

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION FUND **ANNUAL REPORT** **2023**



“Building Power, Breaking Barriers: A Year of Preventing Violence”



OUR VISION



A world where children and young people are safe from violence and sexual violence in the places where they live, learn, play, and work.



OUR MISSION



Advance the safety and rights of children and young people by working with community organizations through cluster partnerships. Create safe and empowering environments in schools, homes, and communities across Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, and Tanzania.

"When the Covid-19 pandemic broke out, I lost my job. However, through the vocational program, I was trained in Fashion and Tailoring and I now own a business specializing in clothing and crafts. I have also trained and employed other young women." - Joanna, Youth and Capacity Development, Program Participant currently training six girls



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FOREWORD

BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Welcome to the 2023 Children's Rights and Violence Prevention Fund (CRVPF) annual report. As the Chairperson of the Board, I am constantly inspired by the devotion and enthusiasm of our board members, staff, partners, and supporters who work tirelessly to prevent violence against children and young people. Together, we stand united in our commitment to creating a world where every child and young person is safe, protected, and empowered in the places they live, work, and play.

As you read through this report, you will notice that CRVPF has made significant progress in providing grants and enhancing partner capabilities over the past year. Our partners work together through a cluster approach, where 2-3 community-based organizations (CBOs) in a specific location collaborate to execute strategies to prevent violence. Some of these strategies include developing safe spaces for adolescent girls, improving parenting skills, and providing vocational training to those who are out of school. Through these initiatives, CRVPF has positively impacted the lives of 178,591 individuals across

Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Moving forward, our main focus is to provide ongoing support to our partners, allowing them to build their capacity and maintain the interventions they have put in place even after the project is completed. We are very enthusiastic about expanding our reach and ensuring all communities can access these interventions. Additionally, we are excited to implement new approaches that integrate two or more of our core programs at CRVPF.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the donors, government officials, partners, and other collaborators who have provided unwavering support to CRVPF. Our mission is to prevent violence against children and young people, and your support is invaluable in achieving it. By working collaboratively, we can make a significant difference in the lives of individuals in the communities where we operate. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to lead a safe and fulfilling life, free from violence.

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PERSPECTIVES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am delighted to share the exciting news of CRVPF's activities in 2023 and how together with our partners we have reduced violence and sexual violence against children and young people in our focus countries – Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, and Ethiopia.

Our four year strategic plan was granted an extension by the Board of Trustees for an additional two years until 2025 due to the implementation challenges posed by the Covid-19 lockdown. To bridge the implementation gap and strengthen our interventions, the secretariat included the following initiatives in the revised plan.

One of the major initiatives for the Children's Rights and Violence Prevention Fund (CRVPF) in 2023 was the expansion of the joint program between the Prevention of Violence Against Children (PVAC) and the Adolescent Girls Power Program (AGPP) grant-making programs. In the past years, CRVPF grant-making programs were operating in isolation even though all our grant-making programs were designed to prevent violence and sexual violence against children and young people. The joint program was initially developed in Uganda but rolled out to Tanzania, Kenya, and Ethiopia. The joint program's preliminary results are providing evidence that this integration is reducing violence against children and young people in all countries.

CRVPF worked with partners through the Youth and Capacity Development (YCD) program to support the recovery and resilience of young people by equipping them with skills and training. Through the lessons learnt from implementing YCD and having the Board of

Trustees' approval, this program was scaled up and is now known as Empowering Youth through Data and Community Development (EYDCD). EYDCD will be incorporated into a coordinated approach in Uganda that will bring three grant-making programs (PVAC, AGPP, and EYDCD) to work cohesively in eight pilot districts. We hope the coordinated program approach will enhance our interventions focused on the prevention of violence and sexual violence against children and young people in families, schools, communities through safe spaces and skilling young people for self-employment.

CRVPF continues to develop evidence-based programs, and in 2023, the Young Mothers Support program was launched in Kenya and Tanzania based on a 2021 Covid-19 impact assessment that indicated that many young girls had become mothers during the pandemic. The Young Mothers Support program brings together 12 community organizations led by young people in cluster partnerships to address the needs of young mothers and their children.

It is with great gratitude that we recognize the commitments and professional support of the CRVPF Board of Trustees (both the Regional and US board members) and the dedication of the staff to the CRVPF mission. Equally, the support and collaboration of the respective governments in the target countries is highly appreciated. We are truly grateful to the CRVPF donors who have trusted our work and committed their resources to our programs.

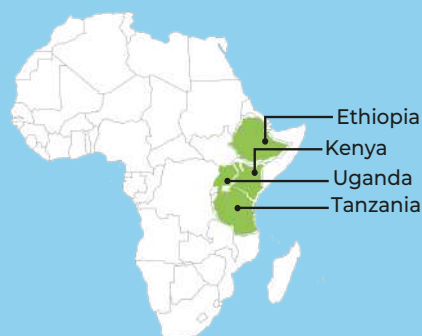


Fasil W. Marriam
CRVPF Executive Director

WHO WE ARE

Children's Rights and Violence Prevention Fund (CRVPF) was founded in April 2015 to prevent violence against children and young people across East Africa. As a regional intermediary organization, we work in Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, and Ethiopia, collaborating with community organizations through cluster partnerships to prevent all forms of violence against children and young people.

