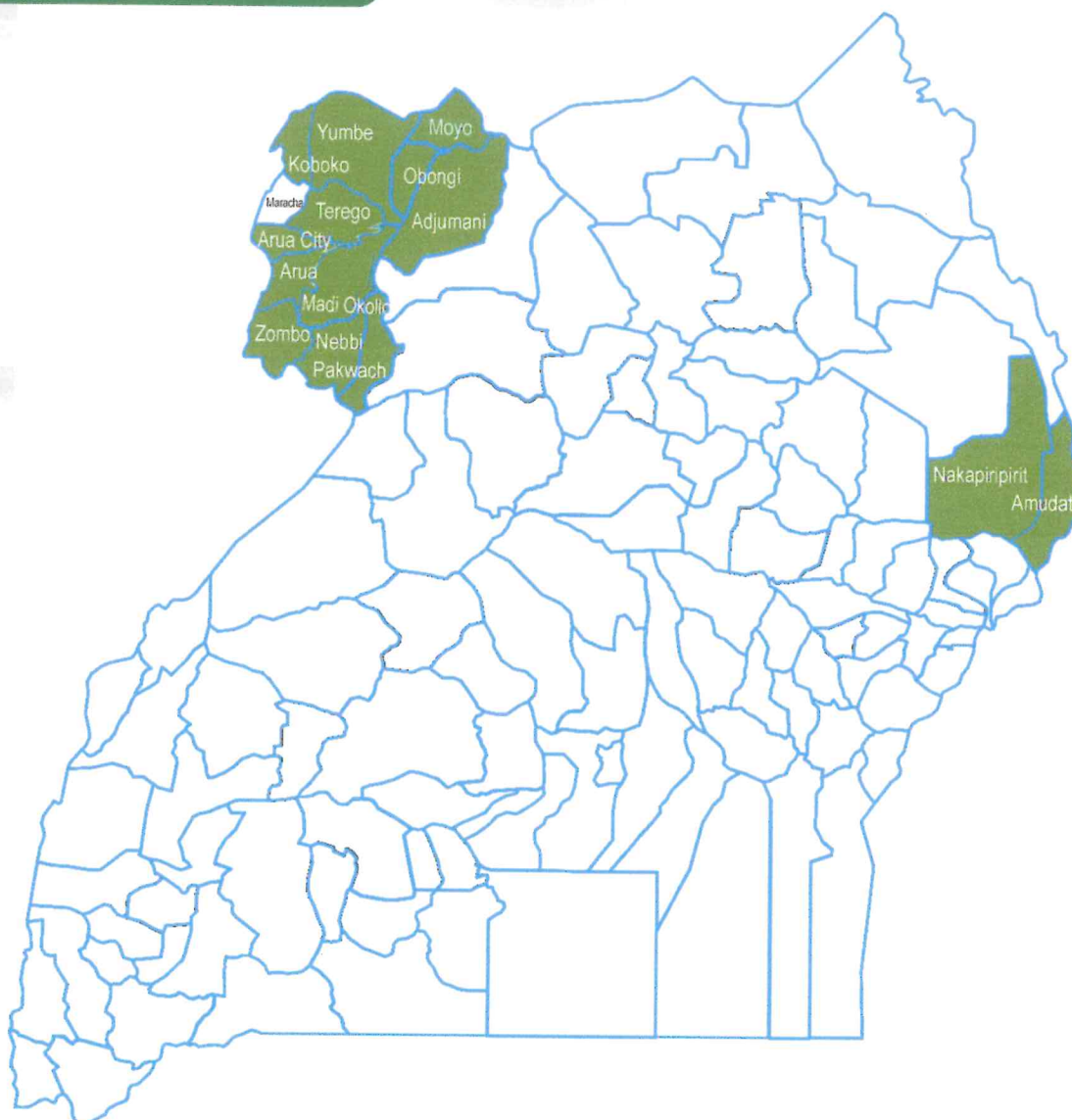
To develop the capacities of
communities for self-reliance
and sustainable livelihoods



Core Values

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|--------------|----------------|
| 1. Novelty | 3. Partnership |
| 2. Integrity | 4. Equity |

Our Presence



2025 Partners

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We are grateful for the mutual partnership and support provided to transform lives of vulnerable communities



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A

Sustainable Livelihoods

A.1: Community-owned enterprises established for food and income security

In 2025, 68 community groups, 16 role model farmers in Madi Okollo, Yumbe, Obongi, and Koboko districts were supported with inputs to establish group gardens, off-farm enterprises for income generation, and seed multiplication. Project data confirmed the strong adoption of household-level food security measures.

