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INTRODUCTION

USAID's Integrated Community Agriculture and Nutrition Activity is Uganda's flagship project on resilience awarded in July 2018. The overall aim of ICAN Activity is to enhance the resilience of vulnerable households by increasing economic opportunities for poor households and improving nutrition with a focus on women and children and strengthening community and local governance. The USAID ICAN activity is implemented by Caritas Kabale diocese in Kigezi region in three Districts of Kisoro, Kanungu and Rukungiri through community SWAP group, MIYCAN groups, Bataka, Ngozi groups and community groups.

The main focus of the activity is nutrition, agriculture, non-agricultural opportunities, inclusive governance, trainings and demonstrations and formal financial markets and linkages in 14 sub counties of Murora, Chahi, Muramba, Bukumbiri and Busanza (Kisoro district); Nyakishenyi, Nyakagyeme, Buhunga, Bwambara (Rukungiri district) and Mpungu, Kirima, Kihhi, Katete and Nyanga in Kanungu district, all in Kigezi sub region. ICAN also pays particular attention to gender, youth and Social Behavior Change and Communication. We prioritized staff safety following the outbreak of first and second wave of COVID-19 epidemic by provide them with PPEs while also emphasizing government guidelines set by ministry of health and district taskforces.

The FY2021 annual report highlights activities implemented, approaches used, and challenges faced, lessons learned, recommendations and plans for next quarter for onward implementation of ICAN activity.

Accomplishments for the year 3 (Financial year 2021):

- 1204 out of school adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) were enrolled and trained on USAID curriculum in FY21. The AGYW benefited from activities and exposed them to livelihood opportunities in Kanungu and Kisoro district.
- 52547 farmers (18214 males and 34333 females) were trained by ICAN BSPs through 1809 community groups were supported with livelihood interventions
- Continued to engage several community structures for sustainability and the journey to self-reliance
- Strengthened partnerships with key partners and governments by building on each other's work through layering.
- 3 in-kind grants were approved by USAID. Implementation of these grants is ongoing in close collaboration with district local governments and beneficiaries.
- Supportive communication activities such as radio, communication to community resource persons through voice SMS and recorded dialogues have positive deviants in model villages.
- Caritas Kale diocese is also proud of working on and updating organization policies during FY21.



Key activities completed this FY21 in comparison with planned activities in your approved work plan:

#	Planned activity	Progress	Way forward (in case of variance)
Operations			
1.	Staff monthly review meetings	Done	N/A
2.	Participate in quarterly project review meetings	Done	N/A
3.	OCA recommendations and Action plans	Done	N/A
4.	Orient staff on Resilience and Facilitative approach	Done	N/A
5.	Exposure of IP staff to new approaches/technologies on nutrition and livelihood	Not done	Restrictions due to Covid-19 and planned for FY22
6.	Field exchange/visits for selected 12 IP staff for a week to sister IP in Acholi or Karamoja	Not done	Restrictions due to Covid-19 second wave and pushed to next FY22
7.	Entry into new sub-counties	Not approved	Not included in FY22
Livelihoods			
8.	Increase number of private sector players in old sub counties	Partially done	Still ongoing
9.	Recruit and train new BSPs on ICAN FY21 strategy and BSP curriculum.	Partially done	Restricted by covid-19. New BSPs for Rukungiri will be trained in FY22.
10.	BSPs train VSLA/Farmer groups (Old and new groups) on VSLA and Agriprenuership	Partially done	Still ongoing targeting newly profiled groups and graduation of old groups.
11.	BSPs link VSLA groups to financial service providers for financial products (Micro support center, Post bank, Centenary, SACCOs, etc)	Partially done	Continuous linkages are planned in FY22
12.	Hold a half day meeting between FO and BSPs to assess progress towards goals and for BSPs to report	Done	N/A
13.	Support to Private partners on selected value chains(including Bugara, Yield Harvest, and Manyakabale for promotion of beans in Kigezi, Kegra for Perma gardens and OWL for Coffee in Kanungu)	Done	N/A
Nutrition			
14.	Re-orient new and old VHTs on the revised MIYCAN tools, data collection and covid-19	Done	N/A
15.	Work with KEGRA for promotion of perma gardens	Partially done	Restricted by COVID-19 second wave. Preliminary activities started late
16.	VHTs orient groups (MIYCAN or others) for training (7-10 per VHT)	Partially done	Still ongoing next FY22
17.	Promote consistent use of safe water and WASH services	Done	N/A
Governance			
18.	Support in-school activities across the region	Not done	COVID-19 restrictions. We plan to support children with remedial learning



19.	Identify and orient 28 Governance Champions to help with governance issues	Done	N/A
20.	Hold quarterly 1-day district disaster management committee meetings	Partially done	Rescheduled for FY22
21.	Support participation on 4 key international days (Food, Women, Breastfeeding, + I)	Done	N/A
Gender, Youth and SBCC			
22.	Train 1200 AGYW in Kisoro and Kanungu district	Partially Done	2 nd cohort camp 3(control) will be conducted in November 2021
23.	Train 60 youth leaders on leadership curriculum	Done	N/A
24.	Identify and recruit 3 ICAN radio platforms	Done	N/A
25.	Piloting of resilient toolkits	Done	N/AN/A
26.	Scale up of model villages Model villages	Done	

CROSS CUTTING AREAS

SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CHANGE AND COMMUNICATION

SBCC activities for the year were centered on around Radio support, model villages' functionality, Behavioral surveillance tracking, Radio listenership survey, affirming commitments, Community Resilience toolkit, Gender-based violence and the 16 days of activism, nutrition, Post harvest handing back-to-school campaigns and branding for aggregation points for the partners. Details are discussed below;

Radio support programs. All the radio programs focused on promoting the following campaigns; Back-to-school, Youth and breastfeeding weeks, Nutrition and food security, 16 days of GBV activism and PHH (still ongoing). The success of the campaigns benchmarked on the application of the **Ask your service provider** approach for an instant response. These activities were complemented by IPC interventions through the use of Agricultural officers, Health workers, VHTs, BSPs and local leaders who interacted with the beneficiaries in the community on an individual basis. These stakeholders were supported by partners like MACE and Yield Harvest Uganda who offered technical knowledge on some of the thematic areas during interactions with the community. The role of the partners during this time was to share information regarding activities to be done prior to planting with a targeted group of farmers (those growing beans). In summary, 38 magazine talk shows, 25 DJ-led discussions, 24 community recorded dialogues, 356 DJ mentions and 2,279 radio sports were conducted/ organized in Kanungu, Rukungiri and Kisoro districts in promotion of the above mentioned campaigns.

Food Security and PHH campaigns: ICAN community structures together with MACE & Yield harvest Uganda educated masses on the precautions to be taken before and after the planting season. Communication messages involved promoting post-harvest handling techniques among farmers growing beans in all the districts of operation. Outcomes of these activities included community groups and resilience committees pledging to adopt PHH techniques like use of Pic bags, planting hunger crops and planting fruit trees.

Back to school campaign: The Back-to-school campaigns were aimed at identifying key issues affecting school attendance and retention. It is mostly concerned with increasing registration for school-going children, frequent attendance and timely reporting of the same. Together with Governance champions and supervision by ICAN field officers and interns, 85 schools were reached to effect the above. Some of the associated factors attributed to low school enrollment include; financial constraints of the parents, early child marriages, engaging minors in income generating activities especially the boys. In an effort to improve school attendance, 35 community dialogues were

District	Total Before Covid			Total After Covid		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Rukungiri	1582	1907	3489	1439	1826	3265
Kisoro	2121	2747	4868	1839	2415	4254
Kanungu	1858	2195	4053	1427	1892	3319



conducted with a total of 1,361 participants across the 3 districts. Notably, the school head teachers, community village resilience committees, school management committees, religious leaders and Bataka groups in the model villages were the key participants.

