

2022



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REPORT



LETTER FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Dear UVP Family,

As Marissa and I look back on 2022, we are overwhelmed with gratitude and pride for UVP's many programmatic successes and diligence to deliver high-quality, evidence-based preventative health care. The entire team — staff, board, Fistula Ambassadors, Village Health Teams, and our local partners — demonstrated resilience and dedication to supporting community members.

Last year marked several major programmatic milestones: a refreshed website to match our modern and forward-looking programs, our first-ever self-hosted fistula camp, graduation of five villages from the Healthy Villages Program, and a signed MOU with Bugweri District, allowing UVP to serve community members that reside there. With the new MOU, this marks UVP's first expansion to a new district, after operating in Iganga exclusively for nearly 20 years.

We welcomed long-time staff member Loy to the leadership team as Assistant Director, two new changemakers joined our Board of Directors, and we welcomed eight interns from the United States and Uganda from June to August.

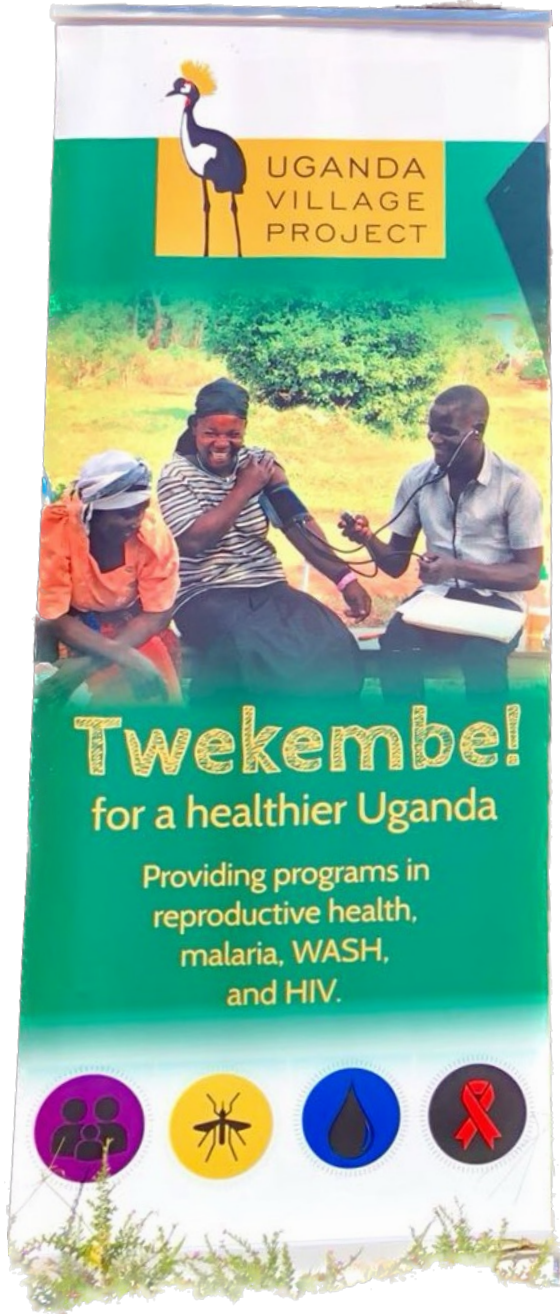
We look forward to UVP's continued success in building a healthier and brighter future with and for the communities we serve in Iganga. As always, thank you for your continued support and dedication to UVP. **Our work is possible because of you!**

Carey Walovich Marissa Watkins

CAREY WALOVICH & MARISSA WATKINS
CO-BOARD CHAIRPERSONS





2022 IN REVIEW



951
HIV tests
administered



 **37**
Latrines built

 **250**
Tippy Taps built

14
events, supporting
430 people with
critical water,
sanitation, and
hygiene education



4,754
Individuals
reached with
malaria
education



2,552
Individuals
treated for
malaria



2,371
Individuals
reached with
reproductive
health education



114
Life-changing
fistula surgeries
supported



PARTNER VILLAGES

The “Healthy Villages Program” is an umbrella term for a series of public health projects that directly support the health and well-being of the villages and communities UVP serves. UVP targets the primary health risks of the region at a village-level, working with the District Health Office, local health centers, village leadership, and community-based organizations to onboard, graduate, and support villages along the continuum of programs.



