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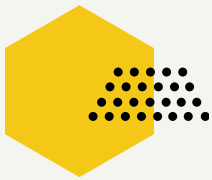
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Bicycle repair and maintenance



FABIO bicycles have continued to offer a practical solution to the livelihood challenges faced by communities in Busoga, particularly by contributing to economic empowerment and access to socio-economic services.

Self Help Groups.



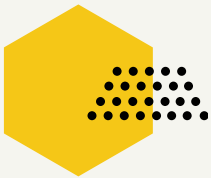
FABIO together with All We Can, conducted a monitoring visit among its beneficiaries in Butagaya Sub-county, Jinja District. The visit covered both group and individual beneficiaries, including a self-help group in Nawaguma B and an individual beneficiary, Paul Muyobo, a 30-year-old single father of two. Findings from the visit demonstrated clear and tangible results from FABIO's interventions. Paul's vegetable project is thriving, and he anticipates earning approximately UGX 2,000,000 at harvest. Overall, the visit affirmed the credibility and impact of our work, strengthened relationships with our partners, and further enhanced collaboration toward sustainable livelihoods.



Additionally, with support from Gered-Gereedschap/ G-Green (Netherlands), we received 15 tailoring machines to support teenage mothers organised in self-help groups, together with a metal toolkit to strengthen departmental operations. These resources are expected to enhance livelihoods by providing practical skills training and income-generating opportunities.

Cycle to School

With support from Kittie Knot, we implemented several activities under the Cycle to School project. We conducted an inception meeting involving teachers and parents at Hillside Secondary School to introduce the initiative. This was followed by a handover ceremony, during which 30 bicycles were provided to 30 female students. The provision of these bicycles has significantly improved the learners' access to school and contributed to improved attendance.



Bicycle ambulances providing accessibility solutions to patients in Busoga sub-region.

For many years, communities in Busoga have faced significant challenges in accessing health services during emergencies.

In response to this gap, FABIO introduced a practical and community-driven solution—bicycle ambulances. For over four years, these bicycle ambulances have helped address critical emergency referral challenges in the targeted communities where they were distributed.

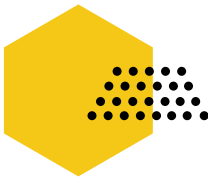
Across the districts of Iganga, Jinja, Kamuli, Mayuge and Luuka District, FABIO has registered remarkable outcomes since the introduction of the bicycle ambulances. These interventions have significantly improved access to emergency health services, reduced delays in referrals, and contributed to saving lives, especially among mothers, children, and other vulnerable groups.



In the course of interaction with some of the beneficiaries, they stated that the bicycle is a solution to the long existing accessibility challenge especially amongst expectant mothers.



Village Health Teams (VHTs) who are the custodians of these bicycles at the health centers are also able to use the bikes to conduct outreaches which include vaccination, immunisation, health education among activities.



FABIO engaging community members and stakeholders in Busoga sub-region to analyse gaps in service delivery.

Topowa Forum conversations with community members

FABIO in partnership with Uganda National NGO Forum (UNNGOF), implemented the Strengthening Citizens' Engagement and Public Accountability (SCEPA) Project to promote active citizenship and create platforms for citizens to demand accountability. A total of 911 participants were engaged, including 688 females, 244 males, and 34 Persons with Disabilities, through 40 community conversations conducted in 21 villages across Iganga District, namely Bukose, Walugumo, Bunyiro, Buwolomela, Nagadudula, Nawanyigi, Lwelela, Magogo, Buwande, Bunyiro Central, Bukonko, Buwenda, Mawagala, Nawandyo, Bugabwe B, Kasolo, Buyubu, Bugabwe A, Wairama, Nakalama, and Nakigo I, covering the parishes of Nawanyingi, Bunyiro, Magogo, Bulubandi, Wairama, Nakalama, and Nakigo, within the sub-counties of Nakigo and Nakalama. These engagements provided safe, inclusive spaces for citizens to voice concerns, engage constructively on governance issues, and strengthen public accountability at the local level.



Participants during topowa forum meetings in Nawanyingi raising issues of teacher absenteeism, shortage of drugs in government health centers and hospitals, insecurity, Insufficient learning materials in government schools, among other issues.



District and regional Validation meetings with stakeholders in Busoga sub-region.

Building on the issues collected from the community, FABIO compiled a Citizens' Charter that consolidated the key concerns raised. The documented issues were presented to stakeholders during district-level engagements held in Iganga District, Jinja District, and Kamuli District. These engagements culminated in a regional stakeholder meeting that brought together key stakeholders from across the Busoga region.



