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AfriChild's fourth edition of newsletter is here! Be certain to find captivating articles of the various activities that the Centre has undertaken from December 2017 through to March 2018. It highlights internal and external events that have been tailored to your reading and information pleasure.



AfriChild inaugurates new Board of Directors

By Racheal Ninsiima

With the New Year came new tidings for the AfriChild Centre. The tidings came in form of a new seven-strong member team that is now the AfriChild Board. Margaret Kakande, the new board chair replaces Prof. Edward Kirumira. Other members include: Dr. Lynn Atuyambe, Penninah Kyoyagala Tomusange, Judy Kamanyi, Emily Gakiza and James Kaboggoza.

The old board handed over instruments of power to the new board on January 27 2018 at Serena hotel-Kampala. Later, on February 7, the new board held their first meeting to review policies such as the Finance Policy of the Centre at Fairway Hotel.



(L-R Standing: Judy Kamanyi, Joyce Wanican, Simba Machingaidze, Penninah Kyoyagala & Dr Atuyambe. L-R Sitting: Emily Gakiza, Margaret Kakande & James Kaboggoza.)

AfriChild trains university staff in child-focused research

By Racheal Ninsiima

From January 22 – February 2, 2018, the Centre for the Study of the African Child (AfriChild) trained 40 university staff from seven Ugandan universities on tenants of child-focused research and grants writing. The participating universities were: Makerere; Kyambogo; Gulu; Muni; Uganda Christian University; Uganda Martyrs University and Nsamizi Training Institute. The training, held at Uganda Christian University was conducted by four renowned academic researchers: Prof. Fred Wabwire-Mangen (MUSPH); Rev. Fr. Dr. Odubuker Picho Epiphany (Muni University); Prof. Anne Katahoire (Makerere University) and Prof. Peter Ubomba-Jaswa (UCU-Mukono).



Prof. Anne Katahoire leads one of the training sessions.

According to Mathew Amollo, the research manager at AfriChild Centre, the objective of the training was to build capacities of university staff in conducting participatory child focused research.

“When we conducted a training needs assessment, findings revealed that university faculties have a partial, disciplinary-shaped perspective on child focused research,” he said.

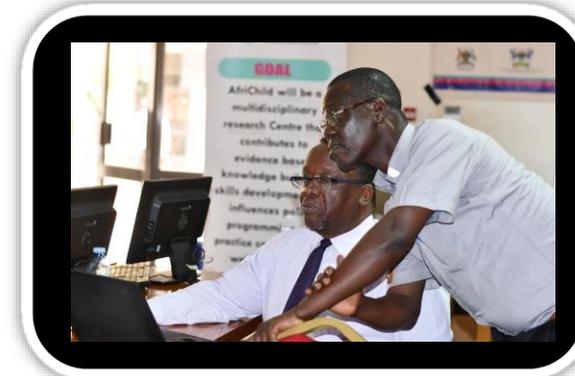
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Thus, this training was initiated to refine university researchers' knowledge on approaches to research ethics, data analysis and interpretation of findings when implementing projects focusing on children.

The two-week long training was crowned with a certificate giving ceremony after which

participants were treated to a sumptuous cocktail.

Below is a photo gallery of what transpired:



Documentary on the VACS Regional Meetings Out

The end of the regional dissemination of key findings on violence against children survey (VACS) has been crowned with production of a powerful 12 minutes documentary. The documentary opens with a catch on the debilitating statistics on physical and sexual violence perpetrated against Ugandan children.

It then delves into presentation of the key findings and discussions accruing from the meeting participants thereof. Participants, mostly district leaders such as Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs) and probation officers. To add a flavor of customization to the dissemination meetings, each region has its own video running for four to five minutes each.

This documentary will be shown at different high level meetings that the Centre plans on conducting going forward. The documentary can be viewed on AfriChild's YouTube page: The AfriChild Centre.



Video shooting in progress during the VACS dissemination meeting in Mukono district.

AfriChild Centre acquires new vehicle

Programme activities will now be carried out with ease after the AfriChild Centre purchased a brand new Toyota Rav 4. The vehicle, which was bought with funding from OAK Foundation and WellSpring Advisors. Previously, the Centre has been hiring private vehicles to meet its transport needs. Following its acquisition, the Centre's transport costs are expected to drop by more than a half of what it has been spending.



OPINION: Training the next generation of researchers

By Mathew Amollo

The training of next generation of researchers is shaping child focused research in the country-generating real evidence and bridging the gap between the academia, policy makers and practitioners.

The inter-university training is making a direct contribution to the Uganda national child focused policy and research agenda 2015/2020; generating evidence to fill in the research gaps identified in the agenda. This training is also strengthening research collaboration at institutional level; as we address the issues of capacity to conduct child focused amongst university faculty, the inter-university training provides a platform for universities to further explore joint research undertakings.

Our next activity is to conduct training of practitioners to facilitate them to utilize research evidence in program/policy design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.