**IN 2022, WE
ONBOARDED 2
NEW VILLAGES,
SUPPORTING
14 IN TOTAL**



GRADUATED

Bulugodha
Buswiga
Idinda
Namunkanaga 1
Namunkanaga 2



PROGRESSED

Budhebera
Bulwooza
Buwasa
Buyubu
Bwanalire
Nsinze
Wampagale



ONBOARDED

Busimba
Nasuti South



HIV/AIDS

IN EARLY 2022, COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT WERE LIFTED, ALLOWING UVP TO SAFELY CONTINUE OUR HIV/AIDS PROGRAMMING.

WITH FUNDING FROM VIIV HEALTH CARE, WE PROVIDED 951 HIV TESTS, AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION FOR 2,845 PEOPLE.

951

HIV tests



During the pandemic, we found that smaller-scale community gatherings proved to be as effective as large-scale events of the past. There remains a strong willingness from community members to attend outreach events, educate themselves, and learn their HIV status.

In 2022, UVP held **12** community events to share relevant HIV/AIDS knowledge and awareness, prevent transmission and refer positive cases for treatment and counseling.

IVAN

UVP partnered with Busembatya Health Centre to host an integrated HIV, malaria, and STI outreach event at a local mosque. For many individuals that UVP meets, participation at one of our outreach events marks the first time they have ever been tested for HIV. It was here that we met Ivan.

Ivan recalled hearing many radio messages explaining the HIV epidemic and offering guidance on how to get tested, yet he never found himself taking action. Fear, pride, anxiety — these are common feelings for those that have never tested. To Ivan, finding out he may be HIV+ was like issuing a death sentence.

It wasn't until Ivan met UVP interns that he started to take a keen interest. He started regularly attending sensitization sessions led by the intern teams, asking for clarification when he didn't fully understand the information being presented.

During our integrated program at the local mosque, Ivan nervously took his first HIV test. Fortunately, the result was negative. From that moment, Ivan pledged to live a “responsible life” — determined to avoid another “narrow escape,” as he called it.

Testing was a major milestone for Ivan, and a major shift in his view on how he can personally play a role in ending the epidemic.

ON A PATH TO END THE AIDS EPIDEMIC BY 2030, UNAIDS URGES CONTINUED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH HIGH-IMPACT HIV PREVENTION AND TREATMENT SERVICES.

UVP continues to work on increasing knowledge of HIV status through targeted outreach, testing and counselling, including “Moonlight” events that accommodate those who work during the day (often men).



WASH (WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE)

Under UVP's Healthy Villages initiative, hygiene and sanitation programs supplement innovative and comprehensive water chain interventions to ensure safe water is available for our communities.

As a core tenet of our programs, the WASH program involves hands-on learning that secures a trusted bond with community members and builds a strong foundation for improving long-term health. In 2022, we reached **430** community members with important water chain education.



Latrine



Trash Pit



Tippy Tap

A TRASH PIT IS A DEDICATED SPACE FOR WASTE. UVP HELPED CONSTRUCT 42 OF THEM IN 2022.

EDINANSI and her husband live in a two-room house with their five young children -- vulnerable to water-borne illnesses. While Edinansi's husband was initially hesitant to construct a standard pit latrine and plate stand at their home, after attending UVP's WASH sensitization event, he learned that using the family's scarce resources could be effective in preventing devastating health issues and saving costs in the long run.

Selling bricks to finance the renovation, Edinansi's husband renovated the latrine and made a plate stand. He used more bricks to construct a permanent wall on the latrine for extra privacy. UVP's WASH sensitizations supported Edinansi and her husband to adopt new skills to protect the health of their family. Their children used to fall sick one after another, but now their medical bills are lower.

Together, through the joint efforts of UVP, Village Health Teams (VHTs), and families themselves, we continue to create broad changes in our communities and support countless other families.

UVP EQUIPPED FAMILIES TO CONSTRUCT 37 LATRINES AND 250 TIPPY TAPS – INCREASING ACCESS TO SANITATION FACILITIES AND SUPPORTING GOOD HYGIENE PRACTICES.



MALARIA

RECHEAL from Buswiga Village has first hand experience of the devastating effects of malaria. Her three children have always suffered from bouts of malaria, and she lost her youngest to the disease when he was one.

Everyone in Recheal's family currently sleeps under a long-lasting insecticide-treated mosquito net (ITN) -- the most effective treatment for malaria -- though this wasn't always the case. Recheal said that she used to dislike them: *"I would feel very uncomfortable at night. A mosquito net would make me feel like I am suffocating. It was very hot, and I would have bad dreams."*

One of the obstacles to reducing malaria cases in Uganda is myths and misconceptions about mosquito net usage and a general lack of knowledge about their essential role in malaria prevention. A vital aspect of UVP's work to reduce malaria infections is sensitization -- an education method with the aim of educating communities about malaria and its transmission, symptoms, treatment, and prevention.