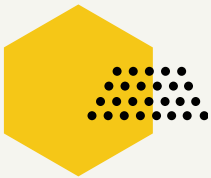
Stakeholders' committed to;

- Sensitize communities about available health services and how to access them.
- Reduce the spread of sickle cell disease through continuous sensitization.
- Ensure that all drug requests from the different health centers in the region are channelled through the District Health Officer of the requesting district and submitted to the District Health Officer of Jinja before drugs are released.
- Strengthen monitoring and inspection of schools to reduce teacher absenteeism.
- Sensitize communities about the best way to get rid of weeds that affect their harvests.



FABIO's partnership with Women Peace International

FABIO in partnership with Women Peace International, successfully brought together various stakeholders and change agents, including youths and women, to sensitize them on peace and the critical role they can play in promoting peaceful coexistence. Participants were guided on how to leverage their respective positions and platforms to positively influence peace within their communities. In addition, they were actively engaged in the electoral processes and supported the peace agenda by serving as election observers, eminent women, and call center agents, among other roles. As a result of this engagement, stakeholders and change agents demonstrated increased awareness and commitment to peacebuilding before, during, and after the electoral process.



The thrilling experience encountered by students from Denmark while in Jinja city during the exchange program.

Earlier this year, FABIO in partnership with Source mind Uganda hosted students from O/E in Denmark. These were youths between age 13-16. During their stay at FABIO, the students were exposed to FABIO work which included; visit to Hillside High school in Butagaya where they had a whole day experience; normal classes, football, visit to the well, a visit to Jinja Central market, testing of the local food, cycling around Jinja, cooking and eating together at FABIO, visit to the FABIO technical department.

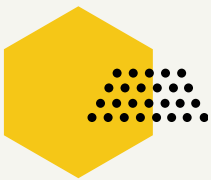


Students taking a tour around Jinja.



Students from Denmark in a Senior four class at Hillside secondary school- One of our beneficiary schools in Butagaya subcounty, Jinja District, school Butagaya attending a Mathematics lesson together.

The five-day experience unveiled the inner beauty of Africa, particularly rural Uganda, which many of the students had never previously experienced. At FABIO, we believe that exchange programs between Africa and Europe are not merely opportunities for recreation, but valuable platforms for exposing young people to new experiences, perspectives, and ways of life from other cultures and countries that they can carry on to transform their own communities.



FABIO continues to advocate for inclusive transport, a clean and green city.

On 22nd September, FABIO, in partnership with the City and other like-minded organizations such as Coup Africa and Africrooze, joined the global celebration of World Car Free Day. On this day, FABIO focused on sensitizing communities about the benefits of non-motorized transport and encouraging reduced reliance on motorized vehicles but also the necessity of living a healthy life.

The event actively engaged beneficiaries, including Cycle-to-School students from Hillside, members of our self-help groups, E-bike beneficiaries, and MOMO students from St. Noa Mawaggali. Participants also received health services, including cancer screenings and blood-pressure checks, promoting both awareness and preventive care.

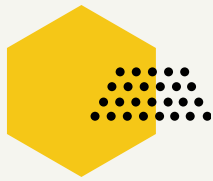


Hillside Secondary School students engaged in games during car free day.



FABIO beneficiaries at a receiving checkups and treatment from our partners-Rays of Hope.

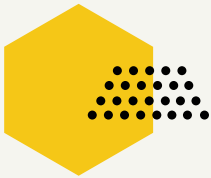
The participation of different stakeholders, including the City Mayor and other dignitaries, created an opportunity for meaningful commitments to advance Jinja's development. On this day, the Mayor pledged to work alongside FABIO and other partners to organize Jinja City cleaning initiatives, promoting a cleaner, healthier, and more vibrant city for all residents.



FABIO joins Jinja City local government and other like minded entities in cleaning Jinja city.

Following the celebration, we joined Jinja City Local Government for a city clean-up and applauded the Mayor for embracing sustainable practices. Although city clean-ups are mandated under national policy, the Mayor and local leaders actively participated, motivated by our ongoing climate initiatives. This activity provided an opportunity to meet additional city stakeholders and strengthened our partnerships.



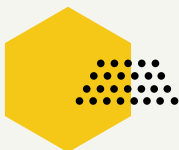


The Bicycle and Innovation Department offering bicycle solutions in Jinja city.

The Bicycle Department continues to play a vital role in the technical operations of FABIO. Equipped with the necessary tools, the department provides a wide range of services, including bicycle repair and maintenance, guided tours, construction of bicycles and riding trainings. Beyond these, the team is innovating by recycling old bicycle parts and creatively assembling components to produce functional bicycles, demonstrating both technical skill and a commitment to sustainability.



