VITAMIN A SUPPLEMENTATION IN UGANDA PROJECT PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Background
From November 2021 to Sept 2022, ChildFund Uganda got funding from Nutrition International to support the Uganda Ministry of Health Implement mop-up campaigns for Vitamin A Supplementation (VAS) aiming at raising the coverage of Vitamin A supplementation from 47% to 80%. Implementation was done through the Ministry of Health structures from national to the community level while ChildFund played the role of funds management.

Specific Objectives

1. Support the Ministry of Health to roll-out a Vitamin A supplementation mop-up campaign to reach at least 80% of children from 6 to 59 months of age and postpartum mothers across the country by the Ministry of Health.
2. Ensure that funds are effectively and efficiently used to support the Ministry to roll out the Vitamin A supplementation campaign.

Mode of Implementation
ChildFund Uganda worked closely with the Government of Uganda Ministry of Health Structures to Implement the Project at National and Community Level throughout the 158 administrative units in the country. Two phases of mop up campaigns were conducted, the first between December 2021 and February2022 and the second one between June and September 2022.

Status of Implementation
By September 2022, the project had achieved all the targets.

Reach: The project targeted children into different categories of 6-59 months with Vitamin A supplementation and 5-14 Years. By the end of September 2022, **6,227,033** children had benefited from the project interventions across all the districts.

Coordination Activities

ChildFund worked with the Uganda Ministry of Health to carry out the following activities:

- ◊ Conducted a national bottleneck analysis workshop to identify the critical barriers to effective coverage of vitamin A supplementation.
- ◊ conduct planning meetings for the national campaign aimed at ensuring effective Vitamin A coverage

- ◊ Orientation of District Local Government teams on the vitamin A supplementation campaigns
- ◊ Ministry of Health teams supervising district level micro planning meetings for Vitamin A supplementation campaign
- ◊ . The MoH was also responsible for ensuring the supplies reach the districts.
- ◊ Supporting the District Local Governments Departments of Health to supervise primary health care facilities during outreach implementations
- ◊ Supporting health workers to conduct community outreaches to administer Vitamin A capsules to children and postpartum women and deworming tablets to children 1 to 14 years of age.

Budget Execution

The budget was executed up to 92% and a balance of 8% was realized as demonstrated in the table below

Funds received (USD)	2,225,330.27
Actual Expenditure (USD)	2,042,884.02
Variance (USD)	182,446.25