Total	5561	6849	12410	4705	6133	10838
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World Youth week celebrations: The theme for the week was ‘*Youth innovations for transformation of food systems and sustainable human health*’. ICAN used AGYW as change agents for this campaign. They were tasked with the responsibility of replicating what they had studied during their training of the Youth Leadership Curriculum in their communities. Skills such as community mobilization and engagement were executed practically during this time. These young people were thus able to mobilize religious and political leaders as well as health workers to participate in ICAN-fronted interventions like environmental conservation by planting 994 trees in the 3 districts including bamboo, calliandra and fruit trees.

Breastfeeding campaign: ICAN used 2 communication channels i.e. IPC and mass media to educate mothers on the recommended breast-feeding practices. 3 Radio stations such as on Boona FM, Kanungu Broadcasting services and Voice of Muhabura were contracted to conduct community recorded dialogues and magazine talk shows with the theme being “**Protecting breastfeeding: A shared responsibility**”. Some of the guest speakers were LCI chairpersons, ICAN trained VHTs, MIYCAN groups representative, District nutritionist, Midwives, Governance champions and ICAN field Officers. In the end, 125 mothers were reached with key messages.

Key actions agreed upon by participants of the different campaigns

- Commitment to adopt and adhere to the breast-feeding practices discussed.
- Planting fast maturing and hunger crops like yams, cassava and sweet potatoes.
- Commitments to practice SWAP especially on food storage facilities like pic bags.
- Yield harvest is to develop a platform where BSPs and farmers can easily access inputs online.

Model villages: Kigezi region currently boasts of 112 model villages, which steadily increased per quarter as follows; increase in the number of model villages in the 1st quarter of the year 2020 from 28 to 56 in the 2nd quarter, 96 in the 3rd quarter to 112 in the 4th quarter of the same year. Resilience committees increased from 28 to 52 across all existing model villages.

Monument of commitment: Establishing monuments of commitment shows accountability for the successes achieved on We Can Do 5. Presently, a total of 3,333 fruit trees have been planted across the 3 districts for both groups and individuals. This is broken down per the duration of achievement as follows; 1st quarter (40), 2nd quarter (101), 3rd quarter (1236) and 1956 in the 4th quarter. This has resulted into an increased number of fruit trees grown by households a factor that has boosted nutrition and encouraged natural resource management.

Community Resilience toolkit: 6 field officers and 3 district coordinators were trained on how to utilize the community resilience tool kits who were tasked to identify 18 groups across the 3 districts to pilot the materials. These are still being followed up by Governance champions and field officers to ascertain the level of adoption. Future plans include scaling up of the same to all sub counties of operation within the region. The findings from this activity revealed that all groups are religiously practicing the ICAN do 5 especially NRM, WASH and nutrition.

Behavioral surveillance tracking: The purpose of this activity was to track the progress of the level of participation and exposure to the disseminated key messages, identify the current level of adoption of We Can Do 5 and explore the factors hindering adoption of these behaviors. The target population that was to participate in this exercise was 144 households in both model and non-model villages.

Radio listenership survey in Kanungu and Kisoro districts: A beneficiary survey issued in the year 2020 among the different stakeholders of ICAN’s interventions revealed a low uptake (listenership) of key messages particularly those disseminated using the radio platform. This called for further investigation to understand why this was so. As a result, FGDs and KIIs were conducted to gather valid information that would be used to inform future programming with regard to the use of radio platforms as a communication channel.



GENDER, YOUTH AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) training: This event was organized in Kanungu district with the community structures selecting a total of 658 AGYW from the sub counties of Katete, Kirima, Nyanga, Kihiki and Mpungu from which 20 mentors were nominated. Each mentor was assigned 30 girls to train in modules such as *finding your voice*, *making choices* and *taking control*. To be specific, they were taught how to craft baskets, make soap, baking and saloon. At the end of this activity, only 448 AGYW graduated with the rest dropping out due to various factors and covid-19 lockdown.

Vocational skills training for the AGYW girls in Kanungu district: ICAN collaborated with Kihiki Community Vocational Training center in Kanungu district to skill the adolescents and their mentors in different aspects of skills. At the end of this tenure, the girls were followed up by the mentors to ascertain whether they are practicing what they learnt and form VSLA. The starting of their own businesses has granted the young women financial independence a factor that consequently changed their lives for the better and this all thanks to ICAN.

Support for the AGYW graduates in Kisoro district: AGYW graduates were trained in Bamboo tree value addition with the support of Mghinga Cultural and Crafts Centre (MC&CC) and the International Bamboo and Rattan Organization (INBAR). For sustainability purposes, ICAN community structures have continuously supported the graduates by linking them to various private and government institutions for financial assistance. For example, a group of AGYW graduates was assisted in registering with the District authorities and was recommended for business loan worth UGX. 7M from a Micro finance support center.

Community Dialogues on Gender-Based Violence: 203 adolescent girls from all subcounties within Kisoro and Kanungu districts were mobilized to participate in the above said events. Field officers collaborated with Women Area councilors and mentors to facilitate the dialogues. The purpose of these discussions was to understand the causes of GBV and address them to create a Gender-free community. In the end, the Adolescents were urged to be champions in the fight against this vice.

Routine review meetings for mentors in Kanungu district: Review meetings with 40 mentors and field officers were conducted during 1st and 2nd cohort camps respectively. The rationale for these meetings was to assess the progress and learnings of the graduates from the first and second ICAN camps. Discussions about the upcoming 3rd camp were also held with this group. Mentors were encouraged to continue supporting the AGYW in pursuing their dreams for example those who had started a savings scheme meant to aid their business ideas.

Scale up of the AGYW cohort 2 in Kisoro district: In an effort to scale up the AGYW activities, 20 mentors from different sub counties were trained by the Trainer of trainers on the revision of the AGYW curriculum for the 1st camp (finding voice). Upon the completion of their training, the mentors in turn facilitated a training of 682 AGYW in camp 1 and 2 curriculums as follows; Chahi (137), Muramba (141), Murora (130), Busanza (137) and Bukimbiri (137). The 5-days training equipped girls with knowledge and skills on how to make choices and life skills.

AGYW tracer study in Kisoro district: The tracer study was conducted with the help of interns and MEL officer. 150 AGYW from 5 sub counties were randomly selected and subjected to individual interviews. Findings from the study revealed that most of the AGYW graduates started small businesses like selling of chips, *Mandazi*, selling clothes, farming and other income generating activities. This informed the project on how the Camps are yielding results thus sustainability is assured.

Celebration of International Women's day campaign: The international women's day was celebrated across the 3 ICAN target districts in Kigezi region. In Kisoro 52 women from various sub counties participated in the campaign dubbed '*Bamboo for her*' with support from a Bamboo service provider and field officers of Chahi Sub County. The LC5 chairperson graced the occasion as the guest of honour. Women and girls were educated on the importance of bamboo like it being a source of firewood, food for wildlife, crafts materials and household income. In addition, 8 dialogues about gender-based violence were held with 240 people including adolescents and young women as well as positive deviants. On the same day, the girls exhibited the



skills they had learnt from the camps such as weaving baskets, catering etc. The LC5 chairperson was impressed with their work and gifted them 100 bamboo seedlings and land to grow on it.

16 days of GBV Activism: ICAN joined the rest of the world in the fight against Gender-based violence by organizing a campaign in the districts of Kisoro and Kanungu. Adolescent girls and young women were at the forefront of this campaign as they engaged in GBV awareness programs like community dialogues and radio talk shows. These undertakings hosted guests like Probation and Police officers and CDOs. As a result, 127 adolescent girls and young women, 10 village resilience committees from Kanungu and 104 MIYCAN group members signed pledge cards towards ending GBV.

