

(c) **Economic empowerment**, focusing on initiatives that enable vulnerable households and individuals to effectively harness available opportunities to create wealth and improve their living conditions; includes provision of life skills, microfinance and related services to the poor as a means to opening and expanding employment opportunities and social security for the disadvantaged.

(d) **Community and public health initiatives**, focusing on preventive interventions such as promotion of access to clean water, sanitation, and home and personal hygiene, immunization and healthy diet.

(e) **Good governance and accountability**, focusing on policy advocacy and engagements targeting duty bearers at local, national and international levels, monitoring delivery of government development programmes and social services to ensure they are responsive to the needs of the poor, effective, efficient, inclusive, equitable; and promoting rule of law, transparency and accountability;

(f) **Humanitarian, special needs & emergency relief**, focusing on support to refugees, IDPs, and charity to the vulnerable children and adults, the elderly, the sick, migrants, elderly and PWDs.

(g) **Gender & Equal opportunities** with the main focus on GBV, affirmative action, leadership, non-discriminative, equal employment, social economic, Racial & Ethics, Social economic, equality.

(h) **Institutional strengthening and sustainability**, focusing on institutional capacity building, internal policy development, tooling and retooling, formulation, strategic planning & management, resource mobilization, human resource development, partnership engagements, and continuous institutional assessment and learning in line with the CIMS;



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Introduction

Caritas Uganda was founded in 1958 as the general coordinating body of the Uganda Episcopal Conference for pastoral socio services economic development and charity in Uganda. The department began humbly with a core staff to respond to the needs of refugees from Rwanda who fled their country in 1960s and settled in Nakivale Refugee Camp, in Mbarara Diocese then. Until 1999 Caritas Uganda was referred to as the Office of Socio-Services Development. Today, Caritas is established in all 19 Catholic dioceses in Uganda, and these are coordinated by the National Caritas, also known as Caritas Uganda, based at the Uganda Catholic Secretariat, Nsambya.

Caritas Uganda's Core Mandate

Caritas Uganda's core mandate is to coordinate the mission of charity and socio-development by the Catholic Church in Uganda, build capacity of caritas departments in the various dioceses to effectively respond to the needs of the poor, influence government policies and legislations in favour of the poor and marginalized, and mobilize resources to sustain its existence and continuing serving the poor and improving their living conditions.

Vision Statement

"...that they may have life and have it in its fullness (Jn. 10:10)". Caritas Uganda strives to build flourishing communities, where love, reconciliation, justice, peace and prosperity prevail for all.

Mission

Foster integral and sustainable development through community initiatives and policy advocacy.

Core Values

Stewardship, Subsidiarity, Human dignity, Witness, Equal opportunities.

Areas of Intervention

Caritas Uganda's charity and community development work are implemented under the following eight thematic orientations:

- (a) **Food & nutrition security**, focusing on coordination and strengthening the capacity of Caritas all over the country to effectively undertake initiatives that promote access, availability, utilization, safety, and stability of food for all persons in Uganda.
- (b) **Climate change and natural resource management**, focusing on making Caritas an effective agent in responding to the adverse effects of climate change, environmental degradation and irresponsible exploitation of minerals and other natural resources, through both adaptive and mitigate interventions by institutions, communities and individuals, and policy advocacy.