Recheal purchased two subsidized nets after attending a UVP sensitization event and learning about the importance and effectiveness of consistent mosquito net usage. After using the nets every night, she noticed that her children, who used to fall sick, were no longer missing school due to illness and were able to go a whole term without contracting malaria.

IN 2022, UVP HOSTED 15 COMMUNITY EDUCATION EVENTS, WHERE WE TREATED INDIVIDUALS FOR MALARIA AND REACHED COMMUNITIES WITH CRITICAL EDUCATION TO PREVENT MALARIA TRANSMISSION.



Supporting a community member at her home



4,754

individuals
received malaria
education

2,552

people
treated for
malaria

UVP PROVIDES MALARIA TESTING AND TREATMENT, AND HOUSE-TO-HOUSE "SENSITIZATIONS" WHERE OUR TEAM CHECKS FOR PROPER BED NET USAGE, STANDING WATER NEAR THE HOME (WHERE MOSQUITOS THRIVE), AND ON-THE-SPOT MYTH-BUSTING EDUCATION SERVICES.

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



OUR ACTIVITIES ARE DESIGNED WITH LONG-STANDING CULTURAL TRADITIONS IN MIND. WE PROVIDE EDUCATION AND RESOURCES THAT MEET AN INDIVIDUAL'S NEEDS TO ATTAIN OPTIMAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH.

In addition to community-wide adult reproductive health services, UVP received a grant from the Anna Lalor Burdick Program of The Lalor Foundation to launch a Youth Champions initiative. Our aim was to better reach and engage youth in Iganga District.

Building upon previously proven programming that involved sports activities as a means of engaging youth, we appointed and trained champions from 9 villages, serving as peer role models and advocates.

Iganga District has a high unmet need for contraceptives, and unmarried adolescents are more likely to have an unmet need for contraceptives compared to their married counterparts. Our pilot aimed to increase general reproductive health knowledge, reduce misconceptions



and myths about family planning, increase family planning uptake, and ultimately reduce unplanned and unwanted pregnancies.

UVP hosted 54 youth-oriented events, supporting 2299 youths with reproductive health education and 446 girls with a contraception they desired.

With gracious funding from Bushrod H. Campbell and Adah F. Hall Charity Fund at the end of the year, we began planning an expansion of our youth program.

In 2023, we will partner with 10 schools, providing in-school education sessions and out-of-school events including sports activities and workshops teaching girls to fabricate hand-sewn, reusable sanitary pads to better support their menstrual needs.

NURSE NALUKWAGO

Nurse Nalukwago works at Idinda Health Centre II, located in Busembatya. This health center plays a central role in the effort to strengthen the health system.

Nalukwago supports clients referred to her by UVP. For family planning, malaria or HIV needs, she's one short phone call away and always ready to serve the community.

UVP partners with nurses at health centres to ensure that women have children **by choice, not by chance**. We work together to conduct education sessions on family planning, contraception, and birth spacing to increase access to reproductive health resources and encourage uptake of healthy practices.

According to Nurse Nalukwago, family planning uptake has increased and birth rates are falling due to free services provided at health centres like hers.



OBSTETRIC FISTULA



114
fistula
surgeries
supported

26,238
individuals
received fistula
education



OBSTETRIC FISTULA IS A DEVASTATING CHILDBIRTH INJURY FOR WHICH SURGERY IS THE ONLY CURE. WOMEN ARE LEFT INCONTINENT, OFTEN SHUNNED BY THEIR COMMUNITIES. UVP PROVIDES NO-COST SURGERIES AND POST-OPERATIVE CARE.

SCOVIA married the love of her life in her teens, and became pregnant with a baby boy soon after. But her labor was plagued with complications; after three long days laboring, Scovia fell into a coma.

Too far from the nearest health facility, her husband decided to pull the baby out himself. Scovia survived, though her son was stillborn. Five days later, she noticed she was leaking. At first, Scovia thought it was water, and a normal postpartum experience. She had never heard of an obstetric fistula.

Two decades later, Scovia is well acquainted with fistulas.

“THE PROBLEM THAT KEEPS YOU IN ONE PLACE, STOPS YOU FROM DOING ANY JOB, THAT MAKES YOU STINK ALL THE TIME, IS A FISTULA: THE WORST PROBLEM.”



