



AICAD UCO PROFILE WITH SELECTED ACCOMPLISHED ACTIVITIES

1.0 Background

The African Institute for Capacity Development (AICAD) Uganda Country Office (UCO) was established in 2000 and it is located at Makerere University. This office is responsible for coordinating the institute's programs and activities dealing with poverty reduction in Uganda through human capacity development by linking knowledge to application. The Institute is funded through grants from governmental and non-governmental sources. AICAD Uganda's primary aim is poverty alleviation, by facilitating the local people to solve their problems. To do this, AICAD UCO works with universities and other institutions to filter and apply those aspects of research that are of practical significance to targeted users. AICAD preferentially targets young women and men because of the enormous demographic dividends associated with investing in young people.

AICAD member universities in Uganda include; Makerere, Kyambogo, Mbarara, Gulu Busitema, Kabale, Muni and KIU. However, all chartered universities are potential members. The delivery model of AICAD is using universities which are centres of knowledge to link with surrounding communities and provide solutions for poverty reduction. As part of its human capacity development, AICAD's network has played useful roles in supporting universities and institutions to reach communities with knowledge and technologies that are geared towards poverty reduction.

AICAD Vision: To be the leading African institution in building human capacity for poverty reduction and wealth creation.

AICAD Mission: To leverage on our uniqueness and appropriate technology to sustainably build poverty-reducing and wealth creating technical capacity in the East African Community and beyond

AICAD Core Values: Awareness, Impartiality, Collaboration & Teamwork, Accountability & Emancipation, Dynamism & Dependability

2. The AICAD Organization Structure

AICAD is an international regional organization with its headquarters in Nairobi and having country offices in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. Its country offices are located in universities. At a regional level, AICAD is headed by an Executive Director while in member countries, it is headed by Country Directors who coordinate administration and program officers.

AICAD Uganda Country Office, Frank Kalimuzo Central Teaching Facility, Makerere University: has conducted activities in over 40 districts of Uganda including Sironko, Kampala, Kumi, Wakiso, Soroti, Mbarara, Masaka, Rakai, Kamuli, Kyenjojo, Iganga, Manafa, Mbale, Tororo, Busia, Mpigi, Nakasongola, Fort Portal, Sembabule, Bugiri, Kaliro, Kayungo, Mityana, Ntungamo and Gulu.

3. Selected past accomplishments

AICAD Uganda Country Office has conducted capacity development activities in over 40 districts of Uganda including Sironko, Kampala, Kumi, Wakiso, Soroti, Mbarara, Masaka, Rakai, Kamuli, Kyenjojo, Iganga, Manafa, Mbale, Tororo, Busia, Mpigi, Nakasongola, Fort Portal, Sembabule, Bugiri, Kaliro, Kayungo, Mityana, Arua, Ntungamo and Gulu. Some of AICAD Uganda Country Office accomplishments include the following;



✓ *Enterprise Development*

In partnership with partner university and community based organizations, AICAD UCO has carried out enterprise development activities targeting, poultry, coffee, banana/tea, fruits and vegetables, orange sweetpotato, piggery, dairy technology and value addition. Over 12,000 enterprise owners have been trained over the years.

✓ *Financial Literacy Training (Rural Youth Empowerment)*

The principal objective of this Rural Youth Empowerment Program is to improve financial literacy for the most vulnerable with Special emphasis on women and youth Savings groups, strengthening current levels of financial awareness. So far, over 2000 participants have been trained in Central and Western Uganda.

✓ *Grassroots Training in Organic Farming*

AICAD in partnership with Mbarara University, Gulu University, Makerere University, RUCID (Mityana), NOGAMU, Environment Alert, NARO-Kawanda, NARO-Namalere, MUBS has been promoting organic farming targeting fruits and vegetables for export markets.

✓ *Training in Irrigation and Water resource management*

A training program in irrigation and water resource management for the cattle corridor communities.

✓ *Knowledge and Technology Dissemination in Ceramics*

AICAD has established a youth incubation centre for ceramics at Namanve and a training centre in Mityana.

✓ *Establishment of Technology and Business Incubation Centres*

AICAD has worked with universities to set up business incubation centers. These incubation centres are meant to enhance transfer of knowledge to youth in the surrounding communities that dropped out of school or missed a chance to join the school system.

✓ *Municipality Spatial Planning*

In partnership with UN Habitat, AICAD UCO has carried out training in spatial planning for urban municipal officers in Uganda. Over 120 municipalities and urban centres have been reached

✓ *Apiculture*

In partnership with TUNADO, AICAD has trained farmers in apiculture, processing and quality control of honey for the export market. Over 4,000 farmers have been trained in various districts in Central, West Nile, Eastern and Western Uganda

✓ *Quality Standards and Marketing (KTDP – Knowledge & technology Dissemination Program)*

This Knowledge and Technology Dissemination program in Quality standards and Marketing was conducted at Mizigo Community Center in Mityana District. The training targeted 19 participants from the district who were representatives from different groups and were therefore expected to pass on the knowledge to back at the completion of the training.

Four models were covered during the 2 days course which included; Qualities of good pigs for slaughtering, Quality standards and slaughter slab, Marketing of pigs and Slaughtering and Processing of pigs. The resource persons used in the training were drawn from **Makerere University**. There is no doubt that the course content was the best that could be delivered at that stage. More so the course was very important in a way that it gave AICAD an opportunity of working together with its stakeholders in the country.



- ✓ *Waste Management, Feeds Preparation, Biogas Production and Pig Breeding(KTDP – Knowledge & technology Dissemination program)*

This KTDP training was done at Namukozi in Mityana District. The training targeted 17 participants from the district who were representatives from different groups and were therefore expected to pass on the knowledge to back at the completion of the training. Four Models were covered during this four days training which included; Waste Management, Feeds Preparation, Biogas Production and Pig Breeding. All the topics had a hands-on component that facilitated a very effective way of imparting practical skills to the participants. Resource persons used in the training were drawn from **Makerere University** and there is no doubt that the course content was the best that could be delivered at that stage. More so the course was very important in a way that it gave AICAD an opportunity of working together with its stakeholders in the country.

- ✓ *Graduate Supervisors' Training*

This is an activity for enhancing capacity of university senior academic staff to undertake supervision of graduate students. The most recent took place from May 2 - 15, 2023. AICAD carries out a graduates supervisors training with a major aim of ensuring that academic staffs in all disciplines, engaged in postgraduate training/research/supervision are well equipped with the relevant knowledge and skills to supervise and develop a strong research oriented culture in their universities and research institutions. The principal objective of the graduate studies supervisors/promoters course is to provide Masters and PhD research supervisors with requisite knowledge of relevant approaches and skills to make their supervision practices more effective, relevant, current, and well-targeted at the individual Masters and PhD students and at the same time supportive of the Masters and PhD student's competence development.

- ✓ *Data Ethics in Research and Education*

AICAD in partnership with **The Ethical Data Initiative** runs an elaborate program on the importance of data ethics in research and education. The Ethical Data Initiative provides a neutral space to bring together diverse actors and stakeholders, shaping the future of data governance. In doing so, we aim to increase equality and inclusivity in the data space; building data confidence and empowering the digital citizens of tomorrow. While the digital revolution has transformed the way we live, solving many issues; it has also given rise to numerous questions and challenges which affect everyone. This program is the precursor of the upcoming program of the Open Science Platform.

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