Multi-Sector Collaboration to Prioritize Prevention of Substance Misuse through CADCA's Community Change Model

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Building Drug-Free Communities

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## **CADCA History and Overview**

### **CADCA's Vision:**

A world of safe, healthy and drug-free communities

#### **CADCA's Mission:**

To strengthen the capacity of community coalitions to create and maintain safe, healthy and drug-free communities globally

Founded in 1992 as a recommendation from the President's Drug Advisory Council

CADCA represents more than 5,000 community coalitions



# Since 2005, CADCA has worked with INL to develop more than 300 drug free community coalition in 28 countries.



### **65th Session Commission on Narcotic Drugs**

#### **Community Based Prevention**

Side Event Objectives:

- Description of CADCA's framework to equip local communities with the knowledge and skills to mobilize and develop community coalitions capable of achieving community change.
- Examine how the communities of Nansana and Bwaise division in Kampala, Uganda determined local data to assess problems, develop, implement and evaluate strategic plans and build capacity to focus prevention interventions and policies toward improving systems and environments.

Increase collaboration between groups or sectors of a community to develop the necessary social capital that addresses community problems through community mobilization and civic engagement.

Two Parallel Goals

Reduce substance use rates among youth and overtime among adults by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance use.

### What is a Community Coalition?

"A coalition is a formal [voluntary] agreement and collaboration between groups or sectors of a community (neighbors, organizations and public and private institutions) in which each group retains its identity, but all agree to work together through a community building process toward a common goal of building a safer and healthier community." (CADCA)



#### **12 community sectors**



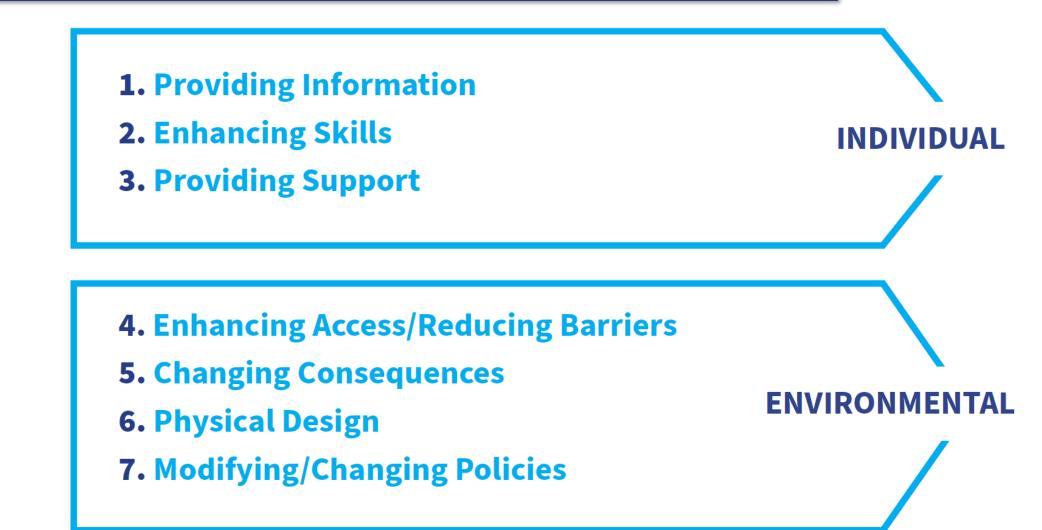
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#### Strategic Planning Process

