



Organization profile for Vision for Children and Youth Forum (VICHYF-UGANDA)

Name of the organisation	Vision for Children and Youth Forum (VICHYF)
Date of establishment	5 th July 2012
Legality (registration)	Registered Community Based Organization with Amuru District Local Government, Gulu District Community Development Office and Gulu District NGO Forum bearing Reg: No CDR/570/1184/B CDR240/D
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Vision	“An empowered population where children, youth and women live up to their fullest potentials”.

Mission	“Our mission is to promote Fundamental Children’s rights, Food Security and Environmental conservation, sexual and reproductive health rights, and sustainable development in the community, advocacy, training, and involvement of children, youth and women in improving their social wellbeing in the community”.
Shared value	Meaningful youth’s engagement, non-discrimination, accountability and integrity.
Organizational	Vision for Children and Youth Forum (VICYIF) is an indigenous Community Based Non-

profile	<p>Profit Organization which was came out of the concern about the plight of children, youth and women affected by the past armed conflict in northern Uganda. . The Organization was formed in 2012 by a group of fresh University graduates from Northern Uganda as a way of tackling increasing Child abuse, Youth SRHR, HIV/AIDs Education, Food security and Climatic change, livelihood challenges in Northern Uganda.</p> <p>VICHYF Uganda was spontaneously established on the 5/07/2012 with 11(eleven) members of which 4(four) were former abductees of the LRA Rebel group, 3 (three) were Students at the University and the rest of the 4(four) members were community youth. All these youth came out under 1(one) umbrella with the common interest of supporting the children, youth and women at the community level and the surrounding District of Amuru who have been directly or indirectly affected by the LRA rebellion.</p> <p>The purpose for the establishment of this Organization was to fight against the rising child abuse, high rates of school dropout out especially amongst girls at primary level of education, Limited access to sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights to the Adolescent Limited access to the orphans and the Vulnerable children in the community, high rates of unemployment among the youth, Violation of women’s rights to access land and limited access to economic assets by the women.</p> <p>Also notable was the rising rate of HIV infection amongst young women and adolescent girls in the district</p>
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<p>Objectives of the Organization.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To create social stability and awareness on Sexual and Reproductive Health issues, Family Planning and HIV Prevention through Community sensitization, Guidance and Counseling, Condom Distribution, Referrals and linkage Creation to services and other related adolescence issues. b) Advocate for the fundamental children’s rights and provide support for the (OVC) at the community level c) To Promote girl child Education at all cost especially in the rural settings of Northern Uganda d) Creating avenue for advocacy for human rights, peaceful resolution of conflicts and sustain socio- economic development among the marginalized communities. e) To advocate for a society whereby children and youth with disabilities have equal rights and opportunities for growth and development. f) Improved access to education and psycho-social well being of marginalized children and youth. g) To Promote Vocational training for youth, self – help groups for the grass root empowerment. h) To promote sustainable livelihoods among youth with community participation. Promotion of girl child education, promotion of vocational training and life skills development.
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<p>Problems /Issues identified in the target area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Poor educational infrastructure facilities in the project areas b) Lack of awareness on Adolescent Sexual Reproductive health and hygienic conditions c) Lack of awareness on the important of education for girls d) Lack of education/awareness about pregnancy and forced marriage among girls e) Spread of HIV/AIDs and other chronic and communicable diseases f) Lack of livelihood opportunities/and limited access to youth related program at community g) Gender inequality & Lack of equal wages h) Child labor problems.
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Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Mass meetings with the support of all working areas b) Work with Community Based Organizations (CBO's) and likeminded groups c) Planning through Community participation d) Advocacy Strategies. e) Activities for the advocacy f) Convergence with different stakeholders and line departments. g) Alliance building h) Strategic planning
Target group	<p>Children: To provide healthy personality development acquiring, vocational skills and professional development for their sustainability.</p> <p>Women: Identifying the poor child mothers and women and providing income generating activities to them through formation of self-help groups and adopting family planning & welfare programs relating opportunities in various vocational fields by providing training in the respect fields for sustainability as their own.</p> <p>Youth: To Prevent the youth in participating in antisocial activities. Provide Sexual Reproductive Health education as well as carrier guidance to the youth. Provide vocational training to the skilled persons. Fixing the targets to the youth for their future life. Counsel and motivate them to achieve their targets .Up gradation of the skills for the skilled workers with latest technology. Creating the self- employment opportunities. Engaging the youth in the work nature and keep away from the idleness. Creating the youth as a role model to the future generation. Involving them in the welfare activities and implementing the Govt. policies. Preventing the youth from the drug addiction. Creating awareness for the youth on the chronic diseases like HIV/AIDS etc.</p>
Activities of the Organization	<p>a) Fundamental Children's Rights: under this we know children are the futures and their rights needs to be protected by everyone in the community and should be protected as an 'egg' there for those who violets children's rights are our enemies' forever we want to ensure that people in the community are deeply informed about the children's right and the penalties of those who goes against that,</p> <p>the organization is carrying out community sensitization, dialogue, in school especially primary's and nurseries school campaigned to help in reducing all the child abuses means on the orphans and other vulnerable children (OVC) the organization has promoted early child hood development program through linking one of the ECD center for support from one organization called kikwanda environmental association and the organization has visited many ECD center to monitor and supervised how these children are taught ECD lessons. In Amuru District. the organization is linking these vulnerable children's to other partners to get support especially the</p> <p>b, Child protection and Support Program</p>

