

# ANNUAL REPORT 2017



# **Develop and Conserve**

## **Environmental Alert (EA)**

Environmental Alert (EA) is a Non-Governmental development Organization born out of the need to address the alarmingly low levels of agricultural productivity in the country, high levels of food insecurity and low incomes in both rural and urban poor communities, in addition to protecting against rapid degradation of natural resources on which community livelihood depends. EA is a **1**<sup>st</sup> **prize winner of the Energy globe award for environmental sustainability - 2005 under the category, Earth.** 

#### Vision

Resilient and dignified communities, managing the environment and natural resources sustainably.

#### Mission

Environmental Alert exists to advocate for an enabling environment, sustainable natural resources management and food security for targeted communities through empowerment and policy engagement.

To accomplish its mission, EA specializes in policy engagements for better policies and delivery of services to poor communities in both rural and urban environments. EA undertakes structured service delivery mobilizing communities and facilitating development of their skills, approaches and technologies for the sustainable management of their agricultural systems, natural resources and WASH facilities and services. Furthermore, this interaction generates experiences, lessons and facts which inform EA's issue based advocacy agenda at the community, local, national and international levels.



Figure 1: Environmental Alert Board and Staff members pose for a photo during the Annual staff retreat for 2017

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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

Natural resources-dependent communities are threatened with hunger and increased vulnerability to poverty if environmental degradation and conversion continues unabated. Natural resources including land, wetlands, forests and water are the basis of livelihood for many communities. Yet these are being exploited mercilessly for short term gains at the expense of posterity. Agreements have been reached, conventions signed and ratified policies and laws debated and enacted, yet natural resources continue to be exploited unsustainably.



There is a strong need to develop and conserve our environment. Government, private sector and the general public need to recognize the urgency for investment in sound environment and natural resource management practices. This is the time to make a conscious and deliberate move to address the causes and adverse effects of environmental degradation. Many of these causes are known to us - de-forestation; over fishing and poor fishing methods; draining of wetlands to construct buildings and settle people and livestock; poor land use that exercabates soil erosion; and uncontrolled industrial pollution.

We applaud the positive efforts to address the burdens imposed by this degradation and abuse; these are quite often at small levels, among very poor communities. Some are good practices by private sector stakeholders; and others are outstanding efforts of civil society.

It is everyone's duty to provide a clean and safe environment for the other and for the generations to come. We cannot afford to keep silent when even the little nature that is left is being abused with impunity. On that note, there is a strain on natural resources in refugee hosting districts due to the overwhelming number of refugees who cross to Uganda from neighboring countries, there is therefore a need for NGOs and Government to work together and address the impact on the environment and natural resources.

Just like other Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Environmental Alert faced some key program implementation challenges/limitation during 2017, among which we had: Inadequate funding due to changing donor/partner priorities; Untimely and irregular cash flows of committed resources by the development partners, meaning that EA was not able to meet its obligations on time; Changing criteria for funding by donors (Specific projects, budget sizes, collaborations, Geographical scope); Natural and man-made disasters i.e.: wars, floods, famine. When these occur, donors' attention is diverted to support relief programs e.g. WASH funding by UNDP through OPM is now mostly directed to refugees in the caps in Uganda.

Because of donors' attention being diverted to support relief programs e.g. WASH funding by UNDP through OPM is now mostly directed to refugees in the caps in Uganda. As way of tapping into this opportunity, EA hopes to focus on refugees' influx in the country with Environmental conservation (ENR), Food and Nutrition, and WASH as an entry point. Another opportunity is on Land acquisition and management; this is due to on-going conflicts related to the subject.

Environmental Alert will continue to pursue its mission that recognizes development that takes into consideration environmental sustainability.

In line with this we will continue to empower all stakeholders to manage their resources sustainably, bearing in mind that we are all dependent on mother earth for existence. If our natural resources perish, so do we all.

As Environmental Alert celebrates 30 years of its existence in 2018, we pledge to continue with efforts geared towards conserving our environment for sustainable development, as our motto goes.