Some of our customers enjoying a guided tour around Jinja city.



Our social enterprise journey.



A training from capital solutions by on how to start a social enterprise.

This year, with support from Capital Solutions and All We Can, FABIO set the ball rolling on a new initiative to strengthen sustainability and civic engagement. Recognizing that sustainability is key to addressing the shrinking civic space, FABIO embarked on establishing the Egali Innovation Center.

The center will offer a range of goods and services, including bicycle spare parts, locally made bicycles, guided tours, bicycle rentals, repair and maintenance services, as well as manufacturing and assembling of bicycles, among other innovations.



STORIES OF CHANGE

THE GRADUAL TRANSFORMATION OF LYDIA'S LIFE AFTER JOINING FABIO SELF HELP GROUP THAT WAS ESTABLISHED IN HER COMMUNITY.

Ms. Mwesigwa Lydia, a mother of 4, she is a proud member and secretary of the Nawanguma B Self-Help Group, supported by FABIO.

Lydia joined the group in 2022 after being encouraged by her chairperson, who is also part of the Community Advocacy Committee (CAC). She says her journey of transformation is deeply tied to the support she received through the group — especially the bicycle, which she calls “a real tool of change.”

In her own words, Lydia shares:

“When I joined the group, I had no business at all. I started saving small amounts just 2,000 shillings(0.57 USD) a week. When we shared our savings at the end of that cycle, I received 500,000 shillings. 143.10 USD) I used that money to start a small retail shop.

The bicycle we received from FABIO has really helped my business grow. I now use it to go to wholesale shops to buy goods like boxes of soap, sugar, and cooking oil. Before, I used to hire a boda boda and pay 6,000 shillings((1.7 USD) each trip. Now, I save that money and reinvest it in my shop.

Since then, my business has grown steadily from a starting capital of 500,000 shillings(143.10) to 2,000,000 million shillings(572.38 USD) today. I have also increased my weekly savings from 4,000 shillings(1.14 USD) in 2022 to 20,000 shillings 5.7USD) in 2025.”

Lydia also explains how the bicycle has reduced her daily struggles:

“It has saved me from small but frequent transport costs going to the market, health centre, and even fetching water or bringing animal feeds. It has really made my life easier as a mother and as a business woman.”

Her consistent savings have also brought long-term benefits:

“Each year, my savings grow. In 2020, I received 500,000 shillings, which I used to start the business. In 2023, I got 700,000 shillings(2000.33 USD) and reinvested it. The next year, I received 900,000 shillings, which helped me buy some animals and expand my shop.”

Today, Lydia proudly supports her family of four children three girls and one boy — and sees herself as a key contributor to her household's wellbeing:



“My life and that of my family have greatly improved. My children are now going to good schools. I feel proud that I contribute to our family’s development and that I am respected at home and in the community.”

Lydia expresses her deep gratitude to FABIO and All We Can for their continuous support:

“Thanks to FABIO and All We Can for empowering women like me. I am now one of the breadwinners in my family, and I feel confident about our future.” She asserted.

PAUL’S TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY AS A VEGETABLE SELLER- RISING FROM SAVING UGX 4000 TO UGX 20,000 WHILE LEVERAGING ON A BICYCLE THAT HE RECIEVED FROM FABIO TO ACCESS MARKET.

Mr. Muyobo Paul is a dedicated member of the Nawaguma B Self-Help Group. Before joining the group, he never understood the importance of saving. He mainly depended on cultivating vegetables such as dodo, cucumber, sukuma wiki, and tomatoes for food and small sales.

After joining the group and receiving a bicycle through FABIO’s support, Paul’s life and work greatly improved. He now uses his bicycle for multiple purposes — to buy agricultural chemicals, to collect leaves for mulching his crops, and to transport his vegetables to the market. The bicycle has made his farming activities easier, helping him save both time and energy.

When his vegetables are ready for sale, he rides to Amber Court Market and also sells within his village. Besides farming, Paul also uses his bicycle to access health services. He recalls one particular time when he rode to the health center to have a tooth removed, appreciating how the bicycle made the journey quick and affordable.



Paul’s vegetable garden.

Through the training and encouragement from his Self-Help Group, Paul has embraced the culture of saving. He now saves UGX 20,000(5.72 USD) every week. With his growing savings, he plans to hire more land to expand from a quarter acre to half an acre. He has also started buying materials -bricks, sand, and cement — to construct a house on his own plot that he bought way back in 2021

Paul proudly attributes his progress to being part of the Self-Help Group and to the bicycle, which he calls “a tool of transformation.”

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