



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF PROMOTING "HEALTH FOR ALL AND BY ALL"



2017 Annual Report



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Vice President of Uganda at the Launch of UNACOH in 1987



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Foreword



Vice President, Dr. Rose Chalo Nabirye

It gives me great pleasure to present to all our stakeholders our Annual Report for the year ended 2017. This has been a remarkable year in the history of UNACOH as we made a flash back to 1987 when UNACOH was launched, under the motto, “Health for all and by all”, with a vision of a Healthy and economically productive Ugandan population.

Thirty (30) years down the road, a lot has happened in our pursuit of the above vision. UNACOH in collaboration with Ministry of Health and key players in the health sector has made

significant contribution to the healthcare service delivery in Uganda. In particular, our greatest contribution has been in area of generating and disseminating health information for policy and community interventions. This has been achieved through our flagship activities, involving Research and Annual Scientific Conferences (ASC). This year, UNACOH held the 26th ASC and the 16th Dr. Mathew Lukwiya Memorial Lecture. In addition, community intervention has been another key aspect of our work and continues to be.

As the world embraces the Sustainable Development Goals, we are prepared to play a big role in contributing to their achievement in Uganda and the world. Therefore in our Strategic Plan 2018-2022, the priority areas and strategic actions are aligned to the SDGs. Very important also, is our participation in the implementation of the WFPHA’s Global Public’s Health Charter.

I acknowledge the support from our local and international partners and all those that directly or indirectly supported our work this year.

Acknowledgement



By the Ag. Executive Director Dr. D.K. Sekimpi

The year 2017 marked 30 years of UNACOH'S existence. Fortunately it was a year full of activities contributing to better health for Uganda and the World.

UNACOH works at 5 planes. So for Plane 1, membership activities included recruitment of new members, engaging old and involving them in association activities and projects. Notably in September UNACOH celebrated the 30th anniversary at the Joint Annual Scientific Health (JASH) Conference and Dr Mathew Lukwiya Memorial Lecture. The Rt Hon Prime Minister, Dr Ruhakana Rugunda was the Guest of Honor. It is noteworthy that the Rt. Hon Dr Ruhakana Rugunda was the Minister of Health when UNACOH was launched in 1987. In 2017 the Membership Officer visited UNACOH branches in Mbale and Pallisa Districts to support membership activities in those districts.

The second plane is engaging the Health/Scientific Community. As alluded to the above, UNACOH in collaboration with MakSPH and WHO organized the Joint Annual Scientific Health (JASH) Conference, also associated with the Dr Mathew Lukwiya Memorial Lecture (DMLML). At least a hundred papers and five keynote addresses were presented, in addition to the

Dr Mathew Lukwiya Memorial Lecture, which was presented by Dr Christine Kirunga. New research findings, and new ideas were presented and discussed, by over 300 participants, from over 10 Universities and institutions of higher learning, hospitals, District Local Government, and NGOs. There were special sessions on Mercury Free Gold Mining, organized by UNACOH.

UNACOH members participated in many other scientific/health activities organized by Ministry of Health and other health organisations.

Plane 3 addresses engagement with Government and other decision makers. UNACOH worked closely with some district local governments, especially in Wakiso and Pallisa Districts, where the PHE Project was implemented, and Jinja and Masindi Districts where Alcohol Control Project was implemented. Additionally there were other activities in Wakiso District on Swisstrop Project and Mukono District where Latek Project was implemented.

Plane 4 was meant to mobilise communities for better health through these activities we worked on.

At National level, UNACOH worked closely with DGAL, MOH, Ministry of Gender, Labor and Social Development, and Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, NEMA, Uganda National Farmer's Federation, National Association of Professional Environmentalists (NAPE) Cardio/USAID PHS Programme. Areas covered were Pesticides Safety, Mercury Free Gold Mining, Alcohol Control and Public Private Partnership in Health, among others.

In Plane 5, the Sub- Regional level UNACOH participated in activities organized by ECSA-HC, EAPA and IOGT in East Africa. Regionally and internationally, UNACOH remained an active member of the Africa Federation of Public Health Associations and the World Federation of public Health Associations.

The UNACOH Secretariat under the guidance of UNACOH National Executive Committee (NEC) facilitated the operations/activities of the association. To UNACOH NEC, UNACOH Secretariat (Staff and Volunteers), UNACOH Members and all our distinguished stakeholders who contributed to making 2017 a successful year for UNACOH, we are most grateful.

