



UGANDA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
LINK (UYDEL)

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WHO WE ARE!

Uganda Youth Development Link is a not for profit Organization which started in 1993 as a youth focused NGO. We have a long-standing record of providing holistic rehabilitation services to children and young people aged 10-24 years, including those that have been abused and exploited in commercial sex work, trafficking, worst forms of child labor, and sexual, physical, psychological and drug and substance abuse. UYDEL employs holistic interventions to transform the lives of vulnerable children and young people. Among these include; socio-economic empowerment, advocacy activities, improving family and community resilience to poverty and resettlement and reintegration of street children.

Our Vision

A transformed society where children and young people live a good quality of life free from exploitation.

Our Mission

To enhance socio-economic transformation of disadvantaged young people through advocacy and skills development for self-reliance

Our values

Respect for human rights
Non-discrimination
Transparency
Integrity t Participation
Team work

WHO WE ARE!

Programme Focus Areas

1. Commercial sexual exploitation of children
2. Child trafficking
3. Alcohol, drug and substance abuse Sexual reproductive health and rights HIV prevention t Child labor
4. Social research

Editorial Team's Message

It gives us great pleasure to be an integral part of this annual report, a communication method suited to the needs of the time which would carry messages to all concerned about important events, happenings and achievements of Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL).

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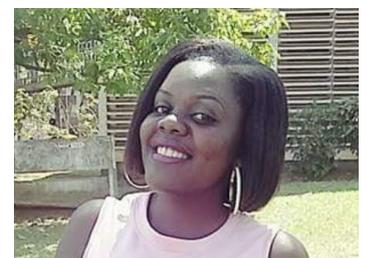
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LIST OF ACROYMNS

CSO – Civil Society organisations

DREAMS – Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS free, Mentored and Safe Women

GBV – Gender Based Violence

GEG – Girls Empowering Girls

SRHR – Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights

UYDEL - Uganda Youth Development Link

YEP – Youth Empowerment Project

INTRODUCTION:

This report highlights the key achievement attained by Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL) in the Financial Year 2021 as shown in the next chapters.

UYDEL Management and Board of Directors are grateful to all our valuable Donors, Partners, Public and Private Key Stakeholders, the beneficiaries, parents and UYDEL Staff who have contributed to the attainment of these successes despite the COVID -19 Pandemic that impacted many lives of vulnerable youth living in the Urban Slum areas of Uganda.

UYDEL story features on PBS News Hour

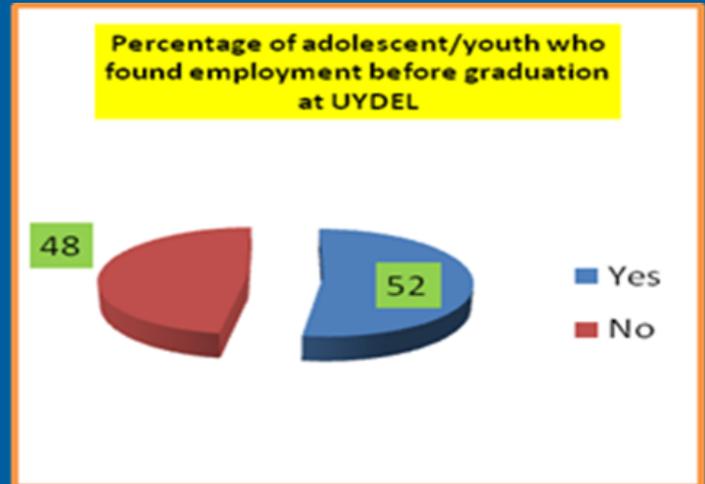
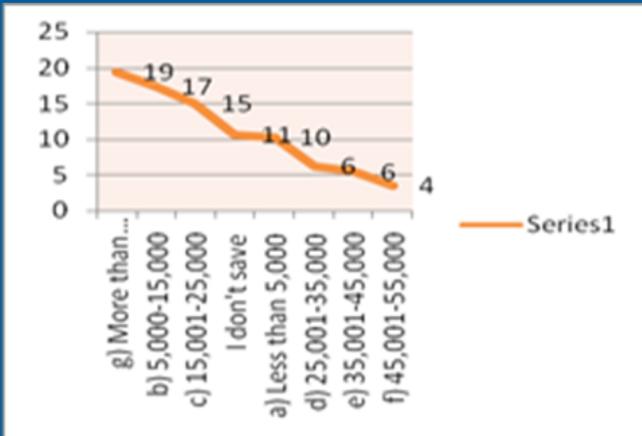
UYDEL was identified and supported the PBS NewsHour news channel based in the USA to undertake field visits at Banda safe space, Nakawa Division to document the stories showing the impact of the Covid-19 lockdown on child labour. The story was aired on Tuesday, 28 September 2021. This is the link to the story (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVOOFlaWOR8>)

SUMMARY TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY UYDEL

No.	JOB TITLES	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
1	Directors	1	1	2
2	Programs Department	1	1	2
3	Monitoring and Evaluation	1	2	3
4	Finance Department	0	5	5
5	Human Resource/Administrative Support	1	2	3
6	Livelihood officers	1	3	4
7	Social Workers	5	18	23
8	Vocational skills Instructors	21	27	48
9	cleaners/ Cooks/security Guard	2	1	3
10	Peer Ambassadors	0	2	2
11	Part time	0	15	15
	TOTAL	33	77	110

EASY U25 PROJECT

Synopsis of UYDEL Direct EASY U25 intervention outcome: A quick reflection on the Synopsis of direct EASY U25 intervention outcome below;



Amount saved by beneficiaries every month (L) and ® shows percentage of youth who were employed prior to graduation

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 10 youth (8F, 2M) in the bakery class started up a joint business of selling daddies and are supplying them to different shops and are getting money each packet is sold for 500/=. On average they make 60,000/= daily.
- A group of youth saving with Ndeeba Youth Saving group make bags, and craft shoes from old car tyres, they have managed to save up to 700,000/=. They have a goal of boosting member's small business therefore they use saving to inject more capital in these businesses.
- 3 girls who acquired book making skill made books which they sold to parents in December that were taking their children back to school, they made profit worth 60,000/= which they re-invested back in the business.
- 15 females in the tailoring class are making masks from which they earn a profit of 500/= per mask sols at 1000/=. This has increased their incomes and enabled them meet their basic need decently other than involving in exploitative work.
- 5 boys in the electronic class have wired their houses at home and are charging neighbors for a fee for the services. Last but not least, a barbering and bridal social enterprise has been started by a group of youth at Banda safe space. The bridal social enterprise on average make profit of 500,000/= from a wedding event.



Figure 1 Beneficiary operating a bakery in Bweyogerere

Lessons Learnt

- Local Leaders are key in implementation
- Many young people in the community lack sexual reproductive related information
- COVID 19 limited access to health services sexual reproductive health services inclusive
- Sexual exploitation in all its forms, physical violence and abuse of children is on the rise during the Pandemic.



