

KULIKA UGANDA ANNUAL REPORT 2025





PROMOTING COMMUNITY BASED STRATEGIES

WHO WE ARE

We are on a mission to inspire individuals, households, and communities to become resilient, self-reliant, and attain an improved quality of life. We support community development through capacity building in two core thematic areas: agricultural development and education and skills development.

Our Program Areas are:

Agricultural Development & Environment

- Ecological organic agriculture and Environmental conservation
- Value Chain Development
- Climate-smart agriculture and waste management
- Household nutrition, vegetable production, crop, and livestock production
- Farmer-to-farmer extension
- Group micro-credit and community savings
- Market linkages

Education & Youth Programs

- Early childhood development and Adolescent empowerment
- Provision of scholarships in higher institutions of learning
- Skills Development, Creative capacity building training and income generation
- School gardens for meals
- Community Digital Transformation



OUR VISION:

Improved quality of life for all communities reached and their environment.

OUR MISSION:

To inspire communities, households and individuals with self-confidence and provide skills and knowledge to harness their resources for lasting change that is economically and environmentally sustainable in their lives.

OUR VALUES

INTEGRITY

DIVERSITY

TEAMWORK

COMMITMENT

LEARNING

SDGs

1 NO POVERTY



2 ZERO HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



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HIGHLIGHTS

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE I:
TO PROMOTE ECOLOGICAL
ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BY
STRENGTHENING
INNOVATIONS

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE II:
TO ENHANCE SKILLS AND
COMPETENCIES OF ALL
COMMUNITIES REACHED

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE III:
TO STRENGTHEN SOCIAL
INNOVATION BUSINESS
ACTIVITIES AND EXPLORE
NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR
MAXIMISING THE
FINANCIAL AND FOOD
SECURITY

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE V:
INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

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From the Chairman, Board of Directors

Alastair Taylor

In the face of a challenging financial environment, Kulika Uganda managed to deliver the planned outputs, achieve over 80% of the targeted outcomes, and made significant progress in strengthening the systems needed to expand community outreach.

In our work to improve the quality of life, Kulika Uganda focused on three important dimensions: food and income security, household health, and livelihoods. The organisation played an important role in two core intervention areas: Education and Agriculture. We remained rooted in our core values of integrity, diversity, teamwork, commitment, learning, and respect for people, animals, and the environment. From strengthening community systems to delivering impactful programmes on the ground, every intervention reflected our commitment to sustainable change rather than short-term solutions.

In 2025, we continued to strengthen the skills and competencies of the communities we reached through scholarship provision, vocational training both formal and non-formal with a focus on employability and entrepreneurship skills, apprenticeships, mentorship, creative capacity building, primary school support to improve school attendance and completion, and Early Childhood Development (ECD) support. The bulk of this work was implemented in Yumbe District, with support from the Stromme Foundation and Wilde Ganzen – Blue Ambition. Gender inclusion remained an integral part of our programming. Both men and women were reached through our interventions, and their perspectives and needs

were considered in the design and implementation of our programmes. We also ensured the active participation of both men and women across programme activities.

Environmental protection and sustainability continued to be important cross-cutting considerations in our work. Kulika Uganda actively sought opportunities to implement activities that protect and enhance the environment. During the year, we promoted tree planting, training in ecological organic agriculture, the use of bio-fertilisers, and natural pesticides among the communities we serve. These efforts contributed to strengthening environmentally sustainable practices while supporting community livelihoods.

During the year, we successfully concluded three projects in the West Nile region and commenced three new projects in West Nile, North-Eastern, and Eastern Uganda. The results from these projects were varied but encouraging. Communities demonstrated improved capacity to save and appropriately manage household income, as evidenced by increased reinvestment in enterprises. Other achievements included safer slaughter facilities and improved waste-management infrastructure, cleaner market environments, improved food hygiene, reduced exposure to sanitation-related health risks, and improved household hygiene and sanitation practices.

Our ongoing projects continue to support interventions in Early Childhood Development, adolescent education, youth skilling, income generation, internship support, scholarship administration, agricultural value-chain development, and environmental protection. Together, these interventions are contributing to stronger, more resilient communities and creating opportunities for



sustainable improvement in livelihoods and well-being.

To our funding partners, networks, collaborators, and friends, we extend our sincere appreciation. The partnerships and synergies built in 2025 enabled Kulika Uganda to act decisively, innovate responsibly, and inspire communities to face challenges with hope and determination.

With a clear strategy, disciplined execution, and a continued focus on results, accountability, and service, Kulika Uganda is well positioned to navigate an increasingly uncertain external and financial environment in the years ahead.

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From the Executive Director

Magdalene Amujal

Kulika Uganda's work continues to play a vital role in improving livelihoods among the communities we serve. Through community-led and bottom-up approaches, we have built trust, listened deeply to people's aspirations, and supported practical pathways towards better futures beyond project timelines. Across our engagements, communities consistently identify food and nutrition security, health, and income generation as the foundations of poverty-free households and improved quality of life.

In 2025, we delivered five projects across Madi Okollo, Maracha, Terego, Yumbe and Wakiso, focusing on agriculture support, education and skilling. Each project used a distinct approach while contributing to the shared goal of empowering individuals, households and communities to harness their own resources for sustainable development.

Our agriculture-related interventions promoted ecological organic agriculture, improved production and productivity, strengthened Participatory Guarantee Systems, and encouraged cleaner environments through the One Health approach. These efforts helped farmer groups address land degradation, pests and diseases, while improving collective production and marketing.

Skilling remained central to our programming. Youth gained certified skills, business knowledge, start-up support, apprenticeship and mentoring opportunities that improved employment readiness and self-reliance. In education, the Bonga approach strengthened learners' confidence and decision-making, while community engagement

encouraged parents and local leaders to take an active role in children's education.

We also strengthened collaboration with government through meetings, training, joint implementation and monitoring. These engagements improved alignment with relevant policies and contributed to strengthening local government work in our programme areas.

Long-term partnerships with communities remain essential to sustainable change. We continued to adapt our approaches based on community priorities and introduced the NSSF Smart Life Product to improve savings practices. More than 5,000 individuals opened accounts and began saving, demonstrating strong community ownership.

We further expanded partnerships and networks, including the Internal Risk Management Group, Charter for Change and Quality Assurance Mechanisms, to strengthen prudence, compliance and effective programme delivery.