Additionally, Enabling Rural Innovation Approach and financial literacy training strengthened household resilience and economic stability. 92.9% of social structure member households in Koboko and Obongi now own productive assets (e.g., livestock, bicycles), reflecting improved financial security.

91.1% of members diversified income sources (87.4% women; 96.8% men), contributing to higher household earnings. Average monthly income was UGX 202,956 for national households and UGX 173,899 for refugee households in Koboko and Obongi districts.



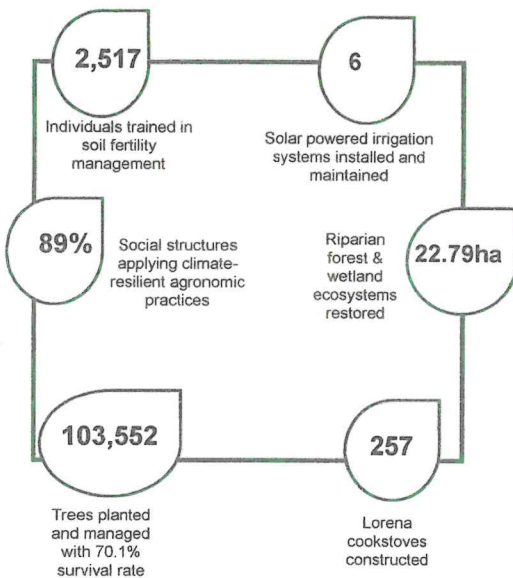
A.2: Access to financial resources, trade, and markets improved



2,506 community members (1,088M, 1,418F) across 55 groups were supported to access markets and financial resources in 2025 through financial literacy trainings, linkage to Micro Finance Institutions etc. These members adopted better borrowing, spending, and investment practices, enabling families to set and achieve asset-building goals.

A total of 17 groups in the areas of operation were supported to establish alternative livelihoods such as apiary, events management, energy kiosk, poultry, and fish farming. Furthermore, eight groups (8) in Madi Okollo district received UGX 1,000,000 each as seed fund for enterprise development, and 161 members (88F, 73M) were exposed to external markets, directly enhancing their income-generating capacity and market access.

Thirty-six youth groups in Imvepi and the host community received USD 100 to develop innovations for community challenges, with 18 groups that will later receive larger awards (USD 2,000 to USD 5,000) to improve their innovations like bio gas making, mosquito repellent creams, candles, shoe polish and repurposing aluminium.



B

Environment and Climate Change

B.1: Sustainable environmental conservation practices promoted in targeted communities.

“ Briquettes have saved me from the burden of fetching firewood; I used to walk 5km in search of firewood, but now I can make my own briquettes from home using maize stalks that are readily available,” said Alice Kila from Obongi District

RICE West Nile promoted environmental conservation through the establishment of 1 humidity chamber, 6 solar-powered irrigation systems, enabling climate-smart agricultural production in Yumbe, Obongi, and Koboko districts. 71 acres of demonstration gardens were established by 2,517 farmers (1,658F, 859M) trained in soil fertility, pest, and disease management. 89% of social structures now apply climate-resilient and good agronomic practices at group and household levels.

103,552 tree seedlings (fruit and forestry species), including 21 woodlots, were planted and managed. Despite 7,978 trees lost due to floods, dry spells, and theft, monitoring indicates a 70.1% survival rate, demonstrating strong community ownership.

In addition, 22.79 hectares of riparian forest and wetland boundaries along River Enyau (Arua District) were restored using climate-resilient, multipurpose species.

Water resource protection was reinforced through training of 413 Water User Committee members (218M, 195F) on full-scale source protection measures, strengthening community capacity to safeguard critical water sources.

415 community members (271F, 144M) across Arua City, Arua, Madi Okollo, and Obongi districts were trained to produce Lorena cookstoves and briquettes. By Nov. 2025, they had produced 257 Lorena cookstoves, 34 metal-clad stoves, and 9 sacks of briquettes.



B.2: Increased community awareness on environmental protection, climate change preparedness, and response mechanisms

16,578

Community members reached with awareness on environmental protection and accountability

Social structure members using improved cookstoves and briquettes

74%

In 2025, 77.6% of the farmers in Obongi and Koboko based their farming plans on weather information received through radios, extension workers, community dialogues, social media, and other sources. Of these farmers, 74.7% were female, and 82% were male.

