COVID-19 & UGANDA: IMPACT ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC POLICY

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Presentation Rundown

Project Description & Significance
Focus Areas, Findings, & More
Policy Recommendations
Conclusion
"to study how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted Uganda"

tasked with creating recommendations and a proposal for how Uganda can build capacity within local communities in response to COVID-19
WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

APPLICATION
Learn from Uganda's practices and ideas to apply them in your own community

GLOBAL GROWTH
If everyone receives proper healthcare, we can function better as a global system

CULTURAL COMPETENCY
Exchange knowledge and grow your world view
I sometimes think there is nothing so delightful as drawing.

VINCENT VAN GOGH
## Summary

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<td>Restrictions and permit needed from RDC</td>
<td>Financial restraints and lack of movement</td>
<td>Lockdown shut almost 50% of clinic facilities</td>
<td>People are scared of contracting virus if visiting health clinics</td>
<td>Other states are reallocating money</td>
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Focus Areas

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
How is COVID-19 affecting vaccinations, these patients, etc.?

GENDER-BASED HEALTH
Are women experiencing more health disparities?

HIV & CHRONIC DISEASES
What does treatment look like? Is it effective currently?
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
SECONDARY RESEARCH

VACCINATIONS
Declining due to resistance from parents and healthcare workers

MEDICATIONS
Virtual DOT therapy for patients

MALARIA NETS
Distribution is halted due to social distancing measures

TRANSPORTATION
Lack thereof for health care workers and those in need of health services
GENDER BASED HEALTH
SECONDARY RESEARCH

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Women are stuck at home and more susceptible to domestic abuse

FOOD SHORTAGE
Families are experiencing shortages and need additional help, especially if a family member has HIV

MATERNAL HEALTH
Soon-to-be mothers are not able to seek the care they need before giving birth, and teen pregnancy is rising from lack of contraceptives

TRANSPORTATION
Women in labor are dying enroute to the hospital due to transportation restrictions
HIV & CHRONIC DISEASES
SLOW HIV TESTING
HIV testing is slow because of facilities being closed and social distancing

DECREASED FUNDING
Funding for HIV testing, treatment, and prevention has been diverted towards COVID-19 relief

ARV ACCESS
Medical centers are running out when they should be stockpiling for patients

HIV ON THE RISE
Mother to child transmission and overall HIV incidence is expected to increase
## Interviews

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PHIL DIMON
US Diplomat

REACH A HAND UGANDA
Nonprofit Organization

HOLLY POWERS
Health Sector at US Embassy

DR. AUGUSTINE LUBANGA
AIDS Healthcare Foundation - Uganda Cares

STEVEN KYKER
Children's Hospital Colorado
COMMON THEMES:
- Gov and NGO roles
- Urban v Rural Areas
- Reaffirming Health Barriers

POTENTIAL POLICY:
- Boda Bodas
- Stockpiling ARVS
- Combining HIV Testing and Treatment Centers
- Village Health Facilities
- Community Leaders
- App Usage (GETIN, SAFEpal)
- Telehealth
- Mask Requirement for Public Transit
- Media Promotion and Communication

INTERVIEW FINDINGS & POLICY OPTIONS
Combination of insight, clarity, guidance and reassurance
POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

MEDIA PROMOTION
Utilize various outlets to disperse information about health facilities and COVID-19

COMMUNITY LEADER PLATFORM
Connect with spiritual leaders to promote HIV testing and treatment

BODA BODAS
Create delivery service for ARVs, contraceptives, menstrual products, etc.
MEDIA PROMOTION

- RADIO
- TELEVISION
- PHONE COMMUNICATION
- MEGAPHONES
## Why Radio?
- PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION
- SPREAD ACROSS RURAL AND URBAN AREAS
- BUILDS COMMUNITY RESILIENCY

## Radio Broadcast Examples:
- SPICE FM, UGANDA
- CAPITAL FM, UGANDA
- AGHA RADIO, UGANDA
COMMUNITY LEADER PLATFORMS

- Religious Leaders
- Youth Leaders
- Traditional Healers
- Community Seniors and Leaders
BODA BODAS

Delivering contraceptives, medication, and menstrual products while providing employment opportunities
CONCLUSION
KAHOOT STYLE!!

CURRENT UGANDAN HEALTH BARRIERS

COVID-19 & UGANDA

OUR SUGGESTIONS
How can you help?

LISTEN.
Gather a deeper understanding of the health barriers discussed, and where they come from.

THINK.
Consider why this pandemic is different compared to where you are located. Why is that?

ACT.
Educate those around you, and wear a mask!
How can we address your questions, comments, or concerns?

Thank you for your time, attention, and feedback.
We've enjoyed connecting with each other, and would love to connect with you!

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