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The REAL Fathers Project

Raising young fathers, one home visit and one register entry at a time — dispatches from the Lango sub-region.

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COHORT 3 · IN PROGRESS

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Building mutual respect, shared decision making, and open communication with partners

ANCDC and IIDC are rolling out Cohort 3 of the REAL Fathers Project across the Lango sub-region, an evidence-based programme that equips young fathers aged 16–25 who have children aged 0–3 with positive parenting skills. The programme links participants to economic opportunity through Uganda's Parish Development Model (PDM), pairing better fatherhood with a better livelihood.

Cohort 3 opens with two linked pushes: community awareness, so that local leaders and households understand who the project is for and why it matters, and listing young fathers, so that every eligible young father is properly counted and reachable. This issue follows both threads through the villages, the council room, and the data desk.

16–25

YEARS, TARGET FATHERS

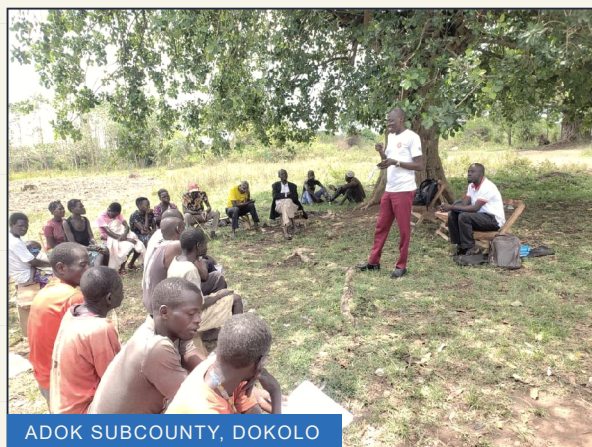
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CHILD AGE BRACKET

Cohort 3

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Field Note

Taking Cohort 3 door to door

M&E Officer Mr Douglas Odongo leads an awareness meeting in Adok subcounty, Dokolo district, walking residents through what Cohort 3 involves, who qualifies, and how the project expects to change life for young fathers and their children over the coming months.

The team behind the listing

Project volunteers and ANCDC staff gather for a group photo after a working session on the Cohort 3 listing exercise, held at the ANCDC lower gallery — the same team that will carry awareness messaging from the office out into the villages.



ANCDC LOWER GALLERY

Field Note

Annual learning intervention

Young Fathers and their wives being on modus operandi during testimonies of change time during real fathers learning intervention at hotel africana .



REAL FATHERS LEARNING INTERVENTION AT HOTEL AFRICANA

"Every household visited is one more young father who knows the door is open to him."

Once awareness meetings close in a community, listing opens. District project officers and project volunteers move into participant data collection and data entry for Cohort 3 in kobol collect tool — recording each eligible young father, checking the details he gives against household realities on the ground, and entering demographic and household information into the project database.

It is unglamorous work, but it is what makes everything after it possible: accurate listing are what let ANCDC and IIDC plan sessions, monitor attendance, and report honestly on Cohort 3 as it grows.



Field Note

Checking progress against plan

ANCDC and the IIDC M&E team meet to review performance against the ongoing Cohort 3 activities — comparing what awareness meetings and listing have delivered so far against what the project set out to do this quarter.

Field Note

Steering the data entry squad

The M&E Officer guides the data entry squad through the Cohort 3 kobol tool line by line, keeping the kobol tool clean so every listed young father is properly documented and every figure the project reports back can be trusted.





Oyam District Child Welfare Committee (CWC) members receive a report on child-abuse-related cases from stakeholders, in a Council-room session convened by the PSWO — part of the same reporting period's work of keeping children safe alongside Cohort 3's parenting push.

Community awareness and listing are only the start of Cohort 3. Next issue, we follow the first parenting sessions into the villages of Dokolo and Oyam, and check in on how many listed fathers have taken their first PDM step.