Countries of Implementation



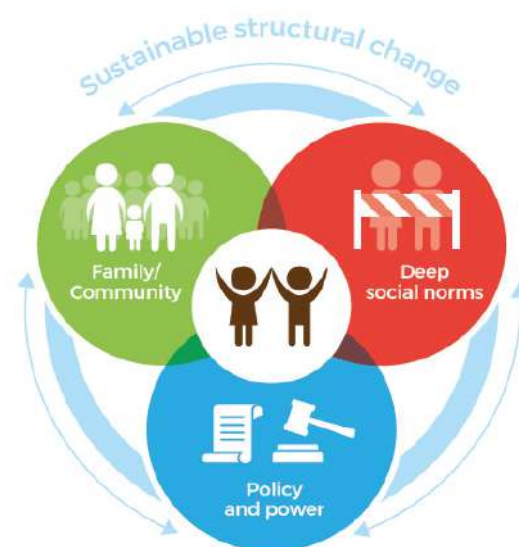
Our theory of change

Creating a safe and nurturing environment for children and young people results from interactions between three sub-systems: family and community, deep social norms and power and policy. We achieve this change through:

Building agency of individuals and change in the relationships and patterns of interaction among children, young people and adults within families, the community, and local institutions like schools

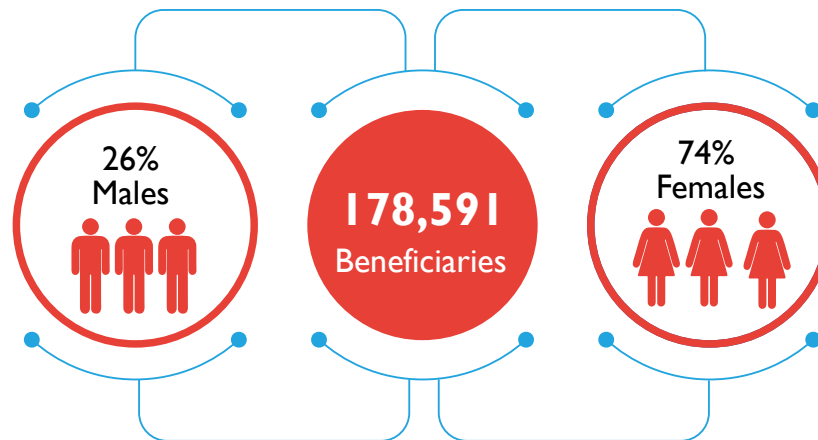
A shift in the social norms that legitimize and perpetuate violence.

An enabling policy and power environment which provides access to resources and opportunities



OUR YEAR IN SUMMARY

PREVENTING VIOLENCE IN HOMES, SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES



BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO REDUCE VIOLENCE





CHAPTER 1

PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

THE CHALLENGE

A range of factors continue to perpetuate violence against children and young people including poor parenting skills and practices, poor spousal relationships, low household incomes, unsafe school environments and harmful norms. CRVPF with its partners worked to strengthen formal and informal structures to reduce these risk factors for violence.

PROGRAM FOCUS

The Prevention of Violence Against Children and Young People (PVAC) program interventions focus on building the capacity of parents through parenting training and improving spousal relationships and increasing their income to meet basic needs by enrolling them in savings groups. These interventions directly improve spousal relationships ensuring that children and young people are safe in their homes. In the communities, safe spaces are formed to provide a platform for peer engagement, empowering with life skills, and health-seeking behavior, while in schools children are equipped to lead safety-enhancing activities



11,884 parents participated in the weekly savings and lending meetings



3,828 young people attending weekly out of school sessions.



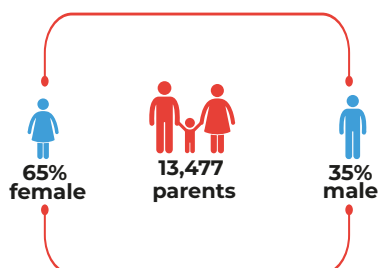
37,800 children participated in weekly child-led activities which were conducted in schools



13,477 parents trained to strengthen their skills in parenting and improve their spousal relationships

STRATEGIES AND INTERVENTIONS

POSITIVE PARENTING AND IMPROVED SPOUSAL RELATIONSHIPS



A total of 13,477 parents participated in sessions on parenting and spousal relationships

To improve parenting and spousal relationships, community-based facilitators who are parents/caregivers, lead weekly sessions within their communities to build parental skills and strengthen spousal relationships. This is important both for impact and sustainability of the good change. During the baseline survey, 52% of children reported to have witnessed intimate partner violence in their homes. Following the evaluation of the program there was a 14% decrease in the number of children who had witnessed intimate partner violence in their homes..

Out of 1,547 children aged
10-17

During the Baseline Survey (2020) During the evaluation survey (2023)

65.3%.

51.3%

Had experienced some form
of violence.

Had not experienced any form
of violence



"Our relationship was bad, fights every night; my husband had even run away from home. He would spend time away and come back home very late because whenever he would come early, we would begin quarrelling. I had even turned the children against him but when we joined the program, I learned my weakness and the importance of good spousal relationships. I started treating my husband with respect, he paid back by loving me, no more fights and children no longer witness us arguing or beating each other. There is coordination between me and him and this has helped us to discipline and support our children." **Female parent from Kasese, Uganda**

INCREASED ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SERVICES

Parents were supported to form 418 Village Savings and Loans Associations to strengthen their financial skills for stable incomes, and more families are now able to meet their household and children's needs. Further, the VSLAs provide a platform to reinforce good parenting skills and practice which is reducing violence against children and young people. During VSLA meetings, parents continued to discuss parenting skills and practices and ways to improve spousal relationships, which directly improved relations with their children, as violence in homes reduced.



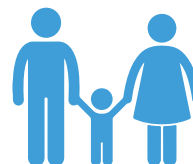


Hadija from Luwero Cluster in Uganda joined a VSLA group and started saving and borrowing from the group. She started her own business which her husband also joined. The business grew from having a capital of UGX 1.5 million to UGX 4 million.

