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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2024, Hunger Relief Africa (HRA) gained confidence and projected its operational ability as a leading African-owned humanitarian and development organization working at the intersection of nutrition, public health, climate change, food systems, WASH, and community resilience-building. Building upon the strong operational foundation established in 2023, HRA has expanded its concept interventions in the Eastern and Northern regions of Uganda, intended to reach over 1 million individuals who are in need through our pilot integrated, and community-based programmes.

Inspired by programmatic domestic hunger models, HRA has adopted an enhanced multi-sector strategy focusing on community-led action, health systems strengthening, women's and youth economic empowerment, and preventive nutrition approaches, resulting in improved coverage, service quality, and sustainability through a built network of Community Based Organizations (CBOs), serving as our Network Member Organizations (NOMs).

The year 2024 marked the consolidation of long-term introduction and familiarity for potential partnerships with the following stakeholders such as the Ministries of Health, Agriculture and Fisheries & Animal Husbandry, Gender and Social Development, youth networks, Civil Society Institutions, development partners, and private sector stakeholders, enabling impactful delivery of life-saving and resilience-building interventions

2. ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Hunger Relief Africa (HRA) a non-profit relief organization whose mission is building hope and nourishing lives through well-coordinated response to hunger, anchored on strategies of feeding, strengthening, leading, and empowering of food insecure vulnerable households in communities, emergencies, and natural disaster situations, and extreme poverty in Africa.

HRA's mandate includes:

- Feeding vulnerable families in need through food collection & redistribution (Food Waste reduction to mitigate effects of Climate Change).
- Strengthening Food Security and Livelihoods.
- Preventing and Treating Malnutrition.
- Supporting Maternal and Child Health.
- Improving Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Integrated Services.
- Social Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) Programme.
- Responding to Emergencies and Shocks.
- Building Resilient, Self-Sustaining Communities.

3. STRATEGIC APPROACH

In 2024, HRA adopted the following strategic priorities drawn from the lessons learned in the 2023 operational activities, reflected in its annual published report:

Community Mobilization-Based Approaches

We engaged and empowered local communities to become active participants and resilient. The innovative approach has ensured they own their food production, enhanced their access to nutritious food, and created a sustainable and resilient food systems in the communities.

Evidence-Based Programming to support Leading Strategy

Raising awareness about hunger and advocate for policies that support food security through leading strategy, investments in operational research, advocacy, marketing and communications. Additionally, we are starting a rigorous MEAL integration into our operational methodology, and community feedback mechanisms

Climate-Resilient Solutions

Water systems rehabilitation, climate-smart agriculture practices in the farming communities, seed diversification, including seed and food fortification, and early warning systems were among the 2024 target initiative.

Strengthening Feeding Programs and Integrated Health Systems

Access to nutritious food through food collection, distribution and network capacity by sourcing and distributing, including capacity-building of health workers, supportive supervision, digital reporting, and supply-chain strengthening.

Social Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC) and Feeding Program.

Initiated SBCC programme with integrated feeding programs for evidence-informed SBCC to promote improved infant feeding practices in schools going children, hygiene behaviours in communities, and dietary diversification among lactating & child bearing mothers and our Seniors above 60 years old.

Multi-Sector Integration

Nutrition linked to WASH programmes, livelihoods, cash transfers, parenting counselling, and social protection.

4. REGIONAL PRESENCE

HRA operates in two regions of Uganda, with network program membership amongst CBOs: In future, we plan to include the remaining regions through similar innovative programs.

- Northern Region
- Eastern Region

5. 2024 PROGRAMME PORTFOLIO (CORE PROJECTS)



Integrated Community Nutrition & Health Programme (ICNHP-2024)

Initiating screening, CMAM, maternal and child nutrition, and health worker training

Clean Water, Hygiene & Sanitation for All Project (CWHS-2024)

Partnership and advocacy for WASH infrastructure facilities in rural schools, hygiene education, and menstrual health programs.

