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**TO
ALL STAKEHOLDERS**

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Introduction

Following the declaration of the Coronavirus as a world pandemic by WHO on 11 February 2020, STAD peace building and education program were halted. Focus was shifted to awareness campaign under the theme **“COVID-19, COMMUNITY RESPONSE PROGRAM”** in Koboko, Uganda and Torit Eastern Equatoria, South Sudan. STAD developed a program response mechanism to educate and raise awareness, as a precaution to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 especially in rural and underprivileged communities. This was done through training to strengthen the technical capacity of STAD’s volunteers with knowledge on prevention of COVID-19 and other health related diseases, provision of sanitizers and non-food and food items to the most vulnerable people (refugees, elderly, the sick in hospitals, widows, child/dren headed families, pregnant women and people with disabilities (PWDs) during lockdown measures implementation in Uganda.

a) Support Trust for Africa Development–Uganda: received funding from Haëlla Foundation in the, radio talk shows etc. The program was jointly implemented by the following partners, Youth and Netherlands to conduct an awareness raising under the theme **“COVID-19, COMMUNITY RESPONSE PROGRAM”** In collaboration with District task Force and the Local council leaders in Koboko District, Support Trust for Africa development implemented fourteen (14) day community awareness program on COVID-19 from 27th March 2020 to 13th April 2020 in Koboko district. Major campaign was on COVID-19’s symptoms and prevention measures such as stay home, regular hand washing with soap, no hand shaking, social distancing etc. through mobile public address systems in major trading centers, roads, villages, market places, religious institutions Women community Development Organization (YWCDO), Koboko District Task Force and the Local Council leaders

Community Sensitization Awareness Campaign

STAD management and YWCDO conducted Community sensitization awareness campaigns on COVID-19 and prevention measures of COVID-19 using a mobile public address system playing messages on the preventive measures speakers in the entire district of Koboko. This was done through a vehicle drive that was donated by the Women Member of Parliament for Koboko District Hon. Margaret Baba Diri with technical support from the District Task Force and permission from the Resident District Commissioner (RDC) Koboko who is the presidential contact person and chairperson of the District Task force. The campaign was conducted from 27th/03/2020 to 13th/04/2020 and covered the sub counties of Media, Lobule, Dranya, Ludara, Abuku and Koboko Municipality.

Photo showing a vehicle used in spreading awareness messages to communities:



Training of STAD volunteer staff and YWCDO as COVID-19 prevention response team

Training of STAD & YWCDO staff and other volunteers in liquid soap making

A four-day training session on making liquid soap was held from 14th April 2020 to 17th April 2020. A trainer was hired to conduct the training program. The trainees include staff of STAD and YWCDO and other volunteers. A total of 9 women and 4 men were trained. During the training, the Program Manager –STAD in his speech guided the trainees that the training should be able to equip the trainees with skills for making liquid soap for use in future to earn a living and become self-reliant’.



Left volunteer response team in training: Middle Women Coordinator, YWCDO-Rose Leya & right LC1 village Chairman & COVID taskforce head Gbulanganga Village giving speeches



Staff and volunteers in the training sessions & raw liquid soap materials



Staff and volunteers in the training sessions & raw liquid soap materials

Pictures are worth a thousand words...



Meeting with Government Officials



Training on Making Liquid Soap



Look at the Enthusiasm



More Soap



Preparing the Jerry Cans



Pasting the STAD labels



Task Force with the Liquid Soap as Sanitizer

Training of women in making packing bags and Aprons.

With the help of YWCDO sewing machines, women were trained on how to cut and sew the bags and Aprons. 50- and 20-meters Cotton materials were purchased and used for making bags & Aprons respectively. A total of 5 women were trained from 18th -19th April 2020 at YWCDO premises. A total of 70 packaging bags and 6 aprons for the response teams were made. The bags were used for packing the food items and were labeled with COVID-19 brand as a way of creating awareness on the pandemic whenever they use the bags for other purposes.



Women in training session for sewing the packing bags and aprons and products made

The team from STAD purchased a number of essential food items such as maize flour, beans, cooking oil, salt and silver fish (Ngeje) to cater for an estimated 70 households.



Coordinator YWCDO offloading the purchased items from the truck into YWCDO store

c) Distribution of food items to selected communities

The needy and most vulnerable people (Refugees, elderly, the sick in hospitals, widows, child headed families, pregnant women) were identified with the help of the local council leaders in 3 separate village of Pakayo, Ayimini and Bango in Midia sub county-Koboko District. The selected villages are within the area of operation mandated by the District authorities during STAD registration process. These food items were planned for 50 households with 8 people on average per household giving an approximate number of 400 people but due to the desperate situation and hunger within the community and the additional contribution from STAD, the number of households increased to 70 and a total of 560 people benefited. The distribution process went on well and was a success with only 3 absentees mainly the sick in hospitals whose food items were collected the next day by their attendants after verification by STAD community mobilizer with the help of the LC1's.

Refugees residing in the local communities' gladly receiving food relief from YWCDO women coordinator & STAD program Manager



The elderly, women, children and disabled receiving food items



The elderly above 70 years of age being supported by their grandchildren in carrying the food items

B) STAD South Sudan: has been operating in Eastern Equatoria State from 2016 to 2019 as civil society organization. The office supported day to day administration, management, liaison and coordination of the UNSCR 1325 Women Girls 4 Change Alliance. Since May 2020, a revised program strategy was adopted that focused on helping communities and local leadership build a just and lasting peace in South Sudan through all programming activities – from advocacy and provision of services in health, water and sanitation, food security, education and peace-building. STAD South Sudan is registered with the Government of South Sudan both in Torit, State RRC Registration # 066 and Juba National level, RRC registration #2901) and is in process of becoming a member of the NGO Forum in South Sudan.

STAD activities are organized into three country programs. STAD Uganda (Koboko) and South Sudan Program Offices (Torit and Juba) are responsible for networking and liaising with the beneficiaries and stakeholders and implementing the project activities, completing field-level reporting and submits to the STAD Netherlands (The Hague).

1. Status of recent and current activities (Status, action needed, partners, critical issues/ challenges)

These activities were planned to ensure the operationalization of STAD South Sudan at the national level. STAD believes in partnerships and collaboration with government bodies, donor organizations and local community through registration at national level and increase our funding opportunities. The main activities include:

Achievements made by South Sudan Country office

STAD activities during 2020 continued to achieve significant progress towards its mandated goals through interstate coordination of project activities.

The major accomplishment of the team's project development includes;

- Registration of STAD at National Level with SSRC
- Opening of Bank Accounts (Both Local and Foreign Currency Accounts)
- Registration with UN Portal
- Networking meetings with potential donors
- Attended to several Virtual Meetings on WPS Agenda, knowledge platform security & Rule of Law, connecting the Dots: Building a cohesive movement for equitable land rights in the IGAD Region.
- Attended a Focused Group Discussion on Risk Management and Localization organised by UNICEF.
- Formation of two women group that will be trained in financial records.
- Drafted and Reviewed the PSEA, Code of Conduct, Anti Fraud and Risk Management factors
- STAD conducted the awareness campaigns in more than 7 Municipalities, trained women in liquid soap making and supported over 70 households - total of 560 people with liquid soap and some food items such as maize flour, beans, cooking oil, small silver fish (Ngeje) etc. While in South Sudan the awareness raising campaign was conducted in 6 Bomas through door-to-door visits due to insecurity. About 765 people benefited directly and indirectly from the awareness on COVID-19 prevention. Some few Tip-Tap plastic buckets were installed for hand washing.