"I am now able to support and supplement my husband's efforts by providing for some essential needs in the home. Joining the saving group reduced the conflicts and misunderstandings between me and my husband and the life of our children has improved because I can now contribute to their education by providing scholastic materials."



"We had challenges in homes; there were some fathers that were not providing for their children. They would not pay school fees, buy books, or even take children for treatment. Other parents had money but would consume it in alcohol. With this program, they are encouraged to save the little they have to be able to access loans. When schools begin, they can get a loan and pay school fees." -Male Community Based Facilitator



11,884 parents participated in the weekly savings and lending meetings and saved over **USD 23,000**

INCREASED ACCESS TO LEARNING GROUPS FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUNG PEOPLE



138 Young people groups established



134 Mentors trained



3,828 Young people engaged in weekly activities

Out-of-school groups allow young people to participate in activities designed to enhance their resilience and build skills that mitigate factors exposing them to violence.

CREATING SAFE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS

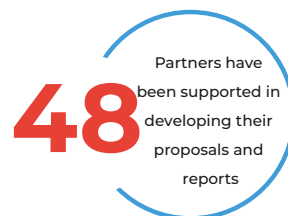
The program supported school administrators and learners to create safe school environments and impart essential life skills for children to complete their education without dropping out due to violence in school.



"The school environment is good, with friendly teachers, supportive friends, and no corporal punishments and we are enjoying ourselves." **Children of St. Stephen Primary School Uganda**

STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF PARTNERS

Partners received resource materials, support monitoring visits, and institutional processes training. The field monitoring and support visits include a review of the project's progress to ensure alignment with agreed-upon objectives. This includes ensuring quality assurance in the delivery of strategies and interventions, adherence to government regulations, and overseeing the effective and proper utilization of finances and other resources. This also enabled the identification of gaps to determine capacity building opportunities. The capacity building included training in monitoring and evaluation, program design, finance, proposal development, report writing, and child safeguarding.



CRVPF developed training manuals in English that are distributed to schools through implementing partners. These manuals serve as guides for focal teachers and student club leaders to conduct weekly sessions with their peers, and conduct activities outlined in the manuals to create 'safe schools' free from violence.

GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIPS

In Uganda, the program collaborates with the Ministry of Gender, Labor, and Social Development (MGLSD) and other government departments, and NGOs to shape the parenting landscape in the region. For example, a five-day training program was held for district staff in Kikube and Isingiro, serving as Teachers of Teachers in parenting, utilizing the Uganda National Manual on Parenting. CRVPF also participated in an inter-ministerial learning meeting with MGLSD contributing to the body of evidence for improved parenting.

Other CRVPF countries also collaborated with government agencies; for example in Tanzania CRVPF partners were involved in the review of the National Manual on Parenting and assisted the government to train partners and other institutions on the manual.

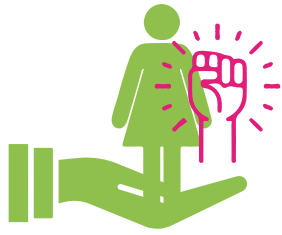
In Kenya, CRVPF partners conducted meetings with various government stakeholders about the Prevention of Violence against Children and Young People Program, especially promoting the programs parenting intervention, as parenting is a relevant societal issue in Kenya right now.



"Joint learning lessons provided us with an opportunity to share and learn from each other and identify common areas."
Partners, Tanzania.



Community stakeholders during an inception meeting in Jinja



CHAPTER 2

ADOLESCENT GIRLS POWER PROGRAM

THE CHALLENGE

Adolescent girls around the world are a vulnerable demographic. In the East African region where CRVPF operates, adolescent girls lack empowerment and agency, making them more susceptible to exploitation, abuse, and harmful practices. Additionally, societal factors such as gender inequality, discrimination, and limited access to education and healthcare exacerbate their vulnerability. They often experience early pregnancies and health complications due to related physical and emotional abuse.

PROGRAM FOCUS

The Adolescent Girls Power Program (AGPP) supports partners to build the power of 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. This includes the establishment of safe spaces that support knowledge sharing around important health topics and help girls gain advocacy skills and income-generating skills to reduce their vulnerability and support them to reach their full potential.



Over 9,500 girls
regularly attending Safe
Space meetings across
East Africa



47% formally employed
after graduating from a
vocational program



1,341 community members
participated in girl-led AGPP advocacy
and campaign activities including
International Day of the
Girl Child.

Three Safe Space groups in Luweero Uganda, received government support through the Parish Development Model which was established by the government of Uganda to create wealth, employment, and increase household incomes. This support has strengthened their businesses which they were able to set up through the income generating skills they acquired in the program.



STRATEGIES AND INTERVENTIONS

SKILLING FOR SUCCESS

Equipping adolescent girls with a diverse set of skills is crucial in preventing violence and enabling them to lead productive, dignified, and safe lives. In 2023, these adolescent girls were trained and certified in various fields, including electrical engineering, information communication technology, events management, tailoring and fashion design, beauty and cosmetics, making female sanitary products, hairdressing, liquid soap making, and dairy food production.



"A few years ago, I felt hopeless when I was forced to drop out of high school. Today I am graduating from an Information Communications Technology program." - **Safe Space participant during the graduation ceremony of safe space participants from different vocational training programs.**



"I didn't finish high school but now I have a small clothing business after learning how to make clothes during safe space sessions." - **Noel, Safe Space participant.**



3,562 Girls

Across Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, and Tanzania acquired income generating skills through the program

36%

of the girls who were trained in income-generating skills were given start-up capital

These girls are now operating viable micro-enterprises in beauty and cosmetics, tailoring, hairdressing and sanitary products

GIRL-LED EVENTS

Safe Space participants from Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, and Ethiopia organized and led events to commemorate various international days, including the International Day of the Girl Child, the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, and the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. This included activities such as processions, skits, and awareness-raising efforts to highlight the significance of these occasions and promote advocacy for girls' rights and the prevention of violence and sexual violence.

