



Annual Report 2020

Mission: To engage in long term development work, build resilience, respond to emergency conditions, and pursue to address the root causes of poverty through development networks, education and advocacy work

Introduction: World Action Fund (WAF) is an indigenous charity NGO operating in Arua, Yumbe, Maracha districts in West Nile sub region and coordinating office Kampala that is committed to finding sustainable solutions to poverty and emergencies.

Projects in 2020

- a) Provision of prosthetic hands
- b) Training on wheelchair management

a) Provision of prosthetic hands

World Action Fund started supporting people with prosthetic hands, in February 2020 with support from Team Benefit Germany. 400 hands were shipped and over 1,000 were screened in the districts of Arua, Terego, Koboko, Maracha.

Many people were discovered with multiple disabilities in these districts, most of them are in need of various devices that are lacking.

We have taken the initiative with our 5 volunteers to conduct in every sub-counties assessment to find these beneficiaries. Few were discovered that need prosthetics.

We urge more partners to come and support in multiple disability cases in West Nile sub-region.

The exercise was interrupted by COVID-19 pandemic, we started assessing and fitting in February 2020 and paused in March 2020, the government of Uganda put lock down, until June, 2020 when we resumed work.

A staff of WAF helping a beneficiary and testing writing with a pen the fitted hand

Children: Many of the children assessed need correction and their parents lack funds for surgeries.

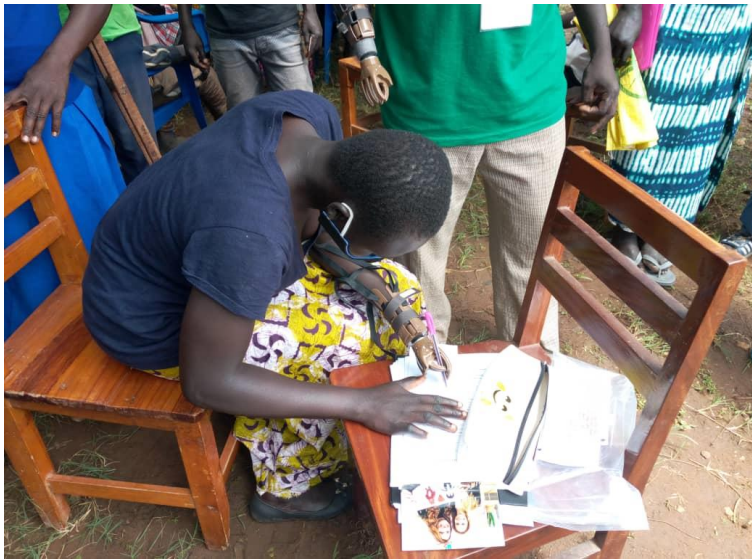


Could get corrected through surgeries, these children are seen growing until this becomes impossible to correct



Adults:

Adults too have multiple disabilities in the areas we assessed; the number of children and adults assessed was equally proportional.



One of staff, whose arm was also amputated, has fitted a hand for a beneficiary and the left another staff helping to fit another hand.



To make our work easier, we work with the district lowest administrative units



Administration Police at Sub-county

WAF staff addressing beneficiaries

Distribution of wheelchairs in Arua, Koboko and Nebbi

The beneficiaries in these districts were provided with appliances for free, with a team from donor who helped in distribution of these appliances with our staff





Team of volunteers and donor partner from Walkabout Foundation UK and Germany on ground helping to assess and fit the beneficiaries.

The situation is strange in different parts of West Nile district.

In Nyaravur town council, Nebbi district, a child has been confined by the parents to sit and bend on a tree trunk initially, and due to our assessment we discovered this child needs an urgent support, that's a wheelchair to avoid more deformities. Through our partner Help Disable Children Excel, we provided over 130 disability appliances.



The boy is now finally here and though not happy in picture, he was later on consoled and laughed it out

A disabled staff from our local partner in Nebbi, helping to assess beneficiaries in Nyaravur trading centre, where 80 beneficiaries of appliances received.



A disabled staff from Help Children Excel helping in an assessment and call out during provision of appliances in Nyaravur

The Resident District Commissioner welcomed our team and thanked us for the wonderful work and progress undertaken so far, as many local governments in West Nile have no budgets to buy many of the appliances to support the PWDs.



A team training the beneficiary on use of wheelchair and set of assembled wheelchairs



b) Training

The team from WAF and Hope Health Action undertook the 2nd training sponsored by Walkabout Foundation UK, on wheelchair management on intermediate for Pediatric. The training took 7 days with trainers from CoRSU rehabilitation centre and Mulago orthopedics departments.

The training is first of its kind in the region for organizations dealing with disabled, as most NGOs never trained their staff on appliance management for disabled.



Trainees undergoing training at Ediofe Youth Centre-Arua



Assembling wheelchairs

Certification

The workshop finally ended with awarding of certificates to the trainees in the last day of the training



Trainees and trainers

Funds received

It has been a difficult year 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic; nearly no activity was done, due to the restrictive environment.

Walkabout Foundation-UK

- *Cash grant UGX 9,193,502.00*
- *In kind USD 40,596.49*
- *KES 1,575,000*

Team Benefit-Germany

- *Cash grant \$10,000*

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