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## MENTORS MEETING IN OYAM DISTRICT.



*Figure 1 Photo taken with the proposed mentors in Acaba Subcounty*

All Nations Child Development Centre (ANCDC) is implementing a project call REAL Fathers which targets young fathers of age (16-25), having a child age (0-3) years old. Proposed mentors were identified and meeting was conducted per Sub County of implementation and was conducted in Acaba Sub County in Oyam District. Mentors meeting was to mobilize and orient mentors of those specific Sub Counties on the REAL Fathers project and to prepare for the mentors training and to officially invite them for mentors training which dates shall be communicated in the due course. This activity was conducted on the 29<sup>th</sup>/6/2024, and spear headed by District Project Officer, Oyam. The mentors recommended that listing of young fathers should continue and if possible, a mop up should be done in order to reach the young fathers who were not listed in the first phase.

## MENTORS MEETING IN DOKOLO DISTRICT.



*Figure 2 Mentors of Okwalongwen sub county during mentors meeting*

Mentors meeting was conducted in Dokolo district in the sub counties of Amwoma, Bata, Adeknino, Okwongodul and Okwalogwen. Mentors meeting was conducted to meet the listed mentors and present REAL Fathers project to them and to elect Lead Mentors from among the listed mentors who will coordinate other mentors in their parishes.

They also recommended that it would be imperative to add the clause of mobilizing mentors for their meeting, to Enumerators' listing contracts so that they mobilize mentors they listed for their meetings and attend physically mentors' meetings together with their listed mentors.

## MENTORS MEETING IN KOLE DISTRICT.



*Figure 3 Mentors meeting in Alito Town Council.*

Mentors training Kole was done to create awareness about REAL Father's project to proposed mentors. This was conducted on the 18<sup>th</sup>/6/2024.

To get their commitment to mentoring the young fathers without any monthly payments. The proposed mentors meeting was held at the different sub counties to create awareness to the mentors, this meeting will help the project to know those who are willing to mentor the young fathers and those who are not for better planning.

They recommended that training materials should be availed early at the training ground so as to avoid delay in starting the training

## MENTORS MEETING IN LIRA DISTRICT.



*Figure 4 Photos of mentors attending meeting in Barr Sub County.*

This activity was conducted on 18<sup>th</sup>/6/2024 basically to orient the mentors on REAL Fathers ECD project is being implemented, to check the availability of the mentors for the planned upcoming mentors training, to inform the mentor on their roles and that the assignment is on voluntary basis, to encourage the mentors to reach out to the young fathers who entrusted them to be their mentors and to encourage the mentors to identify location for the posters and locations for group sessions.

A total of 215 participants attended the training which yielded the goals and purposes that was organized for.

## **REAL FATHERS TRAINER OF TRAINEES (TOTs) REFRESHER TRAINING.**



*Figure 5 Photo taken during role play in stress management at Gracious Palace Hotel, Lira city.*

All Nations Child Development Centre (ANCDC) is implementing a project call REAL Fathers which targets young fathers of age (16-25), having a child age (0-3) years old. For this initiative to be implemented, carried out TOTs refresher training which invited a total of (56) participants, with (9) facilitators. This activity was conducted from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>/June/2024 at Gracious palace Hotel Lira.

The primary objective of this refresher training was to equip the TOTs with skills and knowledge to conduct mentors training in the sub counties using the translated Lango version of the materials, create a detailed training schedule and communication plan for initiating the mentor training,

develop a common understanding for carrying out the mentor training, emphasizing a simplified and easily understandable approach based on adult learning principles, establish a comprehensive checklist/guide for organizing play and learning activities with clear learning objectives for each activity to be conducted by young fathers at home and community play centres and outline essential safeguarding measures to establish a secure and supportive environment for individuals involved in the REAL Fathers program, including TOT training.

