



# **Shaping regional conversations to build resilience and agency of children and adolescents**

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*Child, Mubende District, Uganda*

***Children's Rights and Violence Prevention Fund, supported partners to reach children, adolescents and their families with interventions to protect their well-being and enhance their quality of life.***

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## Our Mission

We are advancing the safety and rights of children and adolescents by working with 162 community organizations to create safe and empowering environments in schools, homes and communities.

## Our Principles



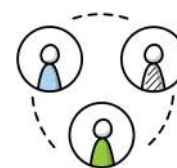
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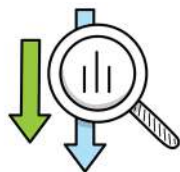
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## Our Programs

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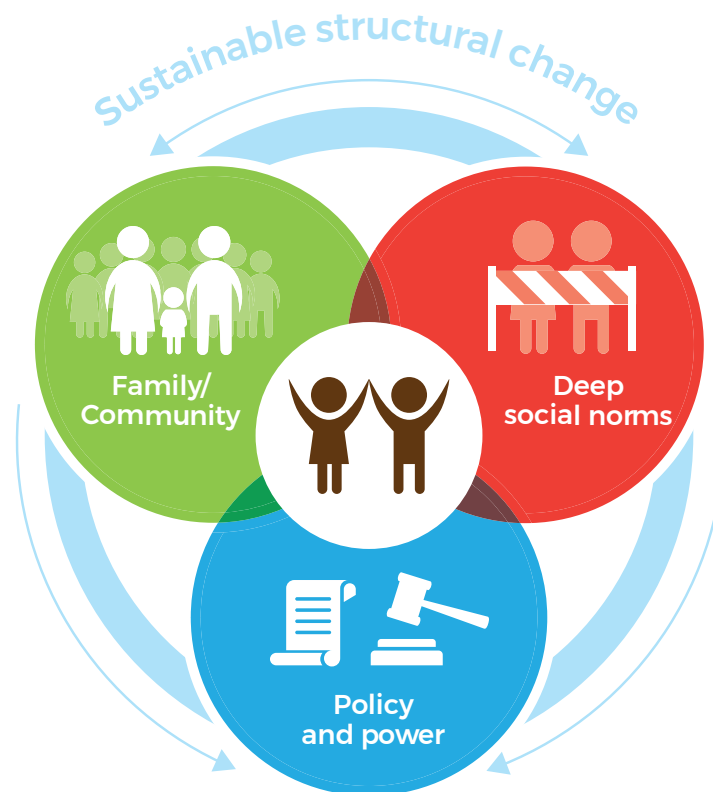
All programs are strategically interconnected and have a similar approach in Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania where CRVPF works supporting children, adolescent boys and girls, families in low-income communities, refugee settings, host communities, and displaced families.

## Our Theory of Change

We create a safe and nurturing environment for children and adolescents through the three sub-systems: family and community, deep social norms, power and policy.

We achieve this change through:

- **Building agency** of individual relationships and patterns of interaction among children, adolescents and adults within families, the community, and local institutions like schools
- **A shift in the social norms** that legitimize and perpetuate violence against children and adolescents
- **An enabling policy and power environment** which provides access to resources and opportunities.



**Children and adolescent girls are safe and empowered where they live, learn, play and work**

## Our Grant Making

Our principles of partnership rotate around the cluster approach to ensure clear and transparent working relationships and to build synergies to make greater impact as we avoid duplication and competition. CRVPF encourages two to five community organizations to work jointly in one geographical area, on one project with one funding grant. A single organization is selected by the cluster members to sign the contract; however, the grant is jointly managed by all the member organizations. **Clustering is a philosophy based on the core principles of integration of activities and collaboration of members for mutual benefit.**

# Foreword



The Children's Rights and Violence Prevention Fund (CRVPF)

operates in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. CRVPF is dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing environment for children and adolescents. CRVPF

accomplishes this through grant making and building capacities of partner community organizations to deliver needed interventions and services that address violence against children, skilling of youth in crisis, and addressing unique socio-economic challenges of adolescent girls and families in refugee settings. In the midst of global pandemics and conflicts, CRVPF through partners was able to serve the interests of more children and their families enabling them to remain resilient in their communities.

CRVPF focused on shaping conversations among key stakeholders to develop practical, responsive solutions to the new hardships that are intensifying violence against children. In this annual report, we reflect

on how CRVPF through its partnerships with community organizations was able to apply these solutions to support low-income families, children, and adolescent girls. CRVPF, through partner organizations supported 1,042 youth micro-enterprises in Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania and Ethiopia.

In this report, you will read the evidence and the stories that describe the impact of CRVPF's support to children, adolescent girls and women, especially those receiving emergency grants for business and household survival.

In improving our organizational capacity, we invested in institutional development, equipping our staff and partners with technical skills to deliver more relevant and measurable community-led interventions.