Staff refresher training on gender: 4 staff attended the 3-days gender refresher training. The events were facilitated by Mango tree and a Gender technical lead from Kampala. The trainees in turn later trained 60 youth and 4 mentors in Youth leadership skills curriculum in Kisoro district.

Youth leadership curriculum training in Kisoro: The above program focuses on young women and men aged 14 to 24 years. The exercise began in March 2021 with 60 youth being trained in 11 modules by mentors twice a week. The mentors were picked from the sub counties of Bukimbiri and Chahi. We Plans to have this cohort graduate in October,2021 and scale up the same to all sub counties in Kisoro and Kanungu district.

Graduation Ceremony of AGYW in Kanungu District: Upon completion of the 3 camps organized by ICAN, only 448 AGYW were graduated. Those who graduated hailed from the sub counties of Katete (102), Kirima (96), Nyanga (73), Kihihi (81) and Mpungu (96). This event was conducted under strict observation of the COVID-19 SOPs. During the ceremonies, the AGYW were awarded their certificates for completing training in modules on '**finding your voice**', '**making choices**' and '**taking control**'. Presiding over the event were honorable guests including RDC Kanungu district, DCDO, Chairperson LC3's, LC2's, LC1's, Parish chiefs, sub county chiefs, CDO and District councilors.

Most of the guests pledged to continue supporting ICAN activities in the district like linking the young girls and women to the CDO's office to be supported in writing their constitutions both at the district and sub county levels in order to have access to government opportunities like UWEP and Emyooga funds. The RDC appreciated ICAN for the continued support and engagement of communities amidst COVID-19. The last part of the speeches involved the radio community recorded dialogues with graduates sharing lessons learnt from the modules undertaken such as SWAP, soap making, Bakery, crafts and hair dressing which they exhibited on the event and shared their next courses of action.

Key actions agreed

- Commitment to register their groups to the Sub County and district levels such that most of them are able to benefit from the government opportunities like Emyooga, UWEP and ICAN in-kind grants.
- Pledges to practice SWAP in their groups as a way of ensuring sustainability of their sisterhood groups in terms of livelihoods.

OPERATION AND MANAGEENT

Karamoja ICAN Field exchange visit:

As one of the actions from EDs' exchange visit in the region, Kanungu district hosted a team from Karamoja region for a learning and interactive visit. The learning visit was to enable the team get a feel on how ICAN interventions are scaled -up in Kigezi, how facilitative approach was being rolled out among others. The learning was across all the five sub counties implementing the USAID ICAN activity in the district. The areas visited included bamboo planting, raising and multiplication for hill management, MIYCAN groups engaged in income generating activities like soap making, keeping rabbits, resilience committees and how they had scaled up activities, SWAP group growing Mushrooms, water harvesting and Rocket Lorena stove technologies, scale up of agro input shops for agriculture productivity, AGYW and progress implementation of approved ICAN in kind grant for Aquaculture project. The visitors were able to make recommendations during the visit like Scaling up the bamboo hill management to other hills in the area and applying for grants for some groups.

ICAN EDs meeting and field learning visit.

Kigezi region was privileged to host the USAID ICAN senior management team and the Executive Directors of implementing partners for a strategic meeting and field learning. The learning visits was conducted on Caritas



good practices in areas of natural resource management with emphasis on bamboo planting, raising and multiplication for hill management, water harvesting and Rocket Lorena stove technologies, scale up of agro input shops for agriculture productivity, AGYW and progress implementation of approved ICAN in kind grant for Aquaculture project.

Systems strengthening and Organisational Capacity Development (OCA): With the technical assistance of the external consultant, Caritas Kabale has progressed in updating its Human resource and finance policies. A draft of these was received, reviewed, and provided feedback to the consultant for finalisation. The draft policies were also presented to Caritas commission meeting for their review and were approved by the Commission members.

ICAN Internship program: The 10 interns from Makerere University have been deployed by Caritas in 3 districts. They have been supported by field teams while executing day-to-day project activities and assignments. The interns have continued to support MEAL department in monitoring of field structures, data collection, entry and field level activity implementation. The 1st cohort of 3 have been graduated by Makerere University in September 2021. One intern (male) for Bukimbiri sub county resigned and efforts to replace him are underway.

Quarterly performance review meeting: Held 3 quarterly review meetings with all ICAN field team in the region. The review meetings reviewed progress of activity implementation, data usage, re-oriented staff on new collection tools and updated quarter 3 work plan. Relatedly, the region actively participated in ICAN Quarterly review meetings organised by Kampala where Kigezi region was able to share the progress on the journey to self-reliance, resilience and sustainability across the livelihoods, nutrition, AGYW, governance and natural resource management.

Bi-weekly/Monthly project management meeting: The weekly meetings involving regional ICAN team and district coordinators for Kanungu, Kisoro and Rukungiri was held to continuously provide a platform to review and discuss planning, field exchange visits, budget monitoring, sub-contracts, relationship management, coordination and implementation of the ICAN Activity and strategic direction regarding activity implementation in the face of second wave of COVID-19 surge. ICAN team was encouraged to follow government guidelines on COVID-19 and prioritise their safety while in the field and office.

Technical assistance to the private sector: Trained and supported OWL team on ICAN MEAL system in Kanungu district and conducted internal data quality audits in Kanungu and Rukungiri districts. Among the recommendations were regular technical support and orientation of private partners on MEAL system, data collection and entry and reporting tools. In August 2021, Caritas regional team organised pre-season review meetings with MACE, KEGRA, Bugara women seed producers and Yield Harvest Uganda to review season 1 and plan for season 2 activities.

Staff capacity building: Held an orientation of all ICAN field staff on nutrition practices to be adopted during COVID-19 pandemic. The training was facilitated by nutrition technical lead. Staff were encouraged to support structures to observe COVID-19 guidelines, facilitate VHTs with facemasks and liquid soap and encourage parents to regularly screen their children. ICAN will support parents with MUAC tapes for family use. Relatedly, staff were oriented on ICAN facilitative approach.

Staff safety against COVID-19 epidemic: Supported ICAN field officer, regional staff, BSPs, VHTs and Interns with hand sanitizer and encouraged to observe Covid-19 guidelines across the districts. In addition, Caritas Kabale submitted covid-19 budget proposal for FY3 and 4 to Kampala for review and onward submission to USAID.

SUB-PURPOSE 1: INCREASING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR POOR HOUSEHOLDS

Monthly review meeting with BSPs: 252 old and new BSPs (138 in Kanungu, 145 in Kisoro and 95 in Rukungiri) participated in monthly review meetings with the field officers. The review meetings were to see Field officers collect and verify data from the structures in addition to reviewing project progress. BSPs were further guided on how to fill the monthly Summary forms to enable clear reporting thus enhancing data quality business opportunity meetings. During monthly meetings, different private players like local agro input dealers, agro vet dealer, centenary banks and other partners held a business-oriented discussion with BSPs who later



take different information to community groups. The Business Opportunity Meetings have thus increased financial and agricultural market for private players.

Training of new BSPs: Trained 131 new BSPs(44 in Kisoro district, 45 in Rukungiri and 42 in Kanungu district). ICAN master trainers worked with sub county FOs trained these BSPs focusing on ICAN livelihoods strategy, fee-based services and VSLA methodology while following COVI-19 lock down measures set by government and ministry of health. In Kisoro and Kanungu district, these BSPs were trained on Agriprenuership curriculum while in Rukungiri district, training on Agriprenuership will commence in October 2021

BSPs strengthening community groups. In FY21, 52547 farmers (18214 males and 34333 females) were trained by ICAN BSPs through 1809 community groups (799 from Kanungu, 726 from Kisoro and 284 from Rukungiri). BSPs trained the groups on Agriprenuership and VSLA curriculum on demand by the group members. The sessions delivered were risk management, crop agronomy, natural resource management, record keeping, regular saving, diversification of farming activities, registration with local government authorities and access to opportunities, access to and use of quality inputs and quality markets and follow COVID-19 guidelines such as organizing smaller groups and hand washing. Consequently, 76 groups finalized their constitutions and registered with local governments authorities during FY21.

