



Bi-Annual Report

August 2022 - January 2023



Denis Muwanguzi

Dear supporters,

As we navigate through the aftermath and dominal effect of Covid-19 in our communities, we would like to share with you what we have been up to in the past 6 months of our financial year from August 2022 to January 2023. From both our health centers being connected to the national electricity grid to our model farmers adopting regenerative agricultural practices to 16 youth families getting daily income opportunities through BIC, it's been exciting for the past couple of months. We hope you enjoy progress made, opportunities for change in how we work just as we have. Thank you for believing in the BIC team, our communities and resolve to create change for ourselves.

With gratitude,

Denis Muwanguzi
Director of Programs

W E L C O M E

Budondo Intercultural Center strives to increase access and utilisation of health services, household income and food security. We run two community health centers and we invest directly in individuals and families to build household resilience and generate income. Our long term goal is to see healthy and sustainable rural communities in Uganda.

Our work in Uganda

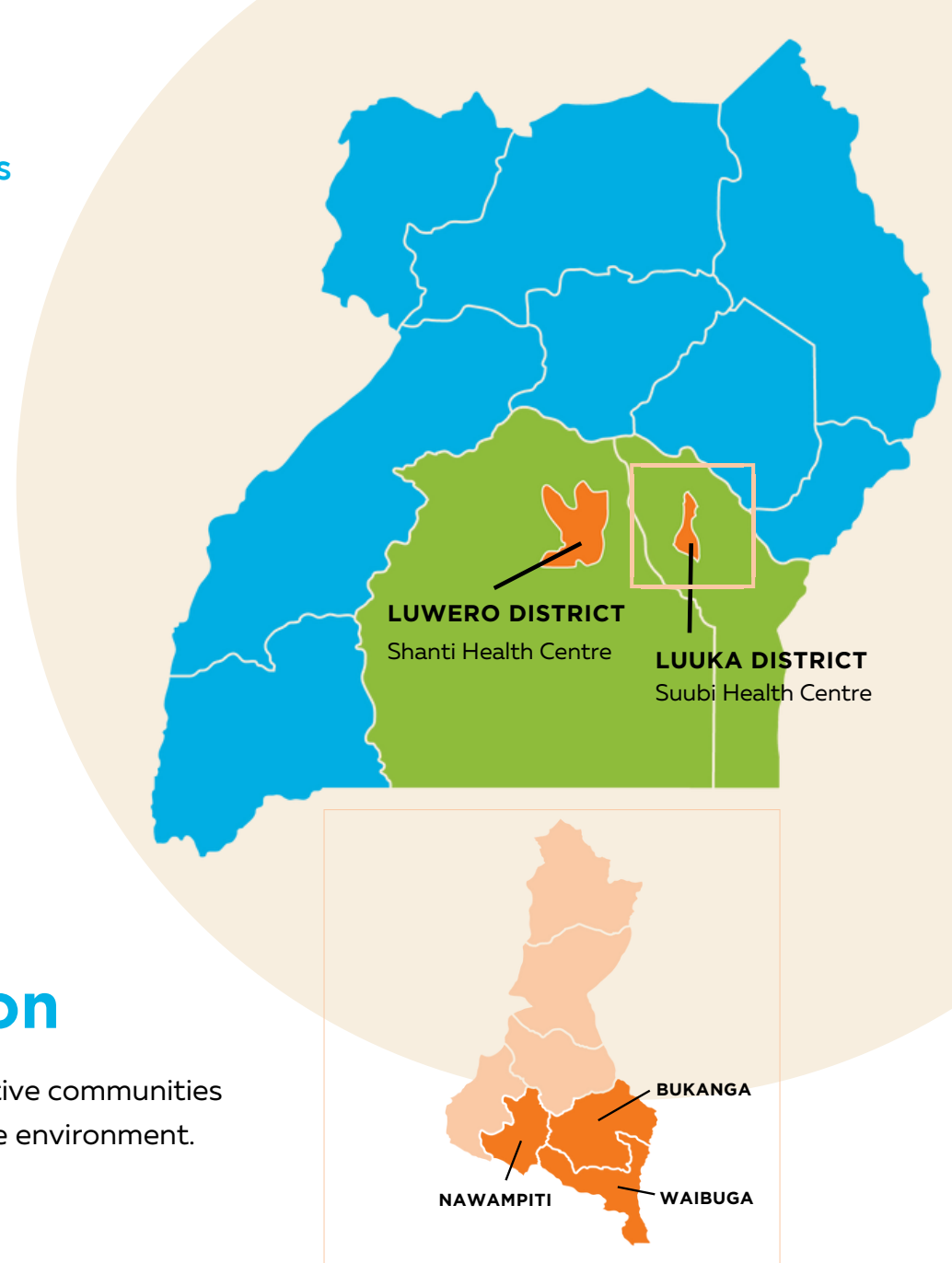
We are located and mostly work in Bukanga Subcounty (55 villages) located in Luuka District. We also work in Waibuga and Nawampiti subcounties of Luuka District as well as Luwero District.