On a broader scale, CRVPF through its partners has created structural change by building agency within the family and community to shift social norms, and to create an environment that provides access to resources and opportunities for

the empowerment of youth and adolescent girls.

Furthermore, CRVPF is listening to and engaging more keenly in external conversations with the public on social media platforms in order to make its work more visible as well as learn from the feedback received.

There remain opportunities for CRVPF to fill critical gaps in different program areas based on emerging challenges especially those resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. These challenges have significantly reversed economic gains in vulnerable communities.

We are very grateful to our donors, government actors, partners, and other collaborators who have been critical to our success. This support greatly renews our hope and commitment to the children and adolescents who are counting on us to safeguard their safety and future potential.

**Professor Anna Ruhweza Katahoire**  
**CRVPF Board Chairperson**



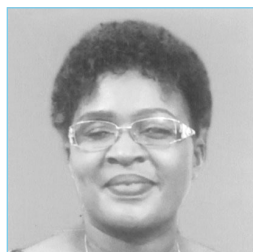
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## OVERVIEW OF OUR IMPACT



## CRVPF interventions in 2021

### Grant-Making

Working with community organizations to fund programs at the grassroots, we introduced and strengthened approaches for VAC prevention, emergency response for family survival and equipping children and adolescents, with skills to build their agency and resilience.

USD 608,486	Disbursed to the Adolescent Girls Power Program to set up safe spaces, build a movement for girls and life skills and sensitize girls in the four countries
USD 820,400	Disbursed to the Prevention of Violence Against Children Program to strengthen capacity of partners in implementing parenting programs to improve parenting skills, increase income support for low income families, support activities for safe spaces targeting out of school adolescents, safe school environments and strengthening of clusters
USD 663,274	Disbursed for the Youth and Capacity Development Program activities in refugee settlements, host and slum communities targeting youth and adolescents
USD 500,000	Disbursed for the Emergency Program in Ethiopia to support families displaced by the conflict in Northern Ethiopia with basic food supplies, sanitary items and beddings essentials
USD 500,000	Disbursed for the Emergency Program in Uganda to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 lockdowns by providing emergency cash grants for low-income families with COVID-19 patients, people with disabilities, child-headed households and young mothers who lost their small businesses.

### Capacity Building of Key Actors in Communities

Developing and strengthening systems within communities to fast-track and monitor change through institutional technical support.

5,025	Active parents in weekly meetings who have improved their parenting skills thus reducing all forms of VAC
2,095	Adolescent girls equipped with vocational skills to start micro-enterprises
3,736	Girls participated in 113 safe spaces, were sensitized about several adolescent related topics and engaged in developing critical thinking to protect themselves against violence
3,454	Parents participated in Village Savings and Loan Association groups to develop their financial skills to improve household incomes and increase access to basic needs to mitigate violence in homes
136	Community-based facilitators trained in mobilizing and facilitating parents' learning meetings
47	Partner organizations' staff trained as Trainers of Trainers to monitor and support community-based facilitators on parenting skills and improved spousal relationships interventions

## **Movement Building and Agency**

Ensuring that all CRVPF and partner actions are equipped to successfully bring key advocacy issues for violence prevention to policy makers and other power brokers.

2,919	Children actively participated in violence prevention activities to enable them report cases and become critical actors on the referral pathway as their resilience and agency is built
48	Campaigns conducted on child marriages, FGM, and child safeguarding to build accountability among all actors
10	Events organised for the day of the girl child in the four countries to table girl-child and adolescents girls related issues on national agendas

## **Work in Slums, Refugee Settlements and Host Communities**

CRVPF works to restore livelihoods for youth and adolescent girls adversely affected by crises like Covid-19 and refugee challenges through employment, education, human rights education and strengthening the institutional capacity of partner organisations

722	Village Savings & Loans Associations formed
5,399	Youth and Women actively engaged in VSLA activities
1,403	Vocational & livelihood education trainees employed or with IGA
6,768	Adolescents, youth and women who were equipped with entrepreneurship skills
2,986	Youth and women led businesses supported
186	Girls safe spaces established
1,711	Adolescent girls engaged in human rights initiatives

# 01

## /01 Adolescent Girls Power Program

Worldwide, governments and funding organizations are investing in girls by designing interventions that place them at the center of community-led development. The results of these interventions show that safe, educated and healthy girls champion positive norms, improve family socio-economic status and overall well-being.

The Adolescent Girls Power Program (AGPP), is a unique set of interventions that empower adolescent girls with skills for effective decision-making, equip them for advocacy for their rights and create platforms where they can collectively develop strategies to prevent and respond to violence against them.



# Our Interventions

In understanding the critical issues of adolescent girls, CRVPF partner organizations conducted baseline studies in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda among girls 15-19 years, their parents, teachers and community leaders.



## Resources to increase opportunities for girls

Following the baseline study, grants amounting to USD 600,000 were given to partners to implement key program activities. This is the second grant received by the partners.