1.0 Introduction

This year UNACOH marked 30 years of existence after a long journey since 1987 when the Association was launched. There are key milestones that have been achieved in pursuit of our mission, goal and objectives. This report focuses on the activities that took place in 2017. These include project activities of the PHE Uganda Project, Alcohol Control Project, Mercury Free Gold Mining Project, the Public Private Partnership for Health (PPPH) project and other non-project based activities like Secretariat work, developing a new Strategic Plan 2018-2022, and the Joint Annual scientific Health (JASH) Conference, among others.

2.0 Activities undertaken:

2.1 Brief about on-going projects

PHE Project

The Pesticide Use, Health and Environment Project, (PHE) funded by Dialogos-Denmark, entered into its 3 year-third phase, starting in the last quarter of

2017. This time, the project has scaled up from two districts to twenty districts in the different regions in Uganda. Particular emphasis in this phase is on creating new knowledge through research, creating more partnerships, community sensitizations and advocacy for safe pesticide use policies and practices. At the close of the year, the project team moved to different districts across the country, on a mission to reach out to the potential stakeholders and discuss the project in details.

Alcohol Control Project

With support from IOGT NTO Movement Sweden, the project got approval for the 5 year- third phase, running from 2017 to 2021. In the new phase, the project is continuing to operate in the same districts: Jinja and Masindi, but spreading to more sub-counties; from 5 to 9 sub-counties. In addition, more target groups have been added to the project and these include; the fisher folk, commercial motorcyclists, the youths and women. The Project will continue to advocate for, promote and facilitate community control By-laws, and district ordinances in this regard. During the year, the activities undertaken involved training of Village Health Teams, Alcohol sellers and brewers, sub-county councilors, individual groups among others.



Community dialogue on Alcohol control in Masindi District.

Public Private Partnership for Health (PPPH) Project

The main objective of the project was to strengthen the Ministry of Health PPPH Node to come up with strategies that optimize its collaboration with the private sector. The project was supported by USAID Private Health Sector Program. During year, various activities were carried out. Among these were, training of District Health Officers in PPPH, a Baseline study, a number of consultations were made in the developing tools.



UNACOH Team and Ministry of Health Technical Working Group reviewing the PPPH Project progress

Mercury Free Gold Mining Project-New Horizons

This is the second project supported by Dialogos –Denmark. The eighteen months' pilot project started in January, 2017 with the main objective being to improve the health and working environment of Small scale Gold Miners in selected districts in Uganda that includes Mubende, Namayingo, Busia, Buhwezu, Karamoja among others. The main activities carried out during the year were; installation of demonstration sites in Mubende and Namayingo, training of miners in gravity concentration method, formation of a national steering committee, held a meeting in Tanzania as part of creating regional alliance and networking, and had several local and national stakeholder meetings.



A team from Dialogos and Philippines meeting with the Uganda Project team, discussing the project

2.2 Membership and Management

Membership:

The Membership Database was updated to 380 members that availed their contact details this year. In addition, some members have participated and supported the on-going activities especially in districts where current projects are being implemented. For example, there is involvement of Pallisa District Branch members in PHE Uganda Project activities, the participation of Jinja and Masindi District Members in the Alcohol Control Project and participation in the Joint Annual Scientific Conference, held in September, 2017. However, the involvement of members in some of these activities is still very low, partly because the on-going projects are in few districts. A small number of members can facilitate themselves to participate in the annual scientific conferences.

General Assembly and National Executive Committee

On 14th December, 2017, UNACOH held its 15th Bi-annual Assembly at YMCA Building, Wandegaya. In attendance were members from different parts of the country, staff members, Interns and Volunteers. The meeting was chaired by the then Vice President, Dr. Rose Chalo Nabirye on behalf of the President Dr. Patrick Kadama, who was unable to attend. The meeting received reports from the Ag. Executive Director, Treasurer General and Committees. Key matters discussed involved the Draft Strategic Plan 2018-2022 and Membership development in the context of recruitment and retention. In fulfilment of the constitution, elections were conducted for the new office bearers of the National Executive Committee 2018/2019.

The National Executive Committee (NEC) registered regular monthly meetings throughout the year, it reviewed and offered guidance on projects implementation and Secretariat operations.