The girls reported that engaging in these awareness-raising activities gives them a chance to practice and portray the leadership skills they have acquired during the safe space sessions. They have also felt confident in planning and executing girl-led events, and have gained a sense of empowerment..



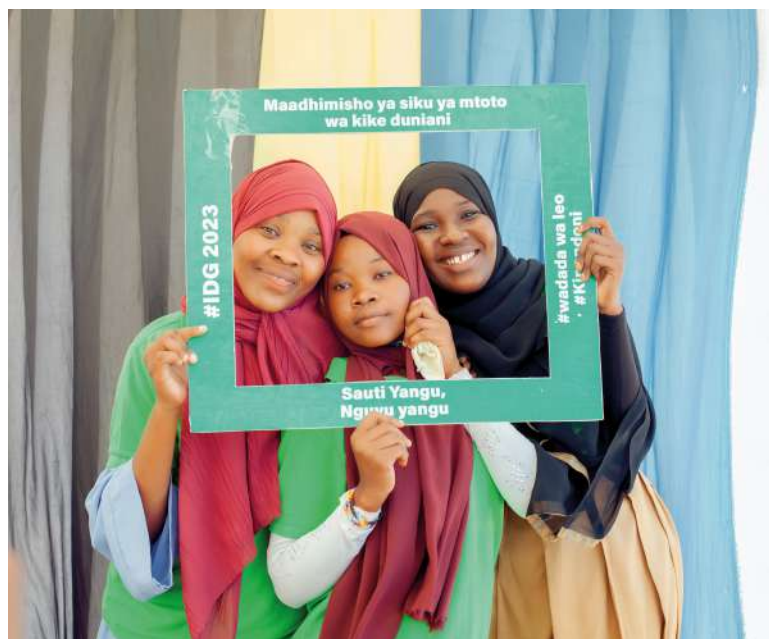
"Being involved in the planning for the International Day of the Girl Child celebrations in Luweero this year was a meaningful experience for me. We organized various activities to celebrate this special day and raise awareness about the rights of girls. From planning the march through Luweero town, to performing for guests, this planning process filled me with pride and purpose. It made me realize the importance of our voices and actions in advocating for girls' rights. Seeing our efforts come to life today has been truly empowering. It made me believe that girls can create change when they come together." – **Rita Nakaliisa, a participant of one of the Luweero Safe Spaces during the International Day of the Girl Child Celebrations in Uganda, 2023**

The 2023 Annual Girls Camp, held from in August in Nairobi, Kenya, brought together 53 girl mentors and leaders to reflect on their roles in Safe Spaces, network with peers from Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda, and share successes and lessons learned.

The activities fostered friendships and included guided discussions on managing safe spaces for girls, cultural exchanges, dancing, and excursions.



"Attending the Girls' Camp was my first time using an airplane, which was truly amazing. Throughout the camp, we learned valuable lessons about teamwork and standing up for ourselves, amongst other things. Meeting girls from Tanzania and Ethiopia for the first time was an incredible experience. We also had the opportunity to visit amazing places like the Giraffe Center, which made the trip even more exciting." -**Girl's Camp participant from Uganda**



"Going to the Girl's Camp was amazing! Meeting girls from other countries made me see things differently. We learned a lot in workshops and had fun doing activities. But the best part was feeling like part of a big family. The camp made me believe in myself more and showed me I can do anything. It was a really cool experience that changed me in a good way." - **Girl's Camp participant from Kenya**

COVID-19 AGPP RESPONSE

The Covid-19 pandemic affected adolescent girls disproportionately, as many dropped out of school, and faced different forms of violence. The AGPP provided goats to 13 Safe Space groups in Uganda for livelihoods and economic empowerment to the girls and their families, reducing their vulnerability to socio-economic violence. The multiplication of the livestock increased family access to income generation and livelihoods.



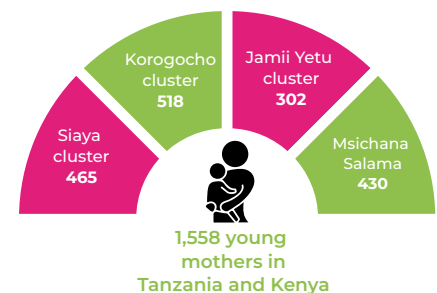
YOUNG MOTHERS PROJECT

Young mothers face numerous challenges, including stigma around teenage pregnancy, limited participation in decision-making, sexual violence, discrimination, little to no access to health services, which often lead to school dropouts, and limited economic opportunities for them. The Young Mothers Project supports mothers aged 10 – 19 years in rebuilding their lives while caring for their children.



By actively listening to the girls, their invaluable feedback and experiences have profoundly influenced the CRVPF programming approach. This ensures that our solutions and interventions are finely tuned to address their needs, ultimately aiming to empower them to lead safe, dignified, and sustainable lives, free from violence.

Young mothers from different clusters participated in the power analysis



The project addresses young mothers' needs comprehensively, integrating services like daycare, mental health support, and vocational training. It includes peer support groups, financial assistance, legal support, health camps, dialogues, access to sponsorship programs, and dignity kits to build the power of young mothers and challenge the social norms that limit their potential. The Young Mothers Project supports mothers aged 10 – 19 years in rebuilding their lives while caring for their children. Cluster partners utilized the Power Analysis tool developed by CRVPF to understand the experiences of young mothers and identify factors contributing to the different power dynamics they face.



