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# Annual Report 2015

#### Message from the Chief Executive Director and Board

The year 2015 has been a year of collaborative engagements for WAF volunteers in UK (Morrisen Mamuts) and USA (Elizabeth Burleigh) and Italian Maria Pilati and Wolfgang Enderle and people at all levels in Uganda, Kenya and Local government of Arua. From grass root actions in the district to the catalytic role in promoting sustainable livelihood development, Vocational Training WASH and environmental conservation in Arua district and West Nile region at large.

This year, WAF has consolidated its approach of engaging communities in Arua district and facilitating change and sustainable livelihood solutions locally. In collaboration with the Rural Initiative for Community Empowerment West Nile (RICE-WN) RICE-WN and various partners, WAF is proposing to build a Regional Portal, which will become a hub for information sharing and guide decisions within and outside the West Nile region, covering our four priority themes:

1) Livelihood Support; 2) Environmental conservation and Global Change; 3) Advocacy on health and 4) Domestic Violence. In collaboration with the RICE-WN and NGOs Partners, WAF established the awareness on hepatitis B control and prevention in meeting UNICEF Uganda that has made UNICEF to do more assessment in Arua district and refugee settlement areas.

With local support from the Arua District local government, Resident District Commissioner and Community Development office Arua and in collaboration with a wide range of partners, WAF work in priority intervention through an integrated approach helped stakeholders to understand the status of voluntary awareness services.

Finally, by the time of this report, WAF has renewed its Board membership and registered new members. We take this opportunity to wish well WAF new Board Members, under the existing chairmanship of Draga Joy Carmello.

The Year 2015 has been a turning point for WAF in many ways, particularly where WAF

was Managing WAF's growth as we expand thematically and geographically offers some exciting challenges but also presents good opportunities.

During 2015, WAF strengthened its governance, with new Board members and renewed Management Committee under the existing Chairmanship of Draga Joy Carmello. With new membership

## The current Board constitute of the following:

Mr.Draga Joy Carmello Mr.Adiga Bernard Ngobi Mrs. Munduru Christine Mr.Odama Peter Mr. Adia Michael Mrs. Avako Jesca Mr.Philip Matua Chairperson Vice Chairperson Director Public Health Treasurer Member Secretary Program Director

WAF continued to build enabling conditions in the region during the year 2015, through capacity building information sharing and networking to better address its core programme priority areas: Livelihood support, ICT training for Youth/disabled people, WASH programs, Climate Change, Governance and Threat mitigation, WASH and Hepatitis awareness program, and HIV/AIDS campaign. WAF is involved locally through its field presence but also nationally and regionally, through its engagement with various stakeholders, local governments and regional intergovernmental institutions such as East African Community and World Vision, Uganda and UNICEF Uganda. WAF has also engaged very good relationships and partnership with other organizations such as RICE-West Nile and COMBRID in West Nile region.

WAF's Regional Information System is pioneering the cooperation with other partners in the region, thanks to good partnership with leading organisations in the area of charity works, and especially the signed partnership cooperation from Anike Foundation Inc. USA in education sector.

The WAF Regional NGO Network has revamped itself through the establishment of a Regional NGO Committee and through identification of priorities, focusing on livelihood, environmental conservation, health awareness and capacity building.

Finally, WAF is proud to welcome four new Board members who have joined WAF towards the end of 2015

#### Message from the Chairman and the Executive Secretary

It is often difficult to know what has been achieved until one takes time to look back.

The year 2015 was such a time for WAF. WAF had the opportunity to celebrate and review what we have achieved since 2011 initiation of WAF.

The list is very long, but we can just highlight a few here:

- WAF initiated the strategic action plan for hepatitis 2015-2020
- WAF signed partnership agreement with Anike Foundation for educational donation of grants and materials.
- Partnership with FENU Uganda

In collaboration with its various partners, governments, NGOs, research institutions and the private sector, WAF is growing as true Network for the East Africa and this is supported by our valuable partners, Friends of World Action Fund. It gives us a great opportunity to thank you all.

## Message from the Chief Executive Director and the Board

Despite a disappointing outcome of the funding, WAF has made steady progress on a number of its activities, implemented through two main projects: one on Livelihood support, Information Communication and Technology Training for youth and CBO/NGO Capacity Building Program for Conservation, livelihood support and Sustainable Development and with Sky Kids Kampala, made a good progress for young girls and boys in sanitary provision to girls in Kajansi, Kampala suburb and provided football skills to the boys and counseling programs to the children and families who have no support.

We would like to give special thank to our external auditor ASA Associates, Arua Uganda for reviewing and assessing the performance of our books of accounts and general organization's performance for the year 2015. The audit and financial report shall be signed by the Chairman and Treasurer; copies shall be given to NGO Board for permit renewal and other stake holders.

I thank WAF volunteers; to carry out the charity works without pay and more appreciation goes to the district and other stake holders, in supporting us to perform our activities, WAF will engage in more local and foreign experts in project management and resource mobilization by 2016.

**Office:** We have a new coordination office in Kampala to coordinate activities in Uganda

# **Donations/Partnership:**

We received donations for the following partners:

- Vitamin Angles USA: Vitamin A micronutrients for children
- Tools With A Mission UK: Vocational Tools and Equipment for training
- UNICEF Uganda: We supported the vaccination campaign

Best wishes

Chairman

Draga Joy Carmello