CRVPF partners established **113 safe spaces for 3,736 adolescent girls** in communities and schools to host social networks and provide girls with a safe entry point for life-saving services, information and engaging in sports and other recreation. In these spaces, girls can safely discuss their issues with peers and engage community leaders in developing solutions to address risk factors for violence. Safe spaces also support knowledge sharing around important health topics and help girls gain income-generating skills to reduce their vulnerability. Girls are taught advocacy skills, for example, preparations for the International Day of the Girl-child were done by the girls in safe spaces.



***The biggest challenge is having nothing to do, as it puts us at risk of getting involved in bad activities like betting. The activities in safe spaces keep us busy so that we don't participate in bad practices and this will make us more productive and useful in our communities."***

*-Adolescent, Uganda*

*"When we come to the Safe Space, our parents feel that we are safe because we are doing activities that are helping us solve girl problems and we like it because we are always learning new skills."*

## ➤ Increasing Knowledge for Adolescent Girls

CRVPF developed a life skills and financial literacy manual which will be used for training girls in safe spaces. The modules include Confidence-building, Financial Literacy, Smart thinking, Sexual Reproductive Health, Gender-based Violence and Setting and Achieving Goals.

## ➤ Movement Building

When girls are provided with relevant information they are empowered to be able to articulate the issues that affect them and work with local actors that can shift norms and policies in their favour. Girls in the four countries organized **10 events for the Day of the Girl Child** where they identified the most important issues and risk factors for violence.

- **48 campaigns** on child marriages, Female Genital Manipulation and child safeguarding
- In **Ethiopia** girls in the Safe spaces mobilize funds to support deprived girls with educational materials.
- In **Tanzania**, The Adolescents and Young People HIV network encouraged girls to participate in community advocacy platforms to benefit from government programs like trainings in hospitality skills.



Partners in Tingatinga, Tanzania, supported advocacy efforts of out of school girls

## ➤ Vocational Skills & Livelihoods Training

**2,095 girls in safe spaces** were trained in hairdressing, tailoring, soap making, menstrual hygiene product making to start micro-enterprises. In Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, girls used formal places as offices to plan for start-up capital provided and establish profitable businesses.

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*During celebrations for the International Day of the Girl Child, in Uganda, adolescent girls in Uganda were supported to present a number of issues to local leaders including the importance of constructing a secondary school and prohibiting the employment of adolescent girls in bars and entertainment centres. The Special council meeting, that was coordinated by the girls, resolved to take key actions to address the problems. In Mombasa, Kenya, girls submitted a memo to policy makers to request free access to menstrual products.*



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## Prevention of Violence Against Children Program

Violence against children and adolescents is enabled and sustained by a variety of factors including lack of parenting skills and practices, poor spousal relationships, low household incomes, unsafe school environments, and harmful norms and values.

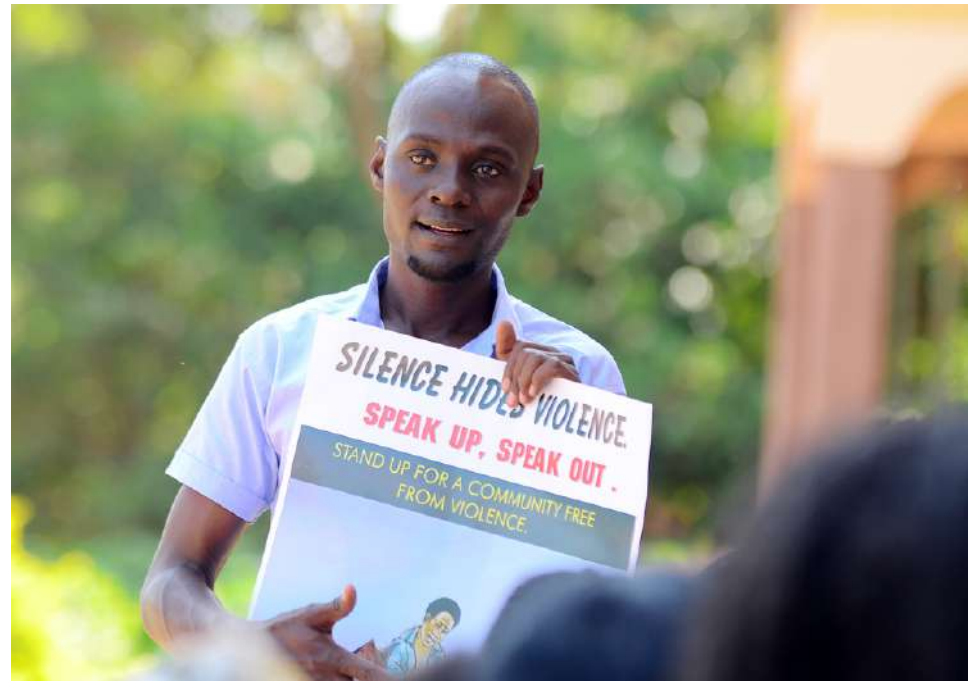


Photo credit: Youth Empowerment Trust, Uganda



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***“I used to mistreat my wife and my family was a burden. However, after the parenting session I started to value my wife and child”.***

**OSCAR, 22 YEARS**

## Our Interventions

In response to regional statistics that showed rising figures of VAC, especially resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, CRVPF partners invested their grants in programming to prevent violence against children.