	<p>Formation and training of child protection committees, community dialogue meetings, and support to community led initiatives on child protection, translation of key legal and policy documents into local languages, and data collection on violation of children’s rights</p> <p>c) Reproductive Health</p> <p>This is done through: Behavioral Change Communication (BCC), awareness and</p>
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	<p>distribution of Information Education materials, the organization is promoting Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) both to the adolescence, child mothers and the youth in the communities and schools, there is also Family Planning Service to adolescent youth for example condom distribution, guidance and counseling referral service at the same time fighting against the escalating HIV/AIDs prevalence at the communities among the pregnant mothers and youth through voluntary sensitization, guidance and counseling, referral service and supporting the positive leaving people socially, economically, morally, and linking them to the nearest health facilities so as to enable them access better health service and live longer in their respective communities, community sensitization to reduce on the new Malaria infections through community outreach service</p> <p>d) Food Security and Livelihoods Support</p> <p>This is our Youth Empowerment innovation to give space to young people in Amuru and Gulu to have access to sustainable and profitable means of livelihoods, training of Income Generating Activities and financial management, support. And to learn about modern method of farming by transforming their mine set from subsistence to Commercial farming,</p> <p>e) Education</p> <p>This is an integrated activity. VICHYF is supporting 20 orphans and vulnerable children by provision of scholastic materials; we are getting a very big challenge in terms of funding considering the level of poverty resulting from the 20-year war. There are many OVCs that need support but the capacity of VICHYF cannot support beyond the 20 beneficiaries. Many girl child are getting married off at a tender age and no serious action put in place especially at rural settings</p> <p>f) Advocacy Peace Building and Reconciliation.</p> <p>Training of community on peace building and conflict resolution, facilitation of community reconciliation and peace meetings, community and religious dialogues and consensus building on traditional justice systems, interactive games and sports among children and youth.</p> <p>g) Environmental Protection and conservation</p> <p>Training of Youth Groups, Women’s groups, formation of Environmental Protection and Conservation Clubs in schools, established a tree nursery which acts as a demonstration site and supplies tree seedlings to the community, advocacy campaign to create awareness on the massive deforestation and land degradation, encouragement of the youth to engage in environmental conservation through different methodology such as fruits and tree planting, Afforestation, introduction of new innovation Energy Saving Strove to reduce tree cutting especially in area registered with high level of deforestation.</p>
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h) Mental Health

Due to the war in Northern Uganda, VICHYF has identified the post war effects in youth characterized by street life, alcoholism, drug and substance abuse. VICHYF is looking for funding for this project. It will be implemented through: guidance and counseling, radio talk shows, Youth rehabilitation and skills promotion/capacity building center and community outreach. This is an area not being supported by any organization and the Government facilities are lacking. We feel there is need for an immediate response to this programmed.

**Experience/
achievements**

Current and past projects

Sources of funding	Project funded	Status	Donor contact
Charity for Peace Foundation	Literacy Skills and Computer Training for Youths. (LSC-PROJECT)	Ended	Mr. Anthony Akol, Chief Executive Officer, Charity for Peace Foundation. P.O.Box 11, Gulu, Uganda Tel: +256772421029 Email: akolanthony@gmail.com

	Youth Connect Project and Local Fund raising in collaboration with Amuru District local	Community outreach, sensitization and link, Inter school outreaches, and	Ongoing	Mr. Lukumoi Richard Senior Probation Officer Amuru District Tell.+256782509646
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	Government	monitoring on the performance of girls child Education		Email. richardotika@gmail.com Mr.Megolonyo Moses Community Development officer Lamogi sub county Email:megolonyo@gmail.com Tell.+771988854 Mr.Lukumoi .O. Richard Senior District Probation officer Email.richardotika@gmail.com Tell.+256782509646
	Straight Talk Foundation/Gulu Youth Center/TASO Gulu Regional Office	Provision of knowledge, access to and utilization of sexual reproductive health services for/ HIV counseling and testing service for youth	Ongoing	Mr Micheal Odongo Branch Manager TASO Gulu Tell.+752425046 Email.michealtasogulu@gmail.com Kenneth Odong Field Coordinator Tell.+256782365545
	Christia n Development Fund(CDF) Gulu office	Agricultural support loan to youth groups in Lamogi Sub county Amuru District	On going	Mr Odong Samuel Project Coordinator Christian Development Fund Tell.+782425046 Email.odongsamuel@gmail.com
	Local fundraising	Distribution of scholastic materials to selected vulnerable school going Children.	ongoing	Ocaya Robert, Board Chairperson, VICHYF-Uganda Tel:0772963380 E-Mail: ocayarobby@gmail.com

Local fundrasinging	Starting up a tree planting project.	Ongoing	Ochan Geoffrey, Executive Director VICHYF-Uganda Tel.0775034407 /0780670216 E-Mail: geofrey.ochan@gmail.com
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ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Executive Board

Vision for Children and Youth Forum has a board of trustees which is the policy making body and is responsible for providing the overall leadership and the vision of the organization. The Board is also responsible for policy formulation, rules and provides guidance to the management team in policy implementation. The Board is also responsible for the recruitment of staff and volunteers to ensure that the organization operates according

to its constitution. In order to execute all these duties, VICYIF has /constituted two Sub-Committee; namely; Finance and welfare Sub-Committee.to ensure smooth running of organization activities

1.3.2. Management Team

Vision for Children and Youth forum has Management staff lead by the Executive Director and Program Manager. The Management team is responsible for the Executive Board and their responsibilities among others includes, Planning, organizing and implementing activities as directed by the Board decision, policies and program. The management Team is organized in two large departments, namely; Program and Finance and Administration

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