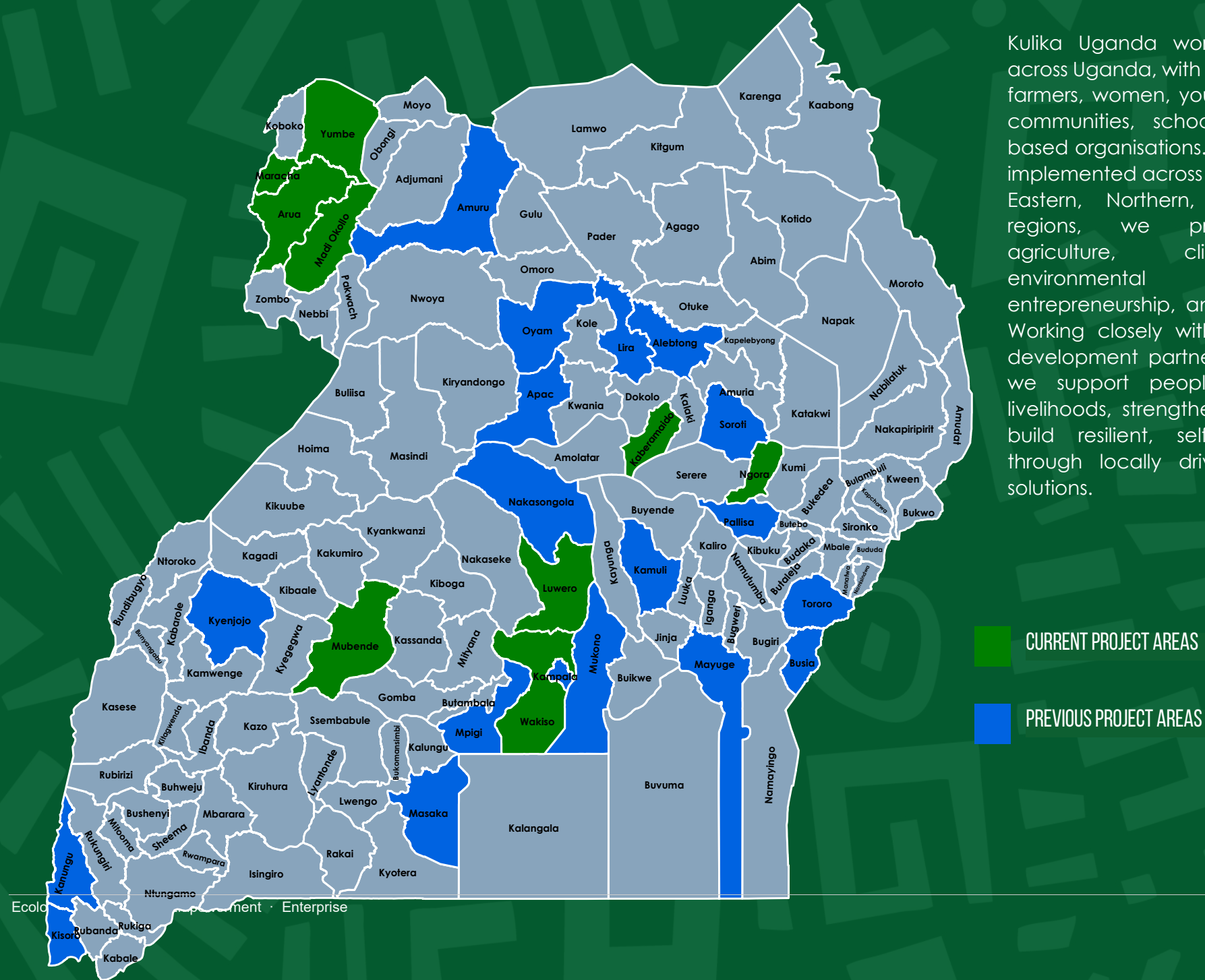
We extend our sincere appreciation to the communities, schools, district leadership, local government offices, funding partners, networks, collaborators and friends of Kulika Uganda for their invaluable support in 2025. We also thank the Kulika Uganda Governance team for its oversight and supportive policies that enabled strong performance.

With a clear strategy, disciplined execution and continued focus on value, quality, availability and service, Kulika Uganda is well placed to navigate an increasingly uncertain external and financial environment while continuing to improve the lives of the communities we serve.



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WHO WE SERVE AND WHERE WE WORK



Kulika Uganda works with communities across Uganda, with a focus on smallholder farmers, women, youth, refugee and host communities, schools, and community-based organisations. Through programmes implemented across the West Nile, Central, Eastern, Northern, and South-Western regions, we promote sustainable agriculture, climate resilience, environmental conservation, entrepreneurship, and skills development. Working closely with local governments, development partners, and communities, we support people to improve their livelihoods, strengthen food security, and build resilient, self-reliant communities through locally driven and sustainable solutions.



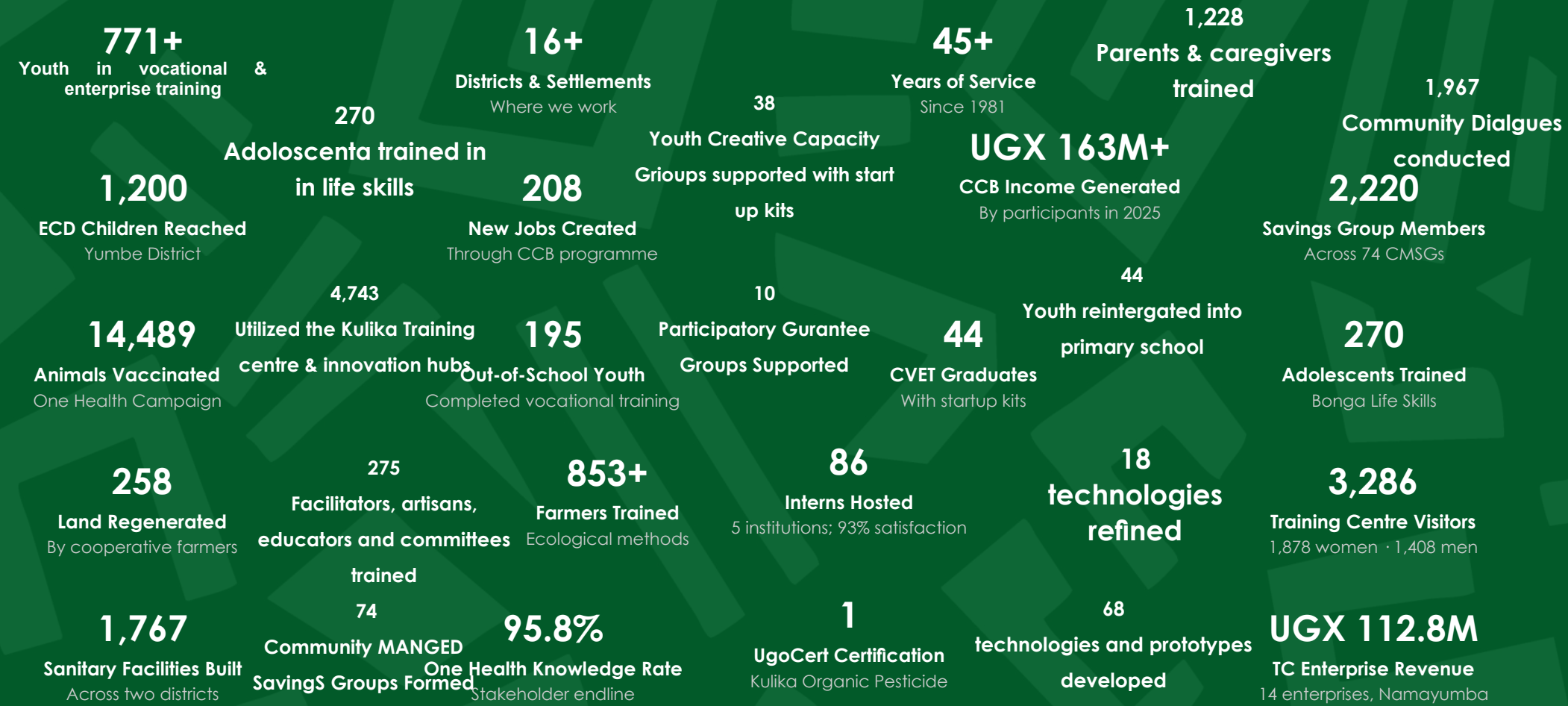
APPROACHES USED - MAKING EVERY VOICE COUNT

- Ecological Organic Agriculture
- Farmer to Farmer Extension
- Participatory Guarantee system
- Creative Capacity Building
- Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration
- PESA Model
- Farmer Participatory Research
- People First Impact Method
- Social Innovation Approach
- One Health Approach
- Formal and Non-Formal Skilling Approach
- Satellite Training Approach
- Apprenticeship Approach
- Bonga in Community and in schools Approach
- Household visioning approach
- Female Centered Permaculture
- Food Forests
- Right based approach
- Community Dialogues



2025 AT A GLANCE

THE NUMBERS BEHIND THE TRANSFORMATION



**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1:
TO PROMOTE ECOLOGICAL ORGANIC
AGRICULTURE BY STRENGTHENING
INNOVATIONS AND PRACTICES IN THE
WHOLE VALUE CHAIN TO INCREASE
WELLBEING OF PEOPLE, ANIMALS AND
ENVIRONMENT**



EOA and Education oriented Policies analysed

During the year, Kulika Uganda worked with government structures to align activities with national policies. This included meetings with district officers to present new projects and interventions, conduct joint monitoring activities, and train staff and rural communities on government policies. The engagements covered the following areas and policies: animal vaccination, waste management, meat handling, the National Agriculture Policy, the National Fertilizer Policy (2016), the National Irrigation Policy, the National Agricultural Extension Strategy (2016), the National Climate Change Policy (2015), the National Environment Act (2019), the National Environment Management Policy (2014), the National Wetlands Conservation Policy (1995), the National Forest Policy (2004), and the Climate Adaptive Agriculture Framework (2018).