Challenges

- Due to school lock down and banning of social group gatherings, training youth for vocational skills has greatly been affected bringing a pronounced decrease in the numbers receiving the services thus a mild number of dropouts.
- COVID 19 limited many activities from being implemented because gatherings were prohibited to prevent it's spread

Key Recommendations

- Provision of support in terms of transport to instructors to go to the communities to train beneficiaries



Figure 2 Beneficiaries during a music training in Nateete

Key Partnerships and Networks established

We have managed to create and strengthen our partnership with Soccer without Borders (SWB) an organisation that has provided sports mentorship to the girls during the Kampala girls League in the sports clinic & Uganda Goal 5 summit (premier skills). Additionally, we have also through this partnership joined the Addidas Breaking Barriers Initiative under which we shall continue to participate in sports for Development Programs to continue boosting the confidence, resilience and abilities of the young people through sports under the EASY U25 project.



Figure 3 State minister handing over a dust bin

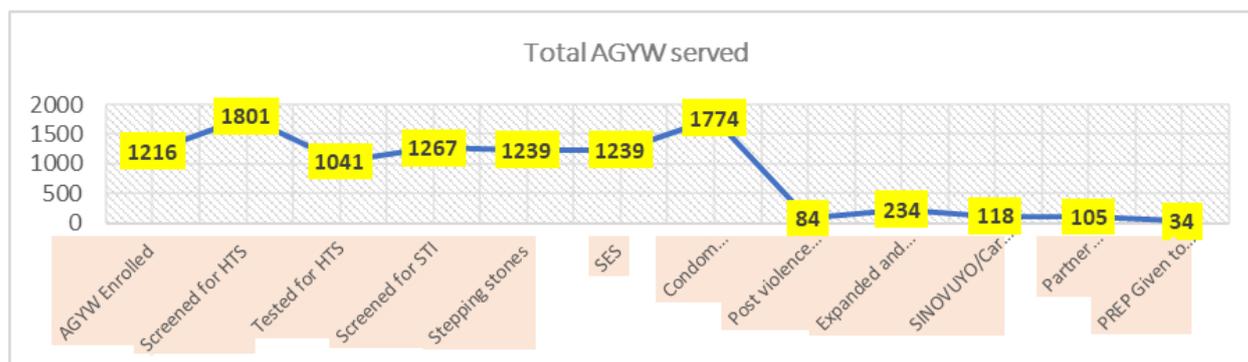
DREAMS PROJECT – MUKONO DISTRICT

UYDEL in Partnership with Makerere University Walter Reed Project (MUWRP) has been implementing DREAMS intervention which is a multi-sectoral approach to reduce the incidence of new HIV cases in adolescent girls and young women's (AGYW) aged 15-24yrs vulnerability. UYDEL delivered a core package of interventions targeting multiple sources of HIV risk to promote Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored and Safe (DREAMS) AGYW. UYDEL's geographical focus is Goma and mukono central division in mukono district.

Young people attended an event organized by Mukwano company in partnership with Dunia a company that recycle plastics and makes different products out of them. The Guest of Honor was the state minister of Kampala. The main focus of the event was to create more awareness on how people can collect plastics and earn income out of this activity since Dunia collects plastics from different points of the country. UYDEL beneficiaries participated and acquired knowledge. They also received a dustbin where plastics will be collected from and picked by Dunia.



TABLE 2: KP REACHED THROUGH TARGETED HOTSPOT COMMUNITY OUTREACHES



UYDEL KP ENROLLMENT ACHIEVEMENTS BY GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS

■ Goma Division ■ Mukono Central Division



KP PROGRESSIVE CASCADE OF SERVICES PER DIVISION

COP21 and Organization	Health Facility	KP_PRE V	KP HTSTST/n ewly tested	KP HTS TST POS	KP HTS TST Know n Positives	KP TX New	KP TX CURR	KP TX PVLS/ VL ELIG	KP TX PVLS/ VL Teste d	KP TX PVLS/ VL Suppr ession	%HTS	Yield	Linka ge	On ART	VL Access
UYDEL	Mukono T.C.HC IV	765	639	7	33	6	38	31	30	30	84%	3%	86%	95%	97%
	Goma HCIII	279	123	3	8	4	12	4	4	4	44%	2%	133%	109%	100%

Lessons learnt

- Girl mentor group-based training approaches acted as their source of social support networks particularly in this covid 19 pandemic.
- VSLA and Financial skills training was a gateway for AGYWTS to have self-perceived ability to run small businesses, and many becoming increasingly engaged in small entrepreneur's activities.



Major Challenges

- Maintaining of essential services for AGYW, such as SRH services was challenging due to lockdown with restricted movements.
- Economic challenges during the Covid 19 outbreak posed a serious threat to Adolescent girls and young women's small businesses and activities and exposed them to increased risk of exploitation and abuse.



Solutions

- UYDEL provided 133 AGYW with startup kits – among them were 9 group small businesses; in addition, UYDEL leveraged on the already existing relationships of community-based resource persons and partners including VHTs, for provision of ASRH services; also established girl mentors WhatsApp platform as a feedback mechanism on AGYW reached with services and some needs were adapted according to the feedback.

Success story of Naluwoza Evelyne from DREAMS project

Mukono



Figure 4 Evelyn making shaggy mats

Naluwoza Evelyne is a 23-year-old young woman from Ngandu Village in Mukono District. She was enrolled into the DREAMS program in October 2020. Naluwoza lives with her mother, grandmother and her 3 siblings. Her mother is the breadwinner who is a primary teacher in Mukono. Naluwoza was referred to UYDEL by the chairperson of Ngandu in Mukono central. Evelyne had worries of acquiring STD's due to her previous sexual behaviors before joining the DREAMS program.

She used to engage in transactional sex with a goal of getting money for clothing, outings and also to fit in her fellow peer groups. She said she was not frequent with using condoms as her sexual partners preferred unprotected sex.

Naluwoza received her first HIV test after screening was done by the social worker in October 2020. She was glad that she was HIV negative and this boosted her confidence in protecting her health from then. She says "I gained more knowledge on HIV prevention from the stepping stones training". The training gave Evelyne a good mindset change to reduce number of sexual partners and to consistently practice safer sex. She later become passionate on delivering health messages to fellow peers and further trained as a peer facilitator.

Evelyne was trained by MUWRP as a facilitator and rolls out stepping stones to other DREAMS girls as a facilitator and helps to identify peers in different villages to be enrolled into the program in both formal and informal safe spaces.

Naluwoza loves spending time discussing health issues and career development with peers at the Mukono UYDEL safe space. She is always seen supporting other fellow girls with counselling and referring them to social workers at the safe space. Naluwoza joined a VSLA group called DREAM girls. She says "I joined with an aim of saving to start my own small business".

With the money gained from making shaggy mats, she has been able to provide herself with basic needs and also support her siblings at home as her mother is unemployed due to COVID affecting the teaching business. Naluwoza Evelyne plans to widen her market for making shaggy mats and also expand on her output using the start-up kits received from UYDEL and the savings from her saving group in the following year.

She occasionally does hairdressing too when she gets clients and is thankful for the DREAMS program that has greatly improved her life and family by multi skilling her with vocational skills as well as life skills and health education.