More women, PWDs, and youth are participating in planning and decision-making spaces such as Budget conferences, village planning meetings, coordination meetings, etc.

16,578 (9,711F, 6,867M, 287 PWDs) community members and an estimated radio reach of 5,100 engaged through community dialogues, street talk shows, specific forums, etc. to raise awareness on environmental protection and accountability.

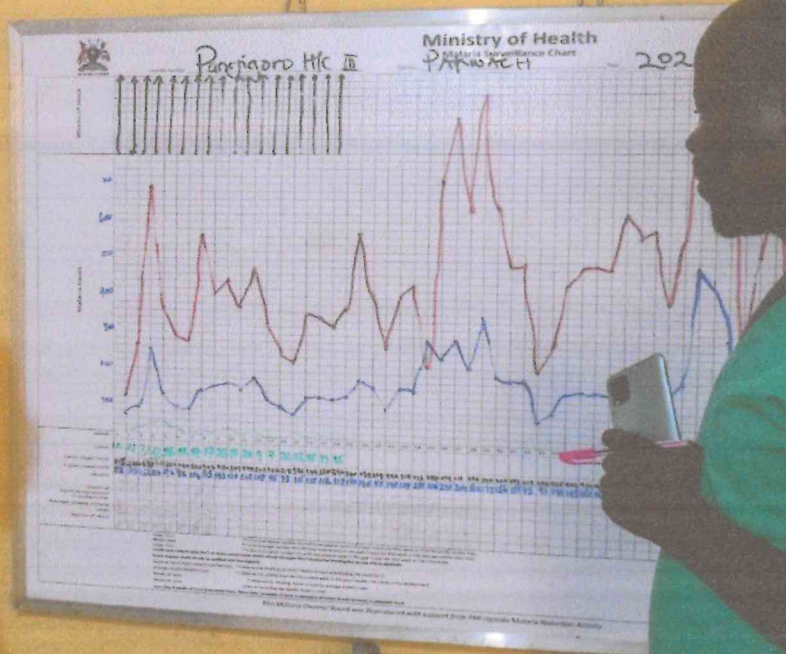
74% of the community group members adopted the use of improved cookstoves and briquettes as a result of increased awareness

In an effort to strengthen the implementation of regulatory frameworks, RICE West Nile oriented 149 local government officials, including 112 men, 37 women, and 8 persons with disabilities (PWDs), on regulatory frameworks for environmental protection, establishing a vital platform for monitoring and enforcement within affected communities. This collaborative approach was further bolstered by 30 Climate Action Champions from Adjumani, Obongi, and Zombo, who actively engaged duty bearers during sub-county budget conferences to present critical environmental concerns such as wetland encroachment, marram excavation, and poor waste management.



Advocacy initiatives in 2025 catalyzed a shift in local government resource allocation for environmental protection. For example, Gimara Sub-county's 6% budget increase for environmental protection and the establishment of independent tree nurseries in Nyapea and Pakelle sub-counties.

Simultaneously, Madi Okollo Charcoal Ordinance and the Adjumani Livestock Management Ordinance were disseminated through radio talk shows and community dialogues. This strengthened enforcement led to improved policy compliance.



SDGs supported:
SDG 3, SDG 5,
SDG 10, SDG 17



36,852

People Reached



19,390
Females

52.6%



17,462
Males

47.4%

C

Health Promotion

1,848

VHTs Mentored and coached on ICCM and reporting

14,363

Individuals reached with SRH & FP awareness

1,075

Index clients tested for HIV and 14 New HIV-positive clients enrolled into care

C.1: Increased access to Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH), HIV/TB, and Malaria prevention information, and services.

RICE West Nile, in partnership with The Aids Support Organization (TASO) improved early malaria health care-seeking for 8,867 individuals (3,785M; 5,082F) through community-based "test-and-treat" activities and vaccine advocacy.

Additionally, 1,178 stakeholders across four districts (Madi Okollo, Terego, Pakwach, and Nebbi) were engaged to advance ICCM advocacy and refine national malaria response indicators.