### **Building Child-Friendly Home Environments**

**3,454 parents formed parents peer learning and support groups** to engage in sessions on good parenting skills, improved spousal relationships and practices through the Parenting for Respectability program. The program is locally-developed and based on evidence around respect in the family. Initially piloted in Uganda, the program is driving change in the community and there are plans to scale it up to partners in Tanzania and Kenya in 2022.

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***“The Parenting for Respectability Program has helped me to understand how to manage my children’s discipline and interact with them freely especially now during this lockdown of COVID-19 when we are spending more time with the children at home.”***

***“As a male parent of four children I was not involved in my children’s growth and development, because I used to leave home very early in the morning to meet up with friends. I always came back home late when all my children were sleeping. After participating in the parenting learning sessions I realized that my children were lacking a lot because I was not spending time with them or talking to them. I have now become involved in their lives. I appreciate that the program has brought us parents and caregivers together to discuss parenting.”***





## CRVPF Supported Partners to Establish Village Savings and Loans Associations

Parents trained under the parenting program also participated in weekly lending and savings meetings that included discussions on positive parenting practices and financial management.. Women in particular, have participated more frequently in VSLA groups which has allowed them to contribute to household needs reducing conflict in homes over basic needs.



Photo credit: Arise Integrated Development Efforts

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*"The group helped me to have some money because previously, women were not allowed to work and only waited for a man to provide. Today, out of my savings, I have established a business, and I am able to buy some things for the home. This has reduced pressure on my husband which used to lead to fights. Our relationship has improved."*

FEMALE CAREGIVER, KIWANDE VSLA



## Strengthening Capacity of Key Actors to Improve VAC Prevention and Response

Supporting partners to design, implement and monitor VAC prevention programs: CRVPF partnered with the Centre for Transformative Parenting and Research to develop parenting manuals addressing spousal relationships and parenting skills and practices. These manuals were used by partner organizations in weekly parental peer learning meetings.

Number	Training Activity
47 partner staff	Trainers of Trainers (TOTs)
136 community-based facilitators	Grassroots community trainers
5,025 parents	Healthier spousal relationships and parenting skills and practices
158 partners	Child safeguarding and regional community of practice learning meetings
CRVPF staff	Monthly parenting agenda meetings hosted by MGLSD



Cluster staff in Buyangabu training on parenting



***“The development of the manual and training has been helpful. We can now implement programs in a more organized manner. It is simple to understand, implement, monitor, and measure success. It was also very insightful on our own parenting practices and spousal relationships in our own homes.”***

**PARTNER, LIRA DISTRICT**

## Knowledge Sharing Builds Capacity of Child Protection Actors

**CRVPF leveraged monthly national platforms hosted by the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development in Uganda, to share experiences on the prevention of violence.** These platforms increased CRVPF visibility and opportunities for promoting the vision of CRVPF in prevention of violence against children and adolescents.

Partners were also supported with planning and learning grants helped community to enhance knowledge sharing and learning, discover synergies, and support the use of evidence to formalize their long term interventions.

Number	Training Activity
<b>158 partners</b>	Trained on child safeguarding
<b>26 partners</b>	Trained in life skills
<b>22 partners</b>	Trained on result-based reporting and report writing
<b>19</b>	Monitoring support visits by the National Consultants
<b>3</b>	Physical site monitoring visits by the Regional Program Coordinator

This has enabled partners to strengthen their programming and improve results-based implementation. The reports written by partners were better structured with more quality information on progress made. This is building substantive evidence for VAC interventions in the region.



***We are now more effective in VAC prevention interventions. As an organization, we have changed our mind-set from response to a more prevention-focused community approach one.***

PARTNER



Photo credit: Central cluster girls, Kampala



## Building Agency and Resilience of Children and Adolescents

Partners were supported to establish clubs and safe spaces in the communities where children and adolescents meet with their peers to share experiences and acquire knowledge and life skills on addressing risk factors for violence. **Currently, more than 2,400 out-of-school children are participating in weekly education in safe spaces.** This is building their agency to speak out about VAC and improve their resilience to make life decisions that keep them safe.