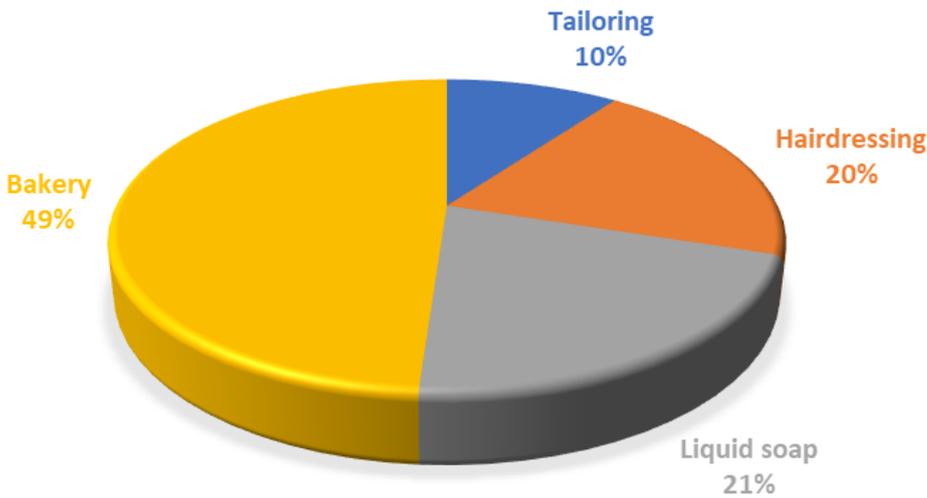
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PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE IN KAMPALA AND WAKISO DISTRICTS



CSEC PROJECT BENEFICIARIES BY SKILL



- All the 100 children were safeguarded,
- Received psychosocial support, mentorship, coaching, vocational skills development, economic empowerment and later on graduated and received start up tool kits to start income generating activities.

Achievements of the CSEC Project 2021

- Of the 70 girls graduated 60% are working; 21 are self employed; operating bakery businesses, selling charcoal, hairdressing, selling liquid soap and reusable sanitary towels. 21 girls are working jobs in the informal sector under the skills they studied while at UYDEL (hairdressing, tailoring and in restaurants).
- They use the income they get to acquire basic needs and save part of the income individually. On average they save between EUR 1.25 and EUR 2.5. This has promoted lifestyle change and reduced the number of the girls who engage in risky behavior and other forms of exploitation and abuse.
- 13 girls underwent internship training at community salons, 1 at Makindye Country club, 1 at Sibyangu standard hotel and 9 at street fast food centres hence improved knowledge, skills and performance.
- 5 boys underwent internship training at Makindye Country club, 3 at Kenendia Hotel, and 2 boys at Sibyangu standard hotel which enabled them to expand their knowledge and skills hence improved performance.



Figure 5 Beneficiary making shoes from car tyres.



- Of these, 9 are self employed - operating bakery businesses, selling charcoal, selling liquid soap. 3 boys are working in the informal sector under the skills they studied while at UYDEL. 6 moved on to other types employment. The boys use the income earned majorly for their basic needs and also saving for future use/investment. On average they save between EUR 1.25 and EUR 2.5. This has promoted lifestyle change and reduced the number of boys who engage in scrap collection and unscrupulous activities.



Figure 6 Small enterprises opened up by beneficiaries

Key Recommendation

- Working in partnership with other stakeholders to provide holistic interventions.

Challenges

- Covid 19 limited many activities from being implemented because gatherings were prohibited to prevent it's spread.
- Poverty and COVID 19 have pushed children into transactional sex.
- Parents have contributed greatly in pushing children into sex work and early marriage.

Lessons Learnt

- Duty bearers/ key stakeholders are key in implementation.
- Sexual exploitation in all its forms, physical violence and abuse of children is on the rise during the Pandemic.



SAFE AND INCLUSIVE CITIES PROJECT



Activity	Number reached	Achievements/ Outcomes
Training of young women and men in vocational skills (short term and long term)	309 (LT) 342 (ST)	252 (99 M, 154F) have acquired jobs and started earning form the acquired skills.
Conduct Business, financial literacy and entrepreneurship and career guidance for informal sector enterprises and support their competitiveness.	135	49(23f,26M) have been able to open accounts.
Support young women and men that complete vocational training to register for occupational competence based assessment with directorate of industrial training.	51	DIT certificates will help to expand employment opportunities and competitiveness in the job market.
Support young women and men in informal sector supported with start -up kits and booster grants.	87 (LT) 144(ST) 102 (BG)	
Strengthen Already existing VSLA and youth led coalitions through coaching and mentorship initiatives/activities	35	5 groups have registered as CBOs, and they have been able to access 10, 600,000/= of Emyogga Funds, 4 million from AIC and 2 groups in Lubaga have been approved for CDD funds.
Support informal sector enterprises competitiveness (Registration, Business Branding / naming and networking)	10	legalization of business enterprises through registration and payment of licenses.
Private sector engagement and linkage of young people to internship placement opportunities.	129	
Formation of Associations for young people with the same business and linking them to trade unions.	10	12 have been registered as CBOs, One association has been registered as cooperative
Provide psychosocial support services to young women and men affected by COVID 19.	1864	1825 young people have been able to receive their COVID 19 Jab (vaccinated)



SPOTLIGHT INITIATIVE CHALLENGE

ACHIEVEMENT

OUTCOME

- Enrollment of adolescent girls and teenage mothers on the project
- Held Inception meetings with Stakeholders
- Creating linkages with key stake holders in Rubaga division.
- Built Partnerships
- Social Economic Empowerment of young people
- Conducted Awareness and prevention sessions on Gender Based Violence
- Conducted Life skills training sessions

- 76 enrolled on the project (100%)
- Created community ownership of the project
- Referrals of the vulnerable young people to the project
- Provision of mentorship and coaching of the young girls
- KCCA officials involved in training young people at the centre
- linkage to GBV services at the Division Health centres
- KCCA officials supporting to link Young people to the Community Demand Driven Fund and Youth livelihood Fund at Rubaga Division;
- Training young people in vocational skills training (36 in Hairdressing , 5 in Electronics and 35 Bakery)
- Young people are able to identify, speak out on, report and make referrals for GBV cases in the community.
- Empowered with skills in informed decision making, communication skills, self-awareness and ability to live with others.

DISRUPTING HARM PROJECT



INTERPOL



for every child

Launch of the Disrupting Harm Uganda report

UYDEL coordinated the launch of The Disrupting Harm Uganda report on November 16th 2021 at Protea Hotel in Kampala. The launch was graced by a total of 59 participants; both physical and online participants from CSOs, government, INGOs and Media Houses in Uganda. This is ground breaking research that was delivered by ECPAT, INTERPOL and the UNICEF Office of Research-Innocenti, funded through the End Violence Partnerships' safe Online Initiative. Disrupting Harm in Uganda is an evidence-led report that outlines the harrowing realities of online child sexual exploitation and abuse in Uganda.