Research & Innovation for Nutrition Improvement and Food Waste Management (RINFWM-2024)

Initiated children nutrition survey, development of digital Food Donation Application (HRA-FoDAS), and testing, community growth dashboards, and nutrition profiling to build up evidence-based policy data for accurate excess food delivery in the babies and children's home across the country.

Resilient Food Systems & Livelihood Empowerment Initiative (RFSEI-2024)

Support to small scale farmers, women's headed household groups, and youth Micro-enterprises development.

Emergency Preparedness & Shock Response Platform (EPSRP-2024)

Initiated financial sourcing programme for the Rapid response to drought, floods, conflict displacement, in line with our leading strategy in the areas of Mt. Elgon prone to mudslides.

6. SECTOR REPORTS

6.1. NUTRITION & COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT OF ACUTE MALNUTRITION (CMAM) ADVOCACY PROGRAMME

Key 2024 Achievements

- Completion of Development of digital Food Donation App (HRA-FoDAS) version 1.0 reporting via well-built mobile applications.

Outcomes

- Target feeding up to 2,000 hungry persons in need of food.
- Target reduction of food waste in the community by 40%.

6.2. MATERNAL, NEWBORN & CHILD HEALTH (MNCH) INTEGRATED PROGRAMM

Key Interventions Areas

- Antenatal care support.
- Community birth preparedness education.
- Postnatal care follow-up.
- Young mothers' clubs for peer learning.

Results

- 5,000 pregnant women attended ANC sessions through HRA advocacy and support
- 30% increase in skilled birth attendance across supported districts in the four regions of Uganda.



Advocacy with Sub- County leaders at Kangai Sub- County Head Quarters

6.3. WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH) NEWLY INTEGRATED PROGRAMME

Interventions Areas

- Spring well and Borehole Drilling and Rehabilitation
- Water Quality Testing
- Community-led total Sanitation
- Menstrual Hygiene Support to Adolescent Girls.



Newly Constructed Spring well in Adag Ani Village



A newly Constructed Borehole in Kangi Sub-County of Northern Uganda.

Targeted Results

- Planned 120,000 individuals and school going children gained improved access to safe water.
- 300 school latrines planned rehabilitated.
- 15,000 hygiene kits planned distribution.

6.4 FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOODS

Livelihood Interventions

- Climate-Smart Agriculture.
- Farmer Field Schools.
- Small Business Grants.
- Women's headed household Saving & Lending Groups.

Result Statistics

- 2,500 small scale farmers trained.
- 1,000 women headed households receiving seed and tool support.
- 3,000 women trained and joined VSLA groups



Community members attending training with inputs we distributed

6.5 SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CHANGE COMMUNICATION (SBCC) INTEGRATED PROGRAM

Our Integrated Approach

Borrowing from our partner's "Community Influencers Model" (CIM) and structured counselling curriculum.

Achievements

- SBCC campaigns through HRA network member CBOs reached 1 million people.
- Radio programs broadcast in Northern Uganda.
- Significant improvement in SBCC knowledge among caregivers.

6.6 EMERGENCY RESPONSE OPERATIONS

Planned Crises Covered

- Drought in the Northeast of Karamoja sub-region.
- Flooding and Mud slides in Western and Eastern Uganda.
- Conflict-induced displacement in the refugee's settlement in Northern Uganda.

Planned Response Highlights

- 1,000 conflict displaced persons supported with emergency food assistance.
- Temporary WASH support facilities in the refugee's displacement camp in Northern Uganda.

6.7 MONITORING, EVALUATION, ACCOUNTABILITY & LEARNING (MEAL)

Key Pipeline Development in 2024

- Development of Food Donation Applications and digital MEAL reporting.
- Stronger community feedback systems.
- Outcome-based dashboards introduced.



Field Monitoring visit by Head of Programs in red-striped shirt

Exploring Installation of Evidence Systems

- Annual food security and nutrition survey SMART (HRA-FoDAS)
- Resilience outcome tracking.
- Cost-effectiveness analysis of CMAM.