Joint monitoring visits with District officials in Terego

Promotion of government policies for uptake in communities

To drive the community uptake of national policies, Kulika Uganda trained 80 leaders from Bidi Bidi Zone 5 and Bijo Sub-county on government poverty eradication programmes (Emyooga, PDM, and YLP). The cohort comprised 27 savings group leaders and 53 Bonga Forum leaders. Proactively applying their training, two groups are already developing constitutions to register as formal sub-county associations to access government funding.



Community leaders from CMSGs and Bonga Forum members receive training on Emyooga, PDM, and YLP to strengthen access to government poverty eradication programmes.

EOA and Education advocacy initiatives developed and implemented.
Participatory community led and evidence based research on EOA
Farmer Training and Nematode Control in Wakiso

In Wakiso District, 25 smallholder farmers from the Kanziro Community Farmers Group successfully adopted sustainable banana management practices following targeted training. The hands-on sessions focused on nematode control, proper sucker selection, and reducing chemical inputs. Within six months of implementing these treatments, the nematode infestation was entirely cleared, significantly reducing banana toppling (falling). Consequently, farmers reported a noticeable increase in banana sizes, which tripled their sales revenue from UGX 5,000 to UGX 15,000 per bunch.



Florence Ddumba taking Kanziro Farmers Group through proper banana management

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The Kulika Organic Pesticide: Validation and Certification

During the year, the Kulika natural pesticide underwent comprehensive laboratory analysis to analyze its active ingredients and verify toxicity levels. Following successful testing, the bio-pesticide was distributed across more than 20 districts in Uganda for field validation. Farmers who applied it confirmed its broad-spectrum efficacy, noting highly effective control over diverse crop pests, including aphids, American bollworms, coffee green scale, mealybugs, red spider mites, and thrips. Based on these testing and validation results, the Kulika natural pesticide was officially certified as an organic agricultural input by NOGAMU and Kilimo Trust (through UgoCert).



The certified Kulika natural pesticide at the Kulika Training Centre for sale

Ecology · Education · Empowerment · Enterprise

Testing Different Fertilizers at the Centre

We conducted two randomized controlled trials at the Centre to evaluate the effectiveness of three organic fertilizers (Frass, Bokashi, and poultry litter) on kale and spinach. The findings proved that Frass produced the fastest vegetative growth, followed by poultry litter and Bokashi. This generated an evidence-based recommendation for farmers seeking rapid crop development. To share these results, two dissemination events were organized, where at least 120 people (70 male, 50 female) were sensitized on organic fertilizer performance and the use of the Kulika natural pesticide.



Organic fertilizers produced and tested at the Centre on several crops to generate evidence-based recommendations for farmers and promote the use of Kulika's natural pesticide.



Women practicing backyard gardening in Yumbe District as a practical approach to agroecological production, supporting healthy diets and sustainable household food systems.

Enhancing Climate change resilience, reducing biodiversity loss, environmental protection, regeneration and hygiene practices in communities

A. Train and Build Communities

A total of 352 smallholder farmers (234 women and 118 men) were trained in climate-smart agriculture and water and soil conservation technologies. The practical training equipped participants with essential skills in agroforestry, A-frame construction, contour digging, and Fanya Juu and Fanya Chini terracing. Additionally, farmers learned sustainable agronomic practices, including cover crop planting, crop rotation, mulching, integrated pest management, and post-harvest handling to mitigate soil erosion and boost overall farm productivity.



Farmers learning to use an A-frame during training to identify contour lines and apply soil and water conservation practices on their farms.



Community members digging contours to reduce soil erosion, conserve water, and improve the productivity of their farmland.

B. Tree Planting and Nurseries

A total of 101,050 seedlings of ecological and economic importance including Terminalia, Maesopsis eminii, Prunus africana and Annona muricata, were raised through community tree nurseries established at the Kulika Training Centre and Kawerimidde Farmer Group. This increased the availability of locally adapted planting materials for farmers and communities, supporting expanded tree planting, soil protection and biodiversity conservation.

C. Land Regenerated through tree planting and implementation of Ecological Organic Agriculture principles and practices

A total of 450 acres of degraded land were regenerated through tree planting, soil and water conservation practices in five rural communities in Mubende, Namayumba, Mbale, Kasese and Kanungu, contributing to reduced soil erosion, improved soil moisture retention and increased adoption of sustainable land management practices among participating communities.



The Kulika Uganda Tree Nursery at the Kulika Training Centre, producing sustainable tree varieties for sale and distribution to farming communities to promote environmental conservation and climate resilience.

Children at Namayumba Primary School proudly holding their tree seedlings, promoting environmental stewardship and fostering a culture of conservation from an early age.

One Health - Household and markets hygiene and sanitation

A total of 973 households (629 females and 344 males) were sensitized on hygiene and sanitation. Following awareness and follow-up by Village Health Teams (VHTs), 489 new sanitary facilities were constructed, including 111 latrines, 133 tippy taps, 131 drying racks and 114 rubbish pits. The facilities were established across host and refugee communities in 20 selected villages in Terego and Madi Okollo Districts, increasing access to basic sanitation facilities and contributing to improved household hygiene and sanitation practices.



Raised drying rack at a beneficiary household, promoting hygienic and improved post-harvest handling of produce.



Community stakeholders inspect the newly constructed slaughter facility, an investment aimed at improving hygiene, food safety and safe livestock handling.

One Health - Awareness and Vaccination Campaigns

Awareness campaigns were conducted at Ocea Market, focusing on food safety, hygiene, animal health and handwashing practices, reaching 535 refugees (233 females and 302 males). The campaigns, combined with routine waste collection and behaviour change communication led by trained market committees, strengthened awareness and adoption of improved hygiene and sanitation practices among market users and vendors. Two animal slaughter spaces and two waste management facilities were completed and handed over to the respective districts, improving access to safer animal slaughter space and waste management infrastructure. These interventions contributed to a cleaner market environment, improved food hygiene practices and reduced exposure to sanitation-related health risks.



Animal vaccination exercise in Ocea Village, strengthening livestock health, improving animal productivity, and supporting the livelihoods of farming communities.



Awareness campaigns in Ocea Village, engaging community members on key issues to promote knowledge sharing, behavioral change, and improved community wellbeing.

Build capacity of farmers in value chains and market development to increase farmer's competencies in marketing farm produce.

In 2025, Kulika Uganda collaborated with PELUM Uganda to strengthen 10 Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) groups comprising 249 members (153 men and 96 women) across Mubende, Luuka, Kalaki, Kaberamaido and Ngora Districts. Members were trained on the East African Organic Standards (EAOS) and participated in technical peer review visits, strengthening their knowledge and capacity to apply organic production standards, assess compliance and improve the quality and credibility of locally produced organic products.



Awareness campaigns in Ocea Village, engaging community members on key issues to promote knowledge sharing, behavioral change, and improved community wellbeing.

Support bulking for collective marketing

A total of 23 farmers (4 women and 19 men) were supported to bulk maize and beans for collective marketing, strengthening their ability to aggregate produce and access markets more efficiently in Yumbe District. In addition, eight Savings and Producer Groups (SPGs) were formed and trained in Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA), enabling members to jointly plan production, adopt climate-resilient farming practices and improve their capacity for collective marketing.



Seed banks/system for quality seeds for small scale farmers.

Kulika expanded its in-situ seed bank through the multiplication and conservation of the indigenous varieties: 4 maize varieties, 1 taro yam, 7 local banana varieties, 4 spices, 10 herbs and 3 local bean varieties, including Small Purple and Kulika beans. This strengthened the conservation of local genetic diversity and increased the availability of locally adapted planting materials, supporting farmers to maintain seed diversity, adapt to changing climatic conditions and strengthen household food security. During the year, 13 kgs of kulika bean were given to 4 farmers to multiply for their group members of which 168 kgs were harvested and will be used as planting materials.



Support small-holder farmers in savings and credit facilities (VSLA)

a) Farmers supported in VSLA

In partnership with NSSF, Kulika Uganda mobilized 5,013 farmers (3,879 men and 1,134 women) across six districts, of whom 2,718 (2,088 men and 530 women) were registered for the Smart Life Saving Scheme. In addition, 74 Community Managed Savings Groups (CMSGs) were supported through the full savings cycle, benefiting 2,220 members (1,554 women and 666 men). Members gained practical skills in savings, financial literacy, budgeting, loan management and record keeping. The initiative strengthened household financial planning and savings practices, increased access to small loans for household and income-generating needs, and enabled members to invest more confidently in livelihood activities. The groups also provided a more structured mechanism (Household vision plans) for members to manage household financial needs and build resilience against economic shocks.