#### Mr. Charles Nalyaali, Environmental Alert Board Chairman.

### MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Despite the increasing challenges in maintaining the integrity of our environment and natural resources, in order to attain sustainable development, we are proud of the many Ugandans that yet again stood by our side not only to preach the good gospel of sustainable natural resource use ,but also demonstrated best practices of the same. We have and we will continue to engage and participate in activities that foster environmental integrity for the realisation of our vision.



Given the current negative effects our country is experiencing regarding, climate change, land degradation, forest depletion, and community marginalisation in

policy formulation and implementation, EA's reason for existence has been tested tremendously, yet have not disappointed. We have positioned ourselves to be alert and responsive to these challenges for the betterment of the vulnerable poor and society in general. We have pursued winning strategies, expanded our networks and collaborators while maintaining reasonable geographical scope of our work.

Guided by our vision of freeing poor communities from hunger and having them manage their natural resources sustainably we will continue pursuing avenues that lead to the realization of this vision. Given the existing threats of environmental degradation we applaud all of you who have made a deliberate effort to save our environment. We pledge our commitment to promoting and advocating for policies and programmes that ensure sustainable environment practices especially among vulnerable communities.

We want to sincerely thank our friends and partners for the continued moral and financial support that you have given us throughout this time. We extend gratitude to the leaders at different levels of administration with whom we have enjoyed fruitful interaction.

We applaud our Development Partners for believing in our cause and playing a vital role in achieving our shared vision. We pledge our commitment to pursue lasting solutions that ensure integrity of our environment and natural resources and those that socially and economically empower the vulnerable poor.

Dr. Joshua Zake (PhD), Executive Director.

### BACKGROUND

Environmental Alert (EA) was *founded in 1988 and is registered as a Ugandan non-governmental organization.* It is governed by an independent Board that is responsible for providing strategic oversight of the organization including ensuring its integrity as a voluntary service organization. The Executive Director and top senior staffs are responsible for the day to day management of the Organization. The Head office is located at plot 475/523 Sonko Lane, Kabalagala, Kampala. Over the last 29 years, EA has developed financial management, program management and Monitoring and Evaluation systems to support effective and efficient use of donor and partners funds.

Since 1988, the organization has emerged from addressing needs orientation to contributing to an enabling natural resources policy and practice environment. This is coupled with increased and active participation and self-representation of poor and vulnerable groups of men, women and youth. Over the years, EA's work is driven by conviction on the intrinsic link between *poverty and environment* and has continued to ensure healthy and sustained **environment and natural resources (ENRs)** as well as realization of **food and nutritional security** among its constituents. The Organization's committed effort on addressing natural resources and livelihood concerns has enabled it to work cautiously with forestry, land, wetlands and livelihood challenges in a mix of participatory modeling, promoting technological and social eco-innovations in sustainable agriculture and natural resources management that have continued to contribute to improved livelihoods of poor communities as well as been a basis for improvements in policies and laws in Uganda.

EA embarked on the mission to contribute to sustainable development and improved livelihoods through sustainable natural resource management and development in Uganda. EA envisions a poverty and hunger-free society that, is able to manage and sustain its natural resources base for attainment of sustainable livelihoods. To achieve this vision, EA works under the following broad programme areas:

- a. Environment and Natural Resources;
- b. WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene);
- c. Food Security and Nutrition.

EA is a member of IUCN, and also is a secretariat of the following networks

- i) The Environment and Natural Resource-CSO Network (ENR-CSO Network)<sup>1</sup>;
- ii) The Uganda Forest Working Group (UFWG)<sup>2</sup>;
- iii) The Promoting Local Innovations for sustainable agriculture and sound Natural Resource Management (PROLINNOVA) Network Uganda<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> UFWG is a platform with a broad spectrum of stakeholders who play different yet complementary roles in their individual, collective and institutional capacities. These include field technical support, small grants management, research and products development, awareness creation, piloting alternatives, media publicity of issues and policy processes, public debate, advocacy and legislative lobbying, budget analysis and advocacy as well as independently monitor the implementation of the Forest Policy commitments. Environmental Alert is the Secretariat of the UFWG.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The ENR-CSO Network is another civil society network that brings together local and international NGOs that work in the broader environment and natural resources sector. The ENR-CSO Network has an elected leadership and a secretariat that coordinates its activities. The Network is active in mobilizing its members' engagement in sub-national and national level forest policy process, including the national and district annual budget cycles.