However, they recommended that the mentors' training should be conducted as soon as possible when TOTs are still fresh from the refresher training, make efforts to deliver the translated version of REAL training manuals, (women alone sessions inclusive) so that mentors' training is totally conducted in the local language, Participants should only use the local language more than English when delivering to the mentors and Safeguarding issues should be brought clear to the mentors during mentors meetings and trainings.



professionally, reducing the likelihood of misconduct or the misuse of power in the delivery of the real fathers program.

the training will foster a culture of accountability by outlining procedures for reporting and addressing safeguarding concerns. empowering individuals to take action and hold themselves and others accountable will create a safer and more responsible working environment, spurring the success of the real fathers program.

Safeguarding training will promote cultural sensitivity and awareness of diverse perspectives. this will be particularly valuable when working with individuals from different cultural backgrounds, helping to prevent misunderstandings and ensuring that support is delivered respectfully and inclusively to those in need in the real fathers program.

The number of expected participants was 80 from all the four (4) districts of implementation though 75 participants attended fully and due to some available circumstances, it made some people not to attend this meeting.

Safeguarding training was conducted on the 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, July, 2024.

**ORIENTATION OF DISTRICT, CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS ON REAL AND GET THEIR BY IN, IN INTEGRATING REAL FATHERS INTO THEIR WORK PLAN IN KOLE DISTRICT.**



*Figure 7 Photo taken during orientation meeting the district stakeholders in Kole District*

This meeting was done to equip 30 stakeholders with knowledge on REAL-ECD integration and to influence on the REAL-ECD integration in existing policies and frameworks.

This was conducted on the 7<sup>th</sup>/8/2024 at Kole District LG with total number of 30 participants invited though 29 reported and the meeting was very successful.

The meeting was held to orient stakeholders about REAL father's project, in order to get their by in so that the can in cooperate them into their operational work plan/programs, as cultural, spiritual

and other district stakeholders give their by in, there will be transformation of the community, reduced IPV and VAC, they will own the project leading to the sustainability of the project.

However, they raised some recommendations during this meeting as discussed below;

The stakeholders should always be involved in the REAL project through meetings in order to make them feel they owned the project.

The CSOs who showed interest in having REAL integrated in to their REAL should be given the necessary support to aid their documentation in the process.

**CONDUCT COLLABORATION MEETINGS WITH STRATEGIC INSTITUTIONS AND CSOS TO STRENGTHEN REAL-ECD BENEFICIERS REFERAL PATHWAY IN LIRA, OYAM, KOLE AND DOKOLO DISTRICTS.**



*Figure 8 Group photo taken during the meeting in Dokolo district*

This activity was conducted to create strong working relationship between ANCDC and strategic institutions and CSOs to create clear REAL ECD beneficiaries referral pathway in all the districts of implementation.

It was conducted on the 12<sup>th</sup>/8/2024 with a total of 56 participants all the districted who were invited to take part in this meeting.

The aim of this meeting was to create a awareness of REAL fathers project to the CSOs and strengthen the REAL- ECD project by partnering with the key institutions and CSOs to enhance referral pathways and improve communication for a better results and sustainability.

During the meeting, there were major issues raised as discussed below:

A participant pointed out that the young boys have been forgotten for a long period and she appreciated REAL Fathers project for rising up and encourage the young fathers, so she continued saying in Okwerodot sub county, there is high level of malnutrition which results to fathers neglecting their responsibilities which she mentioned through REAL Fathers project, children will be taken good care of by the fathers.

Another participant said, most of the young fathers deny their wives from getting antennal services where she said together with ANCDC, they can link these young fathers to conduct family planning, nutrition and do support in nutrition services and make referrals.

However, they recommended the following:

More CSOs should be train in REAL Fathers ECD program to create awareness to create about REAL Fathers project, this will make them get to know about REAL Fathers and they will support the program.

Continuous meeting with the CSOs to strengthen the pathways and make them more involved in the implementation of REAL Fathers project.

## Up-coming Events:

Watch out for exciting community activities geared toward empowering young fathers to engage meaningfully with their families, but specifically connect and bond with their children.

Thank you for joining us on this journey to empowering young fathers and creating positive change in families and communities.

### Contact us:

Connect with ANCDC and share your feedback. We value your input and are looking forward to hearing from you soon.

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