Photo credit: Arise Integrated Development Efforts



***“My father used to be harsh with us; he would start shouting whenever he returned home. We would get scared and run away and hide from him. It was very difficult to tell him about our need for scholastic materials and other home supplies. However, ever since he started going to learning meetings, he has changed; he plays with us, talks to us in a calm way and we now enjoy his company.”***

CHILD EXPERIENCE, MUKONO DISTRICT, UGANDA

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*“Mum and dad fought daily, even for small things. This would traumatize me and I would think about it while I was at school. I hated going back home, because it was either quarreling or fighting. However, when mum started attending the learning in the parents groups alot changed. Now, when dad starts a quarrel, mum walks away or speaks calmly. Dad has also started attending the learning session and now we see them laughing together.”*

CHILD EXPERIENCE, LUWERO DISTRICT, UGANDA



*Adolescent girls, Kilifi cluster, Kenya*

## **COVID-19 Responses: Supporting Girls for Safe Environments**

Safe schools allow all children to learn safely without risk of violence including corporal punishment and sexual gender based violence within schools and communities. However, the closure of schools due to the COVID-19 pandemic limited opportunities to implement school-based activities for safe environments.

Partners addressed COVID-19 related school lockdowns by reaching school children in alternative ways: in Uganda, **partners established community-based clubs as platforms of learning and sharing experiences for 2,919 school-going children** while partners in Kenya and Tanzania continued to reach children through school-based clubs. On these platforms, learners are empowered to participate in discussions and engage in important activities that mitigate violence against them.



## Key Learnings for Prevention of VAC

It is crucial to properly document the stories of change, as they inform how impact was made, allowing us to replicate these lessons in other locations.

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Listening to partners and understanding their context is crucial in programming as it enables the development of relevant and sustainable interventions

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Creating platforms and opportunities for learning and sharing experiences enriches program implementation.

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In capacity strengthening, there is a need for continuous follow-up and engagement with partners.



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## Youth and Capacity Development Program

In Uganda, youth below 25 years comprise more than 77% of the population. This presents a unique opportunity to equip them with skills to contribute to national development. In refugee settlements and host communities, CRVPF works to build the capacity of community organizations and NGOs led by females and youth to become resilient to socio-economic challenges.



### THEMES UNDER THE YCD PROGRAM

Vocational skills / Life skills / Formal education / Social Justice / Human Rights / Litigation / Village Savings and Loans Associations / Micro-Credit / Business Training / Start-up Capital / Livelihoods / Agriculture / Sexual Reproductive Health/ Gender-Based Violence / Safe Spaces / Girls clubs / School Clubs

## Our Interventions

### Building Partner Capacity for Better Service Delivery in Refugee Communities

To ensure that grassroots organisations continue to innovate and adapt to the effects of the pandemic, CRVPF worked alongside Development Link Consult to strengthen the capacity of 20 grassroots organisations. These have been able to establish capacity gaps and improve their institutional policies, practices and process. As a result, a majority have reported access to more partnership and funding opportunities to continue building the resilience of adolescents and youths and contribute to overall economic recovery.

Youth Arise Network and Youth Ambassadors for Development (YAN and YAD) are a cluster of two community organizations working in Rwamwanja Refugee Settlement.



***“We had a lot of gaps in our systems and did not know of their existence. For example, poor reporting mechanisms, limited financial management skills and poor resource mobilisation.”***

***After implementing their organisational capacity strengthening action plan, the cluster acquired two grant awards to expand their work. YAN and YAD are also in the process of developing a strategic plan to guide their program interventions. Further, YAN was identified as an outstanding development partner in Rwamwanja Refugee Settlement and was able to use its resource mobilization skills to successfully apply for a grant from UNHCR as it scored highly on the UNHCR potential partner scale.***





## Employment for Youth, Women and Out-of-school Adolescent Girls

One of the most devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic has been an economic decline with a good number of people losing their businesses and falling out of employment. **Our program partners have reached over 6,768 adolescents** and youth with entrepreneurship/business/agribusiness education to ensure that they can get employment or start small enterprises. More than half of these have received support in terms of capital or loans and are already operating viable enterprises.

***Nyenje Youth Development Group, for example, is a village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) formed by Arise Integrated Development Efforts Cluster in Mukono District. The group was established in February 2021 after members participated in VSLA, credit and financial training to help them re-establish their business affected by COVID 19. The 15-member group invested UGX 1 million in poultry farming. The first round of birds has since been sold, and the group has procured more birds. The group has grown to 78 members who are contributing funds for poultry feeds and sharing the returns equally. Each member plans to start their small enterprise using the returns and savings from their VSLA.***



A group of men and women after VSLA training and receiving kits in Kyaka II refugee host community, Kyegegwa District; © CRVPF (DEFORA & IEYawe Cluster)



## Protecting Human Rights of Vulnerable Youth

The COVID-19 pandemic revealed flaws in the systems that protect the rights of women and girls. The number of cases of violence against women and girls rose between 2020 and 2021. CRVPF partners sensitized communities about the need to protect, fulfil and promote the rights of women and girls. Other initiatives included legal aid and mass media sensitisation.

**More than 1,711 adolescent girls, youth and women participated in human rights initiatives** and now report improved knowledge and ability to seek support from relevant authorities and stakeholders.