With support from CHASE Africa, we increased Sexual Reproductive Health and Family Planning awareness for 14,363 individuals (6,329M; 8,034F) in Madi Okollo and Yumbe districts through mobile day clinics and targeted community dialogues. We achieved 105% of the annual target by providing clinical SRH services, including cancer screening and STI testing, to 2,619 clients (up from 2,489 in 2024).

In partnership with the Infectious Disease Institute (IDI), we re-engaged 696 clients (249M; 447F) back into HIV care, successfully addressing previous loss-to-follow-up.

We also identified and enrolled 14 new HIV-positive clients into treatment through index testing of 1,075 individuals, directly reducing community transmission risks.



For the first time, I've been tested for HIV, and my result is negative! I feel such a relief - my anxiety is gone. I'm truly grateful to RICE West Nile and the Linkage and Referral Assistant for helping me know my status," said William from Terego District

C.2: Strengthened community health systems to support effective and sustainable health service delivery

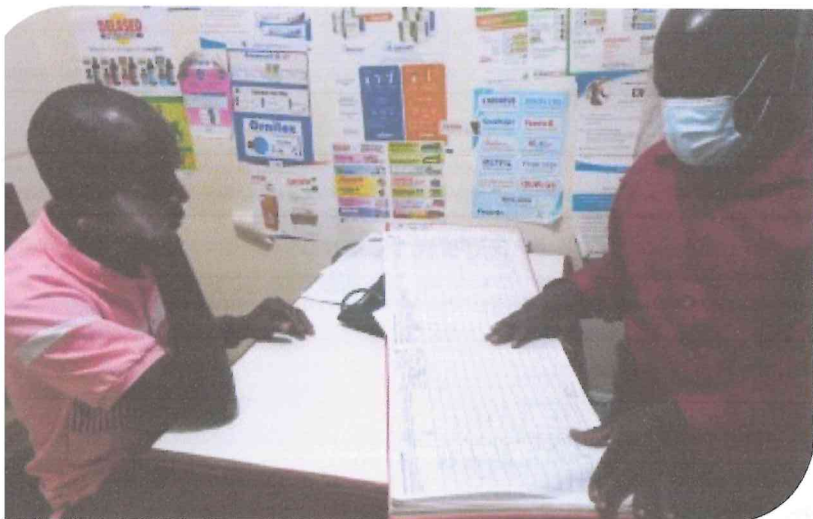
In 2025, RICE West Nile contributed towards strengthening health systems across six districts (Madi Okollo, Terego, Pakwach, Nebbi, Moyo, and Zombo) through integrated coordination, mentorship, and supportive supervision. 197 health workers (103M; 94F) were upskilled in advanced data cleaning techniques, directly improving the accuracy and reliability of facility-level reporting. Additionally, the frontline malaria response was strengthened by providing mentorship and coaching to 1,848 VHTs (1,107M; 741F) across 92 health facilities, ensuring high-quality service delivery at the household level.



An additional 5,353 Village Health Teams (3,145M, 2,208F) were mentored in community service delivery and iCCM during quarterly coordination meetings, improving frontline service quality and health data management.

"In the past, our reports were often delayed because we lacked proper guidance. The coordination meetings have really helped us improve our reporting and communication." -

Beatrice a VHT from Lencogi Village in Nebbi District



Data quality improved in 84 health facilities (65 public, 19 private) across four districts through quarterly data review meetings, resulting in more timely and accurate submission of iCCM (097b), monthly (105/108), and weekly (033b) reports.

Private sector service quality improved, with 305 health workers (189M, 116F) from 173 private facilities mentored in documentation, case management, and adherence to national standards, including the test-and-treat policy, strengthening compliance and quality of care.

Adolescents and school health interventions expanded to 1,334 participants (502 boys and 832 girls) who were trained to produce reusable sanitary pads and support menstrual hygiene, while school health clubs engaged 288 students (159M, 129F) in peer-led SRHR outreach, improving knowledge and dialogue among young people.

More so, 9 health workers (5M, 4F) were trained in SRH/FP commodity requisition, and 26 community actors (16M, 10F) were trained in short-term FP methods, safeguarding, and accountability, improving service availability and uptake.