The New report shows that harmful stigma and victim blaming deters children from reporting experiences of online child sexual exploitation and abuse in Uganda.

Key findings of the Disrupting Harm Project included;

- Boys and girls were equally likely to experience online child sexual exploitation and abuse. The survey of 1,016 internet-using children found that similar proportions of boys and girls are subjected to differing forms of online child sexual exploitation and abuse, such as grooming or being offered gifts or money in exchange for sexual images or videos.
- 98% of official reports of sexual offences to the Uganda Police Force were made by girls. Only 2% of official reports in defilement cases were made by boys between 2017-2019.

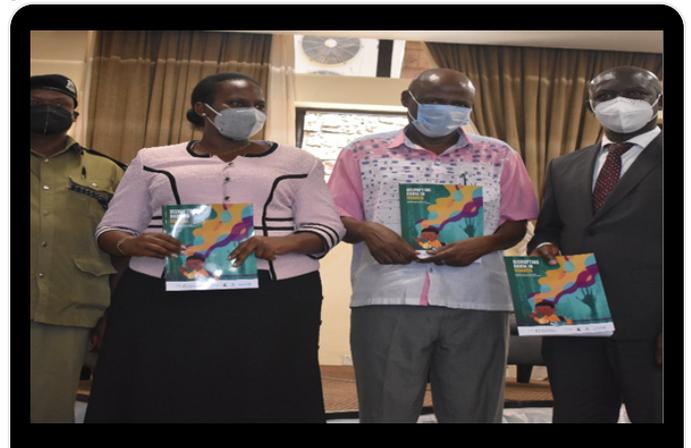


Figure 7. Representatives from the Uganda Police, Government and Civil Society Organizations

- Too many children are not reporting for fear of stigma or belief it will not lead to change.

- 1.1/3rd of children surveyed in Uganda who had experienced online child sexual exploitation and abuse did not tell anyone about their experiences.
- 2.o Common reason for not reporting incidents of online child sexual exploitation and abuse was "not knowing where to go or whom to tell."
- 3.o 10% of the surveyed children were offered money or gifts for sexual images or videos of themselves in the past year. 31% of those children didn't tell anyone about it.
- 4.o 9% of children surveyed said that they had sexual images of themselves shared without their consent in the past year. This represents approximately 215,000 children in Uganda.



Child advocate professionals said victim blaming by the police sometimes deterred children from reporting.

1. Law enforcement, the justice system, and social services lack awareness, capacity, and resources to respond to cases of online child sexual abuse and exploitation.

Some important online child sexual exploitation and abuse-related legislation, policies, and standards are not yet enacted in Uganda.

Figure 8 UNICEF representatives & the Commissioner of MoGLSD

Some children interviewed for Disrupting Harm in Uganda said that reporting processes were re-traumatizing because children were required to re-tell their traumatic experiences throughout the process.

Actionable Recommendations by Disrupting Harm

- The government of Uganda to adopt the National Plan of Action to prevent and respond to online sexual abuse and exploitation.
- Develop education programmes with children that reflect their perspectives of online risks, and techniques they can use themselves to stay safe.
- Properly define and criminalize all forms of child sexual abuse and exploitation.
- Review the child online Protection Handbook and disseminate it widely to ensure a common understanding of online child sexual exploitation and abuse
- Accede to the Convention on Cyber Security and Personal Data Protection adopted by African Union in 2014.
- Establish and maintain a connection to INTERPOL's ICSE database. Adequately investigate international online child sexual exploitation and abuse referrals. Put an effective hotline in place with access to hotline in other countries.
- Develop detailed ethical guidelines for police on how to interview children. Ensure that both specialized male and female officers are recruited and available whenever required.
- Develop guidelines in child friendly and victim friendly justice. Guarantee that the child victims do not have to face offenders in court, and that online child sexual exploitation and abuse cases heard without undue delays.
- Legally oblige internet service providers to retain data, filter/block/take down child sexual abuse materials and comply promptly with law enforcement requests for information.

Mr. Fred Ngabirano-Commissioner of youth and children-Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development represented the Minister of state for Gender, Labour and Social Development-Sarah Mateke. She acknowledged and agreed that OCSEA is a big problem. She called upon all stakeholders to take an active role in addressing OCSEA. She noted that Uganda as a country has already started with the Uganda Child Helpline which has been upgraded to accommodate GBV to call it Sauti 166. She recommended that the Ministry will develop a National Action Plan stemming from recommendations made in the Disrupting Harm report.



GIRLS EMPOWERING GIRLS PROGRAMME



The Girls Empowering Girls programme is the first urban social protection programme of adolescent girls that aims to ensure that girls transition safely into adulthood, that girls get the right training and education and that girls meet their goals and aspirations to contribute to their community and country at large. UYDEL focuses on girls within the community who dropped out of school and have little or no hope of going back to school.

This is done through;

- Engaging; by supporting the girls through referral to services
- Enabling; by providing opportunities through a cash transfer.
- Empowering; through a network of peer mentors.

Key Project Achievements 2021

Component	Achievements
Mentorship	600 girls actively participating in the 2 one on one mentorship and 1 group mentor session across the five divisions of Nakawa, Central, Makindye, Kawempe and Rubaga; topics discussed include healthy relationships, self-awareness and self esteem
Referral to services	156 girls have been referred to health facilities 98 girls have been referred to vocational institutions 3 girls have been referred to the Protection services
Cash transfer	650 girls have received a cash transfer of 160,000. 102 girls have started small businesses to sustain them. 96 girls are saving to the money to be able to go back to school
Communication for Development.	15 Lead mentors, 128 peer mentors, 394 caregivers, 100 local leaders, and 503 girls have been taught on issues regarding Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

Challenges

- Referral to services is still a challenge, because however much girls are referred, they are asked for money in some of these places hence they do not get the right help they need.
- 22 girls have shifted out of Kampala making it hard for the peer mentors to access them.
- Since we focus on girls within the community, it has been hard getting a uniform place where the group mentor sessions can take place.
- Most of the girls cannot access UYDEL centers because they are far from the girls and it is unsafe for them to move alone to reach them

Recommendations

- Information is power, we have engaged caregivers and local leaders in meetings and trainings and there is a change especially for caregivers who used to misuse the cash transfer, so we recommend that these engagements are constant with also other people within the community who might not be on the program.
- The communities have girls who are willing to learn skills but have a challenge of accessing the services. I recommend that time to time atleast once a quarter different artisan in different divisions come to the community and teach these girls some short skills,
- Money for activities should be given as hard cash and not mobile payment, so that we can easily clear the service providers in time and also other people for example local leaders who are paid transport refund.



Figure 9. Beneficiaries of the GEG Project

Key Partnerships

- Uganda Girl Guides Association; they equipped our girls (498) with pad making skills.
- Global Care in Kawempe division; 6 young mothers were registered to learn short term and life skills.
- Grace Shelter in Kawempe division: 10 girls were enrolled to learn different skills they are interested in for a year.