Chapter 3

YOUTH AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

THE CHALLENGE

When the first case of COVID-19 was declared in Uganda in March 2020, youth were significantly affected. Their education was disrupted, others lost employment and means of income generation, and the ensuing morbidity of caregivers and parents increased their vulnerability to violence and exploitation.

PROGRAM FOCUS

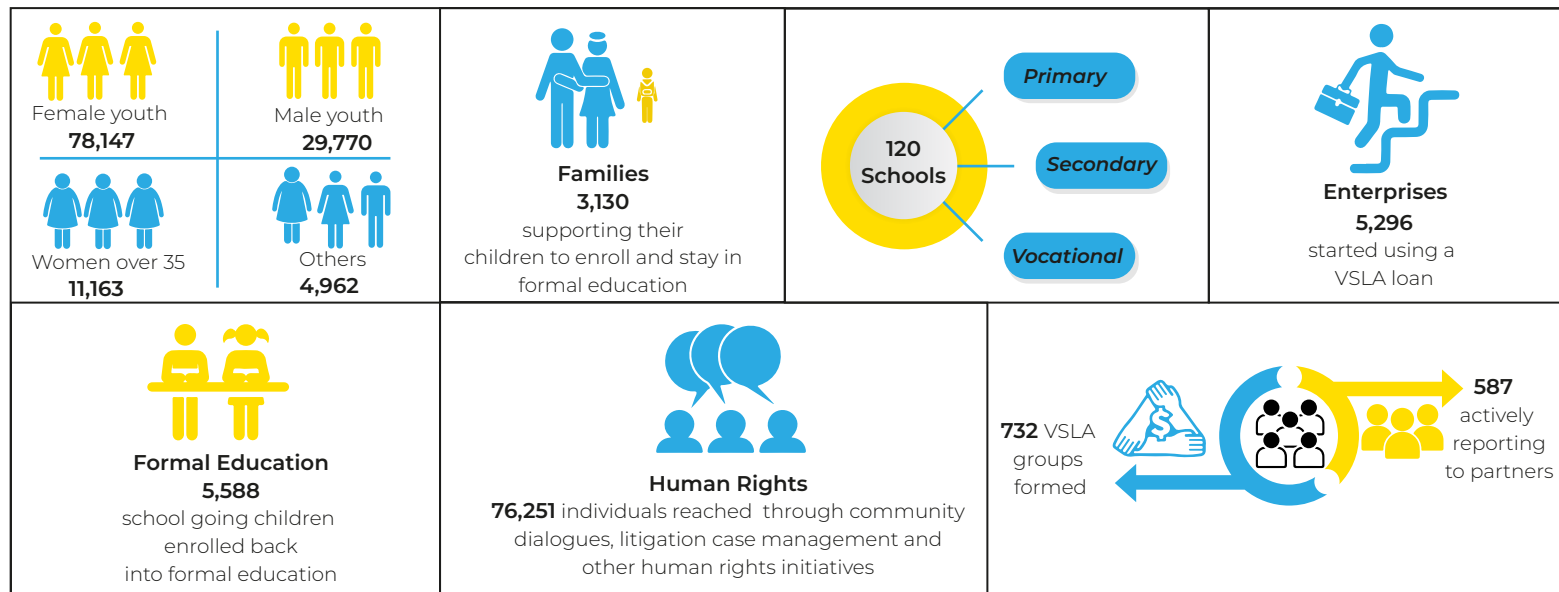
CRVPF worked with partners through the Youth and Capacity Development (YCD) program to support the recovery and resilience of 40,000 youth living in slums, refugee settlements and host communities. Due to scaling of the program in Uganda, YCD will be known as the Empowering Youth through Data and Community Development (EYDCD) program in 2024. The participants of the YCD program engaged in various activities including youth demonstrating the impact of the vocational skills training by showcasing their enterprises and innovations. These have equipped them to lead safe and dignified lives, free from violence and to connect and collaborate for knowledge exchange and skills within their community.



130,000 young people, adolescent girls, and women were reached with multiple integrated interventions.

HIGHLIGHTS

Outreach



"After completing my studies in Information Management at university, I struggled to find employment and eventually reached a point of giving up hope. It wasn't until I learned about the Youth and Capacity Development program that my perspective shifted. I discovered that through this program, I could acquire skills to become self-employed. Now, I'm involved in producing reusable sanitary pads for underprivileged adolescent girls in communities such as slums and rural areas. My ultimate dream is to establish the leading empowerment center for girls in our community. Currently, I am proud to employ ten girls from our community." – **Goretti, a participant of the Youth and Capacity development Program**



A participant of the Youth and Capacity Development Program, presented reusable sanitary pads that she produces and sells to adolescent girls in underprivileged communities, including slums and rural areas.

STRATEGIES AND INTERVENTIONS

PARTNER CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

At least 33 partner organizations were trained to develop strategies that were approved by their governing bodies. For example, AYADO and RIAD cluster in Terego and Rwamwanja Refugee Settlement for Youth Arise Network Cluster received more funding because of this improved institutional capacity.



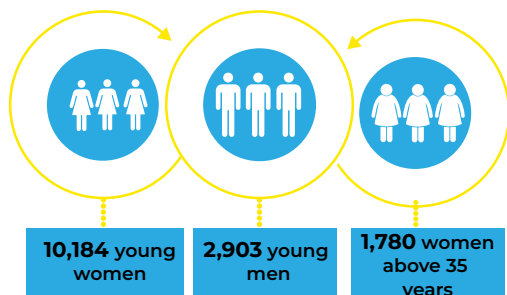
PEER TO PEER AND INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING



CRVPF designed activities such as the Girls Camp, Power Analysis, Learning Forums, and Cluster Coordination Meetings, where partners met to share their work and learn from each other. Different cohorts of partners met throughout the year at regional and national levels at learning forums. This learning strengthens program design and interventions improving outcomes for children and young people.