The Community Development Officer in Kamuli creating awareness on The NSSF Smartlife Saving Scheme



b)Household Planning

A total of 240 SPG members were trained and supported to develop Household Development Plans, enabling families to set priorities for income generation, food production, savings, education and health, and to track progress towards their goals.

Action Steps	Responsible Person	Support Needed	Timeframe	Monitoring Plan
Buy drought-resistant seeds	Mr. X	Extension officer advice	Month 1	Check crop growth weekly
Sell extra farm produce at market	Mrs. X	Transport to market	Month 2-6	Track sales monthly
Save 50,000 UGX per month in CMSG	Entire family	Family discipline	Month 1-12	Review savings quarterly

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2:
TO BUILD AND ENHANCE SKILLS AND
COMPETENCIES OF ALL COMMUNITIES
REACHED**



Increased access to higher education opportunities and improvement of capacities for development practitioners

a) Open University: During the year, 12 students from the 2022 cohort successfully completed their studies. The course currently has 33 continuing students (15 males and 18 females) progressing through various stages of the curriculum. From the 2023 cohort, 9 students passed their first module (DD870) and enrolled in their second (DD871), while an additional 8 students are currently undertaking their final module (DD872). Furthermore, 10 students from the 2024 cohort passed DD870 and registered for DD871, and 10 newly registered students from the 2025 cohort successfully commenced their first module.



Open University students concluding their Day School Program with a group photo at John Paul II Peace and Justice Center



Open University students exploring the Kulika Training Center to learn more about Kulika Uganda's programs and sustainable agriculture initiatives.

b) Internship Programme:

In 2025, Kulika Training Centre hosted 98 interns (45 women and 53 men) from five academic institutions: Makerere University, Bukalasa Agricultural College, Bukomero, Bethany Land Institute and Victoria University. Interns gained practical experience in ecological organic agriculture, climate-resilient technologies, clean energy and sustainable social business practices through hands-on learning across the Centre's enterprises. All 98 interns successfully completed their placements and received satisfactory internship assessments, demonstrating strengthened practical competencies and the ability to apply classroom knowledge in real-world farm and enterprise settings.



Hands-on training at the Biofertilizer Unit where interns learn the production of organic pesticides.



Interns at the Kulika Training Center with Briquettes

Increased number of youths, women, men and people of concern accessing vocational skills training for employment or starting self-sustaining activities

a) Inclusive Quality Education and Life Long Learning

Under the Inclusive Quality Education and Lifelong Learning Skills Programme in Yumbe District, implemented in partnership with the Stromme Foundation, four vocational skills centres were operationalised, providing market-oriented training in tailoring, hairdressing, welding, bakery, and confectionery. The programme engaged 13 qualified artisans to enhance the quality and practical delivery of vocational training. A total of 44 Community Vocational and Education Training (CVET) students successfully graduated and received start-up kits, equipping them with both technical skills and basic resources to enter the labour market, start new enterprises, or strengthen existing livelihoods. The intervention therefore contributed to improved employability, entrepreneurship, and self-reliance among participating youth.



CVET at the Community Vocational Education and Technical Center, gaining practical skills that prepare them for brighter and more independent futures.



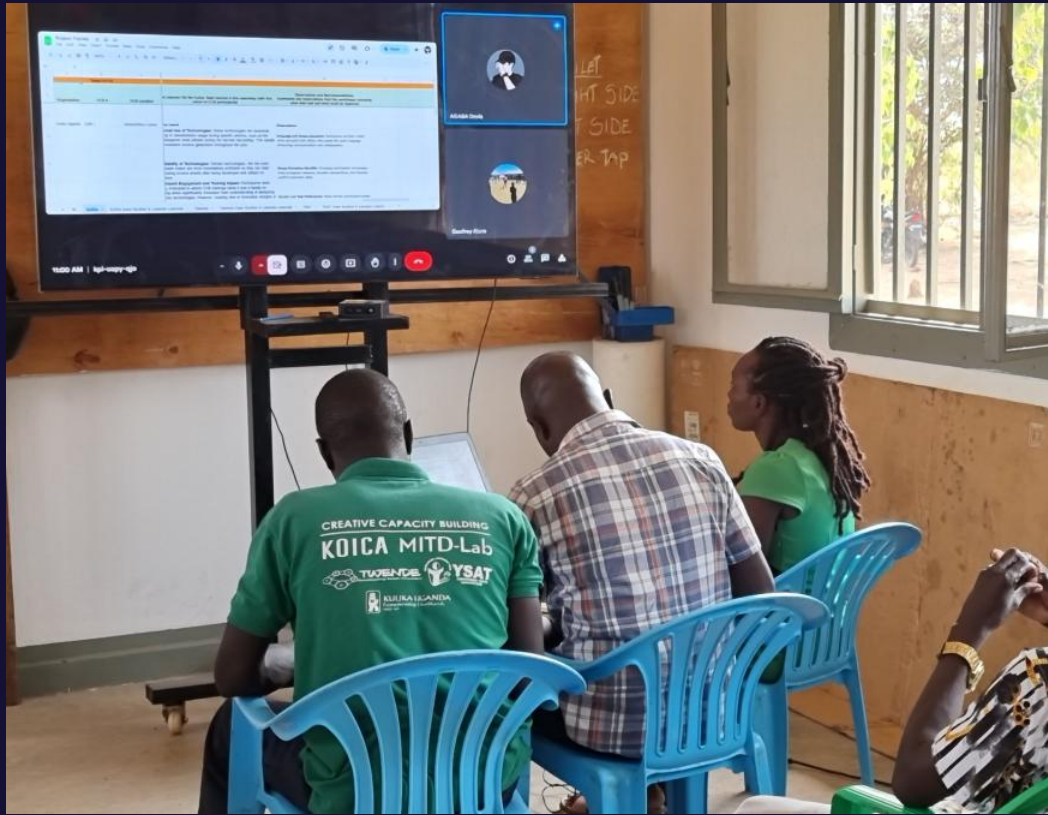
An assessor from the Uganda Vocational and Technical Assessment Board (UVTAB) conducting a competency assessment at the Community Vocational Education and Technical Center to evaluate learners' practical skills and readiness for certification.

Design for second Life

Under the KOICA Project, 186 participants (72 females and 114 males) gained Creative Capacity Building (CCB) skills and co-designed and refined eight technologies during the year. Overall, 20 CCB technologies were designed and developed. In addition, 12 CCB workshops were conducted in Rhino Camp and Imvepi, reaching 273 participants and strengthening their practical skills in ICT-enabled innovation, including sensor integration, coding and app development. The initiative strengthened participants' capacity to apply digital and technical skills to develop practical solutions to local challenges. As a result, the youth developed 2 apps(Motorcycle Alarm system and Legal app).



An Assessor from UVTAB during the DIT assessment of community members in Aringa



Beneficiaries participating in an online learning session through the digital portals under the KOICA-supported Design for Second Life initiative in Rhino Camp and Imvepi.

b) Creating employment opportunities for vulnerable youth

During the year, Kulika Uganda strengthened the livelihoods of 492 youth (268 females and 224 males) through enterprise development, business skills training and start-up support. A total of 388 youth (208 females and 180 males) generated income from businesses such as liquid soap production, baking, food processing and tool sharpening. In addition, 216 participants (135 females and 81 males) continued earning income from their enterprises, while 104 participants received refresher training to strengthen their business skills. To further grow local enterprises, 23 CCB groups received UGX 10.06 million in seed funding, while 38 groups comprising 118 participants received start-up support. These interventions strengthened youth entrepreneurship and expanded opportunities for youth to engage in self-employment and income-generating activities.

Employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for Out of school youth in West Nile, Uganda

The intervention made progress in improving livelihood opportunities for out-of-school youth in Maracha and Terego Districts. A total of 195 youth (62 females and 133 males) completed three months of non-formal training in baking and catering, welding and metal fabrication, horticulture, solar, phone and motorcycle repair. Following the training, 43 youth transitioned into employment or self-employment, including 26 retained by local artisans and 17 starting income-generating activities such as bakery stalls, phone repair workshops, restaurants and kitchen gardens. Life skills training strengthened youth confidence, decision-making and social interaction. These results demonstrate early progress in improving youth employability and access to income-generating opportunities.



Testing of egg incubator prototypes developed to explore practical and locally appropriate solutions for poultry farmers.



A beneficiary demonstrates a pedal-powered mud moulding machine to a UNHCR official during the Co-Creation Summit in Arua.



Out-of-school youth under the Blue Ambition Project in Maracha participating in motorcycle repair technical training under DIT, gaining practical skills for employment and entrepreneurship.



Trainees showcasing their bakery and catering products after hands-on skills training, demonstrating practical competencies for entrepreneurship and livelihood development.

Support children reach their full academic potential through Bonga in school

a. Improved learning and child nutrition through promoting school gardens

A total of 8 backyard demonstration gardens were established in four (4) Early Childhood Development and 3 primary schools with dodo, tomatoes, vegetables, eggplants, and cowpeas planted for learning basic agricultural principles and to supplement Early Childhood Development centres meals. A total of 1,000 parents were supported to replicate agricultural models at household level. Simsim was grown on one acre and a half by 30 parents and rice on two acres contributing to food diversity, parental engagement in school feeding initiatives and education of children.



Parents and children establishing backyard gardens in Yumbe District after training on improved learning and child nutrition, promoting household food production and healthier diets.

b. Child Friendly Spaces for Playing and Learning

A total of four (4) ECD centres were equipped with swings, slides, and merry-go-rounds, benefiting 831 children (419 boys and 412 girls). The improved facilities created safer and more engaging spaces for active play, supporting children's physical coordination, motor skills, confidence, and social interaction. They also encouraged greater participation in learning and peer interaction, contributing to a more stimulating, inclusive, and child-friendly learning environment that supports children's holistic development and school readiness.



Children enjoying upgraded play facilities. These included swings, slides and other play materials.

d. Support children through Parent club

A total of 200 parents and caregivers were trained in child nutrition, growth, parenting skills and child development. Twenty parenting club leaders (9 females and 11 males) were elected from 153 parenting groups and equipped with skills to coordinate their clubs and provide peer support to other parents and caregivers. The initiative strengthened parental participation, peer learning and communication on child care and development, particularly among vulnerable and marginalised families.



Youth and parents participating in an in-school club session in Yumbe District, engaging in learning and peer-to-peer activities.

e. Support children through Menstrual hygiene

A total of 270 adolescents were trained to make reusable sanitary pads, strengthening practical skills and knowledge in menstrual hygiene management. Girls gained greater confidence in managing menstruation and access to reusable menstrual materials, while boys developed greater awareness and supportive attitudes towards menstrual health. The intervention contributed to a more supportive school environment and helped reduce barriers to girls' participation in learning and other activities.



Adolescent girls in Yumbe District under the Stromme Foundation project showcasing reusable sanitary pads they made after training on menstrual health and pad-making.

A SAFE AND CONDUCTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN OF AGE 6 MONTHS TO 8 YEARS IN TARGET MARKETS AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

A) Early Childhood Care and Education:

A total of 1,343 children (715 girls and 628 boys) accessed Early Childhood Development services at Ggaba, Nateete, Kiranga, Ariwa 1 Bright Future and Bright Star centres, providing opportunities for learning, play and early development. The school feeding programme supported regular attendance and participation at four ECD centres. The centres received 400 chairs and 140 tables, creating a more conducive learning environment and reducing the number of children learning while seated on the floor. One ECD centre also received a five-stance toilet facility and renovations to two classrooms, an office and a store, improving access to safer, more functional learning and sanitation facilities.



Children using newly provided tables and chairs at an ECD centre in Yumbe District



Children engaging in creative clay play at Ariwa ECD and Bright Star ECD centres

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3:
STRENGTHEN SOCIAL INNOVATION BUSINESS
ACTIVITIES AND EXPLORE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR
MAXIMISING THE FINANCIAL AND FOOD SECURITY OF
ALL



Initiative for Self Reliance

Piggery:

Kulika Uganda promotes piggery as one of the popular enterprises among small holder farmers in Uganda. Its turn over is quick and its management is affordable. Using the synchronised breeding, a total of 297 pigs (cambra and Landrace) were raised and sold to different stake holders including farmers for their breeding stock from this enterprise. The key achievements included farmers and students gaining knowledge on piggery establishment and management.

Poultry:

Kulika Uganda promotes local indigenous birds which are adaptable to conditions and are easily managed by small holder farmers. During the year, programmed hatching was adopted as an approach to increase the flock of local bids to 150 for farmer training. The key achievements included 380 farmers, school children and interns receiving training in programmed hatching, management of inbreeding and the whole enterprise.



Pigs of the Kulika Training Centre, used for practical training in piggery management, animal husbandry and improved livestock production practices.



Free-range hens at the Kulika Training Centre, providing hands-on learning in poultry management

Wine and Juice:

Small holder farmers report wastage of fruits during bumper harvest because they ripen at the same time. These are usually sold at farm get price fetching low prices. There is poor infrastructure such as roads, cold storage facilities that enhance perishability of farm produce. Kulika Uganda promotes wine and juice processing from farm fruits. Eighty-five (85) people were skilled in processing wine and juice from fruits such as pineapples and rosella. They also received skills in packaging and branding.

Animal Production

Goats: Goats are among the small ruminants which are economically important for small holder farmers. They are profitable investment because of their highly productive rates and fast growth. The goats provide rich manure for soil fertilisation and the meat has good market. Kulika Uganda promotes goat rearing to provide households with a range of enterprises that generate diverse benefits. During the year, Kulika Uganda goat enterprises was used for training 380 farmers, interns, individuals and for multiplication. The enterprise will continue to be multiplied given its usefulness to the communities.



Kulika's locally produced wine showcased at an exhibition.

Rabbits:

The keeping of rabbits is important for manure and good quality white meat. Kulika Uganda continued to maintain a rabbitry for training and multiplication. During the year, 36 rabbits (4 male 32 female) were reared. Kulika Uganda will continue with multiplication and develop a send a rabbit program to small holder farmers

Cattle:

For households in rural areas, cows are very important because they provide essential products for the farm families. This being an important part of the livelihood improvement for households, Kulika Uganda trains households in cattle management. For training purposes, the Kulika centre managed 3 cows and 1 bull. The manure was used to fertilise the gardens to improve on crop yield. From the cows, milk was sold to generate income which was reinvested into the enterprise and for training activities.



Rabbits at the Kulika Training Centre



One of the calves in the Animal Production Unit at the Kulika Uganda Training Centre, part of the Centre's livestock enterprise.

Honey:

Kulika Uganda strengthened community knowledge and skills in sustainable beekeeping by providing practical training to 65 community members, interns, students, and smallholder farmers in apiary management, honey harvesting, and hygienic processing. Approximately 340 kg of honey was processed through the learning enterprise, enabling participants to gain hands-on experience, promote environmentally friendly livelihoods, and increase awareness of beekeeping as a viable source of income and biodiversity conservation.



Kulika Uganda honey on display at the Harvest Money and Agroecology Exhibition, showcasing locally produced honey



Annual School Learning Program

The Annual Kulika Uganda School Learning program was hosted at the Kulika Training Centre. A total of 242 (143F:99M) learners from primary and secondary schools participated. The key achievements included hands-on experience across various enterprises, strengthened practical application of classroom knowledge and enhancement of their project ideation.



Primary school children gain hands-on experience in tree nursery management at the Kulika Uganda Demonstration Farm



Primary school children learning how to use an A-frame at the Kulika Uganda Demonstration Farm to understand land measurement and soil and water conservation practice

Establishing Kulika Centre seed bank for quality seed to promote the growth of EOA.

During the year, the Kulika Centre expanded seed production at its in-situ and ex-situ seed bank focusing on indigenous cowpeas, groundnuts, and white- striped black beans. The Centre continued the multiplication of indigenous beans, maize, bananas, yams, pumpkins, fruits and herbs.