Change Story

Nambozo Joy a 16 year old girl from Banda narrated to us how the program has changed her life

“I am Nambozo Joy Pretty a beautiful, hardworking girl in Banda, Pretty is not my name but I use it because I know I am beautiful and no one can take that away from me, I grew up from a large family, my mother died and hence I couldn't continue with school. I used to be a shy girl who couldn't express myself but through my mentorship with Madam Mary, I have changed alot, I can speak for myself. My favorite topic has been self awareness, I loved it because I know who I am and I aspire to be a great woman in my community. I also liked the time we learnt about menstrual hygiene, I didn't know that you have to clean yourself alot during that time, what made it even more interesting was the pad making; I used to use clothes because pads are very expensive, I cannot afford. I returned home and taught my sisters, they couldn't believe. I also want to teach other girls within the community. I also started a small business with the cash transfer, I sell half cakes and daddies, I learnt to save from my mentor and she also advised me on how I can improve the business. During COVID period it was hard because eats would remain but I would take them back to the neighbourhood and give them out,”



Figure 10. Girls learning how to make pads (L) and community engagements with local leaders (R).



STRENGTHENING OF COMMUNITY COALITIONS IN UGANDA

UYDEL in collaboration with Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) have trained, established and strengthened coalitions since 2017. The coalitions bring together a wide range of community sectors to solve local alcohol, drug and substance abuse problems at the community level by including; youth, parents, business, media, education, youth serving agencies, justice/law enforcement, fraternal and religious organizations, civic organizations, public health professionals, government agencies, substance abuse prevention organizations and others identified at the local level in Bwaise and Nansana.

Two coalition groups were formed (Nansana Division coalition Against Drugs and Bwaise Drug Free Coalition) and these have implemented a number of activities in their communities. The coalitions have received technical assistance virtual trainings facilitated by the CADCA team aimed at drug demand reduction efforts in the targeted communities.

Major achievements

- Collection of data in Nansana and Bwaise whose results has been used to influence policy change especially in developing the local bylaws. The data was also shared with the division authorities which has helped in the planning for the populations within the two communities
- Held engagements with owners of Video halls within Ochieng ward Nansana division developed codes of conduct for their customers which included ban on smoking and drinking alcohol within the premises which helped to address the increased number of young people using drugs and alcohol in video halls.
- Supported local leaders in Kimombasa, Jambula and Bokasa zone to develop alcohol bylaws which bar children from buying and selling of alcohol and drugs and penalties gives those that employ children in bars
- Community engagements through sessions and cleanup have increased community responsiveness towards protection of their children and the environment as many were sensitized about proper garbage management which has foster creation of a safer community.

Number of trainings conducted

·10 in total 5 for each coalition.

TOPICS COVERED

- Advocacy and messaging
- Coalition membership and collaboration
- Recruitment and membership
- Networking
- Youth involvement in coalition
- Grant writing

- Involvement of young people in sports and MDD within the community of Bokasa has provided a better alternative to engagement of young people into drug use.
- During the identification and community sessions some of the young people expressed need to attain employable skills however were constrained to due lack of the fees needed by institutions. However, with help from some of the members in the coalition the 20 young people were referred to organisations like SLUM (Serving Lives under Marginalization) Somero Uganda, Tusitukirewamu and trust Future and are currently undergoing vocational skills training in Hairdressing and jewelry and computer skills.
- Identification and recruitment of new members which has broadened the reach out base of the coalitions but also promoted inclusiveness of all sectors that from a strong coalition. A total of 24 members have been recruited including 8 females and 16 males in Nansana and Bwaise.

Lessons learnt

- This pandemic period there has been an increase in the use of alcohol and drugs at home since the Bars and entertainment places continue to be closed so people usually drink from home which has greatly exposed alcohol and drugs to young people.



Figure 11. Group photo of the Coalition memberszations

- An increased in children gangs and gang related activities especially petty theft (snatching phone hand bags) There's increased engagement of local leaders in monitoring of homes to identify and stop families who engage in home alcohol production especially in Bwaise hotspots
- Some young people have resorted to sale of drugs in disguise of selling masks on the streets since no one can suspect them, they can reach out to various 'customers'
- Nowadays children have been recruited in scrap collection (collecting old metals for cash)



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Resilient nations.



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United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime



YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION PROJECT

The project is funded by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). The implementing partner is Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL) in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES) through the Department of Physical Education and Sports.

Refurbishment of sports facilities to enable access of youth to training, social activities, safe spaces where incubation hubs for innovation, sport, art and culture-based interventions will be delivered

Four (4) sports facilities were assessed and selected for refurbishment to ease access to sports centers and participation of youth in sports activities. One play ground was identified in Koboko District located in the West Nile region as a refugee hosting District and another playground was identified in the Eastern Region in Jinja District, in the Northern region one play ground was identified in Lira District and in the Central region one playground was identified in Wakiso District.

Youth consultations at district level around youth innovation, entrepreneurship, arts, culture and sports, to promote young people's contribution to efforts to prevent crime, violence and drug use

Two (2) National youth consultation platforms were conducted in the Central region and Eastern region in order to tap the youth potential to prevent crime and violence and 60 youth participants participated with 30 in Kampala and 30 in Jinja. These were aimed at understanding how youth can be engaged in prevention of crime, drug abuse and violent Extremism.

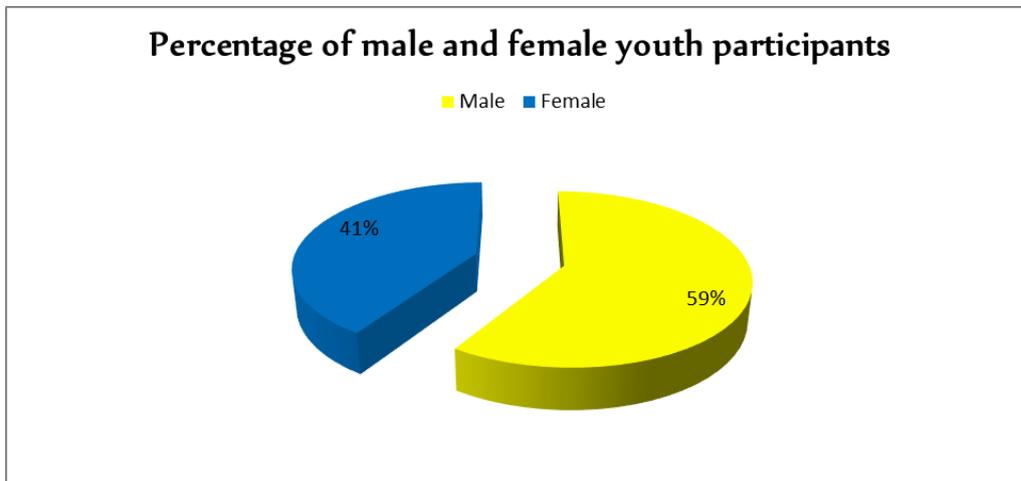
Identify and build the capacity of interested and deserving youth or youth groups to set up income generating activities through sports, technology, entrepreneurship, arts and culture and develop a mentorship model for youth in Uganda

A total of 26 youth groups were identified and assessed to receive income generating activity support inform of cash grants.