D

Skills Development

195

Critical psychosocial cases among school-going children managed

104

Teachers capacitated in gender-responsive learning (CORE approach)

28

Schools supported to develop school improvement plans

3,348

Community members engaged in child protection & education dialogues

1,306

Pupils trained to produce reusable sanitary pads

787

Vulnerable learners supported with scholastic materials

7

Bonga clubs formed in model schools

29

Education leaders trained in data management and analysis

53

Senior teachers trained in psychosocial support & GBV counselling

1,081

CMSG members capacitated on VSLA & enterprise development

1,210

Pupils enrolled in *Can't Wait to Learn* digital learning sessions

3,082

School children engaged in co-curricular activities

D.1: Increased access to quality education for marginalised children, adolescents, and youth.

In partnership with War Child Alliance, RICE West Nile enrolled 1210 (640 Boys, 570 Girls) for *Can't Wait to Learn* sessions using digital learning (tablets). This has improved the numeracy and literacy of the pupils. School instruction materials such as dusters, boxes of pens, chalks, cello tape, crayons, office glue were distributed to 7 primary schools in Obongi district.

D.2: Improved access to a safe and inclusive learning environment

RICE West Nile restored educational hope and stability for 195 children (79M; 116F) in Imvepi Refugee Settlement through the management of critical psychosocial cases. Collaborative home-to-home visits involving Community Development and Probation Officers were conducted, ensuring a holistic support system for vulnerable learners.



In 2025, 104 teachers (59M; 45F) were trained in gender-responsive pedagogy and Personal Development Planning (PDP) through the CORE framework. At the governance level, 536 stakeholders (307M; 229F) from 28 schools were oriented on school improvement planning, directly resulting in tangible infrastructure gains such as the construction of a two-room staff house at Aliba Primary School in Obongi district. Furthermore, 29 key decision-makers, including the District Education Officer and Data Champions, were trained in data management, shifting the district toward evidence-informed and timely educational planning.

To address barriers to school attendance, 1,306 pupils (819F; 487M) were trained in producing reusable sanitary pads using local materials, directly improving menstrual hygiene and girl-child retention. This was strengthened by the distribution of scholastic materials, including uniforms and stationery, to 787 vulnerable learners (468F; 319M), ensuring they remained in school. Beyond academics, 3,082 students (1,550F; 1,532M) built critical life skills like confidence and assertive communication through structured co-curricular sports and clubs, while a two-day community road drive across 28 schools in Obongi District boosted timely reporting back to school and school enrollment.

Our community-led interventions reached 3,348 stakeholders, including cultural and religious leaders who engaged in dialogues to transform negative cultural practices and promote girls' education. We also strengthened student leadership by training 210 pupils (140F; 70M), leading to the formation of seven active "Bonga" clubs. To strengthen household resilience to education, 1,081 members (722F; 359M) from 28 Community Managed Saving Groups (CMSGs) were capacitated in VSLA and enterprise development. Additionally, 53 senior teachers were equipped with psychosocial support and GBV counseling skills to provide a safer, more supportive environment for both national and refugee learners.



SDGs supported:
SDG 13, SDG 17



E

Research Innovation and Advocacy

RICE West Nile, in partnership with Muni University, with funding from the Royal Danish Embassy, conducted research in the West Nile region titled "Effects of Climate Change on Livelihoods, Human Rights and Environmental Protection." The findings have been used to advocate for policy reforms in environmental protection in different spaces including the National Environmental Management Authority, the Ministry of Water and Environment, Ministry of Finance.

In advocating for Climate Justice, we convened 119 diverse stakeholders, including high-level government officials from MWE and MoFPED, traditional leaders, and academia, to transition from climate policy knowledge to measurable regional action. The event secured cross-sectoral commitments ranging from the enforcement of environmental bylaws by local governments to the integration of climate stewardship into religious sermons and private sector green innovations. Ultimately, the forum established a collaborative "Natural Capital Accounting" framework for West Nile, recommending increased financial resourcing for district natural resource offices, energy policy reforms to reduce reliance on biomass, and the mandatory inclusion of climate adaptation components in all infrastructure projects to bridge the gap between national environmental targets and community-level implementation.





Environmental Accountability

- The SEA WNK project influenced the review of the Adjumani Environment Ordinance and the dissemination of the Madi Okollo District Charcoal Ordinance to ensure effective implementation of regulatory frameworks.
- 228 CACs and Parish Chiefs (including 81 women and 3 PWDs) were trained to monitor and report environmental violations, acting as "citizen eyes" for local government.
- Compliance monitoring facilitated led to the voluntary restoration of critical wetland buffer zones (Alibabito, Rupo, and Oyakamami in Obongi district) and the planting of over 103,552 trees across multiple project sites.