Scovia is one of **114** women that received fistula repair surgery and **29** women who attended our long-term recovery care—without paying a cent—in 2022. Support for women like Scovia is made possible by the hard work of UVP’s Fistula Ambassadors, our clinical and surgical partners at **UGANDA CHILDBIRTH INJURY FUND** and **KAMULI MISSION HOSPITAL**, and with generous support from **FISTULA FOUNDATION**.

INTERNSHIP



EIGHT INTERNS AND **TWO** COORDINATORS JOINED UVP FROM **JUNE-AUGUST 2022.**

During the program, interns lived side-by-side with community members, working in collaboration with local villages and our partners to advocate for community health and development.

They helped build sustainable and culturally-appropriate public health programs, and they engaged in cross-cultural learning with their communities and fellow interns.

INTERNS HELPED LAUNCH OUR BRAND NEW DIGITAL DATA COLLECTION TOOLS, MODERNIZING OUR MONITORING AND EVALUATION PROTOCOLS AND ELIMINATING THE NEED FOR PAPER-BASED REPORTING.

Our impact survey is the main data collection tool that we use to measure the impact our programs have on changing community knowledge, beliefs, and behaviors. Interns diligently translated the survey from English to Lusoga.

It's crucial that we deliver the survey in the local language to ensure community members understand the questions being asked to them.



Nasuti South interns leading a family planning session, discussing birth spacing, access to and use of contraception, safe pregnancies, and more.



Interns translating the impact survey from English to Lusoga.

INTERNSHIP BRINGS TOGETHER UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD STUDYING PUBLIC HEALTH, MEDICINE AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.



FINANCIALS

BALANCE SHEET (USD)

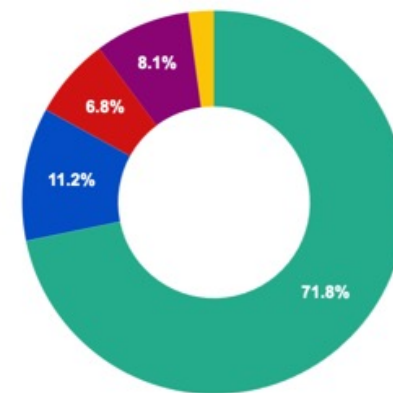
	Dec 31, 2022	Dec 31, 2021
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings	37,483	41,572
Accounts Receivable	5,686	0
Prepaid Expenses	2,061	1,398
Undeposited Checks	213	100
Total Current Assets	45,444	43,071
Fixed Assets		
Accumulated Depreciation - Vehicles	(338)	0
Original Cost	8,100	0
Total Fixed Assets	7,763	0
Total Assets	53,206	43,071
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	0	550
Accrued PPP Interest Payable	0	25
Internship Deposit	0	500
Payroll Liabilities	181	403
Total Current Liabilities	181	1,478
Long Term Liabilities		
PPP Loan	0	3,472
Total Long Term Liabilities	0	3,472
Total Liabilities	181	4,950
Equity		
Net Assets	38,121	36,707
Net Income	14,904	1,414
Total Equity	53,025	38,121
Total Liabilities & Equity	53,206	43,071



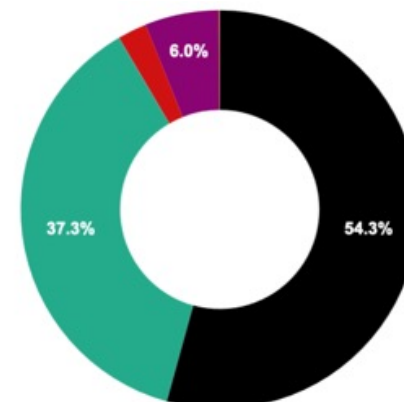
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (USD)

	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
INCOME				
Program Grants	0	69,910	69,910	38,416
Individual Giving				
One Time	57,604	1,740	59,344	44,817
Regular	9,057	1,480	10,537	9,564
Earned Income	12,500	0	12,500	27,928
Corporate	5,277	0	5,277	865
Foundations & Trusts	256	0	256	0
In-Kind	1,117	0	1,117	825
Other	4,601	0	4,601	3,535
Total	90,411	73,130	163,541	125,951
EXPENDITURE				
Admin	29,425	4,229	33,654	17,102
Fundraising	10,579	0	10,579	6,916
Programming	29,250	75,153	104,403	100,519
Total	69,254	79,383	148,636	124,536
Net	21,157	-6,252	14,904	1,414
Fund balance as of 01 Jan	21,493	16,178	38,121	36,707
Fund balance as of 31 Dec	43,100	9,926	53,025	38,121

EXPENSE BY PROGRAM AREA



INCOME BY PROGRAM AREA



TEAM



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