



JSI in

UGANDA

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A HEALTHY UGANDA

OUR WORK:

JSI has partnered with the Government of Uganda for more than 30 years to strengthen the country's health system. Together, we've trained and deployed health workers, improved data collection and use, and expanded services to the people who need them. Our programming focuses on health systems strengthening, supply chain, HIV, tuberculosis, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health and nutrition, malaria, and more. We manage public health programs with funding from USAID, PMI, GAVI, UNICEF, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and others.

WE DO THIS THROUGH FIVE GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- Support government-led initiatives to foster ownership and sustainability
- Strengthen integrated, quality care for improved health outcomes
- Enhance community engagement and client-centered services
- Localize development assistance by strengthening Ugandan organizations
- Increase use of reliable data to improve decision-making at all levels of the health care delivery system



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Increased the use of family planning services by

243%

(USAID RHITES-N, Lango)

Using the Uganda National Panel Survey, Uganda is the first country in the world to demonstrate that vitamin A in fat/oil reaches the household level (Integrated Health Services - USAID Advancing Nutrition)

INTEGRATED HEALTH SERVICES

JSI has worked to help strengthen maternal, child, and adolescent health, and nutrition services in Uganda, especially child health and immunization services. We helped improve the child health package of services, including revitalizing the essential package of child health services and routine immunization.

The USAID-supported **Regional Health Integration to Enhance Services-North, Lango (RHITES-N, Lango)** project in northern Uganda strengthens the health system in the Lango sub-region to improve access and availability of high-quality health services for individuals and their families. This district-led and community-focused project strengthens health systems through improved quality and integrated health services including maternal, newborn, and child health, HIV, tuberculosis (TB), family planning, malaria, nutrition, water and sanitation and COVID-19 vaccination. Some notable achievements include a nearly two-fold increase in health facility births, and the creation of a youth workforce to distribute contraceptives to peers.

USAID Advancing Nutrition is the flagship multi-sectoral nutrition project. In Uganda—one of the twelve countries where the JSI-led project operates—we support the government to identify, design, and implement interventions to overcome challenges related to compliance with food fortification standards, enforcement, and monitoring across four fortified food products (salt, maize and wheat flours, and edible oil). Specifically, the project focuses on reducing micronutrient deficiencies through the industrial food fortification program as a high impact cost-effective nutrition intervention. The project aims to achieve this through increasing the capacity of the public and private sectors to enforce food fortification standards and regulations, strengthening partnerships and stakeholder coordination in food fortification, and raising awareness of the benefits of fortified foods.



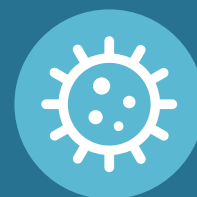


INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND EMERGING THREATS

JSI has been at the forefront of developing HIV and infectious disease programs for more than 30 years. We have increased access to comprehensive HIV prevention, treatment, and support programs, as well as TB services and more recently, COVID-19.

From 2018-2021, the USAID **Regional Health Integration to Enhance Services-North, Lango (RHITES-N, Lango)** project managed a large HIV and TB portfolio, which aimed to exceed UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets. Between October 2020 and September 2021, the project exceeded the 95 target for testing of eligible individuals for HIV. The project started all of those who tested positive on treatment, 94 percent of whom are virally suppressed. In 2021, JSI transitioned the portfolio to three Ugandan organizations. Now, JSI supports a locally-led and managed HIV response by providing technical assistance to these organizations, strengthening their abilities to plan, finance, and implement HIV and TB response interventions. As of 2022, 99 percent of those diagnosed with HIV are now on treatment. Furthermore, RHITES-N, Lango strengthens health system resiliency to counter emerging threats like COVID-19 and other infectious diseases. Nearly 100 percent of the region's adult population has received at least one COVID-19 vaccine and over half are fully vaccinated.

The **USAID Tuberculosis Implementation Framework Agreement (TIFA)** project supports the Ugandan government's commitment to fight TB. TIFA works with national TB programs and other local entities to develop and negotiate fixed amount awards known as TB commitment grants (TCGs). TCGs provide capacity strengthening opportunities for national TB programs to manage their national response. TIFA also awarded the National Tuberculosis Reference Laboratory with a grant to implement simple one-step (SOS) stool sample processing, a child friendly method for diagnosing TB. Other note-worthy initiatives include conducting a TB diagnostic network assessment and updating the national TB guidelines.



94%

of people receiving HIV treatment are virally suppressed (USAID RHITES-N, Lango)



99%

of confirmed malaria cases
were treated in a health
facility in 2022 (PMI Malaria
Reduction Activity)



MALARIA

We have been dedicated to reducing the impact of malaria on the families of Uganda. From programs that trained health providers and distributed both malaria drugs and bednets, to integrating malaria services into broader programs, we have worked with the government to improve malaria services.

The U.S. President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) Uganda Malaria Reduction Activity (MRA) works to improve the survival and well-being of Uganda's most vulnerable populations (especially pregnant women and children (0-15 year old) in five high-burden malaria transmission regions of Acholi, Busoga, Karamoja, Lango and West Nile. As the U.S. Government's flagship malaria Activity in the country, MRA works with the Government of Uganda through the Ministry of Health, to strengthen community and household capacity to prevent malaria and access high-quality malaria services, while maintaining gains made in health facilities. Over a six-month period, over 3,700 households identified by MRA in malaria hotspots have received malaria education and developed action plans to address malaria transmission barriers.

GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY

Keeping our world safe from global health threats posed by infectious diseases—global health security—has become an increasing concern. We have been at the forefront of these efforts, including COVID-19 in Uganda and globally.

The USAID-supported **Strategies to Prevent Spillover (STOP Spillover) Initiative** strengthens government and private institutions to better understand and take action regarding factors that contribute to the risk of disease spread from animals to humans. The program does this through surveillance, risk analysis, and behavior change interventions. We're helping the government gain critical knowledge about spillover ecosystems, and refining use of that information to reduce the risk of zoonotic viral spillover and spread.



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