Our Mission

To empower individuals and families to lead healthy and productive lives.

Our Vision

Healthy and productive communities living in a sustainable environment.





Budondo Intercultural Center

Maternal neonatal and child health care, immunization, laboratory, family planning, oxygen support, ultrasound scan, outpatient and inpatient, ambulance and community outreach services to over 58 villages in and around Luuka District, Eastern Uganda.

Health Centers

100% of BIC's operational costs covered by locally generated income

Sustainability Program (SusPlan)



Maternal neonatal and child health care, immunization, laboratory, family planning, outpatient and inpatient and community outreach services in Luwero District, Central Uganda.

Population, Health and Environment (PHE) Program

Empower individuals and families to sustain themselves and their environment

16



families joined the motorcycle loan scheme. On average, they generate a daily average income of \$128 half of which goes towards supporting the operations of Suubi and Shanti.

Suubi

1,201
outpatients

493
antenatal
care

2,054
immunizations

77
deliveries

140
postnatal
care

299
family
planning

Shanti

482
outpatients

620
antenatal
care

838
immunizations

134
deliveries

500
postnatal
care

67
family
planning

363



model households - homesteads with a kitchen garden, functional latrine, practice or share knowledge on regenerative agriculture and family planning



Organization Update

BIC activated its salary algorithm after over 12 months of building and reviewing. The main aim was to continue improving our pay equity and pay gap amongst our team. It is not just education level and experience that inform staff compensation but now includes other aspects such as years spent working within BIC and our communities, leadership roles, working hours among others. We have seen an increase in compensation for staff that do not necessarily have formal education but have very many years of experience working and building communities and social systems in the areas we work in.

New Programs & Systems

The BIC team has improved on the quality of antenatal care for pregnant women. The team is also digitalizing it's operations as highlighted below:

- Functionalized ultrasound scan services for pregnant women
- Internet broadband connection
- Initiated Quickbooks accounting software installation.
- Started revamping and rebuilding BIC website
- Consulting with ClinicMasters and CHT hospital/patient management softwares



Successes

- Opened the ultrasound scan service at Suubi
- Electricity wires and transformer were installed at Suubi
- Operationalized 3 large rooms for maternal ward with a patient bed capacity of 6 for the ward.
- Installed broadband internet connection at all our sites in Luuka and Luwero district.



Challenges

- Our pilot Maternal Health Initiative where mothers secured a card at \$2 and access all 8 antenatal care visits, delivery and 4 weeks postnatal care services was very successful. It created a very high demand for maternal services and for operational space, skyrocketed the operational cost than anticipated.
- The initiative also created a low health seeking behavior and unwillingness for pregnant women and other patients to pay for other services
- Hired a Communications Officer who, after 2 months, got another opportunity and left BIC.



Partnerships & Advocacy

BIC is grateful to the support from our partners PFE, SFF, Mama Hope, EARN, Glorious and The Woven Foundation.

Shout out to the national and local government and the rural electrification agency for its works on connecting both Suubi and Shanti to the national electricity grid.



Team Updates

We are happy to have a new team member, Bright Bigirwa, joining our team at Shanti in Luwero as a Medical Clinical Officer.

We are currently recruiting for a Communications Officer.

“Working with Suubi helped my income increase 67% annually on average since 2016.”

