

Since launching in Uganda in 2006, we have become one of the largest development organisations in the country. We reach close to four million people, through programmes in microfinance, small enterprises development, community health, agriculture, poultry and livestock, empowerment and livelihood for adolescents and the MasterCard Foundation Scholars Programme.

Country Statistics

Population

37.78 million (WB 2014)

GDP per capita

714.6 (WB 2014)

People living below the poverty line

19.5 (WB 2012)

Life expectancy at birth

58.5 (WB 2014)

Primary School completion rate

56 (WB 2013)

Adult literacy rate

70 (WB 2012)

Maternal Mortality rate

(per 100, 000 live births)

343 (WB 2015)

Infant mortality rate

(per 1000 live births)

38 (WB 2015)



ELA entrepreneur Faiza Namwanje drying sliced pineapples before packaging and selling in Kayunga district.

Microfinance programme

Our microfinance programme is at the core of our intervention in Uganda. Within eight years, the programme has expanded across the country. We provide direct support to the community through holistic programmes and train local people as community volunteers who set up their own enterprises. Using microfinance as a platform, we provide the following integrated services to the doorsteps of communities.

Microloans and Small Enterprise loan

At the core of the programme are microloans, which are provided to empower people, mainly women aged 18-50 with little or no education who lack access to credit services, to operate small businesses that provide products or services to their local communities. Our small

enterprise programme (SEP) offers loans to entrepreneurs, both men and women, seeking to expand small businesses or to create new employment opportunities and provide new services. SEP is supported by the main microfinance platform. We initiated the SEP programme to reach entrepreneurs seeking to expand their small businesses who have limited access to the formal financial sector.

Scholars programme partnering with the MasterCard Foundation

BRAC launched a national secondary level scholars programme 'The MasterCard Foundation scholars programme' in Uganda that aims to assist academically promising students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds to access quality secondary and tertiary education. Over a period of eight years, the programme will enable 5,000 poor but talented students to transition into higher education.

Comprehensive package includes

- tuition fees
- uniforms
- learning materials
- monthly transportation
- stipends

Empowerment and Livelihoods for Adolescents (ELA) programme

Empowerment and Livelihoods for Adolescents (ELA) programme is the largest youth empowerment platform in Uganda. The ELA programme targets adolescent girls between the ages of 13 - 21, especially those who are out of school. The primary goal of the programme is to assist the girls to achieve greater economic and social empowerment and become agents of change in their families and communities. The programme combines innovative livelihood and life skills training and a customised microfinance programme for older adolescent girls.

Health programme

Our health programme aims to improve the health status of the population in BRAC intervention areas with a special focus on children under five and women of reproductive age (15-49 years).

Community health promoters

At the community level, community health promoters (CHPs) work on the prevention and treatment of malaria, pneumonia and diarrhoea, pregnancy-related care, basic curative care, family planning, immunisation and health nutrition education (includes safe water, sanitation, personal hygiene, nutrition, HIV/AIDs, TB and ARI).

Agriculture programme

Our agriculture programme aims to improve the livelihoods of the rural population by increasing agricultural productivity, as well as the nutritional status of the rural population through nutritional awareness campaigns.

Innovative, Integrated Approach to Enhance Smallholder Family Nutrition project

The project aim is to improve nutrition of an estimated 19,200 vulnerable smallholder households in Kalungu, Ibanda, Mbarara and Masaka districts, by promoting the cultivation and consumption of nutrient-rich crops and improving nutrition and care practices of under-2 children, adolescent girls, and pregnant women.

Social enterprise

We started a social enterprise by establishing an in-house seed production and processing centre at Nakaseke. A variety of research activities take place at the centre in conjunction with the National Agricultural Research Organisation and National Crop Resources Research Institute to evaluate the yield and adaptability of maize and rice.

Community connector (CC)

The CC project is one of Uganda's flagship food security initiatives. The project started in January 2012 and is currently supporting local governments in fifteen districts in improving the nutritional status of women and children and the livelihoods of vulnerable people through sustainable, integrated nutrition and agriculture interventions at the community and household levels.

Poultry and livestock programme

The poultry and livestock programme operates to increase the productivity of farm animals and birds by reducing poultry mortality, improving rearing practices, providing technical assistance and capacity building at the community level. The programme educates rural farmers through our community livestock promoters (CLPs) and livestock artificial insemination promoters (LAIP).

The main areas of focus are:

- enhancing production and productivity
- increasing market access and value addition
- improving the environment for agricultural and livestock sector
- bringing institutional development

Early childhood development (ECD)

Play-based education is provided to children aged 3-5 years through 80 early childhood development (ECD) centres spread through Karamoja and Central Uganda.

Targeting Ultra Poor (TUP) Programme for Youth

BRAC's TUP for youth project is a unique graduation project for the extreme poor that promotes the graduation model. The three years project will target 1,650 youth through five branches in central Uganda through multi-dimensional programming including unique targeting, business and financial skills training, transfer of assets and credits, and community integration.

BRAC Uganda: At a Glance

Microfinance

(from inception to May 2016)

Total no. of MF borrowers served	176,629
Principal loan outstanding USD	35.5 million
Total loan disbursement USD	281 million
No. of SEP borrowers	8,142
Cumulative disbursement of SEP loans USD	38.7 million

MasterCard Foundation Scholars Programme

(from inception to June 2016)

No. of students receiving secondary school scholarship	5,000
No. of schools with Scholars	105
No. of mentor teachers	127
No. of districts covered	112

Empowerment and Livelihood for Adolescents (ELA)

(from inception to May 2016)

No. of clubs	1385
No. of club members	68,637
No. of life skill trainings offered	59,516
No. of financial literacy trainings	58,728
No. of skills training	10,963
No. of ELA microfinance borrowers	16,430
Cumulative ELA microfinance disbursement USD	16,997,231 million.

Health Programme

(from January 2015 to May 2016)

No. of malaria patients treated	476,011
No. of diarrhoea patients treated	244,336
Antenatal care (ANC) service given to	655,057 mothers
Postnatal care (PNC) services given to	110,997 mothers
No. of CHP conducted health forums	145,779
Total number of CHP	2,808
No. of TB patients referred to the health facility	8,458

Agriculture and Food Security Programme

(from inception to May 2016)

No. of trained model farmers	1,206
No. of seedlings produced	1,247,351
Total seed distribution	864 MT

Poultry and Livestock Programme

(from inception to May 2016)

Community livestock and poultry promoter	900
Doses used for poultry vaccination More than	32.7 million
Livestock and poultry rearers trained	232,250
Number of cows inseminated	11,351

Updated till June 2016