

UGANDA VILLAGE PROJECT: 2014

IMPROVING HEALTH IN RURAL IGANGA DISTRICT



Healing Obstetric Fistula

48 women received fistula repair surgeries, and Fistula Ambassadors (former patients trained as peer educators) reached 2,969 people with fistula education -- more than five times what we've been able to do in previous years.



Asanasi, a Fistula Ambassador preparing for a follow up surgery, smiles with three women she identified with fistula and brought for surgery

"The Fistula Ambassadors are doing great work. They're very active in identifying more patients than we were doing before."

-Loy Tumusiime, Fistula Coordinator

Providing Safe Water

Thanks to our unique partnership with community members and the Iganga District Water Office, we were able to install nine new shallow wells, providing safe water for 540 total households.

Namusisi Village previously had two crowded boreholes located in the town center, which left people living on the outskirts of the village with little access to safe water. UVP helped the community construct a new shallow well, allowing all members of the village the chance to access clean water. One woman reported that before the well her family kept the used water from washing utensils to be used a second time. Now that she has a well nearby, they can use clean water every time they wash dishes, keeping her family safe and healthy.



Improving public health through Healthy Villages



"Village Health Teams have been so persistent in encouraging their communities," Titus Obbo, Healthy Villages Program Coordinator observed, and it's making a difference. "Each time you move out to the village you see a small change."

HIV: 3,255 people tested for HIV
Educational drama performances in 14 villages.

Family planning: 429 women received contraceptives during 999 consultations, plus education-only sessions held for 502 women.

Sanitation: 883 lippy taps built and 186 new latrines built. Almost 1,100 people participated in the sanitation campaigns.

Health programming in 13 villages on HIV, malaria, family planning, and hygiene through relationships with 65 Village Health Team (VHT) volunteers, 41 interns, and government and NGO partnerships

Malaria: education sessions held in 5 villages.*

Internship: 27 international and 14 Ugandan interns helped focus on M&E and safe water in six villages and launch one Healthy Village. They held 43 health education sessions and built the capacity of 35 VHTs and 11 Water User Committees.

*Because of a nationwide mosquito net distribution by the Ugandan government, UVP did not purchase or distribute nets in 2014

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