

conditions; includes provision of life skills and microfinance services.

**(d) Community and Public Health**

**Initiatives:** undertaking and promoting preventive interventions such as access to clean water, sanitation, and home and personal hygiene, immunization, and healthy diet and life styles.

**(e) Good Governance and Accountability:**

focusing on policy advocacy targeting duty bearers at local, national and international levels; monitoring delivery of government development programmes and social services to ensure they meet the needs of the poor and promoting rule of law, transparency and accountability in management of public goods and affairs.

**(f) Humanitarian, Special Needs and Emergency Relief:**

supporting and developing refugees, internally displaced persons, vulnerable children and adults, the elderly, the sick, migrants, and persons with disabilities.

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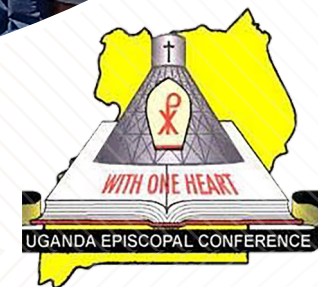
is the social development arm of the Catholic Church in Uganda.

It is part of a larger international network of Caritas organisations that operate in over 200 countries worldwide. Caritas Uganda focuses on addressing various social and developmental issues, with a particular emphasis on poverty reduction, healthcare, education and emergency response.



**(g) Gender & Equal Opportunities:** promoting safe homes and communities for both men and women, and empowering marginalized groups, such as women and youth, through affirmative action and promotion of equal economic, leadership and employment opportunities.

**(h) Institutional Strengthening and Sustainability:** undertaking continuous institutional capacity building through appropriate internal policy reforms, tooling, strategic planning, resource mobilization, human resource development, strategic partnerships and effective coordination of all local Caritas in Uganda.



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## Introduction

Caritas Uganda was started around 1958 for purpose of coordinating the Catholic Church's mission of charity in Uganda, but became fully functional only in early 1970s, with initial projects targeting refugees from Rwanda who had fled civil unrest in their country and settled in Nakivale refugee camp in western Uganda.

## Caritas Uganda's Core Mandate

The mandate of Caritas Uganda is anchored in the following three pillars:

1. **Charity:** where Caritas focuses on building and promoting giving communities in Uganda that embrace and readily contribute, in various ways towards charity as a way of life in line with the Gospels (I John 4:20) and the teaching of the Catholic Church.

2. **Integral human development:** Caritas Uganda promotes the dignity of the human person, with special focus on health, economic and social well-being, care for creation and mother earth, migration and refugees and humanitarian emergencies.
3. **A strong and resilient institution at the service of the poor:** a learning organization committed to building an efficient human resource and internal systems that effectively support the delivery of charity and community development.

## Vision Statement

"...that they may have life and have it in its fullness."  
(Jn. 10:10)

## Mission

To foster charity and integral human development through community initiatives and policy advocacy.

## Core Values

Charity, Stewardship, Subsidiarity, Human Dignity, Witness and Equal Opportunities.

## Areas of Intervention

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

- (a) **Food and Nutrition Security:** coordinating and strengthening capacity of Caritas in the country to effectively undertake initiatives that promote access, availability, utilization, safety, and stability of food for all persons.
- (b) **Climate Change and Natural Resource Management:** Caritas as an effective agent in responding to climate change, environmental degradation and irresponsible exploitation of natural resources through adaptation and mitigation programmes and policy advocacy.
- (c) **Economic Empowerment:** undertaking and promoting initiatives that empower vulnerable households and individuals to effectively harness available opportunities to create wealth and improve their living