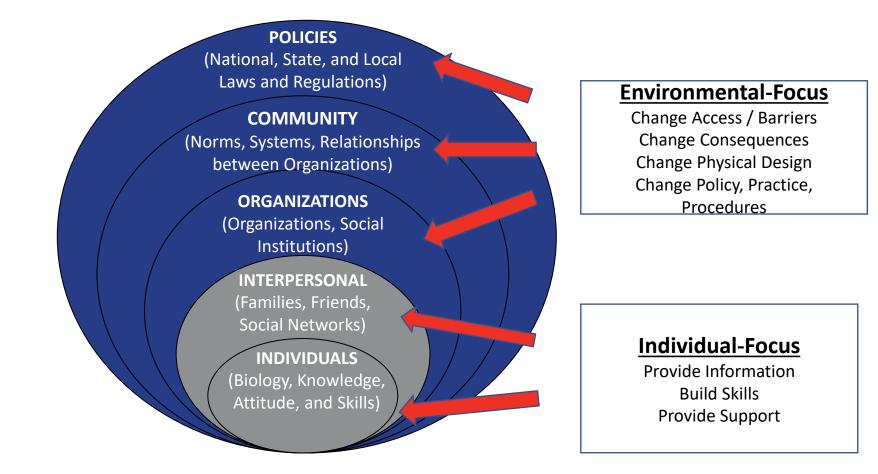


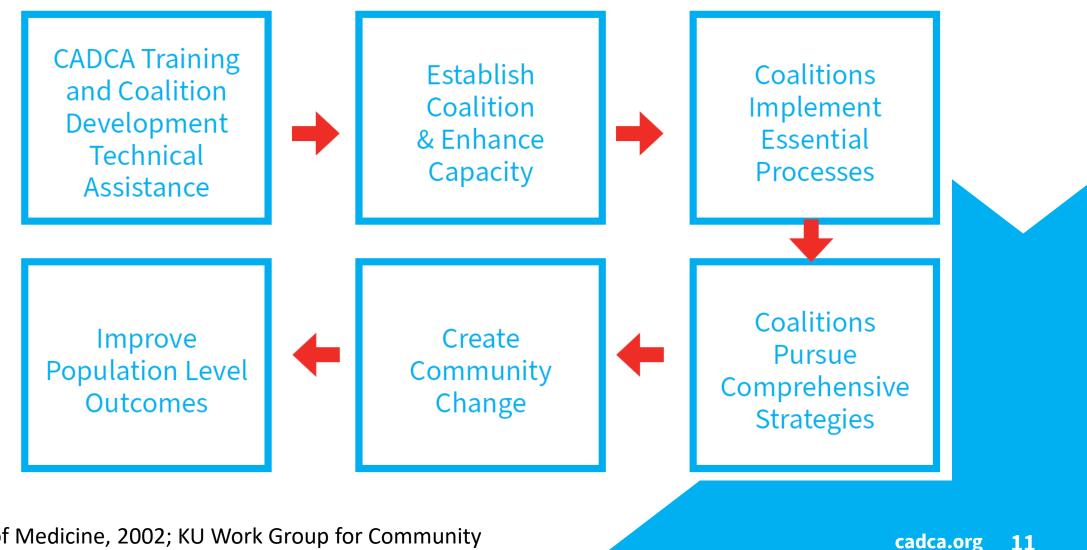
Strategic Prevention Framework was developed by CSAP, the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, part of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

### Comprehensive Strategies for Community Change



#### **Comprehensive Strategies – Levels of Community Change**





Institute of Medicine, 2002; KU Work Group for Community Health and Development, 2007

## What do Coalitions Do?

#### **Produce Community Change**

Substance Abuse

**Religious Fraternal** 

Organizations

State/Local/Tribal

Healthcare

Professional

Local Problems **Require Local Solutions** 

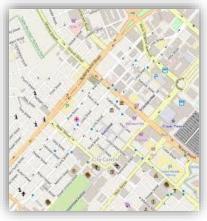
Law Organizations Enforcement

Civic/Volunteer

**Engage all sectors and** 

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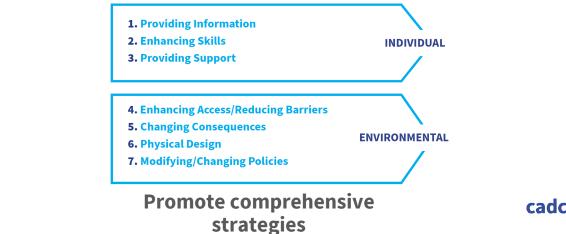
**Impact an entire** community