The substantive National Executive Committee (2016-2017) comprised of the following members:-

Dr. Kadama Patrick	President
Dr. Rose Nabirye chalo	Vice President
Dr. D.K. Sekimpi	Ag. Executive Director
Dr. Victoria Mukasa	Deputy Ag. Executive Director
Ms. Scholastica Okui	Treasurer General
Ms. Max Walusimbi	Vice Treasurer General
Dr. Regina Mbabazi	Chair/Scientific and Research Committee
Ms. Kaggwa Margaret	Chair/Editorial Committee
Ms. Odella Filder Monaca	Chair/Publicity Committee
Mr. Massy-Moses Kasule (RIP)	Chair/Finance Committee

The new executive committee (2018-2019) was to be sworn in, in the first quarter of 2018

Secretariat and staff



Some of the Participants at the 15th UNACOH Bi-annual General Assembly at YMCA Building, Kampala – 9th December, 2017

The Secretariat had increased number of staff (from 16 in 2016 to 20 in 2017) as a result of increased number of projects during the year, namely; the Mercury Free Gold Mining Project and the Public Private Partnership for Health (PPPH) Project.

The staff comprises of full-time and part-time supported by volunteers that undertake the day to-day running of the Secretariat and project activities.

Volunteers & Interns

We had three intern students and two graduate volunteers attached to the Secretariat. Some were attached to administration under accounts section and others to projects. This helped them to gain practical experience as they also added value to the organization.



Ms. Joyce Lunyoro (L), Mr. Mukasa Arthur and Ms. Juliet Nabwire (R) Intern Students at Secretariat

Staff Training and development:

UNACOH sponsored some staff members to upgrade their professional carriers and some were sponsored to attend training workshops to gain skills in various areas like Organizational Development (OD), Financial Management, Alcohol and Substance use disorders. In addition, we have had in-house trainings conducted by some Donor monitoring teams, focusing on general and

technical project areas, such as results based project report writing, writing of research reports and advocacy campaign.



Ms. Victoria Nabankema (R) with colleagues attending Organizational Capacity Building Training in Denmark in July, 2017

Strategic Plan:

UNACOH embarked on developing the new Strategic Plan 2018-2022. The Draft was discussed during the Retreat in July 2017 at Esella Country Hotel and a consultant was engaged to finalize it. The key priority areas include i) Building the capacity and sustainability of UNACOH ii) Contributing to strengthening of Health Systems and OHS Governance iii) Promoting the Health, Safety and Environment in Uganda's production sectors such as Agriculture.



UNACOH Members and staff at Retreat on 8th July, 2017 discussing the Draft Strategic Plan at Esella Country Hotel

2.3 Engagement with Scientific Community:

This year, UNACOH in collaboration with Makerere University College of Health Sciences, organized the 13th Joint Annual Scientific Conference. This was the 26th UNACOH Annual Scientific Conference, and the 16th WHO sponsored Dr. Mathew Lukwiya

Memorial Lecture which was delivered by Dr. Christine Kirungi Tashobya, a Health Systems Specialist. This year's theme was "**National and Global Health Care for all (Past, Present and Future)**" The three days conference was held from 27 – 29 September, 2017 at Hotel Africana, Kampala. On average, the conference was attended by 250 participants each day. The



Presentation of awards to best paper presenters by the Guest of Honour, Rt. Hon. Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda

guest of honour was the Hon. Prime Minister of Uganda, Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda.

In addition, UNACOH has worked closely with the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, the School of Public Health and its Institutional Review Board (IRB), and the Uganda National Council of Science and Technology (UNCST) in the approval of researches. For particular researches, the Directorate of Government Analytical Laboratory (DGAL) has been involved. A number of research findings have been published in internationally Peer Reviewed Journals, particularly for the PHE Uganda Project.

2.4 Policy and Advocacy:

Each on-going project has had issues to advocate for among the key stakeholders, particularly decision makers at various levels. Under the Alcohol Control Project, the area of advocacy has been the engagement of local leaders to formulate and approve alcohol control by-laws at the community level and district Ordinances at the District level. In the case of PHE Uganda Project, the stakeholder's engagement has been on having a functioning National Poisoning Information Centre (NPIC), the regulation of sale and distribution of Agro-chemicals, and mainstreaming the use of Project IEC materials by the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Health.

With the PPPH Project, one of the advocacy issues has been the engagement of Ministry of Health Leadership to elevate the PPPH Unit from its current level of Section in the structure, headed by a Health Planner, to the level of Department, headed by a Commissioner.

