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Uganda Women Concern Ministry

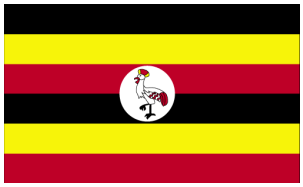
PARTNER MINISTRY PROFILE

Uganda Women Concern Ministry (UWCM) is an indigenous Christian Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), based in Mbale, Eastern Uganda.

Established in 1991 with the goal of addressing the concerns of women in difficult circumstances, UWCM initiated a children's programme which was later followed by HIV/AIDS interventions.

UWCM currently works in several local communities, with interventions directed at addressing orphans and vulnerable children, marginalised women and HIV/AIDS issues.

Malaria is the main killer of Uganda's children, causing more illness and death than any other single disease. Suffering from debilitating malaria fevers has become a way of life. Children under the age of five and pregnant women are the most common victims of malaria, with mortality rates being highest among children aged less than five.

UWCM is working to empower local villages with an affordable and accessible means to protect themselves against malaria. The current project is an integrated community-based malaria control strategy. Its low-cost design hinges on community mobilisation and empowerment to complement existing malaria control initiatives.

The UWCM project area, Bungokho Sub-County of Bungokho County, is located just south of the city of Mbale, and has a population of 32,300. Mbale District has a population of 721,000. The district capital, Mbale, is Uganda's third largest city, with a population of 70,000. Nearly 40% of Uganda's population live below the poverty line. More than 90% of these people live in rural areas such as the communities in Mbale region.