6.8 RESEARCH, INNOVATION & DIGITAL SOLUTIONS

Exploring Opportunities to Pilots

- Digital CMAM and HRA-FoDAS mobile app development.
- AI-enabled water point mapping to support WASH interventions.
- Nutrition surveillance dashboards built to support evidence data based policy.

Expected results

- Improved CMAM reporting accuracy.
- Reduced health worker workload.
- Increased speed of decision-making.

7. PARTNERSHIPS & COORDINATION

Key Institutions under Consideration for Partnership include:

- Ministries of Health, Agriculture & Animal Husbandry, Information and Communications Technology (ICT), Energy & Environment.
- Pan-African Women Organization (PAWO).
- Local NGOs & CBOs and Youth and Women networks.
- Research Institutions.

HRA's influence in policymaking grew significantly in 2024, contributing to national nutrition plans and emergency response frameworks.

8. CROSS-CUTTING PRIORITIES

Gender Equality

- 70% of program beneficiaries were women and girls.
- Women's VSLA leadership strengthened.

Youth Empowerment

- Youth climate champions programs integrated.
- Digital skills for agribusiness piloted through a Youth Agri-tech Start-Up.



VSLA kits handed over to leaders of Acan Akica VSLA Group



Trained 34 youth in modern passion fruit production to boost agricultural productivity and income

Climate Action

- Drought-resilient crop, fortified seeds and solar irrigation integrated systems fundraising activities campaign drive is Integrated.

Protection & Safeguarding

- Staff capacity-building and Volunteer skills enhancement
- Community safeguarding committees established

9. FINANCIAL OVERVIEW (NARRATIVE SUMMARY)

The financial year 2024/2025 demonstrated strong fiscal performance marked by stable donor inflows, responsible expenditure, and strengthened internal controls. Hunger Relief Africa mobilised UGX 234.288 million in total income and utilised UGX 230.938 million, achieving a programme delivery rate of 99%.

Expenditure prioritised life-saving interventions in nutrition, WASH, health, emergency response, and food security across Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan, Nigeria and Somalia, in alignment with the organisation's multi-sector strategy.

The year closed with a positive balance of UGX 3.3 million, representing committed funds for ongoing 2025 programme activities.

Despite global economic priority shift and constraints, HRA sustained financial stability through:

- Director's and well-wisher's contribution to programs Implementation.
- Diversified Donor and Domestic Resources Mobilization Base.
- Improved internal controls Accounting systems.

10. CHALLENGES & MITIGATION MEASURES

Challenges

- Recurrent drought in Karamoja sub-region and conflict emergencies in the neighbouring countries.
- Food and basic needs supply chain disruptions.
- Rising operational costs, due to limited funding for critical projects.
- Limited health workforce in rural communities where HRA intends to intervene.

Mitigation

- Prepositioning supplies.
- Strengthening local partnerships.
- Utilising mobile outreach services to reach rural communities.
- Establishing the digital tools such as HRA-FoDAS app for food donation and Nutrition Dashboard tool.

11. LESSONS

Lessons learned

- Multi-sector integration improves sustainability.
- Introduction of the community-led models are more cost-effective.
- Building Food Donation App to collect excess food supplies and digital data systems significantly enhance programme quality.
- Gender-inclusive approaches improve adoption of best practices of Agriculture and Climate change mitigation measures.

12. CONCLUSION & 2025 PRIORITIES

Conclusion

2024 marked a year of a continuous foundational building, growth, initiation of integrated programs, and enhanced community ownership of diverse interventions. In this regard, HRA aims to build on these achievements through:

2025 Priorities

1. Developing a functional digital Food Donation App and CMAM solutions;
2. Expanding livelihood resilience programmes to benefit the refugees and arid areas of Uganda;
3. Strengthening climate-smart and WASH systems;
4. Deepening research and innovation;
5. Enhancing regional emergency readiness.

HRA remains committed to its vision of a hunger-free African communities, powered by empowered communities, sustainable systems, and strong partnerships.

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