Under the Mercury Free Gold Mining Project, the evidence for advocacy is being gathered through on-going Baseline study in the project districts. As members of Uganda Alcohol Policy Alliance (UAPA) Network, we participated in local stakeholder engagement with Government Agencies like Ministry of Health and Ministry of Trade and Industry on

the progress on the National Alcohol Control Policy. We were also represented at the IOGT- International 165th Celebrations and Conference in Sri Lanka Global Alcohol Policy Conference in Australia, Melbourne.

2.5 Local and regional Partnerships:

A number of new partnerships have been created and some are in the pipeline, among these include; the Memorandum of Understanding with National Professional Environmentalists (NAPE), the Swiss Project (Pestrop), LATEK Stay Alliance Uganda, UNIFFE and the East and Southern Small Scale Agricultural Farmers Forum. This is in addition to existing formal and informal working relationship with several National, Sub-national and community level partnerships that are mutually beneficial to all parties. At the regional level, UNACOH participated in ECSA Health Community meetings.

2.6 International partnerships

We had active engagement with our donors including; Dialogos-Denmark, funding PHE Project and the Mercury Free Gold Mining – New Horizon Project, the IOGT NTO Movement-Sweden –funding the Alcohol Control Project, and USAID through Public Private Partnerships Health Program.

As members of World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA), UNACOH President, Dr. Patrick Kadama, participated in the 51st WPHA General Assembly held in Melbourne, Australia, and the Ag. Executive Director, Dr. D.K. Sekimpi, participated in online discussion on WFPHA Charter and shared UNACOH report for publication in the WFPHA report -2017.

2.7 Community Engagement:

There was great involvement of the community beneficiaries in our work. Under the Alcohol Control Project, enthusiastic community participation was evident during Drama groups' performance, engagement of Youth and Women groups, meetings with District and Sub-country



One of PHE Project Community sensitization meeting in in Pallisa District

Councilors on issues of alcohol control By-laws. The Mercury Free Gold Mining Project had constant interaction with Miners and their leaders in the project areas during the trainings and exploratory study. The PHE Uganda Project had full participation of the community at the end of Phase 2 district conventions in Pallisa and Wakiso, and also during the refresher training of Health Care Workers, and monitoring visits of Agro dealers and Village Health Teams (VHTs).

2.8 Resource Mobilization:

The effort has been made to raise funds through approaching potential funders like UNICEF, through networks like Platform for Labor Action and through open bid competition. So far, there is hope for the small grant from LATEK Stay Alliance Uganda to following a proposal submitted. The project intends to train Village Health

Teams in one Sub-county of Mukono District about the Pesticide Use.

The membership data base was updated with the view to improve communication with members and be able to improve collection of membership dues.

2.9 UNACOH Investment Club

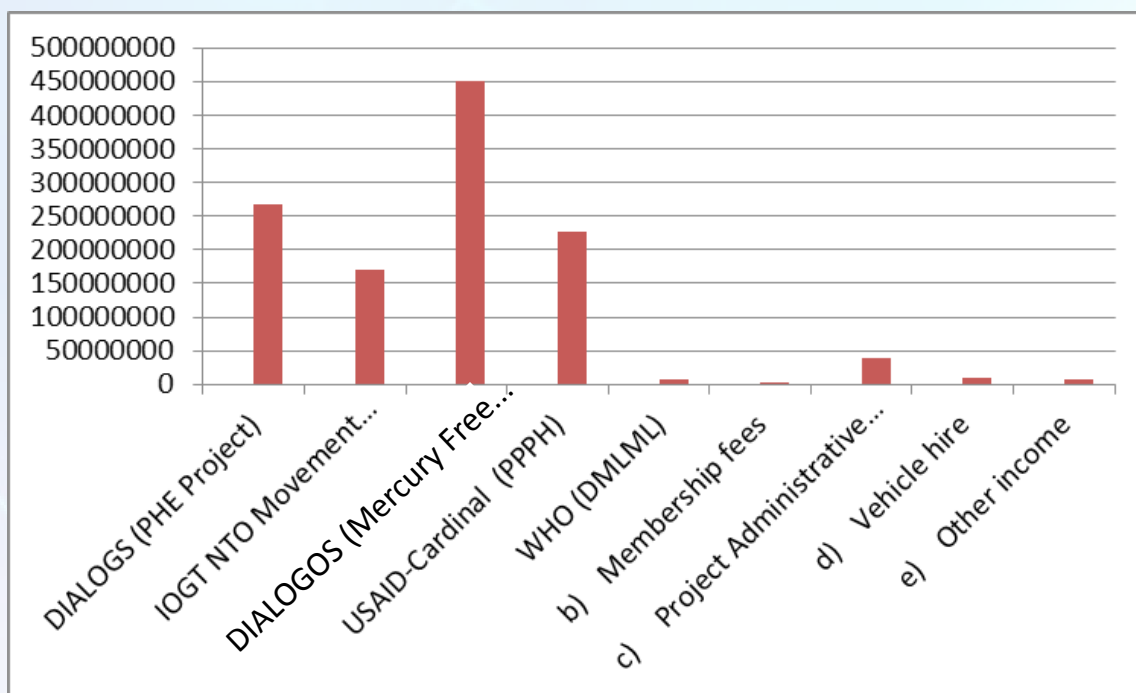
In December, 2017, members of the Investment Club, then called a SACCO convened for an Annual General Meeting. Key resolutions made involved the rebranding from a SACCO to an Investment Club, this was due to the fact that the registered members had not reached the required 30 members to get formalized into a SACCO as required by Ministry of Trade and Cooperatives.