## PROGRAMME FOCUS (APPROACHES)

EA employs a number of approaches and methods in program implementation. These are employed in enhancing capacities, civic consciousness of target groups and collective lobby actions. Some of these strategies include the following:

- i. Strengthening and building partnership to harness technical and financial resources with likeminded organizations and individuals within government and Civil Society (including private sector). We shall work with local and national partners including: International Union for Conservation of Nature, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), Food and Agricultural Organization of United Nations (FAO) Civil Budget advocacy Group (CS BAG), Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) and community based organizations among others. Besides, this adds value interns of sustainability of the interventions and up scaling of lessons and experiences;
- ii. Building sustainable, district, sub county and community climate change adaptation mechanisms for enhancing community based service systems for widened and sustenance of initiated good interventions beyond projects.
- iii. Knowledge management using cost effective community knowledge centers.
- iv. Strengthening capacities of key stakeholders regarding sustainable natural resources management and basic skills and knowledge for engaging key policy makers and decision makers. This will be done through participatory process; particularly the trainings will be informed by the training needs assessments.
- Experiential learning and mentoring approaches to capacity building will be explored. In some cases as may be appropriate, community grants will be extended to natural resources dependent communities to access appropriate technologies for sustainable natural resources management;
- vi. Evidence based advocacy- this would involve action research and modeling best practices in natural resource management with communities. The lessons and experiences generated will be used to inform lobbying and advocacy at local and national levels;
- vii. Issue based advocacy engagements through supporting sub-national coalitions to influence policy implementation at the local level and linking issues and experiences with the national level engagements through line networks (e.g. UFWG, ENR-CSO Network).
- viii. Networking with key stakeholders and like-minded partners on issues of environment, natural resources and climate change. This will provide opportunity for sharing and exchanging information thus facilitating up scaling of best practices and innovations inn natural resources management;
- ix. Tailored capacity building for the institution and program staff based on demands of the work plan to ensure effective delivery of the outputs and targets.
- x. Documentation of lessons learnt and best practices

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> PROLINNOVA Uganda is an NGO-led multistakeholder initiative to build a national learning network on promoting local innovation in ecologically oriented agriculture and natural resource management (NRM). PROLINNOVA–Uganda envisions, 'a world in which women and men farmers play decisive roles in agriculture and NRM innovation processes for sustainable livelihoods.

- xi. Media engagement through data driven advocacy through collaboration with Trac Fm.
- xii. Mainstreaming gender in all programs and interventions

## KEY PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS (RESULTS) DURING IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

A. Key results under the Environment and Natural Resources component

- a) Consultation and participatory (C&P) structures set up in central, Mid-eastern and southern Uganda and were used to generate content that informed the development of the National REDD+ Strategy.
- b) A study on Mainstreaming responsible timber trade and other forest products in Uganda was conducted and has generated a lot of information and content that can further be used to influence and conduct follow up engagements towards advancing legal timber in Uganda. Besides, some key practical actions were developed with key responsible bodies. This has also resulted into funding for a follow up project to address some of the emerging issues from the study.
- c) A case study on Integration of Pro-Poor and Human Rights-Based Approaches to CFM Process of Agoro-Agu Forest Landscape CFM Process documented and published. This case study presents the key experiences, lessons, policy and practice recommendation based on the promotion of comanagement arrangements between the National Forest Authority (NFA) and Forest adjacent communities in Agoro-Agu Central Forest Reserve (CFR) landscape through application of the Collaborative Forest Management (CFM) guidelines, the Human Rights Based Approaches and the pro-poor REDD+ principal.
- d) The engagements under the Joint Government of Uganda Development Partners Technical Review (JTR) and Joint Sector Review (JSR) have enabled CSOs to remain involved in Forestry and other ENR Policy advocacy processes at the Local, National and international levels. This is done through members being able to report on issues at local and National and international levels. Thirty 34 (71%) submitted reports for compilation of mini –report for JSR 2017. This was published as a chapter in the Water and Environment Sector Performance Report, 2017. An ENR-CSO Network Position paper with key issues and recommendations in the ENR sector submitted during the main event of the annual JSR 2017.



