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Cooperatives providing Health care in Uganda .

In Amendment Act ,2020 of the Health Cooperatives were incorporated in the Cooperative Act .Sec 55AAF

A health cooperative society is a society registered to establish and operate plans or programs for health care

There are 18 registered Health Cooperatives in Uganda providing cooperative Health Insurance ;

3 –Service provider based cooperative

15- Health Consumers Health cooperative

3-Pre Cooperatives

Cooperatives providing Health care in Uganda .

- 37 health services providers are working with both cooperatives and Pre-coops to provide services to the beneficiaries
- In total 32,000 community members are receiving services under the Cooperative Insurance Model

Functions of a Health Cooperative .

- To establish, maintain, and operate health, dental, or vision care plan or plans;
- To construct, operate, and maintain hospitals or other facilities where health care is given, dental, or vision care, is provided to its members and to other persons or groups of persons who become subscribers to the plans, under contracts;
- To provide access to medical, surgical, chiropractic, vision, dental, or hospital care, other health care services;

Support form UNDESA .

- Workshop in Entebbe on 29th August 2019 with the theme “**Cooperatives in Social Development ;Towards Health Care**” .It had an attendance of 20 stakeholders; Government representatives and Cooperative representatives
- Workshop in September 2022 with a theme “**Promoting Health Cooperatives in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals; SDG 3**’ that had an attendance of 60 participants

SMART plan of action(September 2022 workshop)

1. Create awareness on activities of health cooperatives amongst community members.
2. To increase the number of health co-operatives from 18 to 154 and the membership .
3. Establish a strategy for cooperatives to provide health care service

What has been done so far

1. Trained 200 community members in four regions; Northern Uganda-Apac, Western Uganda-Ibanda, Eastern Uganda-Soroti Diocese and South West-Rukungiri

What next?

1. Registration of the Health Cooperatives where the training has been
2. Develop guidelines and manual to guide the operations of the Health Cooperatives at large.

Need to expand the Model (2019-2020)



HEALTH SERVICES



Findings from the National Service Delivery Survey (NSDS) 2020/21 indicate that:

- 0.8% of the population use health insurance services.
- Eight in every ten persons (87%) seek health care when they fall sick, 45 percent seek care from government health facilities (33% from a health center and 12% from a hospital) and a lower percentage seek care from private health facilities (37%).

Thank you