Number of farmers reached by the BSPs				
District	Groups	Male	Female	Total
Kanungu	799	7848	13922	21770
Kisoro	726	7887	14669	22556
Rukungiri	284	2479	5742	8221
Total	1809	18214	34333	52547

Groups applying improved organization-level management practices and improved technologies: As a result of the previous VSLA management training by BSPs and opportunity meetings held with different private players, 1380 groups(Kanungu=767, Rukugiri=269 and Kisoro=686) adopted different good management practices as shown in the table. 286 group formed new constitutions, 76 groups registered with the local government, 778 meeting minutes, 329 groups formed production or sales records, 52 groups opened a group bank account in different places like PROMIC microfinance, Buhunga SACCO, Pride and Centenary banks and 30 groups accessed group credit.

Households adopting various tools & technology that reduce or mitigate against shocks for specific local vulnerabilities: 1722 livelihood groups (767 from Kanungu, 686 from Kisoro and 269 from Rukungiri) composed of 32196 farmers (8333 males and 17230 Females) adopted various tools & technology that reduce or mitigate against shocks for specific local vulnerabilities.

District	Groups	Male	Female	Total	Target
Kanungu	767	3918	6714	10632	11511
Kisoro	686	3360	7719	11080	13442
Rukungiri	269	1055	2796	3851	7244
Total	1722	8333	17230	25563	32196

Of these, 19698 farmers (6154 males, 13644 6617 females) adopted improved agronomic practices, 6617 farmers (2136 males, 4481 females) adopted animal husbandry practices,10802 farmers (93488 males, 7314 females) adopted natural resources management, 16265 farmers(5277 males and 10988 females) adopted post-harvest handing practices, 2286 farmers (912 males,1374 females) opened individual bank accounts and 2597 farmers(925 males, 1654 females) were linked and accessed credit from formal financial institutions.

Access to, use of financial and credit services.

Group Credit Access



563 community groups with 4499 farmers (1447 males, 2489 females) were linked and accessed and used financial services in FY21. These livelihood groups opened individual bank accounts in Kihanga SACCO, Rukiiga SACCO, Buhunga SACCO, Nyakinengo SACCO, Nyakibare SACCO; Rubabo peoples SACCO, PROMIC, Mubuga SACCO, Chahi Dukore SACCO, KIDEFISE, Post bank, DFCU bank and Centenary bank and Emyooga fund and youth livelihood programs from government. Groups and individual accessed credit worth 667,845,900 shillings (Group credit= 72,840,000= and Individual=595,005,900= accessed) different enterprises like farming and produce and petty business across the district as indicated in the tables attached.

District	Group Credit	Individual Credit	Total
Kanungu	36,550,000	226,334,900	262,884,900
Kisoro	14,290,000	264,375,000	278,665,000
Rukungiri	22,000,000	104,296,000	126296000
Total	72,840,000	595,005,900	667,845,900

Promoting and marketing of IRB. USAID ICAN formally engaged Bugara women seed producers, Yield harvest Uganda and Mnyakabi Area cooperative to promote iron rich beans for nutrition and household income. 25 demo gardens (10 in Rukungiri and 15 in Kanungu) were established by Yield Harvest Plus and 30 demos in Kisoro established by MACE).The BSPs and farmer groups hosting demonstration gardens were trained by partners on good agronomic practices, production, marketing, Post-harvest handling practices that include harvesting in time, threshing and sorting, grading, and proper storage. This was done to minimize post-harvest losses and enhance crop productivity.

Natural resource management and adoptions

Rocket Lorena stoves. FY21, we trained 28 BSPs in Rocket Lorena stove construction and scale up across the region (8 in Rukungiri, 10 in Kanungu and 10 in Kisoro district). These BSPs were trained by a skilled artisan hired by Caritas Kabale Diocese. The trained BSPs continue to support households to scale up the technologies on a fee-based commission. As a result, 322 stoves (224 in Kanungu, 49 in Kisoro and 49 in Rukungiri) have adopted use of rocket Lorena stoves technology in their households. The stoves were constructed by BSPs at a fee of 10,000 -15,000 UGX per stove.

Tarpaulin Underground water harvesting tanks: 53 tarpaulin water-harvesting tanks have so far been adopted (16 in Kisoro, 22 in Kanungu and 15 in Rukungiri district). Construction of these tarpaulin water tanks was done by BSPs who are being paid by beneficiary households for their service. 28 BSPs (2 per Sub County) have been identified and skilled by hired artisan to scale up adoption of tarpaulin water harvesting tanks in the region.

Scaling up of hill management: Worked with a local nursery bed operator and trained 4 hill management committees (3 in Kisoro and 1 in Kanungu) to promote soil conservation on hill slopes using bamboo. 20000 ready-to-plant bamboo seedlings. 5000 seedlings were planted on Kamena hill, 5000 were planted on Busigi hill in Busanza Sub County, 5000 were planted on Mihanga hill in Murora Sub County and 5000 were planted on Kanyashogyi hill in Mpungu Sub County. 4 bamboo nursery beds were also established in Kanungi and Kisoro to scale up soil conservation(1 in Mpungu sub county in Kanungu, 3 in Kisoro district).

Support schools to establish tree nursery beds and community nursery beds: Through a local nursery bed operator, 1135 pupils (150 pupils in Kisoro, 882 pupils in Kanungu and 103 pupils in Rukungiri) were trained on school tree nursery and 4-community bed establishment for calliandra. In all schools, children participated in planting of calliandra seeds in nursery beds. This activity kick started during staggered reopening of schools after the 1st COVID-19 lockdown targeting 75 primary schools in Kanungu, Kisoro and Rukungiri districts. Transplanting of calliandra seedlings by community members, parents and has kick started following available rains.



Farmers linked to formal agricultural and non-agriculture market: USAID ICAN BSPs linked 17860 farmers (6113 males, 11747 females) from 1466 community livelihood groups to formal Agricultural and non-agricultural markets for beans, Irish potatoes, and coffee value chain in Kanungu and Kisoro district. Of these, 14221 farmers (4937 males, 9284 females) were linked to crop input markets (Seeds, fertilizers, herbicides, fungicides and PICS bags), 7831 farmers (2415 males, 5416 females) were linked to access crop output markets and sold coffee and beans and other crops, 3505 (1128 males and 2377 females) individual farmers were linked to livestock Input market whereas 2161 (702 males, 1459 females) individual farmers were linked to livestock output markets. BSPs continued to collaborate with ICAN private business actors such as Bugara women seed producers, Yield Harvest, Manyakabi Area cooperative enterprise and UGACOFF to ensure that farmers access market for their agricultural produce. Relatedly, 3429 farmers (1072 males, 2357 females) from 387 community groups were linked to non-agricultural output market.

District	Groups	Male	Female	Total
Kanungu	617	2227	3913	6140
Kisoro	589	3030	5800	8830
Rukungiri	260	856	2034	2890
Total	1466	6113	11747	17860

ICAN group grants: 3 in-kind grants have been awarded in FY21. These include Nyanga Agricultural enterprise group in Kanungu district valued at valued at UGX 15,600,000 (Fifteen Million Six Hundred Thousand Shillings) and Kisoro Integrated Fisheries & Agriculture Cooperative Society (KIFACOS) in Murora Sub county were awarded an In-kind grant valued at 57,380,800 (Fifty-Seven Million Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred Shillings) to support restocking the fish rearing and harvesting project. Both Kanungu and Kisoro district leadership issued letters of no objection in support of the projects.

