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Breaking Barriers, Building Resilient Pastoralist Communities in Uganda.



Dear Partners, Donors, and Friends,

As we close the second quarter of 2026, we are thrilled to share the remarkable progress made between April and June. This quarter has been characterized by active scaling of our community-driven solutions. Facing seasonal weather shifts across the Cattle Corridor, our team has worked tirelessly to ensure that our layered services continue to reach the most vulnerable women, youth, and children in the remote pastoralist communities of Karamoja region, Ntoroko, and Kasese in western Uganda.



Q2 AT A GLANCE

Our integrated interventions delivered key achievements during these three months:

- **HEALTH:** 584+ mothers and new born have been reached and supported through our Maternal and newborn health project in Karamoja.
- **LIVELIHOODS:** more than 370 pastoralist household have been supported through our sustainable livestock management activities.
- **EDUCATION:** more than 650 + vulnerable displaced learners have been supported through the Remedial Plus (R+) education program.
- **HEATH:** Over 460 adolescent girls and young women have been supported through our SAFE SRHR project while increasing their access to accurate SRHR information and services.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This quarter's achievements reflect the power of collaboration. Together, we're turning hope into lasting change. Every mother reached, every learner empowered, and every family supported reflects what we can achieve through strong partnerships. Thank you for walking this journey with us.





01

Solar powered water Supply system in Ntoroko District .

As the dry spell began to emerge in late April , securing reliable water for livestock for smallholder livestock pastoralists farmers in Ntoroko became a matter of survival. Over 400 cattle died due to extreme heat and lack of water. In this quater, RIWE_AFRICA supported 23 households to access solar powered water supply system. This is helping smallholders pastoralist farmers bypass devastating seasonal droughts and water shortages.

02

Strengthening Food Security for Vulnerable mother's households, in Napak District, Karamoja Region.



In partnership with MUCOBADI and Mildmay Uganda, under the AGRA and Food for the Hungry-funded projects, RIWE_AFRICA identified and linked more than 110 vulnerable households participating in the Bridging the Birth Gap project to agricultural support. The beneficiary mothers, drawn from Apeitolim, Lorengechola, and Lilli sub-counties have received land preparation support through tractor and ox-plough services and they are yet to receive agricultural inputs such as sorghum, cassava and maize seedings. RIWE_AFRICA and its partners will continue providing technical support to help these households achieve improved harvests for household consumption and increased income from surplus production.



01

Expanding Learning Opportunities for Displaced Children.

During the reporting period, RIWE_AFRICA supported 657 displaced primary school learners in Butungama and Kanara sub-counties through the Remedial Plus (R+) Education Program, helping children recover lost learning and strengthen foundational literacy and numeracy skills. However, the program's impact continues to be undermined by persistent shortages of essential teaching and learning materials, particularly textbooks, which limit effective learning. In addition, many adolescent girls face menstrual hygiene challenges that contribute to absenteeism and increase the risk of school dropout. Addressing these barriers remains critical to improving learning outcomes and ensuring that every child can fully benefit from the program.

02

Promoting Digital Learning for the Future.

We have continued to integrate digital learning into the Remedial Plus (R+) Education Program, enabling upper primary displaced learners to acquire foundational digital skills through trained instructors. Learners gain exposure to basic computer applications and digital literacy, hence equipping them with essential competencies for continued learning, future employment, and meaningful participation in an increasingly digital and AI-driven world. However, the program continues to face challenges as many target schools remain off-grid and experience unreliable internet connectivity. While solar power solutions have improved access to digital learning, limited internet infrastructure continues to constrain the full potential of technology-enabled education.





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Saving Lives at Birth in Karamoja.

Through the Bridging the Birth Gap project, We have continued strengthening maternal and newborn health services in Moroto and Napak. We have trained Village Health Teams (VHTs), Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs), and midwives in the Helping Babies Breathe (HBB) and Helping Mothers Survive (HMS) approaches. The trained VHTs are working closely with TBAs as birth companions to promote timely referral and encouraging mothers to deliver in health facilities. During this quarter, 584 mother were reached with maternal health support, and 119 mothers safely delivered in health facilities. No maternal or newborn deaths have been recorded among the targeted mothers, and no deliveries occurred in the community under the care of traditional birth attendants, hence reflecting increased uptake of skilled birth attendance and strengthened community-facility linkages.



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Strengthening Community facility linkage through Real-time Digital referrals.

To improve community facility referral system and improve maternal and newborn health, we innovatively designed a digital community-to-facility referral system "an Electronic Facility-Community Encounter (eFACE system) to strengthen timely access to skilled maternal healthcare. Twenty-two (22) Village Health Teams (VHTs) were equipped with smartphones and monthly internet data to facilitate real-time referrals of mothers from the community to health facilities. Once a referral is initiated, the receiving midwife is instantly alerted through a desktop computer based at the facility, enabling the facility to prepare for the mother's arrival and promptly follow up in the event of delays.



The system supports rapid referral of mothers experiencing danger signs, those approaching labour, and mothers identified as intending to deliver with traditional birth attendants, helping ensure timely access to skilled care and reducing preventable maternal and newborn death and other related risks.



What Next?

The journey doesn't stop here. RIWE_AFRICA has set bold targets for the coming July-September quarter. These are the key upcoming events and activities:

- Launching of the new Project "Livestock-based Income for Future Transformation (LIFT) " in Ntoroko with support from Montesion Family Foundation.
- Expand the FACE Tracker digital referral system.
- Strengthen digital learning for displaced children.
- Mobilize support for textbooks and menstrual hygiene for girls in flood-affected schools in Ntoroko.
- Generally continue with our efforts to deepen partnerships to scale community-led solutions.

Thank You

For Walking This Journey With Us!

Get Involved Today

Donate!!

90% of individual donations go into education to support vulnerable pastoralist children, especially girls, to attain quality education. We are currently mobilizing resources to support internally displaced learners in Ntoroko District. The support will help learners access

- Learning textbooks
- Support adolescent girls to access menstrual hygiene supplies.
- Scholarship materials
- Plat materials and, last but not least
- School fees for a few selected critically vulnerable children from destitute households.



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