Figure 2: Environmental Alert REDD+ Consultations meeting in Mid-Eastern Uganda

#### B. Key results under Food security and Nutrition

- a. 40 demonstration sites established for 40 farmer groups, these act as learning centres for transfer of technologies (*improved seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides*) and practices (*field layout and design, timely planting, weed management, soil and water conservation, pests and disease management and general agronomy*) at community level. Thus, farmers are adapting some of the demonstrated technologies (e.g. planting of improved crop varieties and some agronomic practices) on their individual farms.
- b. Establishment of Community Knowledge Centre (CKC) in Kei sub-county, Yumbe district through collaboration with the sub county. This facilitaty is currently a hub for facilitating information access and exchange among stakeholders at the community level, especially between the rights holders (farmers, natural resource dependent communities) and duty bearers (such as sub county technical and political leaders, other community development organisations). The information accessed and disseminated is largely on food security, environment and natural resources, health among others.
- c. Farmer's concerns on various issues were profiled through targeted documentation (such as i.e. through case studies, policy brief, posters) and presented in appropriate spaces for discussion and consideration by duty bearers at the local and national levels through targeted policy dialogues. These issues have been disseminated widely through the Environmental Alert website and social media platforms.
- d. Facilitated dialogue among key stakeholders in the West Nile region on key issues in the agriculture, environment and natural resources through which they have developed recomendations and action plans for implementation at respective districts and sub regional level

to address the issues. Some of the issues in the region include: unregulated bush burning; Mainstreaming climate change in development planning; Encrochment on wetlands along the river Nile banks; Influx of refugees; and stray animals.



Figure 3: Members of Alio Women group in Kei, Yumbe display their farm products during World Environment day celebration at Kei Sub County.

#### C. Key results under WASH

- a) Stakeholders supported to develop policies, capacity, institutional coordination structures and collaborative mechanism to deliver sustainable urban WASH Services.
- b) Consumer survey conducted and completed in Kawempe division and information generated being used to advocate for improved WASH services for the urban poor and slum dwellers. The Survey Report published and disseminated among key stakeholders in the WASH sector.
- c) Six (6) CBOs supported with cleaning equipment and protective gear during the sanitation week. CBOs have continued to use the tools during regular clean ups organized in their localities and have been engaged by private garbage collection companies (HomeKlin in Kisenyi and Nabugabo Updeal in Kamwokya) to solicit garbage fees from households.



Figure 4: Demonstrating the use of a tippy tap during the Global hand washing day celebrations in Omoro District.

#### D. Staff Development

A staff development plan is in place where staff capacity needs are addressed through mentoring, guidance, on the job training and tailored programmes. Staff received training in M&E; Resource mobilization and management of Grants.



Figure 5: Environmental Alert Staff attending a Training in resource mobilization and grant management

Staff recruitments during 2017 have been as follows:

Portfolio	No of persons recruited
Programme Officer, Energy	1
Programme Assistant, Energy	1
Programme Officer, Knowledge management	1

EA staffs are motivated through various means which include space to deliver on expected outputs creatively. Staffs have the opportunity explore and share their experiences, knowledge and aspirations as they implement different work plans.

## ENGENDERING OUR PROGRAMMES

Environmental Alert programmes aim at addressing all forms of Inequality, injustice and powerlessness, and transform them into relations of equality and justice for the benefit of all. In particular to see increased articulation of the needs and concerns of women and other marginalized groups by themselves and their participation in defining development priorities as well as promoting accountability. EA documented gender dimensions in EA programmes and facilitated capacity development for gender analysis, monitoring and partner capacity building. Mentoring is done continuously to ensure gender consciousness during programme implementation. A baseline survey was undertaken which showed that women are the main beneficiaries of EA interventions, especially the Food Security and Nutrition programme. This and other

programmes are designed to meet women's needs. Women are now more confident in taking up income generating roles especially at household levels. Confidence of female farmers has enhanced their household relations in terms of earning respect and having a say in planning family expenditure, asset management, and this gives them a sense of control and promotes equity in benefit sharing.