Address conditions and settings in the community



#### **Reduce substance use** throughout the community



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## Uganda Youth Development Link-UYDEL: Serving the Community



□ Providing services to youth:

- Skills/vocational training
- Mental health/substance use counseling
- Health clinic referral and screening
- HIV Counseling and Testing
- Group therapy
- Reintegration
- Serving as advocates for youth
- Conducting Research
- □Provide technical assistance to the coalitions



## Overview of Community Coalition Development in Uganda

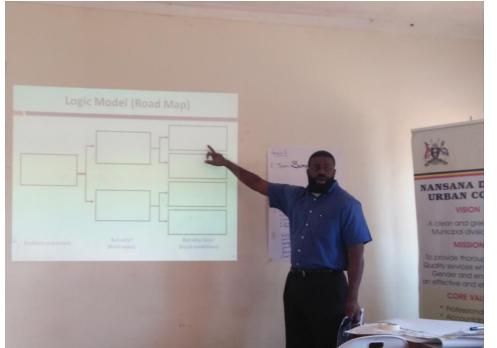
Professional affiliation with CADCA for one month during the Humphrey Fellowship 2016.

Learnt the coalition strategy and visited other drug free communities in Washington.



Rogers Mutaawe 2<sup>nd</sup> from left during affiliation with CADCA





The pilot intervention started with a tailoring visit by the CADCA team in September 2017.

- CADCA team held meetings with selected coalition members and government officials
- Trainings started in November 2017

## Why Nansana and Bwaise?

- The Divisions were chosen due to presence of;
- Illicit drug problems in the areas
- Slums and high risk behaviours
- UYDEL experience, presence and contacts in those areas
- Presence of the 12 community sectors including youths, media, CSOs, law enforcement, religious groups, civic groups, etc

## **Bwaise Community Description**

Bwaise is a slum located in the Kawempe District of Kampala, Uganda's capital, approximately 5 km from Kampala's central business district. It is one of the poorest areas in the city with a population of 90,000 people. 82% of the population is surviving on less than \$2 USD a day. About 65% of the populations are young people between 15 and 25 years of age. Over 1,000 young girls are engaged in the sex trade. 70% of youth in the area are consuming alcohol or abusing drugs, contributing to an elevated level of crime in the area. Illiteracy level is high, with more than 50% of residents having not attended primary school. Poverty, lack of prospects, and substandard education contribute to slum youth becoming involved in criminal activities.





## Bwaise Drug Free Coalition 'If I can U can'



- Established in 2018 with 40 members
- Currently has 102 Coalition Members.
- 10 sectors represented
- 4work committees
- Bylaws
- Quarterly coalition meetings
- Face-to-face and virtual meetings during the pandemic



### **12 Community Sectors (Bwaise Coalition)**

- **1.Government Agencies:** Kampala capital city Authority, Kawempe Urban council
- 2.Substance Abuse Organizations: Tusitukirewamu3.Youth Serving Organizations: Somero-Uganda, Serving lives Under Marginalization(SLUM)
- 4. Parents: Churches, Schools
- 5.Business: Market Union, Local Businesses
- 6.Media: Local Radios and TVs, Social Media, community based radios
- 7.Healthcare Professionals: Doctors, nurses and Village health teams
- 8.Religious Fraternal Organizations: Catholic, Protestant and Muslims
- 9.Civic Organizations: Redcross, Rotary club
- **10.Law Enforcement**: Police, Village defense secretaries
- **11.Youth:** Youth groups from Churches, Schools, Projects
- **12.Schools:** Secondary and primary Schools Government aided and Private