Ex Situ pumpkins at the Kulika Training Centre



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 4: TO BUILD INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY TO ACT ON ITS MANDATE



Human Resources

During the year, the human resources were aligned with the organizational needs and workforce demographics. 58 members (25 F 33M) based in seven districts of Uganda took lead in the implementation of the activities. They worked closely with the respective governance structures, local communities, government agencies, and partners as well as support teams in some project locations.

The capacity of 9 staff members (4 females, 5 males) was built in Prevention from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment (PSEAH). The staff developed knowledge with policies, actions, and standards designed to protect vulnerable communities, beneficiaries, and staff from sexual misconduct by aid workers, Kulika Uganda staff, or partners. More trainings to build various staff capacity were organised in governance, financial management and investigation of misconduct.

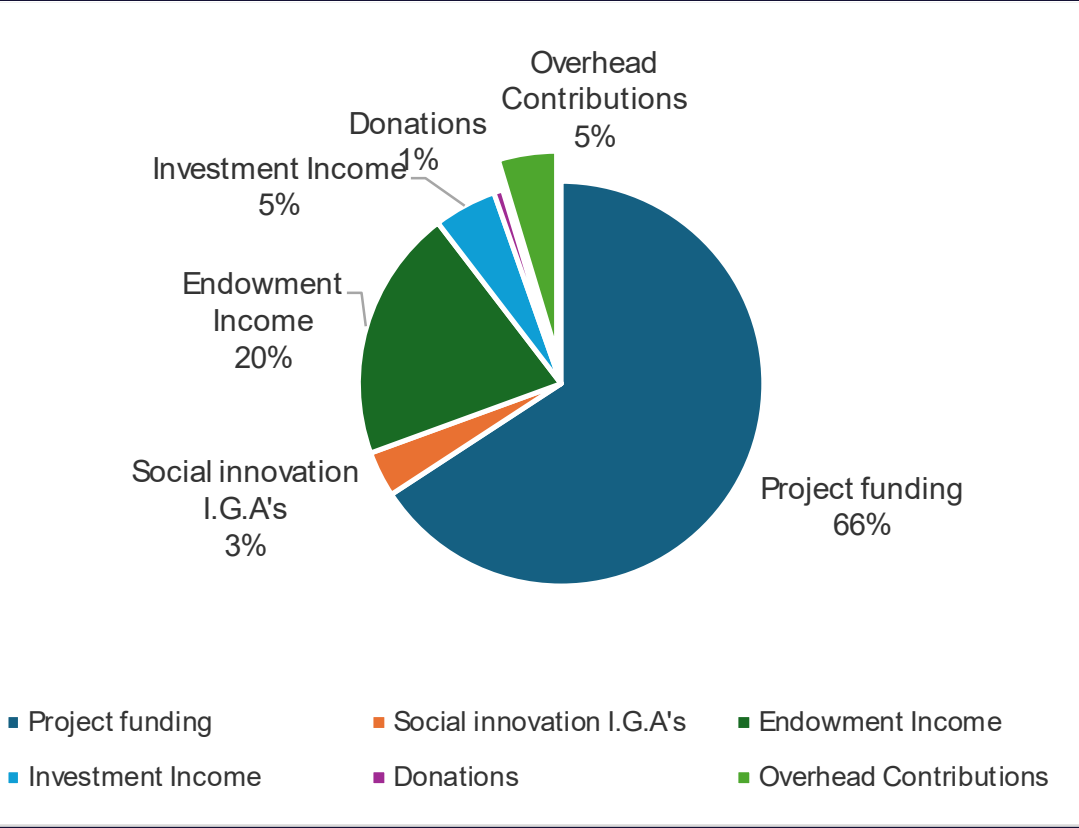
All staff were covered under health insurance and group personal accident policies. The social security provisions and applicable taxes were remitted to the statutory authorities. Staff development activities were managed through a voluntary Staff Savings & Credit Cooperative.

The success of the various projects was a result of tireless efforts of the staff. We recognize that despite the various challenges during the year, the staff exhibited professionalism, resilience, and unwavering commitment to Kulika's goals. Their commitment contributed to turning the mission into reality. They are all deeply appreciated.



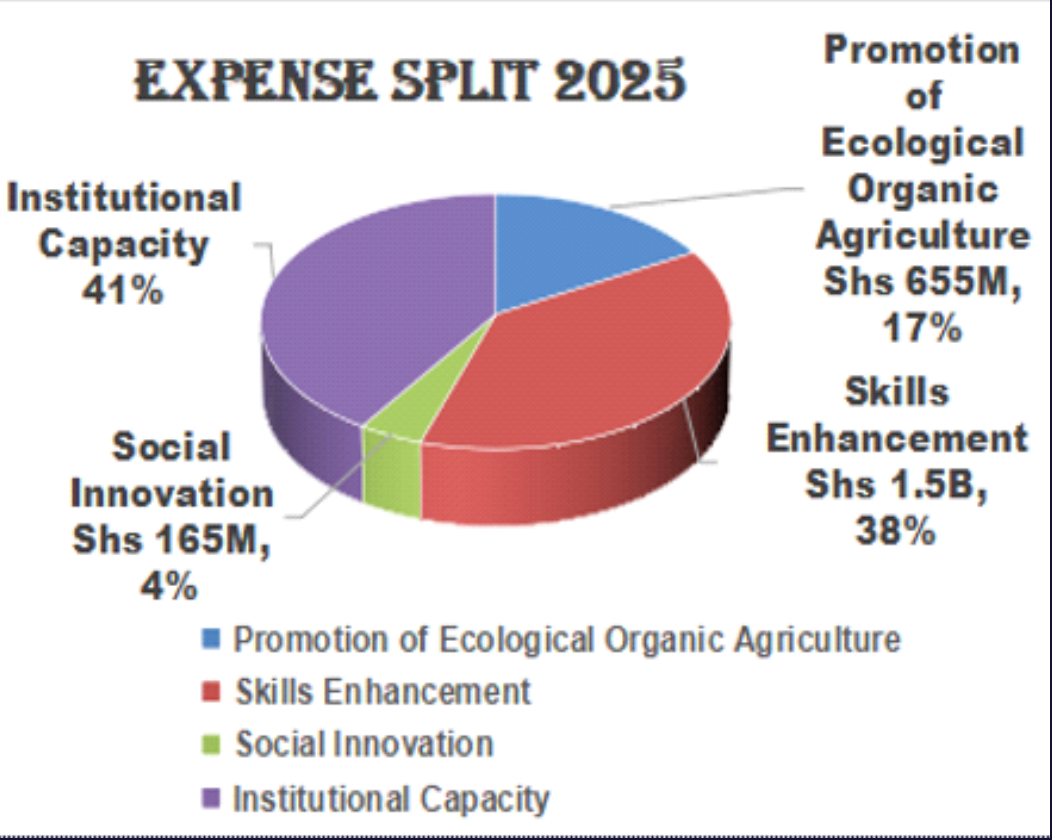
Financial Overview

Operating Income: Total income for 2025 amounted to UGX 3.5 billion, a decline of 18.6% from UGX 4.3 billion in 2024. This income was generated from grants and internally generated revenue. Several partners contributed to our programs and operations. Grants (Restricted funds) was UGX 2.3 billion; this accounted for 66% of total income in 2025 whereas internally generate income (General funds) was UGX 1.2 billion and accounted for 34%.



Operational Expenditure

In 2025, total operational expenses amounted to UGX 3.9 billion, a 35% increase from UGX 2.9 billion in 2024. 59% of these expenses were allocated to program implementation. Key activities focused on Skills enhancement taking 38% of the total expenses. Additionally, efforts to promote Ecological organic agriculture were intensified through trainings, this has significantly enhanced farmers' knowledge and adoption of sustainable agricultural practices and increased production and incomes.



Networks and Partnerships on projects and investments developed and nurtured

Throughout the year, Kulika Uganda strengthened strategic partnerships and networks that supported resource mobilisation, implementation of strategic objectives, institutional capacity, and opportunities for farmers, youth, children, and communities.