LINE UP LIVE UP PROJECT



The Line Up Live Up sports project activities commenced from the 23rd of February to 31st July 2021 and was funded by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). It was implemented in 13 Districts, Six in Central region of Uganda namely Kampala, Wakiso, Nakaseke, Gomba, Mpigi and Mukono: One in Northern Uganda namely Dokolo: Two in Western Uganda namely Kabale and Kamwenge: Four in Eastern Uganda namely: Soroti, Ngora, Kumi and Tororo. A total of 6,000 youths were reached out to in various settings. These included schools and community settings and in the context of provision of educational and counselling activities for vulnerable youth in Remand Homes, Mental Hospital Units (Alcohol and drug abuse department), and Rehabilitation Centers.



IOGT·NTO·MOVEMENT

ALCOHOL HARM PREVENTION PROJECT

UYDEL has implemented the Alcohol Harm Prevention project with funding from IOGT NTO. The project is aimed at preventing substance use and the harmful use of alcohol among communities of Mende sub county and Gombe Division, Wakiso district. The project also aims at increasing knowledge about alcohol as an obstacle to development and empowering young people with skills and knowledge to respond to alcohol related harm in the targeted communities. The Project goal is to contribute to the reduction of alcohol use related harm and sale to young people in targeted communities through supporting the development of enforceable evidence based by laws by 2021.

Target group

Directly elected political councillors and chairpersons in the targeted sub counties/urban division councils., Technical officers of the division such as the Town Clerks, Community Development Officers, CSOs/NGOs, FBOs, Bar/hotel owners, Business owners, Children and young people.

Activities conducted

- Mobile truck sensitization drive through Mende and Gombe about the dangers of alcohol consumption and COVID 19
- Working with different stakeholders to respond to issues of alcohol related harms especially domestic violence and harms to children these included the community development office, LC1 chairpersons, political councilors, police, community based organizations and parents
- Television and Radio talk shows to discuss Community interventions to prevent alcohol abuse and related harm during the current COVID-19 crisis.
- Developed IEC materials for sensitizing masses about the harms of alcohol and its related harms.
- Conducted sports activities to enlighten the young people about sport as one of the best alternatives to Alcohol use/abuse.
- Sharing information through social Media (Facebook, twitter, snap chart, TikTok the dangers of alcohol consumption, alternatives to Alcohol use/abuse coupled with information to clear myths and misconceptions around alcohol and COVID-19.

Major Achievements

1. The enactment and approval of Alcohol bylaw in Mende – to keep our communities safe, healthy and empowering them to make alcohol free choices (February 2021)
2. Increased awareness about alcohol as an obstacle to development thru;
 - Community drives with surveillance teams
 - Media (electronic and social media)
 - Capacity building of stakeholders eg. CBOs, private sector,
 - Music dance and drama
 - Dissemination of posters and stickers
 - Increased timely reporting of cases of domestic violence cases to both police and the office of the CDOs because communities have cellphone numbers of Police and CDOs.
3. Improved coordination between community, Police and Community Development Officers due to the fact that the sensitization drives brought all on board which resulted in effective and instant handling of cases.
4. Alcohol messages are incorporated in the Youth livelihood sensitisation program and the women empowerment project activities in Mende, Gombe and Nansana sub counties. For example Bakka and Kaliiti groups are cases in point.

Lessons learnt

- Constant interaction with the community addresses societal myths. For example in many communities especially Gombe many people believed that taking alcohol boasts one's immunity to the COVID 19-Virus (body cleanser)
- Continued closure of schools has exposed many children and young people to various risky behaviors especially alcohol use.
- As per government guidelines to reduce the spread COVID-19 all bars were closed. However, at village level many homes have been turned into bars exposing children and young people to alcohol use at an early age.
- It was noted that many people in hard to reach villages especially in Mende had limited access to television, radios, and internet which made them less informed therefore the community drive helped to clear myths and conceptions as well as create awareness about alcohol harm.
- Collaboration with other CBOs and local community groups complimented the awareness messages. Eg. Mercy Children's Ministry using its mega Phone, Youth in Rural Alliance, Kavunza Youth Development Association, Progressive Youth group Kawanda, and YES Uganda
- Engagements with already existing villages structures especially local leadership, political councilors creates more impact as these are well respected as their voice strengthens the awareness campaign.



Youth Empowerment project

COVID RESPONSE SUMMARY REPORT (2021)

Provision of cash transfers to young women and men. During this reporting period, 555(282M,273F) were provided with cash transfers worth UG shs 100,000/-. This was aimed at supporting them access to basic needs during the Lock down period. The young people who received the funds were able to obtain basic necessities including food, Sanitary pads, rent for their houses. In addition, some of the young people used the funds as startup capital to start small businesses to generate income to support their families.

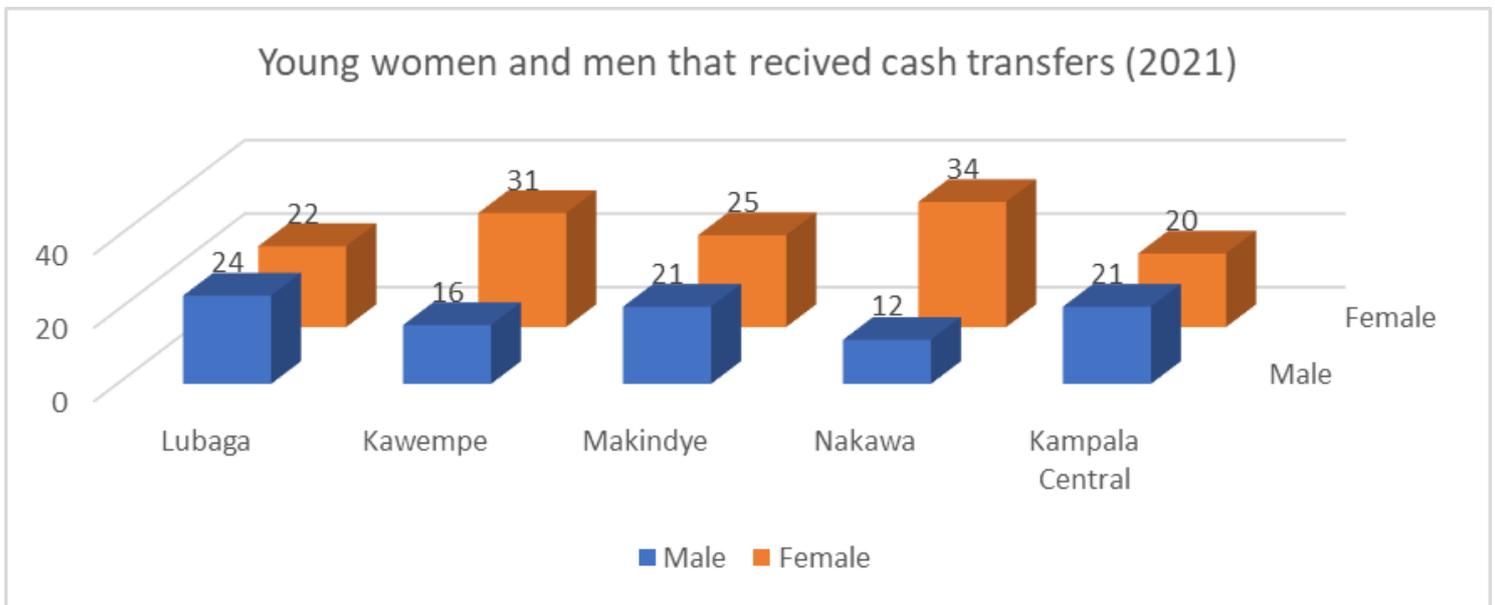


Figure 12. Beneficiaries' start ups/small enterprises

Provision of Boaster grants to young women and men

In terms of business boaster grants, 226 (94M,132F) young women and men were supported with business boaster grants worth Ug shs 200,000. The objective of the activity was to help boost small of businesses of young women and men in the informal sector that were affected by COVID19. The business grants were used to increased capital and others used it pay for rent arrears that had accumulated due to Lock down. This has helped to ensure sustainability for the businesses.