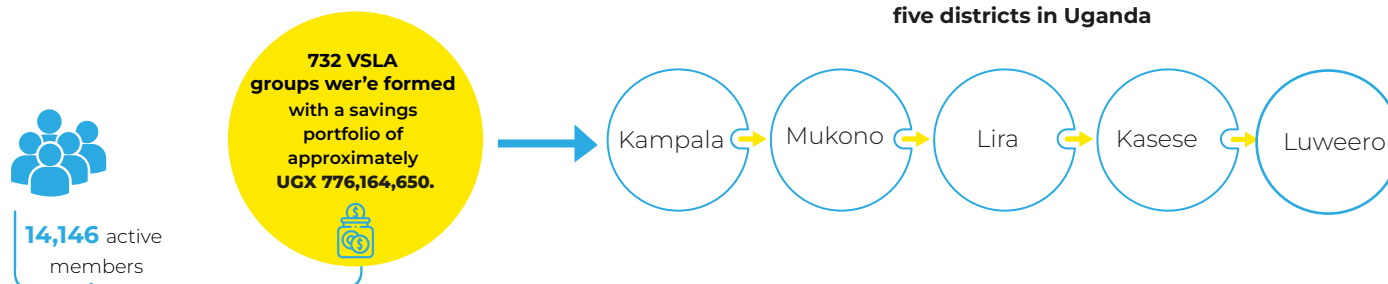
SKILLING YOUNG PEOPLE AND WOMEN

Partners provided vocational skills to young people and women in hairdressing computing, photography, life skills, and business skills like entrepreneurship and financial literacy.



COMMUNITY FINANCIAL INCLUSION STRUCTURES

Refugee settlement communities spread across five districts in Uganda

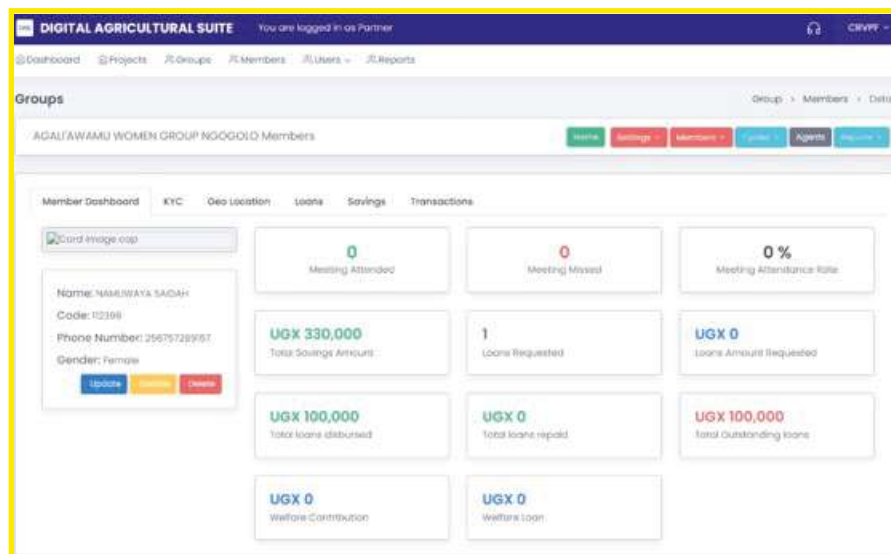


5,296 businesses
have been started
using a VSLA loan



169 VSLA groups
have adopted the DAS app

The Digital Agricultural Suite (DAS) app was developed in collaboration with gnuGRID CRB to enhance the efficiency and record keeping of VSLAs by storing the financial records for each member, including savings, loan requests and repayments. The app generates credit score reports that are used by banks and other financial institutions to fast-track loan processing for the VSLA members.



ENTERPRISES AND LIVELIHOODS

Youth trained and given business grants



5,453 young people were trained and received business grants to start or re-start a venture that had collapsed due to Covid 19.

Business enterprises development services



Non-financial services were provided to ensure the the establishment of sustainable enterprises by young people.

On-the-job training opportunities and apprenticeships



Linkages to other service providers, including financial services. Partners ensured that program participants could access better services as entrepreneurs.



34,078

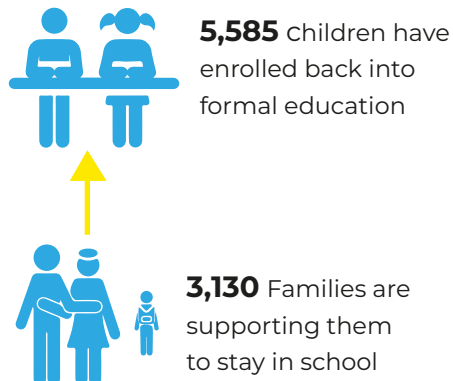
young people were engaged in dignified and fulfilling work as entrepreneurs or formally employed

YOUTH AGENCY AND RESILIENCE

Educational support

The program educates parents on the vital importance of re-enrolling their children in school, emphasizing the value of education for their children's development and future opportunities. Some of the young participants in the program are parents, and they have been empowered with skills and knowledge to secure safe and dignified employment opportunities and can provide school materials and resources to support their children.

With the support of partners



Legal aid

CRVPF partnered with legal sector organizations like the Women's Pro Bono Initiative, Warm Hearts Foundation, Human Rights Concern, and Progressive Single Mother's Network to offer legal support to young women and girls affected by issues such as defilement, gender-based violence, and various forms of abuse. The Women's Pro Bono Initiative toll-free line enables human rights victims to seek free legal aid; to date, more than 150 cases have been handled through this free service. Girls and women are aware of their rights in school, communities and homes which is equipping them for a life of productivity, emotional stability, and economic potential.