Interactive workshops



community assessment committee meeting

## **Bwaise Community** Assessment



Interview with key people



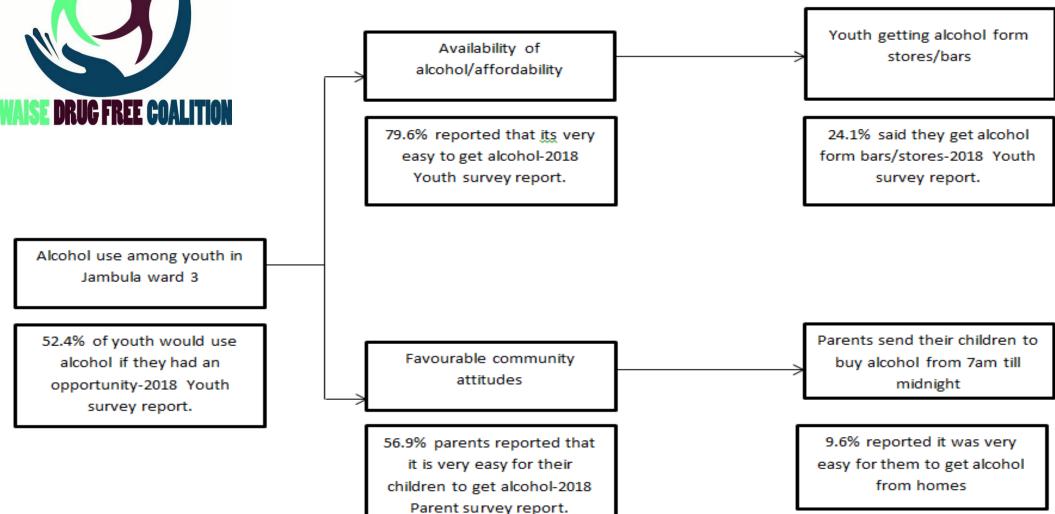
Surveys in the neighborhood



Focus groups with adolescents cadca.org 20



#### Logic model



## 7 Strategies for Community Change



**1. Providing information:** Conducted anti drug campaigns through local community radio, community clean up where stickers and brochure with prevention messages were dispatched to the community.

**2. Improving Skills:** Held community dialogue meeting with youth, parents and business owners to increase their knowledge and skills to address access of minors to alcohol and drugs

**3. Providing Support:** providing alternative activities through sports, referrals for services especially youth for vocational skills

**4. Improving Barriers / Reducing Access:** all alcohol in supermarket and stores have designated places and corners with no access to children

**5. Changes in Consequences: Mystery and** Compliance Checks are done by the urban council authority to ensure adherence to the standard and those who do not comply are fined

**6. Changing the physical environment:** posters and stickers have been strategically placed with the community and selling points indicating that it is illegal to give, offer and sell alcohol to minors.

**7. Modifying/ Changing Policies:** Bylaw has been passed that prohibits shops from selling alcohol to minors in Jambula and kimombasa.

## **Strategies in pictures**



Community sensitization through radio



#### Community awareness sessions





School out reach at Outspan primary School



Community clean up

#### Prevention through sports



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## **Nansana Community Description**

Nansana is a high-density working-class neighbourhood located in the Wakiso district on the main highway between Kampala and Hoima. It is the fastest-growing slum area in central Uganda. It has a high rates of crime, drug abuse, prostitution, and school dropouts. Local authorities estimate that 65% of the area's young people between 15 and 25 years of age are involved in petty crime and drug abuse. According to police and media reports, the high level of crime is attributed to high rates of unemployment and the increasing use of drugs, especially alcohol and marijuana, among young people.





