

In line with the theme for international women's day 2019, "#BalanceforBetter", BRAC is proud to associate with women in the struggle to bridge gender parity gap through a number of initiatives.

BRAC in 2008, started microfinance operations in Uganda with the aim of creating access to reliable and cost effective financial services. Central to it being the microloans exclusively provided to women groups, which has over the years seen a number of women benefit and build capacity. Many women now own businesses that provide employment to a number of youth and women in society.

In the same vain, BRAC has a deliberate recruitment policy towards empowering women through employment where, 86% of BRAC staff are women.

BRAC's Empowerment and livelihood for adolescent (ELA) program is one of the best youth empowerment platforms in Uganda. ELA operates through youth clubs by creating opportunities for out-of-school adolescent girls to access financial services and achieve economic and social empowerment. This programme combines both livelihood and life-skills training to improve quality of life of vulnerable young people, mainly girls in the

With the above and many other initiatives, we take this opportunity to congratulate all Women of Uganda as they celebrate this year's edition of International women's day. With women empowerment a better tomorrow is possible.

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