Gender

- Deliberate targeting of women; Out of over 15,000 citizens engaged in SEA-WNK, 55% (8,514) were women. Similarly, health dialogues achieved a balanced 53% female and 47% male split.
- Strengthening participation of women; Specific forums were organized for women to present their concerns directly to duty bearers, advocating for women's rights in relation to natural resource management.
- Reasonable accommodation provided for breastfeeding mothers during activities by allowing flexible breastfeeding times, facilitation for babysitters, etc.
- Decision-Making & Autonomy in family planning; This led to a rise in Women making their own health decisions from 47% to 57%, and there was a sharp decline in the belief that partners could punish women for refusing sexual intercourse (dropping from 73% to 50%).

Disability Inclusion

- Provision of reasonable accommodation, such as accessible venues, facilitation for caretakers that enabled a total of 341 PWDs to be actively engaged through dialogues, radio talk shows, and targeted forums for PWD.
- Community health and environmental workers received training on "Safeguarding and Accountability to Affected Persons," a framework ensuring services are accessible and safe for vulnerable groups, including PWDs

2025 Financial Highlights

2025 Projected Budget

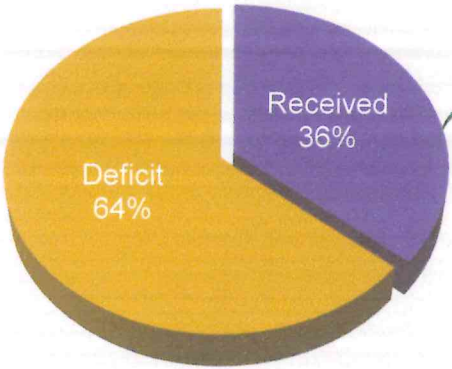


UGX 18,600,036,598



2025 Total Amount Received
(As per signed MOUs)

UGX 6,689,903,446

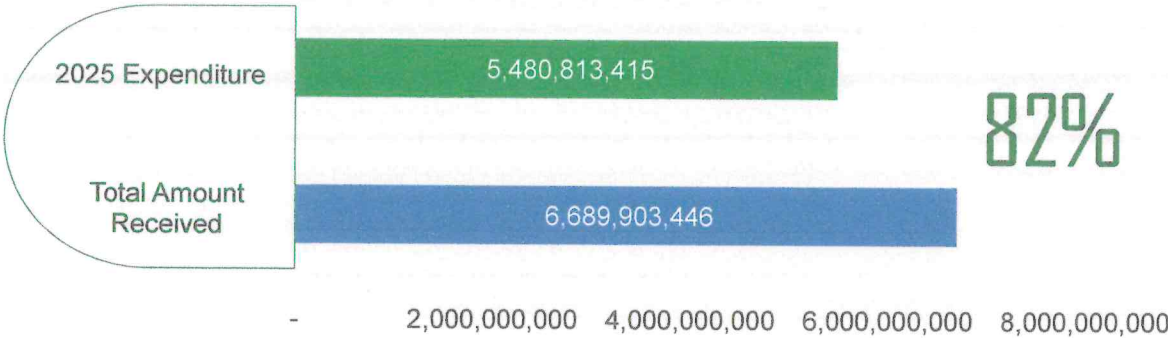


36%

% of Annual Budget
Received

2025 Financial Performance

Financial Burn Rate (UGX)



DONATIONS AND GRANTS RECEIVED IN UGX

Sno	Donor	2024	2025	Forwarded +/- Others	Total	Expenditure
1.	AJWS	52,500,700	35,000,000	1,983,500	36,983,500	36,807,500
2.	CHASE Africa – Bidi Bidi	153,086,482	128,764,806	1,647,538	130,412,344	125,573,212
3.	CHASE Africa – Fishing Community	200,374,868	95,017,168	750,603	95,767,771	95,663,330
4.	GIZ	74,755,000	161,678,900	20,636,732	182,315,632	84,282,020
5.	ILO	445,358,000	649,072,300	-	649,072,300	572,320,510
6.	IDI	44,362,151	29,389,595	2,377,073	31,766,668	31,741,993
7.	WAR CHILD ALLIANCE	33,702,500	221,117,075	18,344,436	239,461,511	234,102,419
8.	MCC	181,915,255	423,246,538	-	423,246,538	225,594,834
9.	ROYAL DANISH EMBASSY	1,658,793,514	1,374,597,816	582,699,976	1,957,297,792	1,495,931,204
10.	STROMME FOUNDATION	833,978,044	422,749,217	43,488,886	466,238,103	447,066,615
11.	AWO INTERNATIONAL	282,889,498	264,239,010	50,696,577	314,935,587	313,029,587
12.	GLOBAL FUNDS	789,605,293	1,193,441,627	142,827,811	1,336,269,438	1,299,796,352
13.	European Union	29,839,388				
14.	European Union	666,826,776				
15.	European Union	491,159,923				
	Total	5,939,147,392	4,998,314,052	865,453,132	5,863,767,184	4,961,909,576

