



# COVID-19 & UGANDA:

IMPACT ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC POLICY



## Presentation Rundown

Project Description & Significance Focus Areas, Findings, & More Policy Recommendations Conclusion



### "to study how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted Uganda"

tasked with creating recommendations and a proposal for how **Uganda** can **build capacity** within **local communities** in response to COVID-19

### MISSION

### WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?



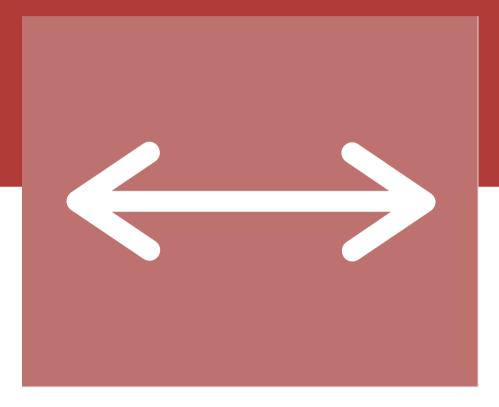
#### APPLICATION

Learn from Uganda's practices and ideas to apply them in your own community



#### **GLOBAL GROWTH**

If everyone receives proper healthcare, we can function better as a global system



#### CULTURAL COMPETENCY

Exchange knowledge and grow your world view

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### Summary

#### TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS

Restrictions and permit needed from RDC

#### CLOSED HEALTH CLINICS

Lockdown shut almost 50% of clinic facilities

#### FOOD SHORTAGE

Financial restraints and lack of movement

FEAR OF COVID-19

People are scared of contracting virus if visiting health clinics

#### LESS INTERNATIONAL AID

Other states are reallocating money



#### COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

How is COVID-19 affecting vaccinations, these patients, etc.?

#### **GENDER-BASED HEALTH** Are women experiencing more health disparities?

#### **HIV & CHRONIC DISEASES** What does treatment look like? Is it effective currently?

# COMMUNICABLE DISEASES





Declining due to resistance from parents and healthcare workers

### MALARIA NETS

distancing measures



Virtual DOT therapy for patients

TRANSPORTATION

Lack thereof for health care workers and those in need of health services

### Distribution is halted due to social

# GENDER BASED





Women are stuck at home and more susceptible to domestic abuse

### FOOD SHORTAGE

Families are experiencing shortages and need additional help, especially if a family member has HIV

### MATERNAL HEALTH

Soon-to-be mothers are not able to seek the care they need before giving birth, and teen pregnancy is rising from lack of contraceptives

### TRANSPORTATION

Women in labor are dying enroute to the hospital due to transportation restrictions

# HIV & CHRONIC DISEASES



### **SLOW HIV TESTING**

HIV testing is slow because of facilities being closed and social distancing

### **ARV ACCESS**

Medical centers are running out when they should be stockpiling for patients

### DECREASED FUNDING

Funding for HIV testing, treatment, and prevention has been diverted towards COVID-19 relief

### HIV ON THE RISE

Mother to child transmission and overall HIV incidence is expected to increase

### Interviews

### **RUMBIE GUMBIE** Global Livingston Institute

**GRACE LUBEGA** Makerere School of Public Health

AGNES IGOYE Immigrant Training Academy LOCAL HEAL Uganda

LOCAL HIV PATIENTS Uganda

**DR. SUNDARARAJAN** Cornell University Professor

#### LOCAL HEALTHCARE WORKERS

### Interviews continued

PHIL DIMON US Diplomat

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**STEVEN KYKER** Children's Hospital Colorado REACH A HAND UGANDA Nonprofit Organization

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## AIDS Healthcare Foundation - Uganda Cares

#### **COMMON THEMES:**

- Gov and NGO roles
- Urban v Rural Areas
- Reaffirming Health Barriers

#### **POTENTIAL POLICY:**

- Boda Bodas
- Stockpiling ARVS
- Combining HIV Testing and Treatment Centers
- Village Health Facilities
- Community Leaders
- App Usage (GETIN, SAFEpal)
- Telehealth
- Mask Requirement for Public Transit
- Media Promotion and Communication

### INTERVIEW FINDINGS & POLICY OPTIONS

Combination of insight, clarity, guidance and reassurance

### **POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### MEDIA PROMOTION

Utilize various outlets to disperse information about health facilities and COVID-19

COMMUNITY LEADER PLATFORM

Connect with spiritual leaders to promote HIV testing and treatment



#### BODA BODAS

Create delivery service for ARVs, contraceptives, menstrual products, etc.

## MEDIA PROMOTION



#### **MEGAPHONES**



#### PHONE **COMMUNICATION**



#### **TELEVISION**



RADIO

### Why Radio?

- PREFERRED METHOD OF
  - COMMUNICATION
- SPREAD ACROSS RURAL

AND URBAN AREAS

• BUILDS COMMUNITY

RESILIENCY

### Radio Broadcast Examples:

SPICE FM, UGANDA
CAPITAL FM, UGANDA
AGHA RADIO, UGANDA

## COMMUNITY LEADER PLATFORMS

- Religious Leaders
- Youth Leaders
- Traditional Healers
- Community Seniors and Leaders





### CONCLUSION **KAHOOT STYLE!!**

#### CURRENT UGANDAN HEALTH BARRIERS

#### COVID-19 & UGANDA

#### OUR SUGGESTIONS

## How can you help?

LISTEN. Gather a deeper understanding of the health barriers discussed. and where they come from.

THINK. Consider why this pandemic is different compared to where you are located. Why is that?

ACT. Educate those around you, and wear a mask!



# How can we address your questions, comments, or concerns?

Thank you for your time, attention, and feedback.

### THANK YOU

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