

COMMUNITY HEALTH

RICE-WN with funds from Chase Africa from London have been implementing Mobile Clinic Outreach since the early 2018 to date. Before RICE-WN have implemented tremendous work under Community Health but this one was one of it kind.



Sikhoya Petora a nurse in Pokwero Health Center III sensitizing the community on cervical cancer screening for women and Family planning

The project involves offering free basic health care and family planning services to rural communities who have less access to these services. The project is implemented in Maracha, Arua and Pakwach District.

According to Ministry of Health Uganda, the right to health is a fundamental human right. It is defined as the right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. Access to health care must be universal and guaranteed for all on an equitable basis and must be affordable and comprehensive for everyone and physically accessible where and when needed.

This therefore means persons living more than 5km away from a health facility have no access to physical and mental health care.

RICE-WN being a human rights and advocacy NGO, aiming to promote health and protection of all rights holders in the west Nile region through partnering with various stakeholders including Government. RICE-WN works hand in hand with Maracha, Arua and Pakwach local governments through this project to promote Community Health in West Nile region Uganda.

Activities

In the first quarter 2019 the activities under this project were implemented in Panyango Sub-County Pakwach District and Ajia Sub-County Arua District with support from Powero Health Center III and Ajia Health Center III respectively.

Community dialogues and Radio Talk show were held to sensitize

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and educate the community on the importances of family planning and need for physical and mental health care to all.

In Pakwach District, the community dialogue took place on 22nd March 2019 were more than 226 community members and there leaders participated and two Mobile Clinics Outreach on 23rd and 24th March 2019 at Lobodegi and Pachego Primary Schools, serving more than 670 people in basic health care and 166 people (87F/79M) got various Family Planning ser-

vices.

While in Arau District serving more than 626 people were 181 people (109F/72M) received free Family Planning services in March 2019 at Pawor and Ajia Primary Schools.



One of the community members receiving basic health care during the outreach



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- ✓ Family Planning services
- ✓ Cervical Cancer Screening for women
- ✓ HIV/AIDS testing services
- ✓ Malaria testing and treatment
- ✓ Deworming
- ✓ Immunization: polio and measles (children under 5 years) HPV (for girls under 10 years)
- ✓ Hepatitis B Screening
- ✓ Sensitizing the community on Family Planning