The Secretary read the status report to members and the financial position by the Treasurer. The report indicated that members' savings capitalization had reached 14.8million as

at 31-November, 2017. The individual statements of account were also given to members and were encouraged to make regular savings and recruit others.

3.0 Financials

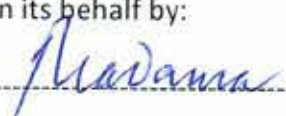

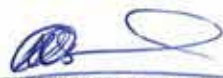
In comparison with recent previous years, 2017 was one of the best years in terms of resource mobilization and the volume activities. We had an annual budget of UGX 1.6Billion and were able to realize UGX 1.1Billion, which translates to 66% achievement of the target.



Income sources 2017

The above funds were expended on program activities, capital investment, personnel costs and administration expenses in implementing the different projects and overheads. The accounts were audited by MK Patrick & Company, Certified Public Accountants

Below is the statement of Financial Positions at 31 December, 2017

UGANDA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH (UNACOH)			
BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017			
ASSETS	Notes	2017 UGX	2016 UGX
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant and Equipment	2	56,410,329	65,544,970
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepayments	3	13,251,673	40,856,915
Cash and Cash equivalents	6	247,024,884	224,043,021
		260,276,557	264,899,936
TOTAL ASSETS		316,686,886	330,444,906
FUND AND LIABILITIES			
Capital Fund	7	56,410,329	65,544,970
General Fund	8	254,346,557	237,215,139
		310,756,886	302,760,109
TOTAL FUNDS			
Trade and other payables	4	5,930,000	27,684,797
		316,950,086	330,444,797
TOTAL FUND AND LIABILITIES			
<p>The accounting policies and notes on page 8 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statement, these accounts were approved by the Executive Committee on 27/4/18 and signed on its behalf by:</p>			
	President.		
	Ag. Treasurer General		
	Ag. Executive Director		

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**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
UGANDA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH (UNACOH)****Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of **Uganda National Association of Community and Occupational Health (UNACOH)**, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31st December, 2017, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and explanatory notes.

In our opinion the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the organization as at 31st December 2017, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAPs) as far as applicable.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and Guidelines issued by the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Uganda.

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the project in accordance with *International Ethics Standards Board of Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code)*, together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Uganda., and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the period ended 31st December 2017.

These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

4.0 Presentation of Awards

As part of the commemoration of the 30 years anniversary, several institutions and individuals including staff and NEC members were recognized for the support and dedicated service to UNACOH over the years. Below was the snap short of the event at the Secretariat.



Cheers at the end of year farewell event

5.0 Obituary

On a sad note, we lost our two dear colleagues, Dr.J.H Kyabaggu, a Past President of UNACOH and Mr. Massy-Moses Kasule, who was a Project Co-ordinator of the PHE Project and Mercury Free Gold Mining Project.



Mr. Massy-Moses Kasule passed on in May, 2017. Moses was the Project Co-ordinator of the PHE Project and the Mercury Free Gold Mining Project. He was also the Chairperson of the UNACOH Finance Committee.

As an expert in Organizational Development, Moses played a great role in facilitating systems development and teamwork in UNACOH.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.



Dr. Joseph Herman Kyabaggu was one of the founder members of UNACOH in 1987. He served as a President of UNACOH for the period 2018-2011.

His distinguished leadership and council contributed immensely to what UNACOH is today. We shall live to remember his legacy in uNACOH.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.



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