## Supporting Partners to Build the Resilience of Youth in Humanitarian and Crisis Settings

According to the findings from a baseline survey carried out between August and September 2021 with 944 adolescent girls as respondents, 89% reported that Covid-19 had impacted their lives. At least 13% had lost a business or a job. Based on the findings, community based organizations developed interventions to keep adolescent girls safe and engaged in income-generating activities. **They established 136 safe spaces and equipped more than 3,600 adolescent girls with vocational and life skills of which 1,403 have started an income-generating activity** or gained meaningful employment..

At Rhino Camp refugee settlement, for example, Youth Camp Africa cluster supports adolescent girls to set up makeshift salons. On average, the girls receive five clients daily. Refugee communities lack sufficient formal education for young people, therefore, any form of skill is critical for their socio-economic survival.



*CRVPF-supported clusters provide vocational skills in garment making, art and craft, cosmetology and mechanics to young people in refugee camps. Adolescent girls are trained for four months and receive start-up kits with hairdressing equipment and materials to start work immediately.*

# 04

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## Emergency Programs

When crises and disasters occur that exacerbate violence towards children, CRVPF is responsive, working with community organisations to develop practical interventions that meet the most relevant needs of the communities where these children live. In the past year, we responded to both humanitarian needs and pandemic crises to ensure that children and their families remain resilient as they face these challenges.





## **Conflict In Northern Ethiopia: Emergency Life-Saving Program for Displaced Families**

CRVPF implemented an emergency program in Ethiopia to support communities affected by conflict in the region. Four partners were identified to implement the grant program: Women Empowerment-Action (WE-Action), Professional Alliance for Development (PADet), Cheshire Service Ethiopia and Global Alliance for The Rights of Ethiopians (GARE) established by Ethiopians living in the US. **A total US\$ 500,000 was disbursed to the partners.**

At least 18,890 displaced communities around Ataye town and surrounding towns received food items, sanitary pads, cleaning materials, mattresses, blankets, and children's food to help them survive during the crisis. The partners plan to continue to provide the food and material support to the displaced people.



*Beneficiaries of the emergency grant program in Ethiopia*



[Watch video here of the emergency program support in Northern Ethiopia: https://youtu.be/ef5rvFddvra](https://youtu.be/ef5rvFddvra)

## **Uganda COVID-19 Emergency Response**

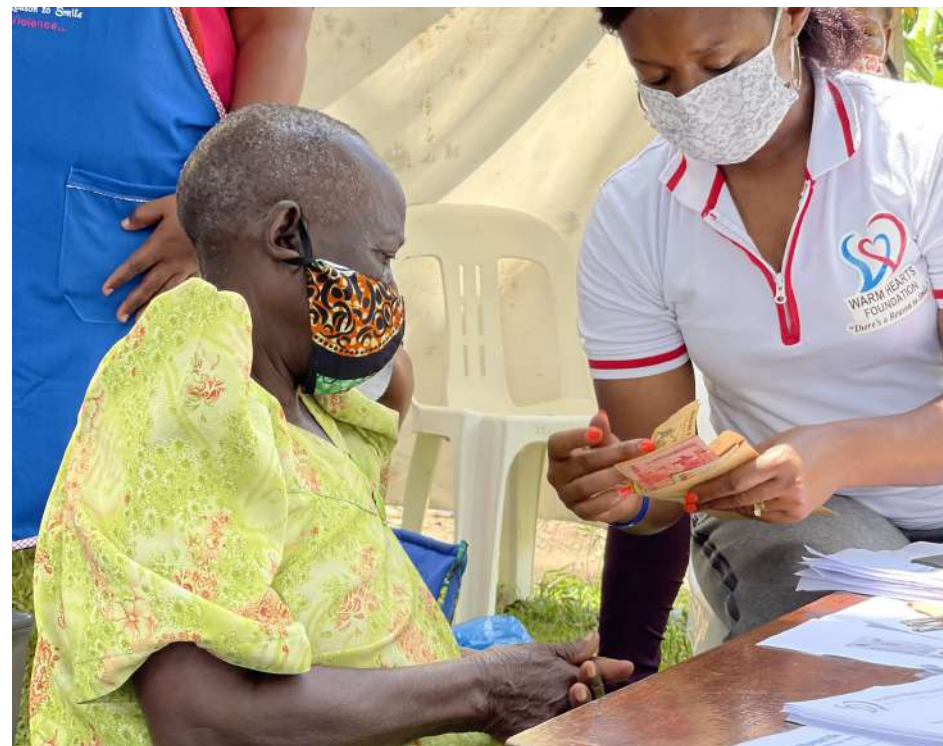
The COVID-19 Emergency Response project was developed following a rapid assessment conducted by CRVPF amongst its partners, adolescent girls, boys, and their families during the first lockdown in 2020. Findings from this assessment reflected major challenges affecting low-income families, small businesses, and an escalation of violence against children and adolescents in homes and communities.