Figure 6: The Agoro-Agu CFM communities learning and practicing use of GPS equipment for forest boundary demarcation.

## PLANNING, MONITORING AND EVALUATION

EA holds regular reflective and planning meetings known as Programme Implementation Meetings (PIM) as a basis for monitoring progress of Programmes. During these meetings, staffs interact and seek or give guidance on the best strategies to implement activities. Work-plans, reports, budgets, strategies and concepts are shared and this makes a significant contribution to monitoring programme implementation. Some of these meetings are interactions between EA and farmers, development partners, the media, farmers, or government officials. This has enhanced programme cohesion, team work and cost-effectiveness.

Staff and programmes are appraised regularly and this gives room for continuous improvement, restrategizing and harmonizing activities and personal development, as the need may arise.

## NETWORKING AND PARTNERSHIPS

#### a) ENR-CSO Network

During 2017, the ENR CSOs Network assessed and released their Position (Position paper) on the Performance of Environment and Natural Resources sub-Sector in Financial Year 2016/17. The position paper contained key recommendations to sector (Can be accessed at <a href="https://bit.ly/2rBpRmg">https://bit.ly/2rBpRmg</a> ). The position paper then contributed to the agreed minutes of the 9th Joint Government of Uganda-Development partners Sector Review (JSR) 2017 (can be accessed at <a href="https://bit.ly/2laDC5Q">https://bit.ly/2laDC5Q</a> ), under Water and Environment sector with the overall objective to assess progress and performance of the sector in relation to the agreed key sector performance indicators and the 2016 JSR undertakings, it provided policy and strategic guidance to the sector and stakeholders, developed key actions and undertakings for the forth-coming twelve-month period and beyond. Then the above JSR review outputs contributed (This report is published as a chapter in the annual Water and Environment sector performance report, 2017) to the Water and Environment Sector Performance Report of 2017 (can be accessed at <a href="https://bit.ly/2wyaFvp">https://bit.ly/2wyaFvp</a>), which provided the overall information on investments, targets, achievements, and challenges for the sector during the previous financial year.

#### b) Participatory Ecological Land use and Management (PELUM) Associations

PELUM Association is a regional network of over 220 civil society organizations in 12 countries in East, Central and Southern Africa working in the area of participatory ecological land use management. The Association works to improve the livelihoods of small-scale farmers and the sustainability of farming communities, by fostering ecological land use management. PELUM Uganda has been working to improve the livelihoods of small-scale farmers and the sustainability of rural communities, through the fostering of ecological land use management. PELUM does the following: Share skills and knowledge about good practices and techniques, through a broad network of like-minded organizations; Undertake research and demonstration projects; and Advocate for policies that better support small-scale farmers;

PELUM and EA work together on issues pertaining to agriculture, campaigning and advocacy around EPAs. PELUM is instrumental in advancing EA's advocacy agenda around agriculture and trade issues.

#### c) Uganda Forestry Working Group (UFWG)

The Uganda Forestry Working Group (UFWG) is an informal network of civil society organizations, academic and research institutions engaged in the development and sustainability of the forestry sector in Uganda. It was formed in 2001 to provide a platform where the various stakeholders in forestry sector would meet, deliberate on and influence developments in the sector as well as independently monitor the implementation of the national forestry policy, legislation and plan. Environmental Alert coordinates the activities of the UFWG.

