



# UCAN2020 STRATEGY PAPER

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

HEALTH

HIV/AIDS

Maternal and Child Health

Sexual and Reproductive Health

Promoting Good Governance  
Raising Selfless and Visionary Leaders  
Challenging all forms of Corruption

ENVIRONMENTAL  
HEALTH AND  
PROTECTION

## WEALTH CREATION

Micro-loans

Sustainable Livelihoods

Improving Household Incomes

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UCAN is a Network of over 40,000 Local Pentecostal and Evangelical Churches in Uganda, under the oversight of Evangelical Fellowship of Uganda (EFU), National Fellowship of Born-Again Pentecostal Churches (NFBPC), and Pentecostal Evangelistic Fellowship of Africa – Uganda (PEFA-U).

## VISION:

### **A World of an Empowered and Dignified Humanity.**

*Where Vulnerable and Disadvantaged People have a Voice; Where Christian Religious Institutions and Faith Based Organizations Better Understand the Populations they Serve in Order to Improve Services; Where Local Churches and Congregations are Proactively Involved in Transforming the World around them, and; Where Relevant Information is Available, Accessible, and Useful in a Way that Helps Christian Religious Institutions and Faith Based Organizations become better Informed and Engaged about Issues that are Critical for the Holistic Transformation of Society.*

## MISSION:

To Resource Communities and Create Conducive Environments for Holistic Transformation.

## OUR PHILOSOPHY:

Common Challenges Demand Concerted Action.

## PROGRAM FOCUS:

1. Health (HIV/AIDS; Sexual and Reproductive Health; Maternal and Child Health);
2. Leadership Development;
3. Wealth Creation; and
4. Environmental Health and Protection.

### Strategic Objective 1:

#### Improve Health Service Delivery in Member Health Facilities.

- Conduct Client Satisfaction Surveys in 5 Member Health Facilities.
- Develop Action Plans on the Recommendations of the Client Satisfaction Surveys.
- Conduct Quarterly Follow-up and Support Supervision on the Implementation of the Action Plans.

## HIV/AIDS

### Strategic Objective 2:

#### Scale Up HIV Prevention among Married Couples.

- Widely disseminate the findings of the KAPB<sup>1</sup> Survey through the church structures of EFU, NFBPC, PEFA-U; Church of Uganda; Catholic Church; Orthodox Church; and the Adventist Church.
- Widely disseminate the UCAN Policy on Condom Use through the church structures of EFU, NFBPC, PEFA-U; Church of Uganda; Catholic Church; Orthodox Church; and the Adventist Church.
- Widely disseminate the Knowing-Being-Acting Handbook through the church structures of EFU, NFBPC, PEFA-U; Church of Uganda; Catholic Church; Orthodox Church; and the Adventist Church.
- Translate and Produce the Knowing-Being-Acting Handbook into 8 Major Languages i.e. Lugbara, Luo, Ngakarimojong, Runyoro/Rutoto, Runyankore/Rukiga, Luganda, Ateso, Lumasaba, and Kupsabiny.
- Organise Conferences on Scaling Up HIV Prevention among Married Couples for Church Leaders from EFU, NFBPC, PEFA-U; Church of Uganda; Catholic Church; Orthodox Church; and the Adventist Church.
- Conduct a Follow-up KAPB Study in 2018.

<sup>1</sup>Knowledge, Attitudes, Practices and Beliefs

### **Strategic Objective 3:** **Scale Up Anti-Retro Viral (ARV) Medication Adherence.**

- Conduct Research on *'Faith Healing vis-à-vis ARV Medication: Testimonies, Fatalities and the Role of the Church in Promoting ARV Drug Adherence among Christians in 19 selected districts of Uganda'*.
- Widely disseminate the findings of the Faith Healing vis-à-vis ARV Medication study through the church structures of EFU, NFBPC, PEFA-U; Church of Uganda; Catholic Church; Orthodox Church; and the Adventist Church.
- Based on the Findings of the Study, Organize Dialogues on Faith Healing vis-à-vis ARV Medication for leaders of EFU, NFBPC, PEFA-U.
- Develop UCAN Policy on Faith Healing and Treatment.
- Develop Handbook on Faith Healing vis-à-vis ARV Medication and the Role of the Church in Promoting ARV Drug Adherence.
- Translate and Produce the Policy and Handbook on Faith Healing and Treatment into 8 Major Languages i.e. Lugbara, Luo, Ngakarimojong, Runyoro/ Rutoto, Runyankore/ Rukiga, Luganda, Ateso, Lumasaba, and Kupsabiny.
- Organize Conferences for Church Leaders from EFU, NFBPC, PEFA-U; Church of Uganda; Catholic Church; Orthodox Church; and the Adventist Church on Faith Healing and Treatment.
- Conduct a Follow-up Study in 2020.

### **Strategic Objective 4:** **Address HIV/AIDS Stigma and Discrimination.**

- Widely disseminate (in collaboration with IRCU) the Communique on Stigma through the church structures of EFU, NFBPC, PEFA-U; Church of Uganda; Catholic Church; Orthodox Church; the Adventist Church; and the Islamic Faith.
- Develop Contextualized Community Specific Handbook on Stigma (with relevant references from the Bible and Quran).