*Young mother supported with business restoration. Kilifi Cluster, Kenya*

Based on the key findings of a rapid assessment during the COVID-19 pandemic, and in consultation with CRVPF partners in Uganda, an emergency grant was provided to address the following:

- To provide emergency cash grants to support 2,500 low-income families with many dependent children, families with COVID-19 patients, families with older people, people, with disabilities, and child-headed households. CRVPF provided cash grants every month to each family. **Overall, UGX 855,315,000 was disbursed to low-income families.**
- To mitigate the impact of COVID-19 lockdowns on small businesses by providing funds to 750 low-income families, young people, and young mothers to restore and strengthen their small businesses.
- To strengthen community formal and informal structures to enhance the prevention of violence, sexual abuse, and sexual exploitation of children, adolescents, and women at household and community levels.



*Cash grants provided to low income households, Uganda*

## Our Interventions

### Building Partner Capacity for Grant Management

The grant project is implemented by 19 partners in four districts of Uganda (Kampala, Mukono, Luwero, and Mubende). **The partners participated in a virtual training organised and facilitated by CRVPF** to guide their selection process, identification of beneficiaries, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and tools for financial reporting. They were also oriented on key safeguarding issues.

### Using Digital Payment Technology to Improve Grant Implementation

**CRVPF adopted the Beyonic money transfer system for direct cash transfer to the beneficiaries'** mobile money platforms in order to improve efficiencies and remove errors in grant disbursement.

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## Building up Evidence for Effective Programming

Being able to develop relevant and sustainable programs that reach the most affected communities is at the core of CRVPF work. We worked to automate our systems to capture data to inform programming and allow us to view partner operations in real-time in order to better serve children and their communities.



# Our Interventions



## Development of a Management Information System

- Create efficiencies in on-boarding and managing partners
- Online reporting for partners to improve timeliness of report submissions
- Improve collaboration among stakeholders by enabling adherence to work plans
- Provide real-time information on program implementation
- Generate reports about CRVPF activities in each cluster



## Virtual training with partners

This training was designed to strengthen the capacity of all the programs in planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of their projects. As a result, partners are beginning to focus more on reporting the effects of the activities (outcomes) rather than the activities themselves. Partners now have insights into the following:

- Applicants setting up accounts and completing forms
- Partners accessing the system and using it for reporting
- Uploading supporting documents
- Grants application and tracking, submitting financial reports and making requests for funds
- Activity reporting using mobile phones
- Dashboards and reports related to the activities



## Improving data collection

CRVPF trained research assistants in data collection using mobile applications. The training also involved designing focused group discussion guides for parents, adolescents, and community leaders. Overall, data was collected from 3,078 beneficiaries for low-income family grants and more collection is underway for business restoration beneficiaries.



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## Best Practices

Despite the various challenges faced during the COVID-19 pandemic, CRVPF in collaboration with partners has been intentional about documenting its key lessons to ensure these are replicated and shared with other stakeholders.



## Violence is Preventable

**The introduction of tailored parenting manuals** has built the capacity of community facilitators to train parents and caregivers in more effective ways to parent their children and to address their spousal relationship challenges that perpetuate violence against children. As a result, the quality of CRVPF violence prevention programs is serving communities in more engaging and relevant ways.



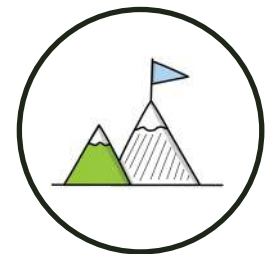
## Listening to Our Partners



**The CRVPF cluster partnership approach** creates platforms for collective listening during the planning and learning period. CRVPF provides a six-month grant to partners to listen to children, adolescents, families and communities to engage them in identifying critical intervention areas. **This process builds relevant interventions within the community** as beneficiaries are able to relate first-hand with the organizations. They are able to share their views on what they would like to see happening both in their homes and in their communities which is strengthening program design.

## Building Institutional Capacity

**CRVPF supports its partners (community organizations and local NGOs) to build strong systems around governance, financial management, and program delivery** capacities. In 2021, CRVPF Program Coordinators, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Coordinator, Grant Coordinator, and National Consultants based in Kenya and Tanzania, participated in the capacity strengthening training program organized by INTRAC, UK. **This long-term training enhances CRVPF staff capacity in organizational assessment, building trust with partners, and ensuring quality service provision.** At the end of the training, CRVPF plans to develop a Capacity Development strategy for partners to provide long-term, practical support.







## Building Thought Leadership

CRVPF has improved its external communication by developing strategic communication materials that are shared on wide-reach online platforms like social media, the website, and e-newsletters. By creating awareness about the impact of our programs we are attracting more partners, resources, and **building our reputation as thought leaders in VAC and youth empowerment**. Community of practice events are held regularly with the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development in Uganda which has invited CRVPF to its national platforms to share key lessons around VAC prevention. This is ensuring that we have strong government partnerships to shift change towards more favourable policies for children and their school communities.

