FICRD BACKGROUND:
Facilitation for Integrated Community Rural Development (FICRD) Uganda is a non-profit organization legally established in July 2006 under the laws of the Republic of Uganda. We are a Community Based NGO in Lira, with membership comprising of young men and women whose aims are to improve and increase access to quality health care services, education and training as well as improve livelihood of the disadvantaged youth, women and Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs) in Lango sub-region.

FICRD was established at a time when most government health care units in the sub-region were in ruins as a result of the two decade old war that severely affected Northern Uganda in general. However, even in the current post war era, Government cannot single handily meet the health care needs of the population here due to various reasons such as lack of essential drugs and the personnel to provide quality comprehensive health care services. It is therefore inherent that CBOs, NGOs, Development Partners and other private practitioners have to fill the gap.

Killer diseases like HIV/AIDS, Malaria, Tuberculosis (TB) and Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH) care among others need concerted efforts of all stakeholders. FICRD has over last seven years been able to carry out comprehensive HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) among the youth in and out of school, provided SRH care services to vulnerable women and girls in the community through outreach programs, home visits, child protection, provided psycho-social and other critical support to OVCs and their households including HIV positive children, child protection, referral, education support, and basic healthcare need of children in the OVC family.

Other services that we have offered are TB screening, Malaria testing for the general community with focus on HIV/AIDS, STI/STD testing and distributed both male and female condoms to the youth, voluntary male circumcision and treated opportunistic diseases. These services were financially and generously supported by development partners such as USAID, Uganda Health Marketing Group, Reproductive Health Uganda, AIDS Information Centre, TASO, BlueStar project, Marie Stopes Uganda – USAID/UKAID funding, and Lira District Local Government to mention but a few.

Currently, FICRD is leading family planning services implementers of Marie Stopes Uganda-Blue Star, USAID/UKAID funding project in northern Uganda with total of 109 women per month. Last month alone FICRD provided a total of 67 permanent methods of family planning to women who are at age reproductive health.
Family Planning Services:
Team of Surgeons providing Permanent Method of FP (Tubal ligation) to a woman at FICRD Maternity Home & Clinic in May 2013

FICRD Staff addressing women during Pediatric Care Services (EID, Immunization, Nutrition Screening & Child Basic Healthcare at Ober HCIII, LMC
Staff of FICRD providing OVC services HIV prevention through AB, SMC messages during the outreach activity in Lira.

Condoms distribution to youth groups. A total of 120,000 pieces of condoms distributed to young people under CBHA/USAID funded project in Lango sub region.