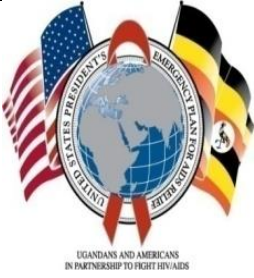


# WOSO ANNUAL REPORT 2018



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I am very happy to welcome you to share with us this annual report.

This report is one of the mean where WOSO can share ideas, successes and experiences at all levels in the fights against HIV/AIDS and its related burden

**S**trengthening Community Integrated HIV/AIDS Services Delivery Project (**SCIHA**) is being implemented by WOSO for 1 year (2017/2018) in Patongo government prison in Agago district, Northern Uganda with funding from PEPFAR-Uganda.

### WOSO-SCIHA Project objectives;

- To increase access and utilization of HIV prevention services among inmates in Patongo prison
- To increase access and utilization of HIV/AIDS care, treatment and support services to inmates in Patongo prison
- To establish effective referrals, linkages and partnerships for comprehensive HIV/AIDS care and treatment services among inmates
- To promote economic empowerment to increase income levels of inmates for improved quality of life upon released from prison.

**A**ctivity in HIV Prevention services includes; awareness creation, HIV counseling and testing(HCT),Risk reduction counseling.

**A**ctivity in HIV/AIDS care and treatment includes: Referral for HIV Care services like, Home based care, ART services, linkages and referral, psychosocial.

**A**ctivity in economic empowerment in includes:- vocational skills training (tailoring and garment cutting, carpentry and Joinery, Bid and baskets making), nutrition support( Kitchen gardening)

**A**ll activity implemented in collaboration with Patongo health centre III, ART clinic.

**WOSO-SCIHA** Project employed holistic and sustainable approaches to increase access and utilization of HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment and support services among inmates. In Patongo prison

**S**ome of the approaches includes; HCT-4 Tent Model out-reaches, Formation of ART Mentor clubs Post-Test Mentor Club, train and support referral specialist who link inmate to health facility, working with VHT to support referral, follow-up, counseling

Some of the project remarkable achievements:-

**P**artnership where WOSO-SCIHA Project enjoys collaboration with Agago district leaderships, Patongo health centre, Prison authority to improve HIV/AIDS services delivery in the prison

**T**he ART Mentor Club (Club of HIV+ inmates) has enabled us mentor ART adherence where HIV+ inmates counseled on ART adherence, mobilized and sensitized on ART services,

**T**he Post-Test Mentor Club (Club of HIV- inmates) has enable us mentor inmates on HCT, HIV prevention services, Risk reduction, awareness creation through drama and dialogue

**R**eferral specialist enable us referred and linked inmates for HIV care and it related services at the health facility, created sustainable link between prison-health centre for HIV services

**T**hrough empowering, engaging and working with ART Mentor Club, Post-Test Mentor Club, Referral specialist, VHT, Health centre, Partners approaches, WOSO-SCIHA project continues to address and mitigate HIV/AIDS Scourge among Key Population in the prison where services are most needed beyond PEPFAR funds.

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and share  
with us  
SCIHA 1  
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successes*

*feb to Jul 17*

## SCIPHA Project teams'



**Ms. Adanga Babra- Finance Manger**



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Project Coordinator**

## Project Success story and best practices.

### HIV/AIDS Prevention services.

525 Inmates (452 Males and 72 Females) sensitized on HIV prevention services including basic facts about HIV/AIDS and myths, negative attitude and peer influence, alcoholism, correct and consistence used of condom, Safe male circumcision-SMC, PMTC, HCT benefits.

As a results of the sensitization 496 inmates( 427 female , 69 females ) tested for HIV and 15 identified HIV+ results (11 Males and 04 females) where linked and accessed ART services from Patongo health centre III, 10 inmates supported and accessed Safe Males Medical Circumcision (SMMC) services at Patongo Health centre III

32 HIV+ males inmates provided couples HCT at home with partners upon the released from the prison to prevent HIV transmission among couples and 2 females partners tested from home upon released of their husband found HIV+ results and they were counseled and linked to nearby health centre for ART services

98 inmates( 64 males and 32 Females) provided risk reduction counseling services to enable them maintain their HIV negative status,

WOSO uses one on one and groups dialogue meetings as one among other approaches to educate inmates on HIV prevention, the approach is youths friendly, since it is conducted at youths friendly

environment where they interact freely and openly, some of the key questions raised during dialogues are:-

1. How long will the HIV signs and symptoms be seen out when a person gets HIV?
2. One condom can be used for more than two rounds when having sex?
3. If one gets HIV infection today and tests tomorrow will the result be HIV+ already?