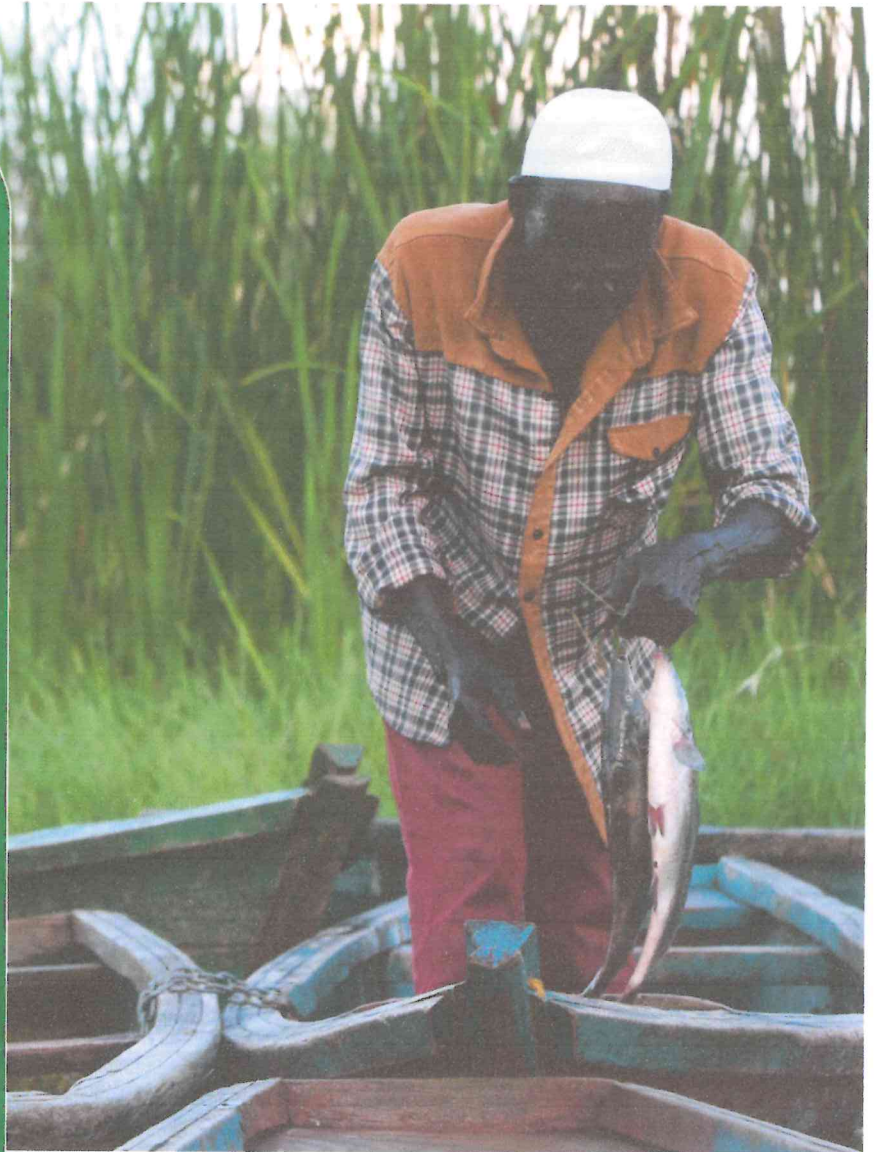
Incorporating "infotainment" (such as drama and music) into community dialogues successfully attracted higher numbers of adolescents and youth than planned.

Communities situated near the river banks prioritize fishing over crop farming thus affecting the uptake of farming.

The "Climate Action Champions" (CAC) model demonstrated that trained community volunteers can significantly reduce the workload of overstretched government departments.

