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REAL FATHERS PROGRAM — LANGO SUB-REGION, UGANDA

RAISING REAL FATHERS

Transforming Families · Strengthening Communities · Building the Future

16-25

TARGET AGE RANGE

4+

DISTRICTS REACHED

Cohort 3

RECRUITMENT OPEN



TRANSFORMATION STORIES

Testimonies from young fathers in Oyam, Kole & Dokolo



PDM LINKAGES

Economic empowerment via Uganda's Parish Development Model



COHORT 3 RECRUITMENT

Awareness meetings & community outreach across Lango



📍 Iceme Community Celebration — February 2026

The Real Fathers program brought the community together in Iceme Towncouncil for a powerful celebration of family transformation and renewed fatherhood commitments.

COMBINED EDITION · FEBRUARY 2026

Spotlight: Lango Sub-Region Success Stories & Cohort 3 Launch



— TESTIMONIES — OYAM & KOLE DISTRICTS

CELEBRATING TRANSFORMATION

Welcome to the February edition of our newsletter. This month, we turn our spotlight to the **Lango sub-region**, where the REAL Fathers program continues to bring lasting change to young families. Through consistent mentorship, young men are building stronger relationships with their children, reducing violence at home, overcoming harmful habits, and stepping into leadership roles in their communities.



FROM ABSENTEE DAD TO REAL FATHER

📍 Adeka Tonny, 26 · Oyam District



Adeka Tonny with his family — Oyam District

Adeka Tonny once lived disconnected from his family — drinking heavily, showing little respect to his wife, and believing infidelity was a sign of being a "real man." After being invited by his mentor, he joined REAL Fathers group sessions. The mentorship helped him stop drinking completely, start communicating and planning together with his wife, and take an active part in household responsibilities. He learned to make simple play materials and now regularly spends time bonding with his children.



Elected Head of Family by extended family · Community role model & poultry farmer



BREAKING THE CHAINS OF ADDICTION

Olwa, 25 · Kole District



Olwa with his family — Kole District

Previously nicknamed "Olwa jai" due to heavy drug and alcohol use — even smoking inside the house around his infant child — Olwa's transformation through REAL Fathers mentorship has been remarkable. He completely abandoned drugs and alcohol, became a proactive father teaching his three-year-old the alphabet, and built a special play area for his child. His personal revolution opened new leadership opportunities including election as Vice Chairperson for Youth in his church. Alongside his wife Brenda, he is now laying bricks to build a permanent family home while rearing pigs.



Elected Vice Chairperson (Youth) & Parish Secretary · Building permanent family home



ENDING VIOLENCE, FOSTERING LEADERSHIP

Otyek Ronald, 24 · Kole District



Okello Toby with his livestock — Amwoma Sub-County, Dokolo

Tobby faced constant verbal conflicts, domestic violence, and no clear family vision. Mentorship through REAL Fathers transformed him: he began involving his wife in decisions, sharing domestic chores and parenting without violence, and bonding closely with his two children. His mentor linked him to the sub-county CDO for PDM registration. In 2025, Tobby and his wife used their UGX 1,000,000 to purchase a cow and two pigs — investments they expect to multiply for sustained income growth. Tobby credits the program for lasting family harmony and a bright future for his children.



Purchased cow & 2 pigs · Spouses jointly managing · Home now violence-free

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

In January and February 2026, the REAL Fathers initiative brought communities together across Dokolo Sub-county, Kole Town Council, Ayer, Ayami, Kanai, Aromo, and Iceme Sub-counties for vibrant celebrations of family growth and mentorship. Testimonies formed the heart of each gathering — seasoned mentors shared wisdom while young fathers proudly recounted their transformations alongside spouses and children. The events concluded with memorable group photos — a symbol of collective commitment to raising the next generation with love and purpose.



● **Community Celebration — Lango Sub-Region, January/February 2026**

Young fathers, mothers, mentors, and community members gathered to celebrate transformation and renewed family commitments under the REAL Fathers program in agweng subcounty.

— CAPACITY BUILDING

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION WORKSHOP - 12 FEBRUARY 2026

On Thursday, 12th February 2026, ANCDC hosted a full-day Orientation Workshop for Project Volunteers at the All Nations CDC Lower Gallery, Lira. The event equipped our passionate Parish Volunteers with the knowledge and tools to effectively support the REAL Fathers program. Interactive sessions fostered teamwork and community commitment — our volunteers are now fully prepared to conduct community listing, support data collection, and contribute to mentoring young fathers across all target sub-counties.



● **Volunteer Orientation — ANCDC Lower Gallery, Lira**

Project volunteers receiving training on community listing and data collection.



● **Workshop Sessions — 12 February 2026**

Interactive group sessions building capacity among REAL Fathers program volunteers.

— LISTING OUTREACH, OYAM DISTRICT

COHORT 3 LISTING DRIVE

The REAL Fathers program is actively expanding with Cohort 3 Listing now underway across sub-counties. Community awareness meetings are being held to reach new young fathers aged 16–25, educating communities about the program's benefits and inviting eligible participants to enrol.



M&E conducts a one-on-one Listing session with a young father, explaining the program and benefits of joining Cohort 3 in Kayunga.

🔥 ABOUT COHORT 3

Building on the success of Cohorts 1 & 2, Cohort 3 targets new young fathers aged 16–25 with children aged 0–3 years. Community Based Facilitators are conducting door-to-door awareness visits and group meetings across all target sub-counties. Eligible fathers are being registered into groups to receive mentorship, parenting training, and PDM linkages.

✅ RECRUITMENT AREAS

- ▶ Oyam District
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- ▶ Dokolo District
- ▶ Kole Town Council
- ▶ Lira District
- ▶ Lira City

🎯 PROGRAM GOALS

- ▶ Positive parenting & early child development
- ▶ Economic empowerment via PDM linkages
- ▶ Ending domestic violence & substance abuse
- ▶ Building community leadership among fathers
- ▶ Strengthening spousal partnerships

💛 OUR PARTNERS

The REAL Fathers project is implemented by **All Nations CDC (ANCDC)** in partnership with **Impact & Innovation Development Centre (IIDC)**, with collaboration from local government Community Development Officers (CDOs) and the Uganda Parish Development Model (PDM) framework.