

## ALCOHOL REGULATION: A COMMUNITY BOTTOM-UP APPROACH AND EXPERIENCE

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## INTRODUCTION

- PER-CAPITA ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION ESTIMATES FOR UGANDA 9.8 LITERS (WHO)
- UGANDA RECENTLY ENDORSED A NATIONAL ALCOHOL POLICY
- A STRUGGLE FOR THE BILL/LAW IS IN PROGRESS
- SEVERAL CBOS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ENGAGED IN SENSITIZATION CAMPAIGNS
- HEAVY AND EPISODIC CONSUMPTION IS REPORTED IN MANY COMMUNITIES
- SEVERAL REPORTS INDICATE A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF WILLINGNESS TO CONTROL/STOP



• TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE HEALTH AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC WELLBEING OF THE PEOPLE IN THE INTERVENTION AREA.

## INTERVENTION AREA

### JINJA DISTRICT

#### KAKIRA SUGAR LIMITED KAKIRA T.C., BUSEDE S.C, MAFUBIRA S.C, BUDONDO S.C, BUGEMBE T.C, WALUKUBA-MASESE DIV.

## MASINDI DISTRICT

#### KINYARA SUGAR INDUSTRY BUDONGO S.C., BWIJANGA S.C., MIIRYA S.C., PAKANYI S.C., KARUJUBU DIV. O



## **PROJECT OUTCOMES**

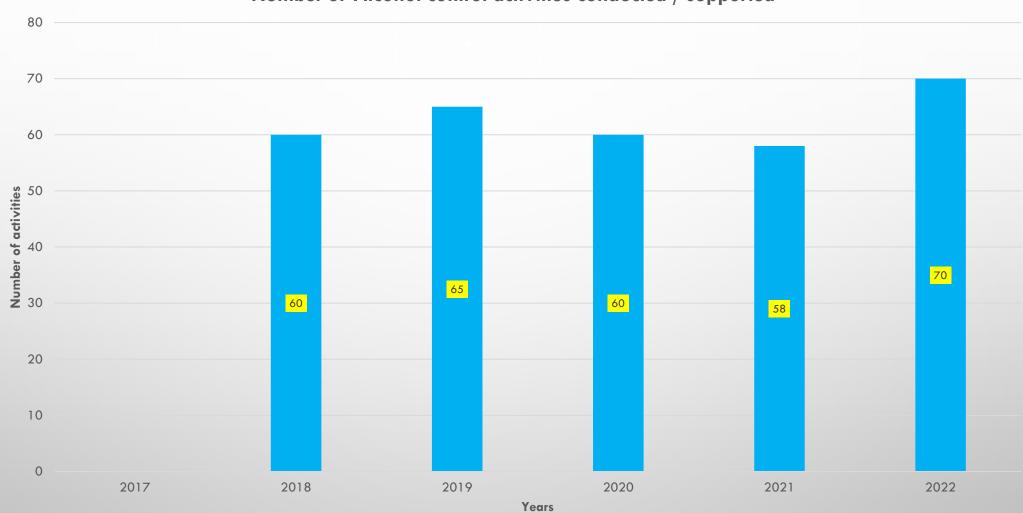
#### \*REDUCED RISKY ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION PATTERNS (AMONG VULNERABLE/ AT HIGH RISK GROUPS.

#### \*LEGAL RESTRICTIONS ON DENSITY OF ALCOHOL OUTLETS, ACCESSIBILITY TO MINORS, AND AVAILABILITY ARE IN PLACE.

\*ALCOHOL ISSUES ARE INCLUDED IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS THROUGH ALCOHOL PLATFORMS.

## STRATEGIES, METHODS & APPROACHES

- BOTTOM-UP APPROACH
- COMMUNITY BASED APPROACH (PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION)
- PARTICIPATORY APPROACH (LISTENING AND DISCUSSION WITH RIGHTS BEARERS)
- BUILDING COMMUNITY STRUCTURES COALITIONS/MODEL VILLAGES
- CIVIL AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP CONTINUOUS ENGAGEMENT LOBBYING
- CREATION OF DISTRICT AND SUB-COUNTY ALCOHOL CONTROL NETWORKS/COMMITTEES
- CAPACITY BUILDING TO ALL PLAYERS (VHTs, CIVIL & POLITICAL LEADERS, RELIGIOUS LEADERS, SCHOOL M'N'GERS)