150 cases have been handled through this service

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

Young people also accessed other wrap-around services like psychosocial support and counselling within 186 Safe Spaces to improve their overall well-being to participate in productive activities.



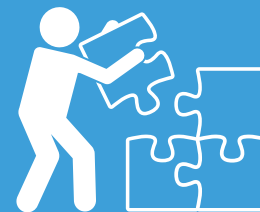
186 Safe Spaces.

GRANTMAKING ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE PROGRAMS



Supported Cluster partners to conduct situation analyses to determine the sources, factors and level of violence in their geographic locations

Inception meetings were held with community stakeholders and gatekeepers to introduce the project interventions and enlist community goodwill



Capacity development for partners to enable them implement strategies and interventions more effectively



The Planning and Learning grant enabled cluster partners to understand and leverage each other's competencies and conduct stakeholder mapping analysis

Monitoring and field visits to support partners to better understand their project interventions and build programme learning



Development and printing of manuals for more effective capacity building



CHAPTER 4

COLLABORATION FOR STRONGER RESULTS

In 2023, CRVPF developed the joint program between the Prevention of Violence Against Children (PVAC) and the Adolescent Girls Power Program (AGPP) grant-making programs. The joint program approach entails two grant-making programs coming together to implement violence-preventative interventions, in the same geographical area. The approach was piloted in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda, with preliminary evidence demonstrating its success in reducing VAC. In late 2023, CRVPF began the scale up of the Youth Capacity Development (YCD) program, leading to its rebranding as the Empowering Youth through Data and Community Development (EYDCD) program and coordinating the implementation of the three core programs (PVAC, AGPP, and EYDCD) in eight pilot districts, in Uganda. The coordinated approach aims to deliver a more integrated package of interventions, in the same area to comprehensively reduce violence and sexual violence against children and young people in families, schools, and communities.

The joint approach encompasses two CRVPF programs



Key activities partners have carried out as part of the joint program approach



Power Analysis

Analyzing the power dynamics in the lives of adolescent girls to assess the factors that contribute to their sense of empowerment or powerlessness



Mapping

Selecting communities to implement the interventions in



Community Engagement

Cluster partners work with communities to host events, plan program interventions, and enlist them as community gatekeepers and stakeholders



Situational Analysis

Measuring violence and sexual violence in a geographical area



Building Relationships

Cluster partners build relationships with each other

Note: The coordinated program approach is set for 2024 and will encompass all three core CRVPF programs, PVAC, AGPP and EYDCD, to deliver a more integrated package of interventions and prevent violence in homes, schools and communities.

MONITORING EVALUATION AND LEARNING

Results from mapping of beneficiaries and implications on programming

INDICATOR	RESULT
Joint programs: AGPP & PVAC	
Household population	8,309 household with 37,270 members with an average of 5.4 family members
Age	28% were 10-19 years (The information on age group and sex will help partners map out their target population and set realistic project targets during the long-term proposal design.)
Status of female headed households	Tanzania 32%; Ethiopia 31%; Kenya 26%; Uganda 15% (<i>This has an implication on how the parenting and spousal relationships modules will be rolled out in Buyuni community and Ethiopia</i>)
Child marriages	Young parents 10-19 years: Uganda 13% boys, 87% girls (This underscores the importance of intentionally including young boys who are parents in the parenting program as this is a category of participants that is normally left out. Since the majority are adolescent girls, partners need to plan well for the safe spaces to accommodate young mothers and pregnant girls and also have a parenting program for them.)
Education status	7% of family members mapped had never been to school Tanzania: 55% of girls out of school More girls in the school going age(6-19years) are out of school than boys across all countries Reasons for school drop out: Pregnancy, marriage, separation of parents, lack of school fees, death of parents, and looking for work
AGPP young mothers mapping and implication on interventions	
Household population	Kenya & Tanzania: 5,002 households mapped with 25,414 family members
Target group	25% & 5% of the overall household population are girls aged 10-24 years and children below 3 years respectively. (<i>These are the two target groups for the young mothers' program.</i>)
Young mothers	28% of the girls had children and 9% were pregnant. Marital status: 31% of 353 girls who have children have ever been or are still married while 69% are single. (<i>This implies that the partners will have a significant number of married girls participating in the project activities, therefore it is important to plan for partner/spouse involvement in the program</i>) 19% of the girls are currently going to school while the remaining proportion is out of school. (Partner's need to plan for inclusion of both in and out-of-school young mothers in their programs.)



CHAPTER 6

KEY LEARNINGS AND BEST PRACTICES

Prevention of Violence Against Children and Young People (PVAC)



Proactive prevention

Championing VAC prevention in homes, schools, and community is more beneficial than responding.



Collaboration and integration with government

Collaborating with local government structures and integrating program activities within existing government plans reduces duplication of efforts in awareness creation and mobilization, increases reach, and ensures sustainability.



Group approach

Participants formed and named their parenting groups fostering a sense of ownership leading to increased enrollment and participation.



Sensitization

Project orientation and awareness creation increases understanding and ensures that the beneficiaries understand the purpose and anticipated outcomes of the intervention fostering informed consent and active engagement in program activities. It also encourages compliance with the law without the need for legal enforcement.



Saving

Saving with a purpose increases wealth and effectiveness.



Empowerment of community structures

Empowering community structures enables them to spearhead change and community development with their current resources.



Partnerships

Working with others leads to greater impact by leveraging on each other's expertise and building supportive systems.

Adolescent Girls Power Program (AGPP)



Girl-Centric approach

Girls' Camp was an opportunity to receive feedback and input from the participants and inform programming. The girls share firsthand experiences and are empowered to contribute to solutions that resonate with their lived realities.