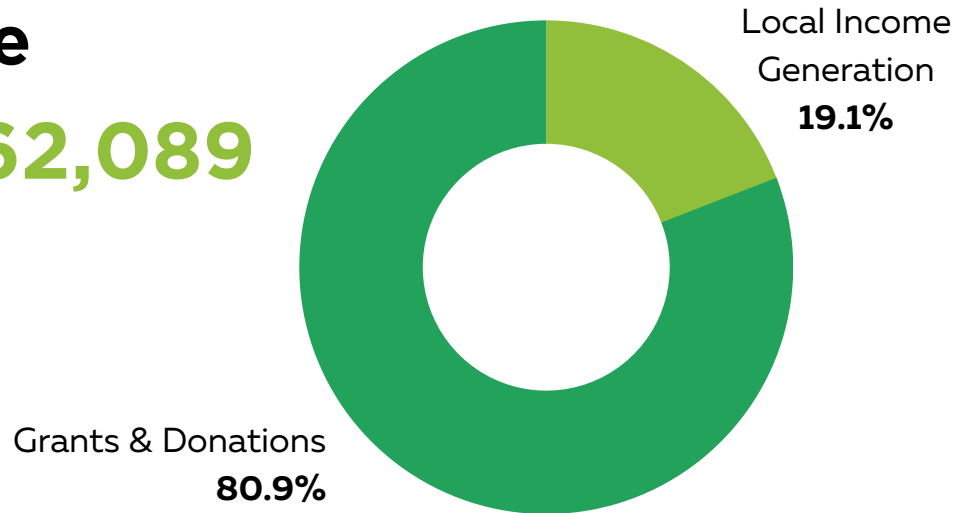
My husband and I have 3 children. Before Suubi, I used to teal people's land to earn about 50,000 UGX a month as the only income source. When I started working and earning with Suubi, I invested in building our family home by working on the walls, the floor and roofing. Currently, I support all the kids to go to a private school as well as all the household supplies and needs. I have also been called upon by the neighbors to help in various health related cases at their households, including supporting women to safely deliver at home.





Income

US\$162,089

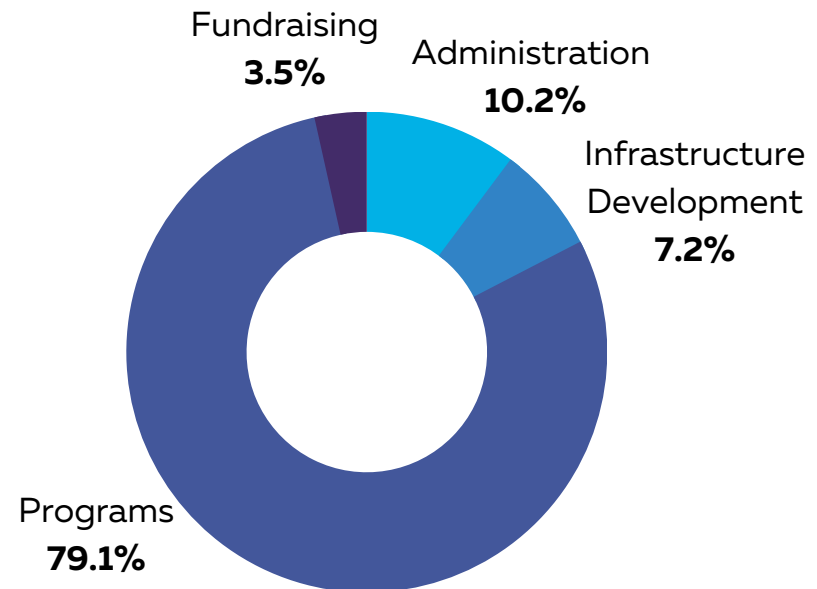


Expenditure

US\$132,130

Programs include:

- Suubi/Shanti Health Center Operations
- Population, Health and Environment
- Income Generating Project



Events & Conferences

BIC will participate in the following upcoming events:

- French Montana Documentary in New York in June 2023
- SFF annual meeting in Kigali in July 2023
- EARN Training in July in Mwanza, Tanzania
- Host the 8th Suubi birthday event in collaboration with Swedish Institute Alumni Network Uganda.



COMING UP



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