

CAPACITY STATEMENT



**Busoga
HEALTH FORUM**
Always caring, Always here, because your life matters

Who we are

The Busoga Health Forum (BHF) Uganda Limited is an membership organization that provides an independent voice platform of health and other related professionals who live in, were born, work from the Busoga region and all those who want to support the region improve its health outcomes. BHF is a national, not-for-profit organization headquartered in Jinja city and currently operating in the east central region of Uganda. Membership has grown since it was inaugurated in 2019 to nearly 450 members by end of August 2021. Therefore, BHF is a think tank, generating evidence to drive health policy action to improve the health and development of individuals in the Busoga region.

Our Vision: People in Busoga living healthier, productive and more fulfilled lives.

Mission:

To bring together the forces of Busoga health professionals on an open and inclusive platform as a focal point to maintain visibility, solutions and action on the health problems in Busoga region and beyond.

Core values

1. Impact (producing measurable results in people's lives that are adaptable, scalable and sustainable)
2. Transparency and accountability (efficiency in resource mobilization and cost effectiveness)
3. Gender equality and inclusiveness (child protection and safeguarding, disability and gender)
4. Innovation (research and development aligned to the theory of change)

Our mandate:

why interventions are needed in the Busoga region

The region has poor health and socioeconomic outcomes than the other regions in Uganda. The region is characterised with widespread gender based violence, multiple geographical pockets of severe food insecurity, high school drop-out rates, maternal mortality, malaria incidence and parasite prevalence to mention but a few. Therefore, there is a need to prioritize and focus on improving the health situation (especially for the children, adolescents and women in the region) using a multi-sectoral and collaborative approach, which is the main focus of the BHF. This mandate is what defines the theory of change which BHF is using to create positive change on health outcomes in the region.

How we work

BHF implements its mandate in collaboration with the central and local governments, that is; the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the district local government administrative structures. BHF also works with development partners and community based structures to reach out to the target populations in the communities. Specifically, BHF works with health workers, health facility administrators, policy makers, CBOs and CSOs for vulnerable women, adolescent girls and young women and children. The areas where interventions focused mainly target to improve the capacity of the stakeholders and support health systems strengthening for better health outcomes, access to health service delivery and uptake and lastly but not least improved human development in the Busoga region.

Our core program implementation areas include:

1. Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights and Family Planning
2. Nutrition and Early Child Development
3. Health data use and strategic regional planning
4. Non communicable diseases programming
5. Health workforce capacity building (through continuous professional development and the fellowship program for university interns).