Inflation needs to be factored in while developing participants' business plans to avoid constraints during actual implementation.

Relocating malaria prevention community dialogue sessions to male-dominated social spaces leads to greater male attendance and active participation.



Challenges & Recommendations

The political season significantly impacted stakeholder participation and raised expectations among community members during the implementation of activities. Some politicians sought to use project platforms for their campaigns. The organization maintained a neutral stand and discontinued engaging some politicians during implementation.

The shrinking funding for several partners within our operational areas has created significant challenges, especially in facilitating linkages for alternative livelihoods, psychosocial support, mental health, education, etc. RICE West Nile continued to operate within the available resources and also encouraged the use of locally available resources.

Frequent transfer of health facility staff created a need for continuous training to maintain capacity in the health facilities. This affected implementation in terms of cost and time.

Prolonged dry spell prevented the establishment of some planned demonstration gardens and kitchen gardens, requiring activities to be postponed until the following rainy season. This affected the expected yields. Adoption of drought-resistant crop varieties and micro irrigation systems was promoted in the year 2025.

Limited access to land for the refugees and some host communities. This affected the replication of some of the sustainable agricultural practices at large scale.

Story 1. A young mother in Bidi Bidi Refugee Settlement becomes a role model after embracing Family Planning

At 20 years old, Maneno Zalika was already a mother of two, struggling with the physical and financial exhaustion of closely spaced pregnancies and a lack of reproductive health knowledge. Living in Bidi Bidi Refugee Settlement, her life was defined by anxiety over her health and a total dependence on her partner. The turning point occurred when the HESI project funded by CHASE Africa brought services directly to her doorstep through Community Health Workers and "backpack nurse" outreach.



By removing barriers like distance and stigma through personalized home visits, the project empowered Zalika to overcome her fears of side effects and social judgment. Today, she has successfully utilized family planning to space her children, regaining her physical strength and emotional stability. No longer overwhelmed, she is now planning for her children's education and her own financial independence. Zalika has transitioned from a vulnerable beneficiary to a peer advocate, informally mentoring other young women in Romogi subcounty to take control of their reproductive futures.

Story 2: A religious leader becomes a Malaria Prevention Champion in his community

Karapino Lokudu, a 71-year-old refugee and religious leader in Imvepi, was trapped in a cycle of illness and financial strain, spending over UGX 12,000 monthly on recurring malaria treatment for his grandchildren. Despite his leadership role in the church, his household lacked the basic prevention tools needed to stay healthy.



The turning point came in May 2025 during a RICE West Nile community dialogue with support from TASO Uganda, where Karapino embraced the principle that "prevention is cheaper than treatment." He took immediate action by purchasing five mosquito nets, resulting in the total elimination of malaria from his home. Beyond the health benefits and cost savings, the experience redefined Karapino's view of leadership; he now integrates malaria prevention, hygiene, and sanitation messaging into his sermons. By practicing what he preaches, Karapino has turned his home into a model of health, using his influence to mobilize his congregation and neighbors toward a malaria-free community.

Story 3: A Climate Action Champion demonstrates exemplary leadership in his Community

In Itula Sub-County, Obongi District, seasonal flooding frequently collapses vital crossings, isolating residents from essential healthcare and education. The situation peaked in May 2025 when a primary artery was destroyed, leaving school children trapped at home for weeks. In response, Mwamba Kassim, a project-trained Climate Action Champion (CAC), utilized advocacy tools to document the crisis and mobilize a community-led intervention.

By August 2025, Kassim successfully secured local government buy-in and organized community members to reconstruct the bridge using resilient, locally sourced materials like coconut poles. This effort not only restored safe passage for motorists and emergency services but also allowed children to resume their education immediately. The initiative stands as a powerful example of how localized climate advocacy and community-driven engineering can transform a recurring environmental crisis into a sustainable solution for regional connectivity.





Talk show on Environmental Protection with key stakeholders

Supporting women to start Income Generating Activities



Targeted dialogues with women and duty bearers on issues affecting women

Digital learning in schools



Training adolescent girls and boys in making Reusable Sanitary Pads



Youth skilling in practice





CHW providing home-based care.

Tax Compliance Certificate awarded to RICE West Nile by URA



Supporting groups with VSLA trainings and kits.





*RICE West Nile joins a
Malaria Awareness
Campaign
#ZeroMalariaStartsWithMe*

*Networking and collaboration
with potential partners*





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