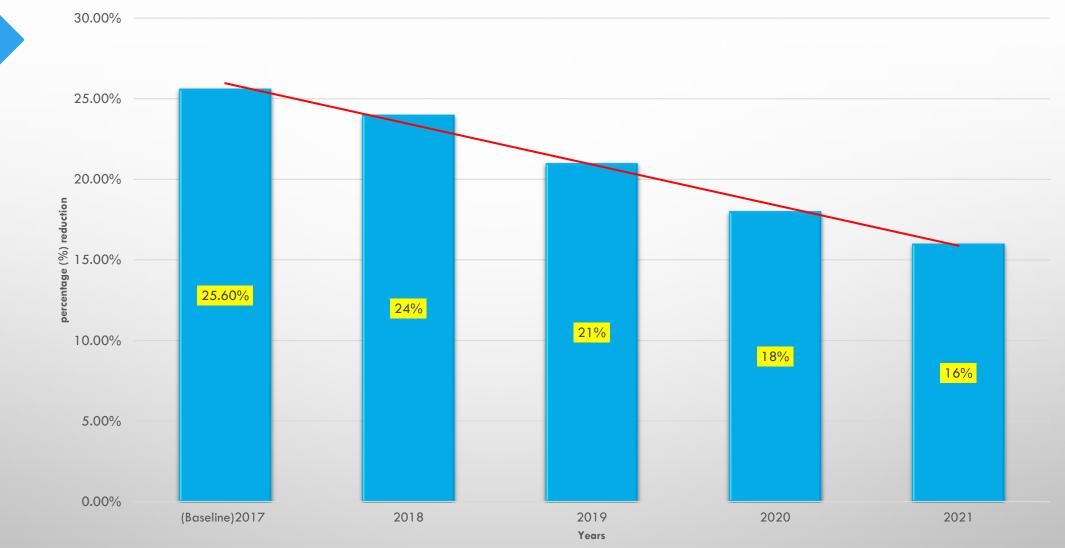


#### Number of Alcohol control activities conducted / supported

## INTERVENTION IMPACT/ ACHIEVEMENTS

- ALCOHOL CONTROL REGULATIONS IN PLACE (BYE-LAWS AND ORDINANCES)
- A MULTIPLIER EFFECT ON COVERAGE (2 INDUSTRIES, 13 SCH'S, 11 SUB-COUNTIES, 44 PARISHES, 308 VILLAGES, -~35,000 INDIVIDUALS----CFR ATTENDANCE REGISTERS).
- A RECORD HIGH LEVEL COMMUNITY AND LEADERSHIP PARTICIPATION (LEADERS COMMITTED TO INTEGRATING ALCOHOL CONTROL IN GOVT. PROGS)
- A STEADY REGRESSION IN HEAVY EPISODIC ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION (25.6% TO 15% EVALUATION AND ASA REPORTS)
- CONT. REDUCTION IN RELATED MORBIDITY AND MOTALITY (COMMUNITY & MEDICAL REPORTS ON ACCIDENTS, INJURIES, HOSPITALISATION AND DEATH, ASA FINDINGS & CHAMPIONS' TESTIMONIES).
- REDUCED ABSENTEEISM AT WORKPLACES AND RELATED COSTS & INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY (RELATIVE)
- INCREASED SCH. ENROLLMENT AND REDUCED DROP-OUT (COMM., SCH. AND POLICE REPORTS)

#### TREND OF REDUCTION IN HEAVY EPISPISODIC DRINKERS



- PROJECT WINDING UP (FOLLOW UP CHALLENGE)
- COVID-19 PANDEMIC EFFECTS
- ALCOHOL INDUSTRY WITH INCREASED BRANDS AND FALSE MESSAGES
- BUREAUCRATIC PROCESS OF APPROVAL OF THE REGULATIONS
- LEADERS' TURNOVER





 ENGAGING COMMUNITIES IN THE PROCESS OF FORMULATING ALCOHOL REGULATIONS USING A BOTTOM-UP APPROACH MIGHT ACCERELATE THE PROCESS OF THE NATIONAL ALCOHOL POLICY DEVELOPMENT.



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# THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