The following are the Implementation Progress and Achievements for UFWG for the year 2017: UFWG members (ACODE, Care International, IUCN, ACCU, Tree Talk, ...) participated (contributed time, technically & financially...) in Annual MWE Forest Forum 2017 in which Zoka and Budongo CFR issues were discussed; Members of UFWG (e.g. EA, IUCN, Representative of UFWG regional node (Mr. Pope

Onen), NFA and Lamwo Local Government supported processes for development of CFM agreements and management plans. E.g. (Katum and Mar Yen) in Lamwo district, Mpanga CFR; Information and facts generated in respect to Timber trade in Uganda through studies e.g. Institutional Analysis on regulation of timber trade and other Forestry products, Steering committee and meetings with key Government institutions; REDD+ IECs; REDD+ C&P consultations – UFWG members (IUCN, EA, Tree Talk Plus, Wildlife Conservation Society, ACODE) facilitated sub-regional consultations, which resulted into identification and documentation of stakeholders' issues, concerns and recommendations -- submitted to the REDD+ Secretariat MWE for consideration into the REDD+ National Strategy; JSR engagements 2017 – members of UFWG actively participated in the annual Joint Sector Review for Water and Environment sub-Sector, which resulted in generation of key issues and recommendations as documented and published in the ENR-CSO Position paper, Consolidated CSO annual performance report and the Water and Environment Sector performance report; A total of 1,059,660 assorted tree seedlings were distributed for planting by members of the network. This happened in Hoima, Lamwo, Serere, Lira, Mpigi, Butambala, Mityana, Nakasongola and Masindi districts. At a conservative spacing of 3 by3 meters, these are estimated to have covered approximately 950 hectares.

#### d) PROLINNOVA-Uganda

PROLINNOVA–UGANDA is part of an NGO-led initiative to build a global learning network on promoting local innovation in ecologically-oriented agriculture and Natural Resource management (NRM). The focus is on learning from and encouraging field activities that strengthen the capacities of smallholders, livestock-keepers and fisherfolk to adjust to changing conditions; to continue to develop and adapt their own site-appropriate systems and institutions of resource management. The programme is overseen by a steering committee comprising of several CSOs and is hosted at Environmental Alert

#### e) Media

**Environmental Alert** in collaboration with **Trac FM** carried out a 2 months Campaign from July to September 2017 with the aim of engaging citizens in an interactive radio debate with the intention of getting their voices out to policy makers on tangible advocacy matters, and in this case - afforestation and deforestation. The campaign was carried out through public debate in interactive radio talk-shows using Trac FM software platform where radio listeners provide feedback on radio polls, and the poll results are analyzed and portrayed graphically. On analyzing the poll results, 39% out of 2770 respondents in wanted to practice afforestation but were limited by lack of seedlings, tools, knowledge and skills, and equipment. Environmental Alert based on the key results from this advocacy campaign and suggested recommendations to further advance implementation of agro-forestry practices with forest landscapes across the country (access the campaign from <u>https://bit.ly/2lbsQs3</u>).

## INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

#### a. Websites and Social Media Platforms

EA disseminates information through its website and the respective social media platforms. And as a secretariat, EA hosts Uganda Forest Working Group (UFWG) and Environment and Natural Resources Civil Society Organizations Network (ENR-CSO). And adding to that, EA manages the UFWG and ENR-CSO network websites and their respective social media platforms for communication and advocacy purposes. Improve in communication and visibility has led to improvement in resource mobilization efforts. Therefore we encourage our partners and the public to visit our websites and respective social media platforms for follow up on programme implementation. And below are the platforms.

	Website	Twitter	Facebook
EA	http://www.envalert.org/	@Env_Alert	Environmental Alert
UFWG	http://ufwg.envalert.org/	@UFWG_UG	Uganda Forest Working Group
ENR-CSO Network	http://www.enr-cso.org/	@ENRCSO	ENR-CSO Network

#### b. The Community Knowledge Center (CKC)

The Community Knowledge Center (CKC) has been set up at Kei Sub County in Yumbe district during the implementation of Bread for the World (BfDW) project which closed in 2017; the project was to address the information needs of the community. The main purpose of the center is to promote exchange of ideas and experiences among local communities. This initiative widely believes in the existence of knowledge at the grass root and is aimed at reducing the knowledge gap that exists among communities, building the capacity of community members with documentation skills and strengthening organizational capacities of grass root communities in the field of information management. Information is gathered from the community and re-packaged for wider dissemination. At the same time communities get information from the center about government policies, other local communities, innovations, etc



Figure 7: Yvonne of BfDW testing a computer at Kei Community Knowledge Centre at Kei Sub County in Yumbe.