## **Nansana Division Coalition Against Drugs**



- Established in 2018 with 38 members
- Slogan "Without drugs we excel"
- Currently has 132Coalition Members.
- 12 sectors represented
- 4work committees
- formulated Bylaws
- Quarterly coalition meeting
- Face-to-face and virtual meetings during the pandemic







## **Nansana Community**



**Community Interactive workshops** 



Site visit to community Youth center

### Assessment



Surveys in the neighborhood



#### Interview with key people

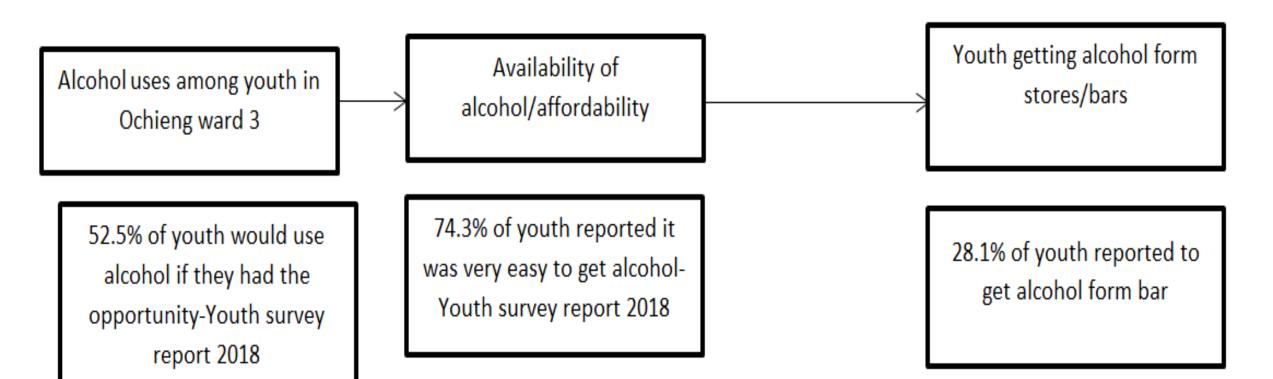


Focus groups with adolescents

Nansana Division Coalition against Drugs



## Logic model



## 7 Strategies for Community Change



**1. Providing information:** conducted social media campaigns, community outreaches, local radio presentation to to sensitise the community about the need to enforce existing laws on alcohol sales to minors and how and where they can seek support when faced with challenges of alcohol and drugs

**2. Improving Skills:** Trained community members through seminars, community dialogues, programs in school to improve their knowledge and skills in prevention.

**3. Providing Support:** Linked youth to various vocational skills training centers, referred community members for different medical services with Nansana and other partners

**4. Improving Barriers / Reducing Access:** collaborated with market and store managers to ensure alcohol is places in sections were it is not accessible to children

**5. Changes in Consequences:** Division enforcement team conducts checks to ensure compliance to the bylaws, those who are found not complying and fined and some committed to community service

**6. Changing the physical environment:** posters and stickers have been placed at video halls, sports play grounds, specific hotspot sites ,schools and worship areas

7. Modifying/ Changing Policies: Nansana Division council passed the alcohol bylaw that prohibit accessibility and sale of alcohol to minors

## **Strategies in pictures**



Sports as an alternative activity

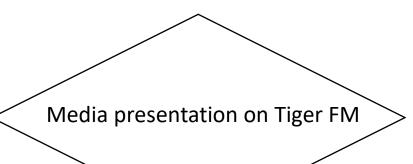


#### Community clean up exercise



#### Distribution of brochures





## **Coalition kick-off events**













Division Mayor launching the coalition cadca.org



### Adaptation during PANDEMIC



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#### VIRTUAL MEETINGS & ONLINE TECHNICAL ASSISSTANCE





## ACHIEVEMENTS OF BWAISE AND NANSANA COALITIONS

- Improved coordination among key community sectors which has led to the improvement is the delivery of community services.
- Increased awareness about the presence and consequences of substance use in the community.
- Close collaboration with local leadership in Kimombasa led to the development of bylaws that limit the sale of alcohol to minors and regulate bar hours.
- The coalition model has stimulated a sense of belonging among residents, instilling in them a sense of community and the need to tackle problems at the local level, rather than relying on government to address certain issues.



## Thank you!



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