Members deeply understood about HIV.

### **HIV/AIDS care, treatment and support services.**

Inmates who are HIV + enrolled, supported and linked to Patongo health centre III and they accessed comprehensive HIV/AIDS care and treatment services including Opportunistic infections(OIs), CTX, TB, STI/STDs, ART services.



Nutrition garden comprises of varieties of the verges including Tomatoes, Green papers, Egg plant, vegetables, onion etc which has improved the nutrition of the HIV positive inmates and OVC in the prison. HIV+ inmates

provided ART awareness creation, stigma, discrimination, complacency and gender issues, ART adherence and risk reduction counseling services, ART adherence counseling and risk-reduction counseling support

37 HIV+ inmates ( 28 Males and 9 Female) provided home based care services including psychosocial support, guidance and counseling, follow-up of ARV treatment adherence protocol etc., 5 HIV+ inmates identified and trained as ART adherence counselors and referral specialists who strengthened ART adherence, referral network and advocacy for HIV+ inmates rights and HIV/AIDS services delivery in Patongo Government prison



### **Coordination and partnerships meeting to strengthen HIV/AIDS services delivery in Patongo prison.**

The project created very good working relationship/partnership with Patongo health center III in provision of HIV/AIDS services to the inmates in the prison, Patongo town council authority, NGOs partners, Prison authority and Agago district Local government, these made project implementation successfully.

**Vocational skills training for inmates to improved their economic upon resleased from prsion .**

**Beads making skills training.**

20 inmates provided 6 months skills training on beads making;- These are the products of the beads which comprises of the verities of deigns including recklessness, bangles, hand bags etc, it is very exciting and very beautiful with high demand from the markets, the skills inmates gained from these hand craft making will help them start their own at home upon released from the prison to generate them income to support their families. The materials are locally available.



**Baskets making skills training.**



20 inmates provided 6 months skills training on baskets making, samples of Hand baskets made which is good for shopping in the markets, it is very nice and it was a product from peparious grass, pills of difference colures. Materials are locally available upon released inmates will continue making it at home to improve their households incomes levels.

**Samples of the baskets made**

**Carpentry and Joinery skills training.**



15 Inmates were trained 6 months with the skills and knowledge in carpentry and joinery, the specific skills provided are make Chairs Tables, Beads, Shoes rakes, Chairs, stool etc. they testified that the skills the gained upon released from prison, they will put it in practice and start generating money to meet their families basic needs

**Sample products. Workshop:-**

## Tailoring and Gamente cutting skills training.

### Tailoring workshop: -

15 inmates undergone 6 months skills training on tailoring and gament cutting, they were trained with the skills and knowlages in making males , females and children dressese of difference fashions., The skills these inmates gained will help them upon released from prion to start up their own tailoring workshop at their respective village and make money for their income to meet their family basic needs and improve their quality of life and they live a productive life in their community(**ROCO KWO**), *These trained inmates promised that the skills they gained after when they are released from prion they will create their own job and generate income to earn them and their families a living.*



Samples product of the dresses

## Challenges encountered during project implementation and mitigation measured put forwards

Challenges	Mitigation measured
Taking photos of inmates not allowed	Donor was made aware of the conditions and restriction from the workplace which does not allow taking photos and the donor understood.
Time for activities and scheduled restricted to allow inmates do the prison work since is a prison farm	Flexibility and adjusting activities times and scheduled to meet the conditions in the prison.
High expectation from project beneficiaries inmates ;- that the project will solved all their problems	Beneficiaries were made to be aware of the project scope and the areas of services
Inadequate HIV test kits in Patongo health centre III	Lobby with the Agago district local government for increased HIV test kits in Patongo health centre III, Sourced for the HIV test kits from nearby health centre and supported the HCT activities.
Poor ART adherence by the HIV+ inmates due to poor balance diet food, stress and trauma as a result of being in the prison,	Established active ART adherence mentors club (Club of HIV+ inmates) for support counseling, social support, ART adherence and treatment follow-up. nutrition garden initiated to support dietary of the HIV+ inmates and the OVC in the prison, Hence it has improved ART services among inmates and OVC in the prison