## Strengthening Partner Capacity

CRVPF regularly invests in partner training which is a catalyst for growing their funding base as they are better able to meet donor requirements. Partners have indicated that **due to improved systems, primarily financial and procurement procedures, they can successfully undertake due diligence checks with potential donors**. By focusing on result-based reporting, partners are able to refine program quality by thinking more strategically in order to remain responsive to community needs.



## Community-Led Programming

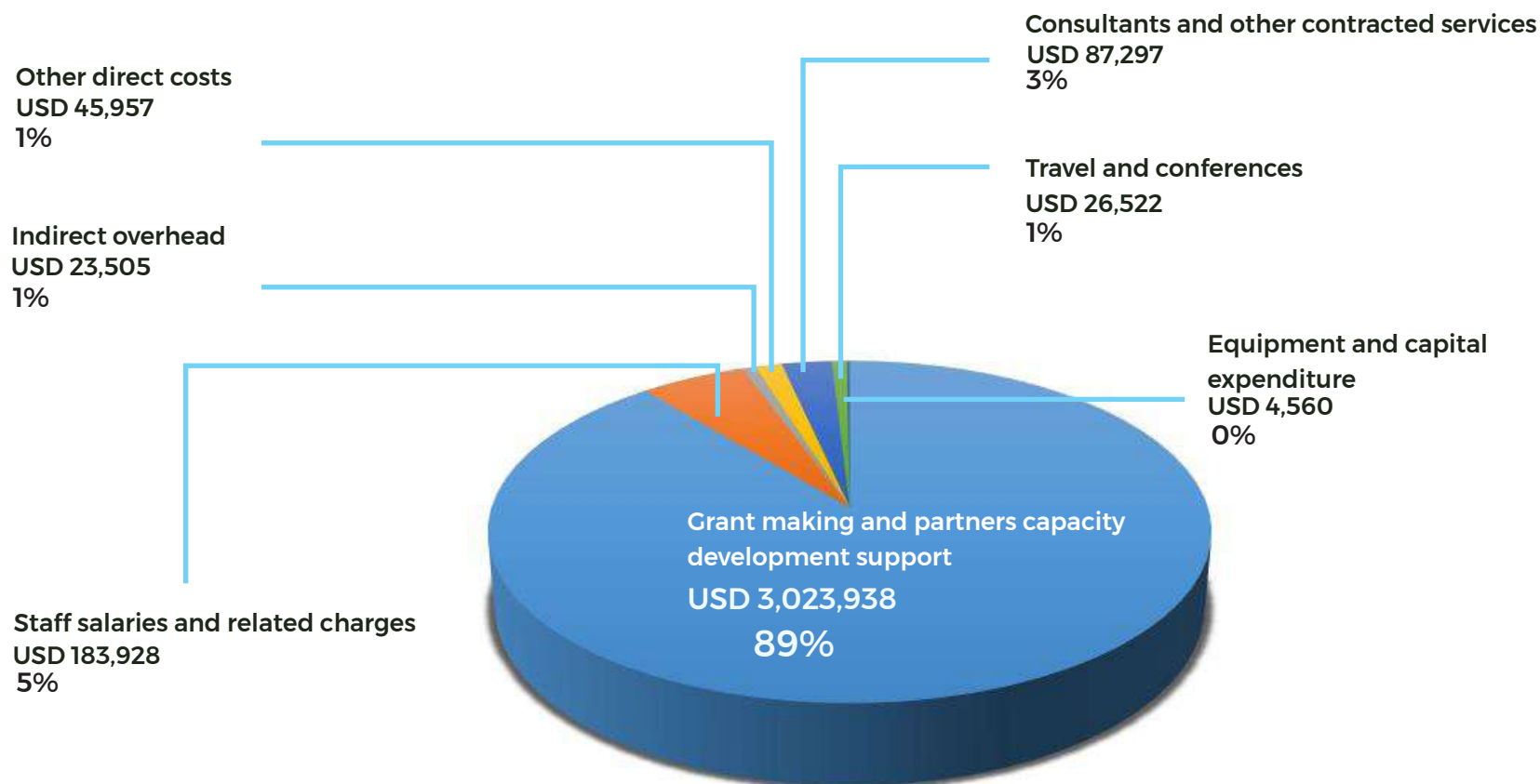
Community engagement is important for the sustainability of project activities. **CRVPF engages with existing community structures, both informal and formal to address negative community norms and values** that perpetuate violence against children and adolescents. For example, as a result of dialogues conducted in Uganda and Kenya to curb early marriages, religious leaders are now asking for birth certificates and baptism cards to confirm the age of girls before conducting marriage ceremonies. In other cases, child labour is being addressed – in Tanzania, for example, bar owners agreed not to employ underage girls.

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TOTAL BUDGET USD 3,394,707



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