As a result, 100,000 mirror carps fingerings (in-kind grant) were restocked in the 2 lakes of Chahafi and Kayumbu. 3400 seedlings of bamboo, 4 kgs of sesibania sesiban and 3 kgs of calliandra were delivered to the lake management committee for planting along the lake shores. These were planted on the lakeshores to boost the buffer zone of the lake that acts as the breeding site for the fish. The Nyanga Agriculture group fishpond in Kanungu district has also fulfilled thekr contribution; land and excavation of the pond, fencing and provision of materials.

Relatedly, one more grant for Kyakatarangi family life agro-input shop for transportation of agro inputs was approved by USAID. Preparations to engage service provider to provide in-kind items requested by the group are underway. ICAN regional evaluation committee evaluated several group grant applications from the three districts. The first and second batch of 19 grants has been recommended by the regional grants evaluation committee and submitted to Kampala for approval. Relatedly, 2 BDS consultants were on boarded, oriented by ICAN and will be supporting processes involved in developing business ideas and plans for approved grants from Kampala.

Operationalise bakery project in Murora Sub County: A follow up meeting with Micro finance support center (MSC) on bakery project was done. Plans were made to restore the bakery machine, which include testing the machines, training of 30 AGYW on operation, repair and retooling of missing parts and management mechanical issues before the machine is handed over to the girls.

SUB-PURPOSE 2: IMPROVING NUTRITION, ESPECIALLY AMONG WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Training of livelihood groups on Nutrition related interventions. 1678-community group comprising of 36999 members (11904 males, 25095 females) from Community groups received trainings on nutrition related topics that included WASH practices, family planning and vegetable growing and nutrition screening for children. ICAN VHTs leveraged community group leaders and BSPs and disseminated messages on nutrition practices focusing on WASH, nutrition screening and family planning.

VHT orientation and training on new tools and job aides:



224 Village health teams (187 old and 37 new VHTs) in Kanungu, Kisoro and Rukungiri district were trained on the MIYCAN curriculum and reporting tools. Of these, 65 were males and 159 were females. The VHTs were trained by health TOTs to increase proper food choices, good health and reduce the double burden of malnutrition in communities.

District	Old VHTs		New VHTs		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Kanungu	18	42	1	8	69
Kisoro	27	43	5	7	82
Rukungiri	13	44	1	15	73
Total	58	129	7	30	224

VHTs were encouraged to continue supporting mothers on weekly basis and report to field officers.

VHTs train old and new MYCAN groups: ICAN supported VHTs to reach 1175 MIYCAN groups (Kanungu=404, Rukungiri=330, Kisoro=441) during weekly trainings. 24228 mothers (4322 pregnant, 11571 lactating and 7160 care givers/others) were trained on nutrition sessions including WASH practices, backyard gardening, family planning and referrals, nutrition of babies and young children, breast feeding and HIV, clinical assessment and referrals and adherence to government guidelines for COVID-19 such as hand washing, social distancing and maintaining hygiene practices in households.

District	Group	Preg	Lact	Others	Total
Kanungu	404	1317	3734	2614	8069
Kisoro	441	1897	4683	2217	9238
Rukungiri	330	1108	3154	2329	6921
Total	1175	4322	11571	7160	24228

Children reached with Nutrition Interventions.

24265 children(12856 male, 24265 female) under the age of five years (Kanungu=8384, Kisoro=8466, Rukungiri=7415) were reached during MIYCAN sessions by VHTs

using a MUAC tape to ascertain their nutritional status. Of these, 655 children were in yellow MUAC (145 in Kanungu, 229 in Kisoro and 281 in Rukungiri) and 108 children were in red (Kanungu=28, Kisoro=52 and Rukungiri=28). The mothers and caregivers whose children were malnourished were advised to provide balanced diet to their children and practice best feeding practices.

Celebration Child Health days plus (CHD+0)

ICAN also participated in CHD+ activities and as a result, 11,180 children were reached out during CHD+ during the month of April 2021. These were 3,035 from Rukungiri, 2,344 children from Kanungu and 5,801 from Kisoro district. During child health days plus, health workers, ICAN field teams and structures (VHTS and BSPs) worked jointly mobilized communities to participate in CHD+ activities. Community members especially children and mothers received Vitamin A+, deworming and nutrition assessment and messages in family size and antenatal services.

Provide Messages on Family Size, FP and ANC Services: 6465 members from 390 groups (1820 males in Kanungu, 6445 females) received messages on family size. Of these, 955 mothers (116 from Kisoro, 408 from Kanungu and 93 from Rukungiri) were referred for ANC services, 995 mothers (320 in Kanungu, 429 in Kisoro, 246 in Rukungiri) were also referred for FP and 197 mothers were referred for malaria, 1099 referred for vitamin A and 115 for other medical support.

District	Group	Male	Female	Total
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Improving WASH Practices and access to Technologies:

VHTs trained households on ensuring WASH facilities are installed following COVID 19 second wave. Emphasis was on hand washing facilities in their compounds, dry racks for plates and other utensils to dry before being used for serving meals in order to avoid sanitation related illness, establishment of composite pits, tippy taps and clean latrines places and practiced household hygiene. These practices were emphasized by resilience committees, LC I and bataka chairpersons. Most of the villages attest to reduced sanitation related illnesses and putting into practice COVID-19 guidelines. 11738 households in Kanungu, 10504 in Kisoro and 2556 households in Rukungiri have so far established WASH facilities with minimum standards in their homes (clean and washable latrine surfaces, tippy taps, clean compounds and drying racks).

Kanungu	912	4016	7722	11738
Kisoro	554	3405	7099	10504
Rukungiri	169	687	1869	2556
Total	1635	8108	16690	24798

Promotion of enterprises and practices that enhance minimum acceptable diet and Diversity:

19797 households (6091 males, 13706 females) from 1056 groups were reached and trained on vegetable and kitchen gardens establishment. These included 6800 individuals from Kanungu district, 10497 from Kisoro, and 2500 from Rukungiri were supported by VHTs to establish and look after kitchen gardens and rear animals to supplement with animal proteins.

District	Group	Male	Female	Total
Kanungu	347	2405	4395	6800
Kisoro	540	3061	7436	10497
Rukungiri	169	625	1875	2500
Total	1056	6091	13706	19797

VHT monthly review meeting between VHTs and ICAN field Officers: Monthly review meetings involving VHTs and ICAN field officers were conducted in ICAN targeted sub counties. 207 VHTs (65 from Kanungu, 82 from Kisoro and 60 in Rukungiri) and 28 ICAN field officers participated. Progress update on MIYCAN activities, filled monthly data forms and action plan for subsequent month such as reaching out to more mothers in religious groups and other platforms were shared.

Orientation of religious leaders on MIYCAN: A one-day meeting with leaders of religious groups and Field officers was conducted to orient them on the USAID ICAN approach and seek their support in mobilizing mothers especially pregnant and lactating mothers that have not yet joined MIYCAN groups. The leaders were also called upon to give platform to structures especially VHTs and governance champions to pass on messages to the mothers on Nutrition and Education. The leaders responded positively and encourage groups mothers to join existing MIYCAN group sessions.

SUB-PURPOSE 3: YOUTH, ADOLESCENTS, WOMEN PARTICIPATING IN HOUSEHOLD AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT DECISION MAKING.

Training of all teachers on Journeys and psychosocial support. We conducted a two-day refresher training of 812 teachers and head teachers from 85 schools on journeys by CCTs across all the 14 sub counties in Kigezi. The purpose of this training was to equip teachers, Matrons, Patrons with skills on how to cope up with stress and also how to handle Children through guiding, provision of psychosocial support and counselling while at school after these long periods of stay home due to COVID 19. The DEOs offices participated in the mobilisation and training of the teachers in their respective sub counties and gave teachers updates on reopening of schools, school development planning and School safety cognisant of Covid-19 Pandemic.