Young women and men that received business booster grants (2021)

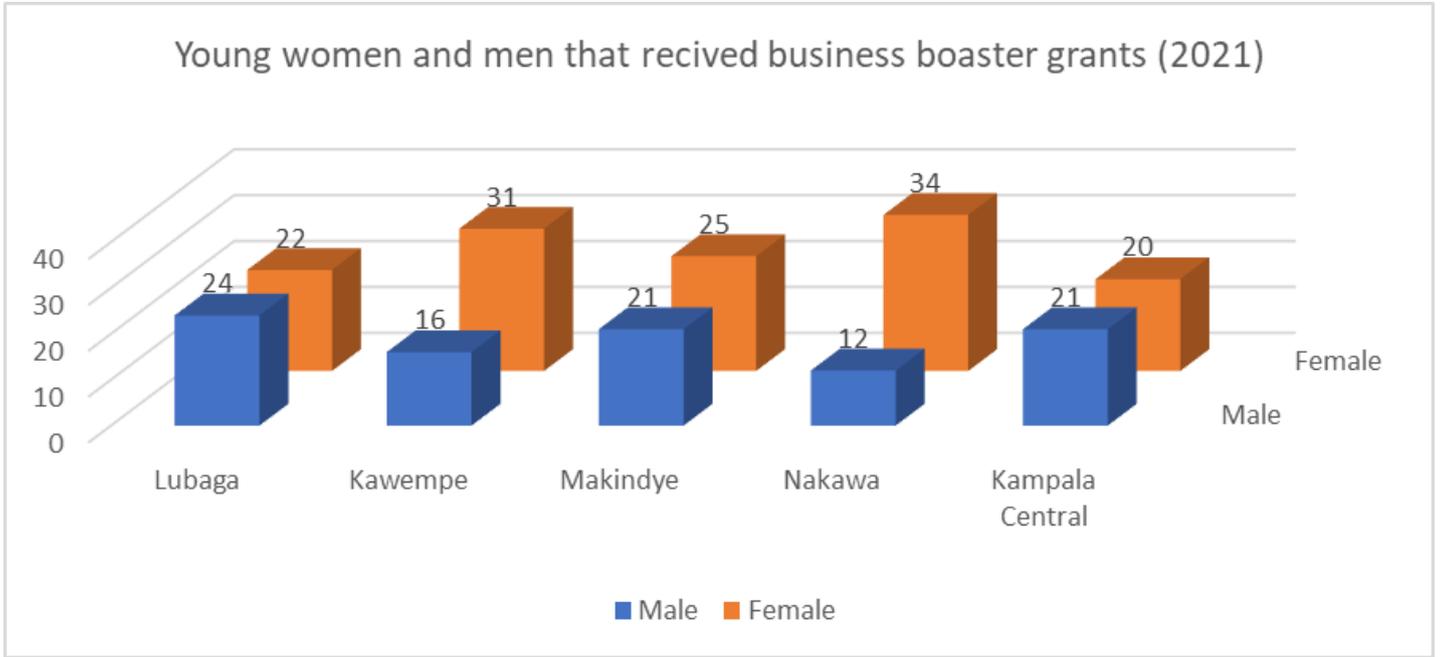


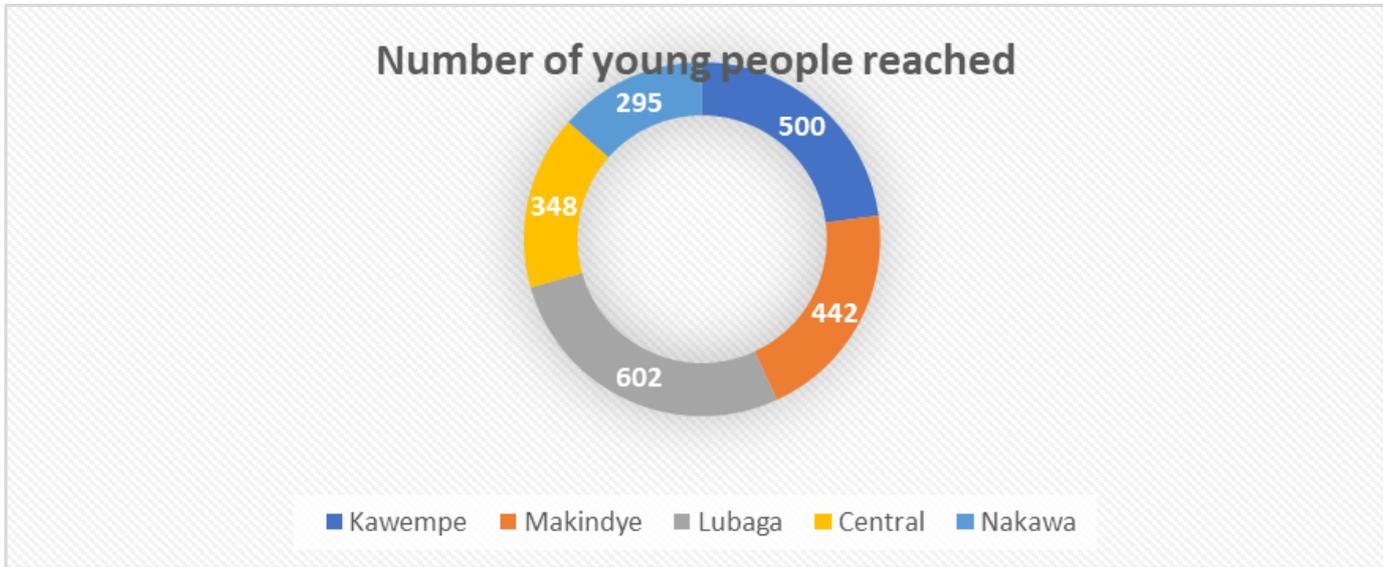
Figure 13. Beneficiaries' start ups/small enterprises

Support division COVID19 task force with personal protective gears, Personal protective gears including sanitizers, disinfectants, liquid soap, masks were provided to All divisions. This was aimed at supporting them in their prevention and response to COVID 19. This strengthened the working relationship with local government and increased their support while young women and men.