- Translate and Produce the Stigma Handbook into 8 Major Languages i.e. Lugbara, Luo, Ngakarimojong, Runyoro/ Rutoto, Runyankore/ Rukiga, Luganda, Ateso, Lumasaba, and Kupsabiny.
- Organise Conferences for Church Leaders from EFU, NFBPC, PEFA-U; Church of Uganda; Catholic Church; Orthodox Church; and the Adventist Church on Stigma at both National and Regional levels.

## Sexual and Reproductive Health

### Strategic Objective 5:

#### **Increase sensitization on cervical cancer and prostate cancer among the Pentecostal and Evangelical Fraternity.**

- Widely disseminate IEC<sup>2</sup> Materials on cervical cancer and prostate cancer through the church structures of EFU, NFBPC, PEFA-U.
- Conduct (in partnership with the Ministry of Health) Mass Sensitization through the church structures, activities and events of EFU, NFBPC, PEFA-U and their membership on cervical cancer and prostate cancer.
- Conduct (in partnership with the Ministry of Health) Mass Sensitization through the church structures, activities and events of EFU, NFBPC, PEFA-U and their membership on the Human Papilloma Virus (which causes Cervical Cancer).

### Strategic Objective 6:

#### **Advocate for faith appropriate family planning for married couples.**

- Conduct Research on the '*Knowledge, Attitudes, Practices and Beliefs on Family Planning by Christian Married Couples in Uganda and the Role of the Church in Promoting Manageable Families*'.
- Based on the Findings of the Study, Organize Dialogues on Family Planning by Christian Married Couples in Uganda and the Role of the

<sup>2</sup>Information Education Communication

Church in Promoting Manageable Families for leaders of EFU, NFBPC, PEFA.

- Develop a UCAN Policy on Family Planning for Christian Married Couples.
- Develop a handbook on Faith Appropriate Family Planning for Married Couples.

### **Strategic Objective 7: Address the LGBTI Issue through Dialogue.**

- Conduct Research on '*LGBT behaviors, Societal Concerns and the Role of the Church in Advocating Morality, Dignity and Justice*'.
- Based on the Findings of the Study, Facilitate Dialogue on the LGBTI Issue as a step toward determining what the Church can and cannot do to help the LGBTI community in Uganda.

## **Maternal and Child Health**

### **Strategic Objective 8: Reduce Child Marriages.**

- Conduct Dialogues with Church Leaders from EFU, NFBPC, PEFA-U; Church of Uganda; Catholic Church; Orthodox Church; and the Adventist Church to champion the Elimination of Child Marriages.
- Conduct Dialogues with Cultural Leaders across the Country to champion the Elimination of Child Marriages.
- Mobilize through the structures of EFU, NFBPC, PEFA-U and their membership, parents, teachers, student leaders, and local community leaders as agents of change at the family, schools, and community levels.
- Disseminate available and if not available, develop appropriate IEC messages/ materials on Child Marriages.

### **Strategic Objective 9:**

**Increase demand for and uptake of antenatal care services, delivery at a health facility, and postnatal care services including immunization.**

- Widely disseminate IEC Materials on antenatal and postnatal care through the church structures of EFU, NFBPC, PEFA-U.
- Conduct (in partnership with the Ministry of Health) Mass Sensitization through the church structures, activities and events of EFU, NFBPC, PEFA-U and their membership on antenatal care, delivery at a health facility, and postnatal care including immunization.
- Mobilize through the structures of EFU, NFBPC, PEFA-U and their membership, parents to immunize their children and to complete the recommended series of immunizations at the right time.

## **WEALTH CREATION**

### **Strategic Objective 10:**

**Promote Sustainable Livelihoods through church based micro-loans.**

- Conduct a baseline survey on livelihoods and health in UCAN member churches.
- Pilot a local church based micro-loans program in 25 UCAN member churches targeting 750 households of HIV/AIDS widows by 2020.
- Empower benefiting households with skills in entrepreneurship and financial literacy.
- In partnership with Government of Uganda (Ministry of Education) implement a robust feeding program for UPE (Universal Primary Education) schools at Sub County level targeting about 6000 pupils per Sub County.

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

### Strategic Objective 11:

**Raise a generation of church and marketplace leaders that value Stewardship, Work Ethic, Integrity, Patriotism and Servant Leadership.**

- Conduct Conferences for Local Government Leaders from Selected 50 districts on Stewardship, Work Ethic, Integrity, Patriotism and Servant Leadership; in Partnership with the Ministry for Local Government, KCCA, and the Global Leadership Summit.
- Conduct Exposure Visits for Local Government Leaders in partnership with KCCA.
- Partner with the Global Leadership Summit Uganda to build/strengthen the leadership capacity of church leaders within all the fraternities that constitute UCAN.

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND PROTECTION

### Strategic Objective 12:

**Promote Environmental Health and Protection.**

- Champion the provision of clean stoves to the most affected households country wide.
- Champion the planting of trees by all our member churches and at every opportunity such as in areas across the country where we are implementing activities.
- Support Government efforts on Environmental Protection.

## Evaluations

- Conduct a Mid-term Evaluation on the Implementation of UCAN2020 in 2018.
- Conduct a Complete Evaluation on the Implementation of UCAN2020 in 2021.