Support school reopening during COVID-19. With the lifting of COVID-19 regulatory guideline and reopening of primary schools for candidate classes, ICAN worked with all primary schools (30 in Kanungu, 30 in Kisoro and 25 in Rukungiri) to ensure that all COVID-19 requirements of school reopening for pupils in staggered manner. 4348 pupils were supported with revision material. Of these, 289 pupils from 10 primary schools in Kanungu district were supported by 20 volunteer teachers to revise sets of pre-PLE sets to improve on performance.

Working with structures on go back to school campaigns. Assessed progress enrolment of pupils before and after COVID-19 lockdown. As a result, 10,565 pupils (4376 pupils from Kanungu, 3,103 from Rukungiri and 3,086 from Kisoro) had reported to school following government guidelines on reopening of



schools for p.4-p.6 classes. ICAN went ahead and intensified go- back to school campaigns targeting parents, children, local leaders’ forums, Bataka groups and churches forums to ensure that all children report to school. This was however, interfered with by the second wave of COVID-19 outbreak, which lead to closure of schools and suspension of reopening of classes for other children who had been mobilised.

Remedial learning during covid-19 second wave. ICAN is in discussion with USAID, parents and district task forces to support remedial learning for P1, P2, P3 and P6 COVID-19 lockdown. Courtesy visits to District Education Offices in Kisoro, Rukungiri and Kanungu and preparation to support remedial learning for primary pupils. ICAN shared implementation plan and permission request for the activity buy-in and for support from Covid-19 task force. ICAN will work with district stakeholders especially district DEOs to support in identification of the learning centers and volunteer teacher to support the activity.

Partnership with communities for school resilience in disasters. ICAN supported school governance structures 85 in Kigezi (30 in Kanungu, 30 in Kisoro and 25 Rukungiri) to refine their School Development Plans during covid-19 epidemic. The schools worked with governance champions and field officers to integrate disaster responses and mitigation measures into their plans. One key issue was a lack of lightning conductors and windbreakers leaves the school unsafe during the rainy season, neglect by parents and lack scholastic materials for children while at school.

Joint Community Action.

Training of Governance Champions. 28 Governance champions (Kisoro=10, Kanungu=10, Rukungiri=8) composed of (24 males and 4 females) were trained on their roles and responsibilities, Community dialogues, GBV prevention and response and resilience planning. The governance champions will support ICAN implement school development plans and community actions within communities. They were also taken through community resilience tool kits and how they can support communities in making joint action plan on we can do 5, and implementation of fruit tree of commitments as behavioural nudge for ICAN Kigezi region which symbolizes an accountability mechanism. Governance champions were introduced to all ICAN structures (BSPs, matrons and patrons, local leaders, Bataka leaders, school management committees and PTA and other stakeholders for resilience planning and community mobilisation.

Training or Participation in Governance Activities. 10,139 community members (3,259 males, 6,880 females) participated in the community resilience planning process. Seven hill management committees also held discussions on scaling up bamboo planting on hills in Kisoro and Kanungu to reduce on the rate / magnitude of mud/landslides occurrences. ICAN collaborated with the Mgahinga Cultural and Craft Center, local nursery bed operators to train the hill committees in hill management to reduce landslides and plant bamboo planting on 5 hills slopes in Kisoro and Kanungu district. The others topics covered during the meetings were community action planning, Group leadership, Disaster planning, mitigation and management, Keeping of children safe in homes amidst COVID-19 lockdown.

Disaster management meetings. In FY21, ICAN facilitated 10 sub-county Disaster Management Committee meetings in Kanungu and Kisoro district. The meetings reviewed committees’ progress in responding to disasters considering new and anticipated shocks and stresses. Participants discussed mitigation measures to incorporate COVID -19 related shocks and stress and floods in Kisoro and Kanungu, WASH and teenage pregnancies. ICAN will support the districts and sub-counties to update disaster management plans to include new anticipated shocks and stresses such as COVID-19 epidemic.

Challenges:

Challenge(s)	Steps taken to address the challenges or plan to address them
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Inadequate reporting tools especially MIYCAN and livelihood registers as this may compromise the data quality.	The newly modified tools were procure and distributed to structures for data collection and reporting. ICAM also reoriented field staff and structures on new reporting tools
Low participation of beneficiaries during farming seasons (planting, weeding and harvesting)	ICAN continued to encourage structures to conduct sessions during time whenever the groups were conducting meetings meeting- depending on their schedules.
The COVID-19 threat and the existing government restrictions potentially still affect full-scale implementation of activities.	We promptly encouraged our FOs and structured to adhere to government guidelines on COVID-19 by encouraging smaller group meetings, door-to door trainings that were used by VHTs and supported our staff and structures with sanitizers, Mask and liquid soap during field implementation.
Two field officers (Muramba and Nyanga) resigned from their duty.	We have promptly recruited new field staff to fill these vacant positions and ensure smooth implementation and transition of roles.
Inadequate support from government stakeholders as result of scrapping off allowances for government stakeholders during activity implementation.	We continuously shared our quarterly reports and plan with related sub county and district departments for their buy-in during project activity implementation.
The political environment and presidential election period(Jan-March) potentially affected full-scale implementation of activities.	We made sure that we adjusted our schedules and concentrated on activities that did not create bigger gathering, guided our staff and structures to be nonpartisans during elections and after elections.
In school education activities were affected by covid-19 epidemic. This which affected achievement of results for interventions targeting primary school learners.	ICAN plans to work with parents and community leaders to provide remedial lessons targeting in-school children that are still at home(P1, P2, P3 and P6 in designated learning centers in Kanungu, Kisoro and Rukungiri district)

Collaboration with non-governmental partners: FY21, our collaboration and partnerships with other structures in support of increasing access to ICAN interventions in the region. Coordination meetings, seasonal review meetings and joint implementation of activities were held with private and government related departments. These were intended to bridge communication and collaboration gaps in coffee production and value chain, IRBs promotion and perma-gardens and joint planning. These partners involved were OWL, Bugara women seed producers, Yield harvest Uganda (YHU) and Manyakabi Area cooperatives (MACE). We also continuously collaborated with related district departments such as producing, community based services, education and health to implement ICAN activities.

Collaboration matrix

Partner	Activities involved
Omukazi W'omutima ltd(OWL)	OWL enrolled 4604 coffee farmers in Production, marketing, and good agronomic practices for coffee in (Kirima, Kihhi and Nyanga sub county) Kanungu district.



Private partners(Bugara women seed producers, MACE and Yield Harvest Uganda, KEGRA)	Production and marketing of iron rich beans and perm gardens for nutrition and income, access to quality seeds, good agronomic practices and consumption of Iron-rich beans recipes.
Structures (local councils, VHTs, BSPs, SMCs, PTAs, mentors and Governance champions)	Engaged in identification of project beneficiaries, training of project beneficiaries, data collection and follow-up of activities and resilience planning.
Local nursery bed operators and Agro input dealers (clear and general stores, Phirez international Ltd, Kibimbiri rice farmers, Kisoro farmers house, MCC&C, etc)	These were engaged in training of 5 hill management committees on bamboo multiplication and planting on hill slopes, linking farmers to agro-inputs and formal agricultural markets and training on good agronomic practices for value chains.
Financial service providers(Micro finance support center, centenary bank, Post bank, SACCOs, BRAC Uganda)	Facilitated Financial awareness meetings, literacy and credit meetings, opening of group and individual bank accounts and credit access. MSC is also working with ICAN to train Murora AGYW group on bakery project management.
District / sub county local governments(DEO, DCDO, Production offices, health)	Regular technical support supervision, monitoring and coordination of project activities, enforcement of government guidelines on COVID-19, group registration and linkages to government programs such as UWEP, Youth livelihoods



MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

- The project’s monitoring and evaluation (M&E) activities during year consisted of collecting, storing, analyzing, and transforming data into strategic information for improvement, management, and advocacy of the project. Specifically:
- Annual beneficiary survey cohort II revealed a low uptake of poor performance of radio messages as a source of information. This called for radio listenership survey in quarter I, where the team conducted FGDs and KIs, which was an in-depth in nature. The team findings were as follow; Use of positive deviants on radio activities, use of religious leaders, promos and radio people to carry out mobilization for the guest speakers. All these learning are being replicated in ICAN radio activities as a way of changing the status quo. In addition, the team further learnt that we can reach out to more females through worshipping places. Through women group leaders, VHTs disseminated ICAN messages and profiled New MIYCAN groups.
- From the data collected and analyzed, it was observed that beneficiaries close to agro in put shops have many linkages on crop input market and contributed to improved crop agronomic practices especially in Kihiki Sub County. This has informed the region to scale up agro in put shops in other project areas.

