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SUB COHORT 1 MENTORS' TRAINING



Figure 1. Mentors of Barr and Agali on day 3 engaged in a recap of day 2 at Abolet Primary School in Barr S/C.

This training started on the 18th -22nd /11/2024, in the districts of Dokolo, Kole, and Lira & Oyam with the following

Sub Counties: Okwongodul, Adeknino, Amwoma, Bata, and Okwalongwen in Dokolo; Ngetta, Lira, Agali and Barr in Lira; Aboke in Kole District, Mynene, Acaba, Loro, Aber and Kamdini in Oyam District.

To equip mentors with the practical knowledge and skills for mentorship of young fathers.

To equip mentors with the necessary tools required to conduct effective home visits and group meeting sessions.

To flag-off mentorship for newly recruited young fathers

There were a total of (865) participants who attended the mentors training.

During mentors' training, ToTs emphasized on practicum hence making the training very practical in nature and more engaging with participants, leading to thorough understanding and appreciation of REAL Fathers approaches in mentorship.

Mentors made a number of ECD play materials for children 0-3 years of age. There were play corners/spaces set up in all training centers by day 2 of the training. This demonstrated what that mentors were themselves ready to go home and put into practice. It will also help in the mentors advocating for and emphasizing for the same play spaces in young fathers' homes

Mentors were taken through an orientation for safeguarding, which forms a bigger pillar of REAL Fathers project. Emphasis was put on case identification and follow-up in the communities but also for them (mentors) to guard against involvement in safeguarding cases/issues.

This training provided mentors with essential knowledge and skills for conducting effective home visits and group sessions. Through hands-on practice, mentors learned how to use mentorship manuals to guide individual home visits and group meetings. They also developed practical skills in creating ECD (Early Childhood Development) play materials for children aged 0-3 years using locally available resources, enabling them to teach young fathers to do the same. Additionally, the training included a safeguarding module, delivered by project staff, to minimize potential risks and harm to mentors, young fathers, and their families throughout the mentorship process. Mentors were also trained on completing MEL forms 4 and 5, which are critical tools for tracking the progress of mentorship activities. Overall, the training significantly enhanced the mentors' ability to support young fathers, effectively preparing them for their mentorship roles.

SUB COUNTY REAL FATHERS PROJECT ENTRY MEETINGS.



Figure 2. Photo taken during sub county entry meeting in Kangai TC Hall.

This was done from the 20th -23rd/01/2025, in the districts of Lira District: Amach sub county, Amach, T/C, Awiodyek S/C, Aromo S/C, Ayami S/C, Agweng S/C, Agweng T/C, Dokolo: Adok S/C, Dokolo S/C, Dokolo T/C, Kangai S/C, Kangai T/C, Kwera S/C, Kole: Ayer/Kole T/C, Ayer S/C, Akalo T/C, Akalo S/C and Oyam districts: Abok S/C, Ngai S/C, Iceme S/C, Iceme T/C, Oyam T/C, Minakulu S/C, Minakulu T/C.

The objective of this entry meetings was to introduce REAL Fathers project to sub county stakeholders, driving understanding through presentations, and question and answer, in order to gain acceptance and a buy-in for the project and to formally kick-start REAL Fathers project activities in the new sub counties in the districts of Lira, Dokolo, Kole and oyam. There were a total of (40) participants during this activity.

However, during this meeting, there were a lot of recommendations the participants raised. ie Stakeholders recommends use of VHTs in enrolment since they have information about HHs of children and can rely on data and furthers engagement since LCs may requires more incentives, More engagements with the LCs, VHTs and enumerators should be on going to list more young fathers. No young father should be left out in this intervention, all institutions like cultural and religious leaders should be engaged fully since they have a bigger hand in the development of the families where these young fathers come from.

MONITORING AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT VISIT BY IIDC IN DOKOLO DISTRICT.



Figure 3. Photo taken during group mentorship session in Abucero parish in Amwoma sub county, Dokolo district.

Monitoring and Technical support visit conducted by IIDC targeted both home visits and group meetings at homes and group meeting respectively. This was conducted in the district of Dokolo on 19th and 22nd /2/2025 in the sub counties of Amwoma and Bata. This was 4 days engagement with both the mentors, young fathers and their wives where there were home visits and group meetings carried out.

During home visit sessions, play spaces at young fathers' homes were inspected and other recommendations on enriching play were offered, including use of songs, riddles, stories, dance, compound walks, among others. These go a long way in improving and strengthening the component of play in the design of the project.

The different feedback given by the technical team who visited the field during group sessions helped in improving and broadening the minds of young fathers and mentors on mentorship dynamics and how enjoyable mentorship experience should be. Meetings with mentors after group sessions also provided an opportunity for the team to gather challenges faced and be able to offer solutions to some and refer others, for permanent solutions.

However, they shared the following recommendations that can really help in the implementation of the REAL Fathers project as highlighted below;

Mentors should have review/reflection sharing/meetings with ToTs periodically, there should be exchange visits for benchmarking on best practices of mentorship and Demystify play. Break the content of play into smaller and clear pieces like songs, dance, riddles, stories, nature walks, etc so that young fathers' knowledge on play is enriched and play becomes comprehensively practical and enjoyable.

The visit to the satellite office provided an appreciation of the importance of creating and maintaining strategic relationships with stakeholders at all levels as well at the district level.

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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