GOAL vision: **GOAL** believes in a world where poverty no longer exists, where vulnerable communities are resilient, where barriers to wellbeing are removed and where everyone has equa rights and opportunities



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Communities Finding their own solutions Kaabing Northern Uganc Photo taken by Sam Okio

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Community Conversations

A Social Behaviour Change approach that builds Critical Aptitude over 12 to 18mths -

• Community Conversations (CC) is a simple and non-linear process that empowers people to analyse and transform their community.

Facilitated by the community facilitators

- It builds trust, strengthens relationships and creates space where everyone can discuss and reflect on concerns that affect their daily lives and the community is challenged to generate collective solutions
- Communities identify sensitive issues that are embedded within their social norms, and individual and communal values, attitudes and behaviour.
- A concept originally conceived by the Samaritans in early 1900 and rejuvenated by UNDP in the early 1990 for HIV prevention





Social Cohesion

participant Who makes usually the "community" decisions? 70% 62% making at home'. 60% 80% 50% 70% 40% 60% 40% 34% 32% 50% 29% 40% 25% 30% 24% 21% 30% 13% 20% 8% 6% 10% 2% 2% 0% 0% One specific group One or few people Most groups All groups No answer Baseline Endline CC Endline non-CC

Most Significant Change Stories:- Woman CC participant 'We had high ignorance on issues of child rights especially on school attendance and the importance of woman's opinion in decision making at home'.

> MSCS:- Male CC participant
> 'As a result, the community people now understand each other. Discipline among adults and children have improved. When land is to be sold, family members first agree, in some cases some members sell land without the family consent hence this brings conflict in families and community'

no, we hardly discuss;	yes, but still some	yes, we discuss and act	no answer
no solutions	problems not discussed		

■ Baseline ■ Endline CC ■ Endline non-CC



Gender

Do you feel that women have a say in decisic 'This is the most significant change



because when we tried it at home, we 719 have realized our wives come up with the best solutions to the challenges we face in homes. Also because of sharing ideas, we even came up with the best ways of ensuring that our girls do not get pregnant at early ages by constructing for them separate huts when they grow older to make them feel comfortable and prevent them from sleeping at our neighbor's place where we cannot easily watch them. We are a more happy family and no char longer fight because we talk about everything and come up with better



Alcohol Abuse

% of respondents who drink and of those who drink more than 3 glasses per day



- Most significant change story - Abim

'The alcohol consumption in our village was high and coupled with high crime occurrences. There was a high incidence of rape, drug use, robbery of people's properties and adultery. We used to spend most time in bars hence we did not have enough basic needs such as food, clothes and medical care at home due to limited involvement in productive activities. Alcoholism also increased our laziness and body volume since we did not have time to eat food'.



re than 3 glasses

Most significant change story – Kaabong 'Reduction in alcoholism is our most significant change because of the following reasons: reduction in alcoholism promotes work sharing at home; saves money for children's education and reduces the sale of household produce'.



Nutrition









Lessons Learnt /Next Steps



- 1. A context analysis before starting CCallows baselines to be targeted.
- 2. Sensitization in the villages and the district authorities is essential before starting.
- 3. Adapting and adding to the approach to strengthen the different skills gaps (so People Centred Advocacy was added for advocacy)

Next Steps

 Measuring at scale with CC in a youth markets programme across 20 districts in Uganda







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