#	Indicator	Annual Target	FY2021 Actual	Variance (Explain reason for under or over achievement)
1.	Number of individuals [directly] participating in USG food security programs	86920	76778	(52547 Livelihood participants +23,053 MIYCAN participants+448 AGYW+60 youth champions+377 BSPs+225 VHTs +40 mentors + 28 GCs). COVID-19 Restrictions hindered movement, accessibility and mass group trainings.
2.	Number of households reached with support for increasing economic opportunities through agriculture, non-agriculture-based livelihoods, and improved connection to markets and financial services (including income	61480	43089	1809 groups reached out were not enough to satisfy the target.
3.	Number of for-profit private enterprises, producers' organizations, water users' associations, women's groups, trade and business associations and community based organizations (CBOs) that applied/ demande d improved organization-level technologies or management practices with USG assistance (EG.3.2-20)*	1590	1778	12% Increment was a result of strong collaboration with local government and private partners
4.	Economic Strengthening			
5	# of BSPs	398	377	The existing active and profiled groups were to be reached out by only 377 BSPs



6	Number of VSLAs established (people reached with training, grants, loans, or linkages to markets and programs for non-agriculture-based livelihood options)	2385	1809	More 236 groups are active but have not been reached out 3 times. Other more profiled groups are awaiting the training of new BSPs
7	Number of individuals participating in group-based savings, micro-finance or lending programs with USG assistance	44520	52547	Increased enrollment in the groups of 29 average per group let to 18% over achievement
8	Number of farmers and others who have applied improved technologies or management practices with USG assistance	42930	32403	Local partners are still scaling up to more new sub counties
9	# of households adopting various tools & technology that reduce or mitigate shocks for specific local vulnerabilities	32198	31174	Local partners are still scaling up to more new sub counties
10	Number of ICAN beneficiary Members linked to [formal] Agricultural markets	15900	14645	92% achieved is due to Business opportunity meeting and collaboration with local private partners
11	Value of agriculture-related financing accessed as a result of USG assistance (per person/year)	0	667,845,900/=	52 groups accessed 72,840,000 and 2579 individuals accessed 595,005,900 Ugandan shillings
12	Number of people who have used financial services (disaggregated by type, new, and sex) in the last 12 months as a result of USG assistance	44520	3936	Delayed engagement of Micro finance support center and other financial institutions. COVID-19 further limited the movement and thus access
13	Number of ICAN beneficiary Members linked to [formal] financial markets and have opened accounts.	7950	2286	Delayed engagement of financial institutions and COVID-19 that limited awareness meetings
Nutrition and Food Security				
14	Number of MCGs that are operational	1080	1175	More 95 groups were profiled and reached out so as to improve on the performance of pregnant and lactating mothers
15	Number of women reached with nutrition interventions to improve diet diversification, IYCF, WASH, Child Spacing, through USG-supported programs	53000	47510	22415 MIYCAN members and 25095 Community group members reached out. COVID-19 let to reduced attendance especially in MIYCAN groups
16	Number of pregnant and lactating women reached with nutrition interventions to improve diet diversification, IYCF, WASH, Child Spacing, through USG-supported programs (that year)	26500	15893	1775 MIYCAN groups were comprised of only 60% of the target



17	Number of children under 5 years of age reached with nutrition interventions (that year-NEW)	31800	41495	Over performance is due to a higher number of MIYCAN participants reached out from 1175 groups with an average of 20 members
18	Number of children under 2 years of age reached with nutrition interventions (that year-NEW)	19610	17981	Over performance is due to a higher number of MIYCAN participants reached out from 1175 groups with an average of 20 members
19	Number of people reached with messages addressing norms and attitudes that lead to larger family size	15450	23053	Over performance is due to a higher number of MIYCAN participants reached out from 1175 groups with an average of 20 members
	Governance			
20	Number of ICAN beneficiaries participating in community and local dialogue/governance forums (New each year)	6360	19495	Over performance is attributed to the ability of BSPs and Governance champions to reach 803 groups. We underestimated the target.
21	Number of households participating in local planning and service delivery as a result of USG assistance	44520	15986	Underperformance is attributed to over estimation of the target
	Cross-cutting			
22	Number of people using climate information or implementing risk-reducing actions to improve resilience [to climate change] as a result of USG assistance (EG.11-6)	21465	27761	BSPS and partners induced increased adoption of NRM, Post-harvest handling, Improved crop agronomy practices and improved animal practices.
23	Number of people trained in climate change adaptation supported by USG assistance.	22260	25695	BSPS and partners trained more groups on NRM improved agronomy and husbandry.
24	Number of people supported by the USG to adapt to the effects of climate change.	4770	27761	BSPS and partners induced increased adoption of NRM, Post-harvest handling, Improved crop agronomy practices and improved animal practices.
25	Number of adolescents participants in non-farm income generation, income diversification, skills training, or Agriprenuership programming under ICAN	1590	508	448 AGYW and 60 youth. More AGYW to be graduated in the next year
26	Number of parent teacher associations (PTAs) or community governance structures engaged in primary or secondary education supported with USG assistance (ES 1-13)	180	85	85 schools participated in the establishment of school nursery beds and revision of study materials. COVID-19 limited other activities



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27	Number of in-school adolescents reached with ICAN life-skills/Governance/Resilience messages	6095		4348 children engaged in revision of materials and establishment of nursery beds. COVID-19 halted CRC activities
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Data quality challenges:

- USAID ICAN Caritas Kabale conducted data quality assessment targeting the partners and observed that private partners are supporting IP in achieving targets related to technology adoption and linkages indicators. However, the team found out that the one partner had data in a hard copy format that needed to be converted to the soft copy for easy reporting and also some farmers reached were not in existing ICAN groups thus hard to be reported on by the IP, was advised and later converted the data in soft copy format as well as working with existing ICAN groups for easy reporting and the team resorted to continuous support to the partner for a strong MEL system.
- Data Quality assessment conducted in Quarter III and IV depicted improvement in data quality. it was learnt that online meetings were not helping enough like physical meetings. The staff interpreted presentations and guidance offered by the MEL officer during monthly meetings on data quality differently. This was confirmed by the different interpretation of some variables in the tools. The team shall therefore conduct a physical training in the beginning of the first quarter to ensure uniform interpretation.
- Under reporting. Data in the community group registers like production records was not being reported on, yet it exists. Some data like training reflected on the monthly summary missed on registers in a few cases and all these gaps were corrected.
- Financial indicators set were over estimated. In addition to business opportunity meetings and linkages to microfinance support center, the adoption rate is low to achieve the anticipated target.

