

## Community Development Programmes Overview

The Community Voices HIV/AIDS in Uganda Project (CVP) is an innovation aimed at improving the quality of life for transport sector workers and the communities along the Regional Northern Transport Corridor of Uganda. In its initial one-year pilot phase, the project implemented HIV prevention interventions in 2 boarder sites of Busia and Katuna and 2 in land truck stopovers of Naluwerele and Lyantonde. However, it has now extended to cover Lukaya and Rubaare. The key strategy used is the active engagement and participation of the community in finding solutions to dilemmas/problems around HIV generated by the community itself, all aimed at inspiring behavior change. This approach was the first of its kind in Uganda and that generated immense interest from both the community and other stakeholders. The approach has since then been warmly embraced by the communities as a unique and tailor-made intervention for reaching high risk groups. In the first year of the project implementation, it reached 25,825 people with HIV risk awareness and preventive messages. This was above the project's initial target of 18,000 people. The "Community Voices in Uganda" Project is a partnership between Energy Institute of Uganda (EIU) and Family Health International with financial support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID/REDSO) under the Regional Outreach to Address HIV and AIDS through Developmental Strategies (ROADS) project implemented in the East and Central African countries.