Financial Inclusion and Farmer Enterprise Development:

Through NSSF, Kulika promoted financial inclusion among farming communities. Membership in PELUM Uganda supported farmer marketing through Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS), regenerative agriculture, renewable energy, and knowledge sharing. Collaborations with NOGAMU, CBI Oil Seed Company, and Environmental Alert further strengthened selected crop value chains and farmer innovations.

Recognition of Social Enterprise and Innovation:

Kulika Uganda was recognised by the Uganda Federation of Employers as the Local NGO of the Year under the Social Enterprise Awards, recognising its contribution to mission-driven innovation and social enterprise.

One Health and Community Resilience:

Partnerships with Malteser International, Terego and Madi Okollo District Local Governments, and the National One Health Platform supported the One Health approach through animal vaccination, improved slaughter and waste management facilities, district task team capacity building, and sustainability planning. The partnership also strengthened youth skilling, PSEAH, and financial management capacity.

Innovation, Digital Literacy and Creative Capacity Building:

Through MIT D-Lab, KOICA and Samsung, the Design for Second Life Innovations project strengthened creative capacity, digital literacy, and practical innovation through the repurposing of materials and development of local solutions.

Education, Youth Skilling and Child Development:

Partnerships with the Stromme Foundation and Wilde Ganzen – Blue Ambition supported early childhood development, education, youth skilling, mental health and psychosocial support, girls' skills development, and organisational sustainability.

Academic, Research and Learning Partnerships:

The Kulika Training Centre strengthened collaboration with academic and research institutions, including Makerere University, Bukalasa Agricultural College, Bethany Land Institute, Victoria University, Muni University, and others. In 2025, the Centre hosted 86 interns who gained practical experience in ecological organic agriculture, value addition, and social enterprise development.

These partnerships enabled Kulika Uganda to mobilise resources, strengthen institutional and technical capacity, expand learning opportunities, and increase its contribution to ecological organic agriculture, One Health, youth skilling, education, innovation, and community development.



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BEHIND EVERY IMPACT STORY IS A DEDICATED TEAM

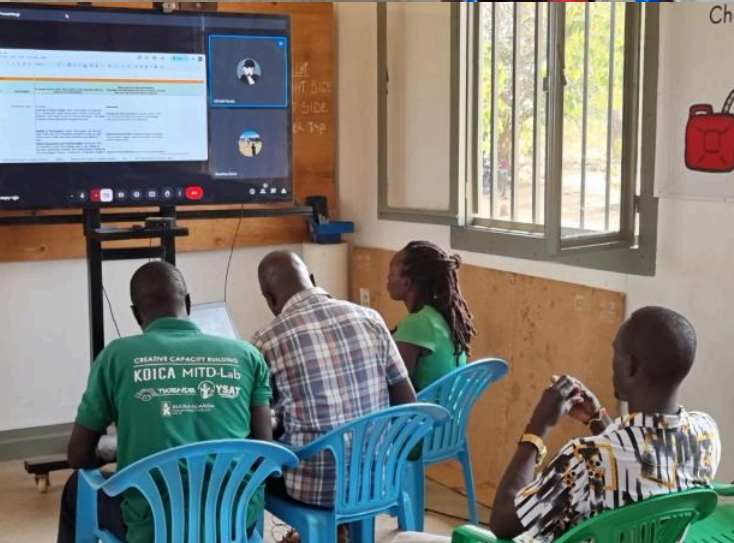
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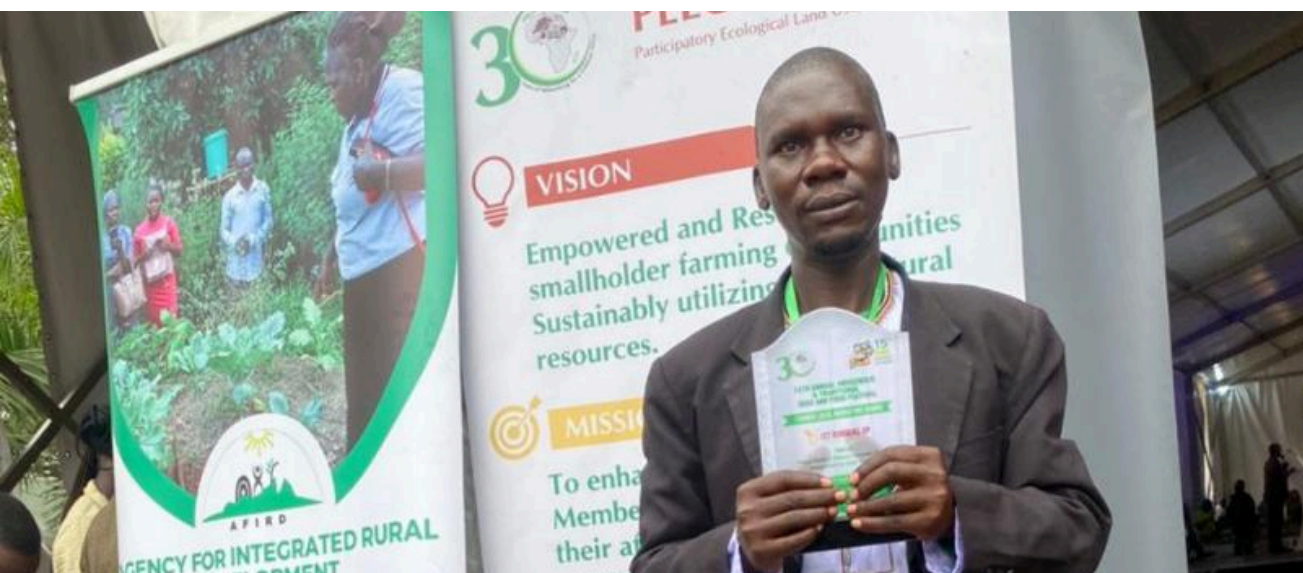
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KULIKA THROUGH THE LENS



AWARDS AND APPRECIATIONS



STORIES OF CHANGE

Change in Uganda rarely arrives all at once. It grows season by season, household by household.

The stories in these pages come from the farmers, students, young people and households Kulika Uganda works alongside in fields, classrooms, workshops and markets.

Each story shows what grows when people are given knowledge, skills and the confidence to shape their own future.

SMALL SAVINGS, BIGGER OPPORTUNITIES: THE BAUSA COMMUNITY SAVINGS GROUP STORY



“Being part of this group has taught me that even small savings can make a big difference. We have learned to plan, save and support one another. The money we received has given us hope and the confidence to improve our families’ lives.”

The Bausa Community Managed Savings Group (CMSG) in Olugonga Village, Geya Parish, Bijo Sub-County, has completed its first savings cycle, bringing together 30 members, including 9 men and 21 women. The group was formed to promote saving, financial discipline and greater household resilience.

Over the year, members consistently contributed to their savings, accumulating UGX 4,986,000, which was shared among members at the end of the cycle. Through its lending activities, the group also generated more than UGX 900,000 in interest, which strengthened the group’s savings pool and increased the amount available for members during the share-out.

The group also established an Education Fund to help members meet school-related expenses for their children. Members reported that the fund helped them plan for school fees and reduced the financial pressure associated with keeping their children in school.

Following the share-out, several members planned to invest their earnings in small businesses, while others intended to increase their contributions in the next savings cycle. Beyond the financial benefits, the group has strengthened members’ confidence, saving habits and ability to support one another.

As the Bausa CMSG begins its next cycle, members plan to improve record-keeping, increase their savings and diversify their activities. Their experience demonstrates how community-based savings can strengthen household resilience and create opportunities for improved livelihoods.

“FROM ROASTING MEAT TO RAISING HOPE: VERONICA’S JOURNEY OF GROWTH IN IMVEPI SETTLEMENT”



“I also encourage my fellow youth, especially those I trained with, not to just sit and wait for opportunities to come to them. We all have skills now, we must find ways to use them to earn a living and change our lives.”

Ondoru Veronica, a host community beneficiary from Village 18 in Imvepi Settlement shared her experience that before attending the training with Kulika Uganda, the family was surviving on agriculture which would mainly cater for their feeding but was not enough for other needs. She was among the lucky few who got an opportunity to participate in the CCB trainings organized by Kulika Uganda. Through the CCB training, her group identified a challenge related to meat roasting and developed a meat-roasting technology to address this issue within their community. Kulika also supported them with seed fund to enable them to begin their business however after receiving start-up capital, other group members became inactive, but Veronica persisted with the initiative independently.