Lessons learned

- Business opportunity meetings are so essential as the BSPs are availed with information on how to do business with the Private sector.
- Involvement of the government stakeholders in the community is key in implementing a resilience project. There is need for continuous engagement, information sharing and joint supervision and monitoring.
- Many groups want to be registered to be able to access opportunities that may be available from the government and other partners especially ICAN. Therefore, ICAN will continue to work with CDOs to provide information on group registration up to district level.
- The approach of establishing model villages has been beneficial in tracking the progress of the we can do 5. Model villages without resilience committees are not doing well in adoption unlike those with village resilience committees who monitor the behavioural change among the communities they oversee.
- The community resilience tool kit if well-conceived by the end users, will build a sense of ownership and accountability among groups on the we can do 5 actions. This is because it encourages the group to diversify income activities so as to mitigate shocks and stresses.
- Magazine talk shows and recorded field dialogues are relevant in educating masses on various health aspects. In the end, they become empowered with knowledge and skills that enhance sustainability of the program and adoption of positive behaviors.
- ICAN's initiatives of offering in-kind grants to poor rural women serve as an empowerment tool and improves their socio-economic status.
- Scaling up of the Youth leadership curriculum to more areas benefits the youth in shaping their confidence, public speech, leadership and paves a way for various livelihood ventures.
- There is need to scale up the community resilience tool kits to all sub counties because it registered success in the model villages it is currently being implemented with regard to We Can Do adoption.

Modifications in planned program activities:

- In school activities. Not all in school activities were implemented as earlier planned in FY21. This was due to COVID-19 epidemic that lead to closure of education institutions. ICAN has worked with



stakeholders especially district task forces to redesign covid-19 sensitive education activities during implementation period. Activities implemented were distribution of home based revision packages to pupils, support to remedial learning targeting P7 candidates and training of teachers on journeys and psychosocial support, support to schools to adhere to covid -19 guidelines and go back to school campaigns.

- District disaster management meetings. This activity was incorporated within COVID-19 task forces. Districts efforts towards implementation of this activity were focused on covid-19 epidemic, response and strategic planning.
- Entry into new sub counties. This activity was not approved by USAID. The need to scale up to all villages and parishes within old sub counties was realized. ICAN team was therefore requested to cover all areas with interventions.

Finance, operations, and compliance:

- Submitted monthly financial reports for to finance office in Kampala for review and approvals.
- Reviewed and approved the budgets and concept notes for the AGYW and mentors training, FY21 livelihood strategy, weekly meetings with SWAP groups and MIYCAN groups and Washable latrine surfaces.
- Verified paper work for all pending payments from the field. Most of the pending payments were cleared.
- Supported program teams with Logistics to support smooth running of field activities (Fuel, Meals, Refreshments, and stationary and conference venue, and vehicle repair and service).
- Sent out terms of reference and RFA for partnership in Bamboo seedlings and multiplication and community tree nursery beds and other contracts management
- Serviced and repaired 1 project motor vehicle and 12 motorcycles
- Paid rental services for office space in Kabale, Kisoro, Rukungiri and Kanungu district

Capacity strengthening:

- Skills in report writing and success stories. The regional success story writing committee submitted a number of success stories to Kampala for approval and submission to USAID. In FY21, ICAN orient staff on different skills that include report writing, CV writing, public speaking for effective implementation of the project and communication.
- The MEL and program team participated in data collection and report writing sessions that are regularly for effective data analysis and reporting. These meetings are usually organized by MEL office in Kampala and improved our capacities in reporting writing as evidenced by weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual reports.
- During review meetings with field staff and structures, our focus is usually on reorientation on program implementation, understanding of strategies and approaches, interpretation of new reporting tools and job aides.
- The finance team in the region has been trained on use of use of mobile money (Yo-Uganda) while effecting day-to-day payment of service providers and activities. The team will continue using this financial innovation for effective financial accounting and reporting. The team however enquire further trainings on use of QuickBooks.

Technical assistance needs:



- Training of all staff on MEL and reporting
- ICAN small grants - training on the all processes and grant application.
- Training finance teams on use of QuickBooks
- Capacity building in CV writing, public speech and personnel development.
- Staff reflection and stress management
- There is need to strengthen capacity of all staff and governance champions in resilience planning toolkit and implementation.

Activities planned for the next quarter:

Activities Planned for Upcoming Quarter	Dates	Location
Operation Meetings		
Management Bi-weekly, monthly and quarterly project meetings.	October 2021 –December 2021	Kabale
Orient ICAN staff and interns on MEAL concepts and new tools- 5 Days	October 2021	Kabale
Exposure of IP staff to new approaches/technologies on nutrition and livelihood	December 2022	TDB
Train finance teams on use of QuickBooks.	November 2021	Kabale
Staff capacity building on CV, Public speaking, reflection and Stress management	December 2021	Mbarara
Livelihoods		
Private Partner Engagements- Increase number of private sector players in old sub counties	November 2021	All districts
Work with MSC to operationalize Bakery project with AGYW in Murora-Kisoro district	October 2021	Kisoro
Work with Yield Harvest, Manyakabi ACE and Bugara Women to set up additional demonstrations for 2nd season and scale up in other sub counties.	October- December 2021	Kisoro, Kanungu, Rukungiri
Work with Partner/UGACOFF to continue with coffee activities in Kanungu and scale up in Rukungiri district-	October 2021 –December 2021	Kanungu, Rukungiri
Master trainers orient BSPs on Graduation	November 2021	Kisoro, Kanungu, Rukungiri
BSPs strengthen VSLA/Farmer groups	October-December 2021	Kisoro, Kanungu, Rukungiri
Work with skilled artisans to train additional BSPs and scale up adoption of low cost tarpaulin water harvesting tanks and energy saving technologies	October-November 2021	Kanungu, Kisoro
Link mature groups to government programs such as Emyooga, YLP, UWEP, Parish Development model, etc)	October-December 2021	Kisoro, Kanungu, Rukungiri
Work with selected BDS specialists across the regions to submit livelihood grants – at least 4 grants per month	October0 2021 December	All districts Kisoro, Kanungu, Rukungiri
Field Officers hold a half day meeting BSPs to assess progress towards goals	October- December 2021	Kisoro, Kanungu, Rukungiri
Nutrition		
Train all VHTs on family MUAC concept-Facilitate VHTs on use of family MUACs	October 2021	Kisoro, Kanungu, Rukungiri
Support VHTs to reach MIYCAN group members using a door-door approach	October-December 2021	Kisoro, Kanungu, Rukungiri



Train VHTs in promotion of appropriate WASH practices	October –December 2021	Kisoro, Kanungu, Rukungiri
Support ICAN structures and staff with Covid-19 PPEs	November 2021	Kabale
Support households to establish Perma-gardens with nutrient-rich foods-KEGRA	October-December 2021 (Ongoing)	Kisoro, Kanungu, Rukungiri
Support VHT system	November 2021	Kisoro, Kanungu, Rukungiri
Governance		
Support learners during Remedial Learning(P1, P2, P3, P6)	October 2021	Kisoro, Kanungu, Rukungiri
Work with Ubuntu in Kisoro district, government champions and Bataka leaders to scale up community dialogues.	December 2021	Kisoro
Strengthen linkages and coordination between the community structures and the government at all levels	October-December 2021	Kisoro, Kanungu, Rukungiri
Participate in the District as well as Sub-county COVID-19 taskforce meetings that takes place every week.	October- December 2021	Kisoro, Kanungu, Rukungiri
Gender youth and SBCC		
New AGYW camps	November 2021	Rukungiri
Youth leadership training scale up	October-November	Kisoro, Kanungu, Rukungiri
Radio programs	October –November 2021	Kisoro, Kanungu, Rukungiri
Scale up model villages	October-December 2021	Kisoro, Kanungu, Rukungiri

Success Stories

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