



SOROTI CATHOLIC DIOCESAN HEALTH COMMISSION

P.O. BOX 650, SOROTI.

Background:

The Health Commission in Soroti Catholic Diocese is part and parcel of the Diocesan pastoral program. In the health interventions, the Church emulates and implements the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Soroti Catholic Diocesan Health Commission operates 14 health centers and one hospital, all of which work to alleviate the suffering of God's people with different kinds of ailments. All the Diocesan health units are managed under the guidelines of Uganda Catholic Medical Bureau (UCMB), governed by the Health Commission of the Uganda Episcopal Conference.

The history of our health units is traced back to the coming of the missionaries in the early 1920s. The oldest existing health units, like St. Clare Orungo, St. Anthony Ngora and Lwala Hospital, were opened between 1930 and 1950. A bigger number of the health units were opened in the 1980s, after the creation of the Diocese.

Vision and Mission Statements:

The vision of the RCC health services is: *A healthy and reconciled life for all individuals, their families and their communities.* We recognize that individuals, families and the communities ought to pursue a holistically healthy life style. The Catholic Church believes that families and the communities should be empowered to accompany those who suffer, and find for them support, care and treatment in a spirit of Christian solidarity.

Our Mission is: *“Enabling all for Faithfulness to the mission of the Church in the healing ministry.”*

Strategic Focus 2020/2021:

This year's work plan prioritizes enhancing the quality of health service delivery by our health units through ongoing formation and capacity building for medical staff. This will build community trust and confidence in the health units. Increased community use of the health units will improve the

units' user fee collections, thereby enhancing their sustainability and ongoing service delivery for improved community health.

Specific Objectives:

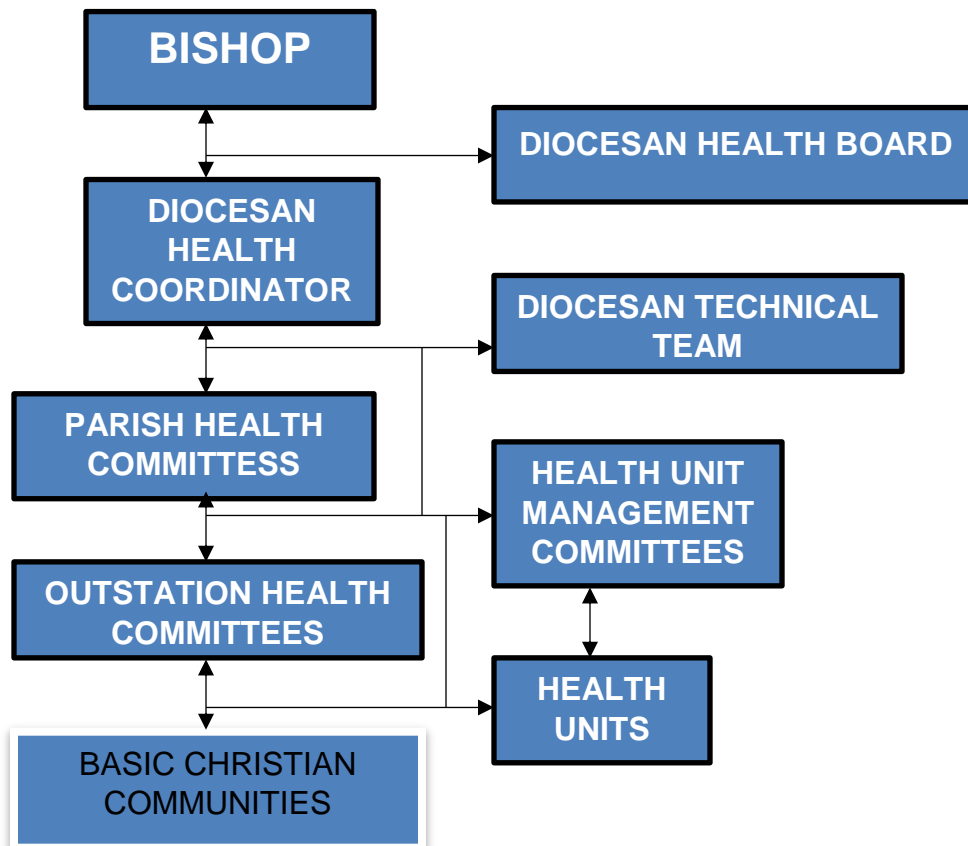
To achieve this year's overall objective of consolidation the existing units' service delivery and sustainability, three objectives have been set, namely:

1. To conduct effective co-ordination of our diocesan health units.
2. To offer constant re-training of health workers through refresher courses/workshops.
3. To provide quality services and health care in all our Health Centres.

Core Values

We conduct our duties, roles and services guided by the core values of: Faithfulness, Professionalism, Transparency, Love and Care.

The Commission's Organogram:



THE CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19)

The Commission's planned activities have been interrupted by the Corona virus pandemic, which is still ravaging the world over. Uganda, like most other countries, has faced the threat of the pandemic, and has given most attention to protection of the communities through preventive efforts. There has been need, therefore, to urgently to take up new emergency tasks and support the efforts of the national and district response task teams for prevention of the spread of COVID-19 to the communities. These emergency tasks requires substantive amounts of resources:

1. As medical workers, we have joined the rest of the nation to sensitize the population on the causes and preventive measures against the corona virus, by use of radio programs/ talk shows (5,000,000=).
2. We are looking for funding to provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and sanitizers for health workers throughout the diocese (15,000,000=).
3. We are in need of sanitizers to protect the population in our medical facilities (10,000,000=).
4. We are also seeking funding to improve on our means of communication and transportation, to be able to respond to incidences of health emergencies in the communities (Double-Cabin Vehicle).
5. We are seeking financial support to facilitate our coordination efforts, particularly between our diocesan health facilities and government departments and facilities that are managing the COVID-19 patients and suspected carriers (Fuel and air time: 5,000,000=).

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