She began selling roasted meat to community members and over time, this generated income that enabled her to meet essential needs such as purchasing food, salt and soap for her and her family members. Over time, she expanded her operations by opening a mini restaurant and transitioned from buying meat in small quantities to purchasing and slaughtering a whole goat every market day (Monday) some of which she would roast and the other meat would be cooked as food to be served to the people in the restaurant. This shift increased her daily earnings to between UGX 180,000 and UGX 220,000.

With cumulative profits earned, Veronica acquired two chickens, three goats and two piglets which she now rears at home. Her income also supports her children’s education and healthcare needs which she found difficulty doing before. She expressed deep gratitude for the training and support provided by Kulika and the donors, acknowledging the transformative impact the project has had on her livelihood and her family’s well-being.

TECHNOLOGY - TOOL SHARPENER “EMMANUEL TABAN’S JOURNEY OF HOPE AND HARD WORK IN IMVEPI



“I also encourage my fellow youth, especially those I trained with, not to just sit and wait for opportunities to come to them. We all have skills now, we must find ways to use them to earn a living and change our lives.”

Emmanuel Taban, a 30-year-old South Sudanese, lives in Village 18 Zone 2 at Imvepi Settlement and is part of a group of five members. He shared that before joining the project in 2024, life was very difficult. They struggled to survive because renting land, feeding their families and paying school fees for their children was a big challenge. They mostly depended on monthly food aid from the World Food Programme.

Later, Emmanuel joined a training organized by Kulika Uganda. During the sessions, he and his group learned about the Creative Capacity Building (CCB) design cycle. This helped them identify a common problem in their area which was tool sharpening. Many people had to travel long distances to get their tools sharpened. To solve this, the group developed a tool-sharpening technology and began offering sharpening services within their community.

At first, they operated from home, sharpening knives at UGX 500 and pangas at UGX 1,000, but later expanded to marketplaces like Oxen so that more people could access their services. This business brought in monthly earnings between UGX 5,000 and UGX 20,000, which helped them buy basic items like soap, salt and sugar.

With start-up capital support from Kulika, the group started a side business to boost their income. They began selling essential goods such as sugar, salt, soap, coffee, cooking oil and beans, making these items more accessible to the community. This was especially helpful since the demand for sharpening services changes with the seasons.

“FROM STRUGGLE TO STRENGTH: KAVIRA’S JOURNEY OF RESILIENCE AND GROWTH”



“I also encourage my fellow youth, especially those I trained with, not to just sit and wait for opportunities to come to them. We all have skills now, we must find ways to use them to earn a living and change our lives.”

-Kavira Kagheni, a 27-year-old strong and hardworking Congolese single mother from Simbili Village in Rhino Camp, struggled to support and care for her children. Life was a daily struggle. As the sole breadwinner without even a piece of land to farm, but entirely depended on the food assistance offered by the World Food Program monthly before joining this project. Kavira often found herself on the brink of despair.

One day, hope arrived in the form of an opportunity. Kavira heard about an upcoming training organized by Kulika Uganda. With a bit of luck and a lot of determination, she was selected to participate. The training covered Creative Capacity Building (CCB), group formation and business skills. It was here that Kavira and her group learned how to build a baking oven, an innovation aimed at solving a local problem which was the lack of affordable, fresh bread, that had to be transported all the way from Arua.

Fueled by this new knowledge, the group pooled their resources and launched a bread-making business right in Simbili. Their efforts paid off when they secured a subcontract with Kulika to supply bread for a training in Ariaze B.

But as time passed, enthusiasm among the group waned. One by one, members dropped out until only Kavira remained. Determined, she continued alone, utilizing the baking technology to produce bread. With start-up capital support from Kulika, she began earning close to 200,000 Ugx per month. Her entrepreneurial spirit didn’t stop there. She expanded her offerings to include biscuits and mandazis and began selling in nearby villages like Ocea, Ariwa, and Ariaze.

FROM A COMMUNITY CHALLENGE TO A MOTORCYCLE SECURITY SOLUTION



“We started with a simple idea to protect our motorcycles, but through learning and innovation, we turned that idea into a solution that can protect our

We came up with the motorcycle security alarm because motorcycle theft was becoming a serious concern in our communities. Motorcycles are one of the main means of transport in the settlements and, for many families, they are also an important source of income. When a motorcycle is stolen, a family can lose not only a valuable asset but also the means through which they earn a living. We wanted to find a practical and affordable way to help motorcycle owners protect their livelihoods. Although we started with little to no experience in electronics, we had an idea and the determination to develop it. Through successive rounds of advanced ICT training, we learned how to turn that idea into a working product.

We developed three versions of the motorcycle security system: a button-operated alarm with an integrated siren, an RFID card-activated version that locks and unlocks using a contactless card, and a Bluetooth-controlled version operated through a smartphone application. When UNHCR and OPM officials visited our project showcase, the motorcycle alarm attracted significant attention. Their questions and feedback encouraged us to continue improving the technology. During market testing, potential customers suggested adding an engine cut-off feature so that the motorcycle could not be started during an attempted theft. We listened to their feedback, went back to the workshop, developed the feature and successfully installed it on a real motorcycle at Kulika Uganda. This showed us that innovation is not only about creating something new it is also about listening to the people who will use it and continuously improving the solution to meet their needs.

What makes our achievement even more meaningful is how far we have come. Some of us had never held a soldering iron before this project. Today, we understand circuit design, sensor integration, microcontroller programming and Bluetooth connectivity.

Our motorcycle security alarm is expected to reach the market in 2026. We developed it because we wanted to protect something that means much more than a motorcycle a source of income, independence and security for families in our communities. For us, this innovation shows what is possible when young people are given the skills, opportunity and trust to solve problems that directly affect their lives.

THE GULPER: WHEN SANITATION BECOMES AN ENTERPRISE



“Before we invented the Gulper, full latrines were a community crisis. Now they are a source of opportunity.”

In Terego District, we saw how quickly pit latrines filled up and how difficult it was for conventional waste-removal trucks to reach many communities because of the challenging terrain. This left families, schools and health facilities dealing with overflowing latrines and a sanitation problem they could not solve on their own.

As a youth-led CCB team, we decided to develop a solution that responded to the realities of our community. We designed the Gulper, a locally fabricated, manually operated pump that allows us to safely and efficiently empty pit latrines without relying on large waste-removal trucks.

What started as an effort to address a community challenge has grown into a business opportunity for us. Through the Gulper Technology Group, we have secured contracts with UNHCR, Terego District Local Government, Odupi Health Centre III and Otumbari Primary School.

Today, seven of us are fully equipped with the necessary safety gear, while three team members are certified Uganda Red Cross operators. Beyond improving sanitation, the Gulper has given us a way to earn livelihoods while providing an essential service to our communities.

For us, the Gulper is more than a piece of equipment. It is proof that when young people are given the opportunity to identify problems and create solutions, a community crisis can become an opportunity for innovation, employment and lasting change.

MY JOURNEY FROM STRUGGLE TO HOPE



“The training helped me see my potential. Today, I am no longer just worried about tomorrow; I am working to build a better future for my children and myself.”

My name is Sakaya Magret, a 19-year-old South Sudanese refugee living in Bidibidi Refugee Settlement. I am a mother of two and live with my elderly grandmother. When my husband returned to South Sudan, I became responsible for providing for my family.

Before joining the CVET programme supported by Stromme Foundation and Kulika Uganda, I earned a small and unreliable income plaiting hair. Business was seasonal, and there were times when I struggled to provide food for my children.

Through the programme, I first received life-skills training, which helped me build confidence and plan for my future. I then chose tailoring, a skill I believed could provide a more stable source of income. After completing the training and DIT assessment, I immediately began looking for ways to practise my new skills.

I hired a sewing machine for UGX 15,000 per month and started serving customers with clothing repairs and tailoring. Through hard work and determination, I now make about UGX 35,000 in profit each month. This income helps me pay school fees for my children and meet basic family needs without depending on others.

My dream is to own my own sewing machine and move my business to the trading centre, where I can reach more customers. Tailoring has given me more than an income—it has given me confidence, independence and hope for the future.



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