Harnessing cluster leadership rotation

Rotating the cluster leadership semi-annually has increased benefits such as improved monitoring and evaluation, stronger leadership skills, enhanced administrative and financial management, and more effective delivery of CRVPF interventions and strategies.



Building confidence through public speaking

Opportunities for public speaking such as girl-led campaigns and dialogues foster empowerment and inspire participation in advocacy efforts.



Mentorship

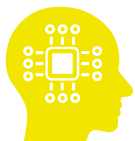
Mentors in the safe spaces lead by example and explain to their peers the services and benefits of safe spaces which increases membership and participation and manages expectations.

Youth and Capacity Development (YCD)



Community involvement in participant selection

The involvement of local leaders including youth, women, and local council chairpersons in the selection of the program participants helps to identify the vulnerable adolescent girls, young women, and youth for the program, and builds the trust of the participants in the program.



Increased skilling modules

The program provides various skill training modules that cater for both girls' and boys' needs, including soft skills such as marketing, customer care, interpersonal relations, and group dynamics.



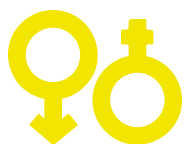
Post-skilling support

The young people were supported set up businesses and to form VSLA groups to foster business growth through loans and grants. This provided employment and a source of income enabling them to meet their own and family needs.



Cluster approach

CRVPF used a cluster approach to foster partner collaboration through a mutual agreement to work together leveraging their unique skills and resources. This approach enhanced capacity building for cluster members and enabled them achieve results faster.



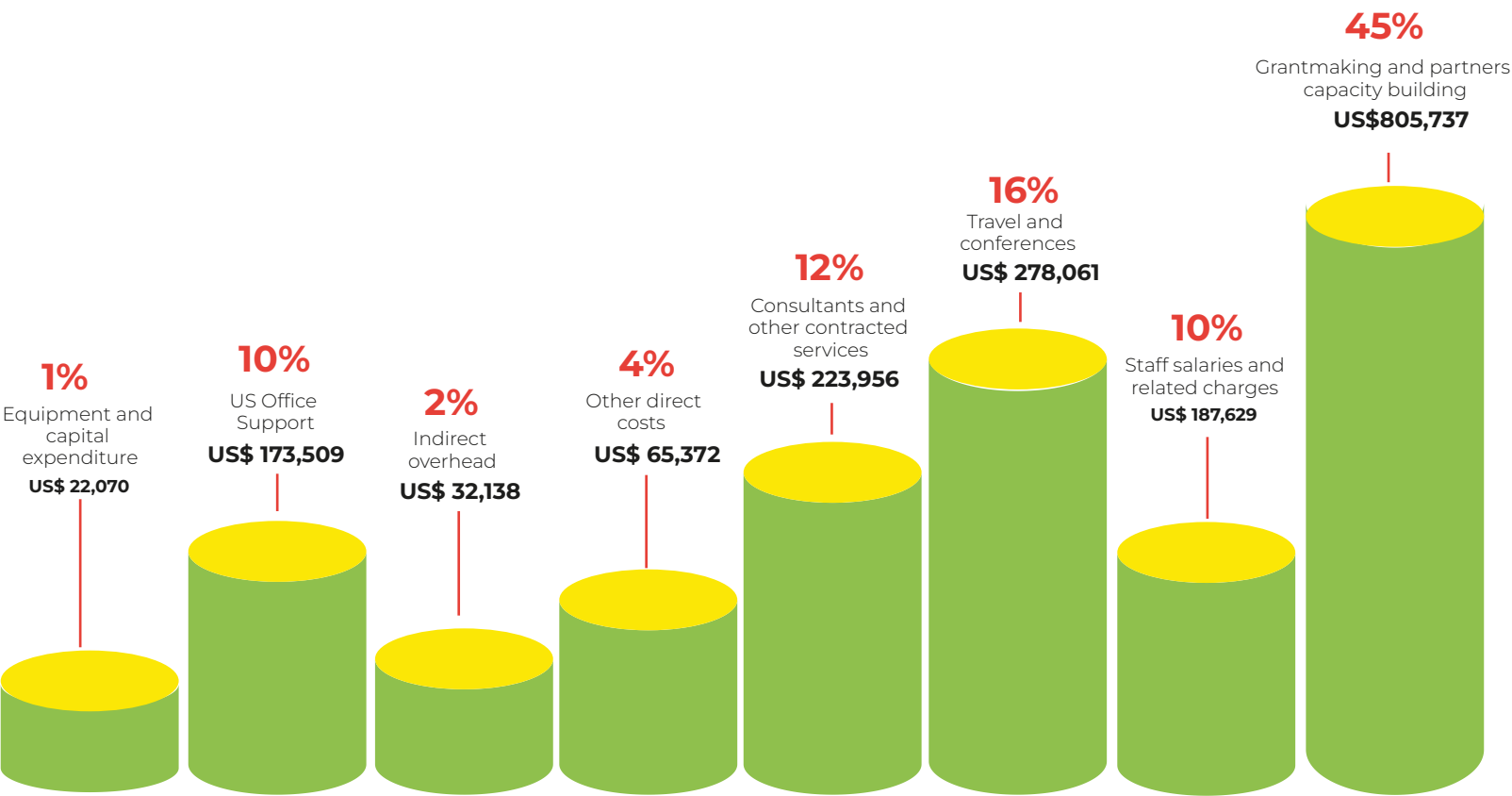
Integration of gender and youth safeguarding

Incorporation of male beneficiaries brought balance and safeguarding ensured that the environment and timing were safe for the girls and women, ensuring their needs were met safely.

CHAPTER 5

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Annual Expense Report - January to December 2023
Total budget US\$ 1,788,472



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