## FINAL REPORT AWARD SPECIFICS(Summary overall achievements)

**Overall goal of this project:-** To increase access and utilization of HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment services among inmates in Patongo government prison and improve quality of their life

No	Project Activities implemented descriptions	Activities Frequent, Hours, Duration	Project Annual targets	Project annual Achievements/ accomplishments	Variance of accomplish ments	(%) accomplish ments scores	Factors that contributed to project achievements	Challenges faced during implementation	Mitigation measures put forward to overcome mentioned challenges
<b>Objective 1: To increase access and utilization of HIV prevention services among inmates in Patongo prison</b>									
1	Conduct a 6-hour project orientation with fifteen (15) project team members	6-hours	15	15	0	100 %	Team work spirit among project team		
2	Conduct eleven (11) outreaches in the prison to educate four hundred eighty four (484) prisoners on HIV/AIDS prevention services	11 outreaches	484	525	+ 41	108,5 %	Active established post test and ART adherence clubs	Transfer of members of the club to other prison	Flexibility, recruiting and orienting new coming members into the club
3	Provide HIV/AIDS counseling and testing services to four hundred eighty four (484) prisoners including enrollment into care and treatment services as needed.	4 outreaches	484	496	+ 12	102.5 %	Good working relationship between WOSO and Patongo health centre III	Inadequate HIV testing kits at Patongo health centre	Sourcing for HIV test kits from nearby health facilities
4	Provide HIV/AIDS counseling to thirty two (32) HIV positive prisoners and test family members upon release to prevent transmission		32	32		100 %	Good working relationship Patongo health centre III	Bad road affected the team during home HCT upon released	The team flexibility and perseverance

	among couples								
5	Provide HIV/AIDS risk reduction counseling to thirty two (32) HIV positive prisoners and their partners to maintain an HIV negative status		32	32	0	100 %	Active established post test clubs		
<b>Objective 2:- To increase access and utilization of HIV/AIDS care, treatment and support services to inmates in Patongo prison</b>									
6	Support one hundred two (102) HIV positive prisoners to receive care and treatment service at Patongo Health Center IV		102	126	+ 24	123.5 %	Active established ART Mentor clubs		
7	Provide ART adherence counseling to one hundred two (102) HIV positive prisoners.		102	129	+ 27	126.5 %	Active work of the trained counselors and referral specialist		
8	Provide risk reduction counseling to one hundred two (102) HIV positive prisoners		102	115	+ 17	112.7 %			
	Provide Home based care support to HIV+ inmates			113	0	100 %	Improved quality of life of HIV+ inmates accessed home based care		
9	Conduct ART services awareness creation	4 Video shows	No target	134	0	100 %			

	stigma, discrimination, complacency and gender issues among prisoners including four (4) video shows on HIV/AIDS to sensitize the prison		set						
10	Identify and train five (5) HIV positive prisoners as ART adherence counselors and referral specialists		5	5	0	100 %			
11	Provide nutritional support/prison kitchen gardening to increase and improve nutrition and quality of life in beneficiaries and families at the prison		No target set	128	0	100%			
<b>Objective 3:- To establish effective referrals, linkages and partnerships for comprehensive HIV/AIDS care and treatment services among inmates</b>									
12	Hold quarterly referral meetings to strengthen linkages and partnerships for improved HIV/AIDS services in Patongo Prison.		4	4	0	100%			
<b>Objective 4: To promote economic empowerment to increase income levels of inmates for improved quality of life upon released from prison.</b>									
13	Provide 6 months vocational skills training	6 Months	15	15	0	100%	Trainers activeness,		



	in the following areas: 15 inmates trained in tailoring, 15 inmates trained in carpentry and joinery 40 inmates trained in bead making to promote economic empowerment for better chance for reintegration upon released.	6 Months	15	15	0	100%	commitment and flexibility like working even on weekend		
		6 Months	40	40	0	100%			
14	Conduct quarterly project monitoring, evaluation and learning		4	4	0	100%	Team work spirit among project teams		
15	Hold quarterly project performance review meetings at district level to share project successes challenges and develop ways forward.		4	4	0	100%	Good working relationship between WOSO and stakeholders		
16	Conduct project inception meeting to share project documents, implementation plan and involvement of partners.		1	1	0	100%	Good working relationship between WOSO and stakeholders		
17	Provide project activity and financial reports to PEPFAR		4	4	0	100%	Timely fund released		