



Citizen Voice and Action (CV&A)

Empowering children and communities to
monitor social services & track SDGs



How World Vision enables communities track SDGs through local level advocacy

- CVA is a social accountability approach
- *Aims:*
 - To increase dialogue between citizens, local govt, service providers & other stakeholders to leave no one behind
 - To improve public services, child wellbeing and SDG implementation.
- 18,000 children & adults in 43 districts participate in implementing SDGs through local resource mobilization, budget advocacy and social audits.



How Evidence is Generated

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Enabling Citizen Engagement

Understand
Public Policy
& Documents

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Prepare Local
Materials
& Resources

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Citizen
Education
& Mobilisation

+

Build
Networks
& Coalitions

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Establish
Relationships
& Connections

Organisation
& Staff
Preparation

Government
& Citizens
Ready for
Community
Gathering

3

Improving Services & Influencing Policy

Advocate
& Influence

Doing
the
Action Plan

Monitoring
& Support

Building Networks
& Coalitions

Action
Plan

2

Engagement via Community Gathering

Initial
Meeting

Monitoring
Standards

Score
Cards

Interface
Meeting

SDG Successes through CVA

1 NO POVERTY



NO POVERTY - CVA teams influenced the formation of **over 7000 Village Saving Groups**, linking them to government wealth creation programmes. In Kiboga, Hoima, Buikwe, Kole, Tororo, they have monitored utilization of funds in these programmes

2 ZERO HUNGER



ZERO HUNGER - Communities have influenced budgeting for farm inputs and **recruitment of agricultural extension workers in 19 districts** e.g. Hoima, Tororo, Busia, Oyam, Agago, Kiboga, Soroti

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



GOOD HEALTH & WELLBEING - **23,436 children have been immunized**, communities have influenced allocation of resources for health services. e.g. In Oyam **UGX180 M** was allocated for a health facility upgrade, In Bugiri **UGX36M** to Nkaiza Health Centre II



SDG Successes through CVA

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QUALITY EDUCATION - CVA teams carried out social audits in schools. In the past year they have influenced an allocation of **UGX 235M in 8 districts for rehabilitation of schools.**

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GENDER EQUALITY - CVA teams have influenced ordinances and **bye-laws in 12 districts** including Soroti, Busia, Pader, Kibaale, Agago to end **violence against girls and young women.**

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CLIMATE ACTION - 25,050 households reached last year with energy saving technologies

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LIFE ON LAND - Communities have taken action to get ordinances and **bye-laws passed to reduce tree cutting and burning** for charcoal, bush burning and encroachment on wetlands in Pader, Gulu and Agago districts.



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Challenges

- Low uptake and utilization of Citizen Generated Data by authorities
- Limited ability by the citizens to gather and aggregate the data let alone articulate it to the policy makers
- Limited Local Government revenue which means some of the issues cant be addressed



Recommendations

- Use Citizen Generated Data (CGD) in Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) and then integrate into the Voluntary National Reviews
- UBOS and NPA should identify organizations dealing in CGD and help integrate it into official data for use in national planning





Thank You

**“Every Child
has a right to
participate”**