#### a. Global Outreach

The website (<u>https://envalert.org/</u>) has been maintained, updated and given a friendlier look. Site navigation is now much more easily done. This has been accompanied by our presence on the social media platforms (Facebook and Twitter) with the aim of increasing our image and Visibility globall

#### b. Documentation

We have documented diversely this year in order to meet the information needs of our targets. We have had posters, stickers, policy briefs, testimonies, position papers, booklets, briefs, brochures, and flyers. Some of this documentation has been printed while the other is simply electronic. Given this diversity of documenting and packaging a wide range of information users is reached. One can access some of these through our website https://envalert.org/

## KEY EMERGING ISSUES REQUIRING BOARD ATTENTION

- i. Approval of the Consolidated EA work plan and budget for 2018.
- ii. Approval of the Consolidated M&E framework for Environmental Alert.

## KEY PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES / LIMITATION

- a) Inadequate funding due to changing donor/partner priorities;
- b) Untimely and irregular cash flows of committed resources by the development partners, meaning that EA is not able to meet its obligations on time;
- c) Delays in funds disbursement from donors/partners results in delayed implementation and delivery of program outputs;
- d) Changing criteria for funding by donors (Specific projects, budget sizes, collaborations, Geographical scope);
- e) Donor conditional ties (Basket funding to favor gov't institutions);

Natural and man-made disasters i.e.: wars, floods, famine. When these occur, donors' attention is diverted to support relief programs e.g. WASH funding by UNDP through OPM is now mostly directed to refugees in the caps in Uganda

### FINANCIALS

EA appreciates the efforts of its donors and partners for their financial support that has enabled EA to implement the overall programme, and the donors and partners that EA appreciates are WWF-Uganda, IUCN-Uganda, Water Aid-Uganda, Care International-Uganda, Rockeler Foundation CLIC, Bread for the World (BFDW), FAO, REDD+, ACODE, and UCSD. The overall contribution from donors and partners for the year 2017 was UGX 1,257,768,927

Shown below is a financial summary overview and breakdown of our finances for 2017. Through generous support and fundraising, we were able to implement specific projects leading into EA's overall program implementation.



# Breakdown of Donations by Project

#	Projects	Donations by Program
1	WWF Timber 2017/18	36,753,274
2	WWF Energy	199,368,240
3	IUCN	78,467,200
4	Water Aid Kasti	204,788,337
5	Water Aid Decent Living	16,948,113
6	Care Uganda	23,817,482
7	UNDP	6418940
8	BFDW Phase 3	262,353,272
9	FAO GCCA	64,079,869
10	REDD+	334,428,500
11	ACODE	12,800,000
12	UCSD	1,000,000
13	FAO-FIP	16,545,700
	TOTAL	1,257,768,927



# **Project Utilization (Expenses)**

# Breakdown of Expenses by Project

#	Projects	Project Utilization(Expenses)
1	WWF Timber 2016/17	36,121,930
2	WWF Timber 2017/18	19,780,000
3	WWF Energy	194,950,865
4	IUCN	78,365,000
5	Water Aid KASTI	234,922,579
6	Water Aid / Decent Living	16,849,376
7	Care International Uganda	23,783,510
8	Rockeler FoundationCLIC	15,722,970
9	BFDW Phase 3	563,639,756
10	FAO GCCA	199,273,799
11	REDD+	326,793,524
12	ACODE	12,800,000
13	UCSD	1,000,000
14	UNDP	6,418,940
15	FAO-FIP	23,924,000
	TOTAL	1,754,346,249

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## CELEBRATING THE 30<sup>™</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Environmental Alert (EA) was founded in **1988** and this year **(2018)** marks **30 years** of contribution to improved livelihoods and development in Uganda through several interventions in sustainable agriculture, environment, natural resources management, water, sanitation and hygiene.

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