Figure 14. Provision of support to COVID 19 task force

Provide psychosocial support services to young women and men affected by COVID 19. Psychosocial support services were provided to 1864(672M,1192F) Young women and men in all divisions. This activity was done inform of health outreach services where young people in the community were provided with counselling, HIV/AIDS counselling and testing, STI treatment, COVID 19 vaccination. With the help of counsellors from health centers like Kawaala health centre, Makindye Division health officer and COVID19 task force and civil society organizations. As a result of the activity, 825 young people received their COVID19 first Jab and others were able to know their sero status.



Provision of food rations, soap and sanitary pads for vulnerable slum youth Under Youth empowerment project, 300 (226F,74M) were provided with food rations (maize flour & beans) and soap to ensure that they can be able to maintain proper hygiene. In addition, 361 girls were provided with sanitary towels for ensuring menstrual hygiene.



Figure 15. Beneficiaries receiving services and relief items



SMART INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

STARRING: YOUTH BOARDS OF KAMPALA'S SMART CLUBS

Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL) in Partnership with Smart International organized the 1st annual children summit that was conducted for 2 days from 8th to 9th May, 2021 at Nyumbani Hotel, Kampala, Uganda. The theme of the summit was “Say No to Alcohol drugs and tobacco”. Smart International uses the contract concept to enable children say no to drugs and alcohol. There are smart clubs in Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Ghana, Liberia, Malawi, Indonesia, Kenya, and Tanzania among others and Uganda is the best with six schools in Kampala having smart clubs and one in Nakivale Camp.

The objectives of the summit were to;

- Create awareness among children about the dangers of alcohol drugs and crime.
- Develop life skills to reduce the risks of crime, violence and drug use through accumulation of protective factors such as knowledge, positive attitudes and life skills development.
- Interaction between children to share knowledge and experiences on how to prevent and protect themselves from drugs and crime.



Figure 16. Youth Boards of Kampala's Smart Clubs

The summit was attended by children from six primary schools and these were;

- Makerere primary school
- Jolly Kids Junior School
- Jehovah Jeirah Junior School
- Safe way Junior school
- Kasasa primary school
- St. Bernary Royal primary school

The summit was attended by 88 delegates and these included 45 males and 43 males.

The summit sessions were implemented through;

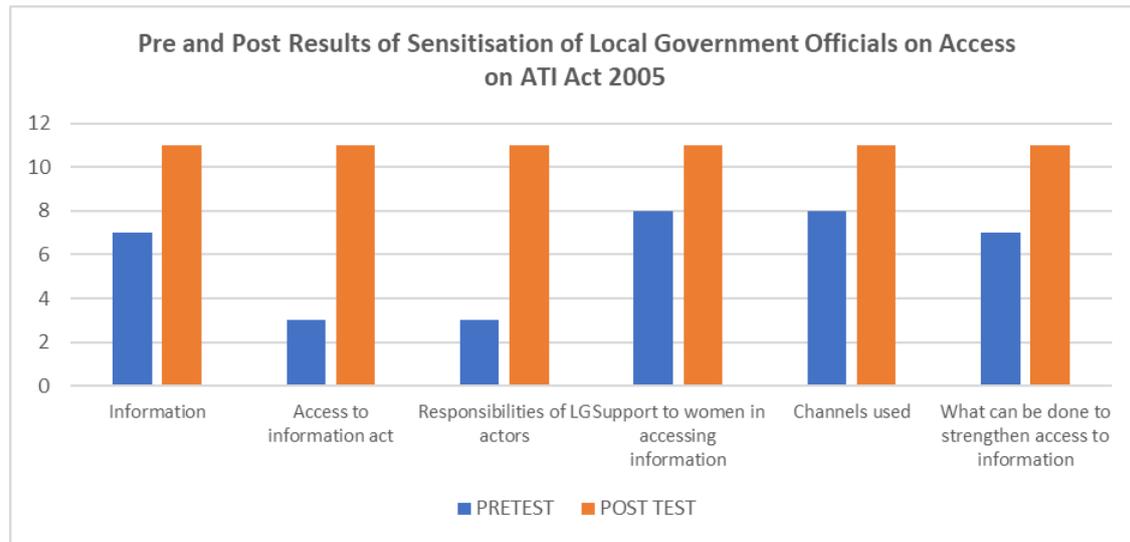
- Debate about alcohol abuse and drugs, children's rights
- Poem about drugs and alcohol
- Games and sports in particular netball, football
- Skit about the dangers of using alcohol and drugs
- Outdoor Fun activities and aerobics

INFORM WOMEN TRANSFORM LIVES PROJECT

Achievements

Activity one: Conduct one day sensitization of local government officials on the right to information (RTI), their roles and responsibilities and formulation of detailed responsive operational action plans.

UYDEL conducted one-day sensitization meeting for 11 local government authorities on available law on Access to Information (ATI) ACT 2005 and their roles to appreciate women's right to information. The activity took place on 25th November 2021 at Grand Global Hotel and the major outcome of the activity included;



Key Observation;

Despite the fact that majority (78%) of LG officials' knowledge on Access to Information (ATI) ACT 2005 and its significance was non-existent, after being informed they pledged to turn their insights into action particularly in mitigating women barriers that prevents them from exercising their rights to information. Below were the institution measures agreed on;

- Local government official appreciated that the ATI Act opens up the space for transparency, accountability, and an avenue for vulnerable groups of women to better understand and proactively access government economic opportunities.
- To engage the Town clerk who's currently the stewardship of information on the need to mainstream the ATI Act 2005 in all activities of the Division.
- Have a designated officer to respond to information and records to improve on the women and general public's confidence in accessing information
- Hold community sensitization meetings as an avenue to navigate through the challenges of women to ensure their increase to access information on economic opportunities to improve their economic status.
- Respond to women's information requests within 21days.
- To consult with DHO to integrated ATI into the VHTs work who conduct household visits to reach more women with access to information on economic opportunities and exercise their rights



Outcome

·Record book was introduced and placed in custody of Community development office to capture and track women information requests particularly those from the project catchment areas.

Figure 17. Left: Mr. Gilbert sharing the ATI institution measures and Right, Mr. Kasiryie who emphasized the women empowerment is accelerated by access to information, transparency and Accountability

Activity 2: Support three local government dissemination meetings on right to information targeting 3 informal women groups.

UYDEL supported the local government dissemination to hold one meeting on right to information targeting informal women groups that took place on 15th December 2021 at Grand Global Hotel. 21 (3M & 18F) were reached during the activity including women council chairperson, local leaders and women group representatives from 3 informal women groups. The activity was facilitated by the community development officer and commercial officer from Kawempe Division.

The activity objectives included;

- To increase access of women groups to information and knowledge on the economic programmes available at local government level.
- To enhance social interaction and enabling greater women participation as a disadvantaged group to contribute as well as benefit meaningfully in the available economic programs.

Outcome

The activity helped in bridging the relationship gap between the Local government officials and young women. They were able to ask questions about government programs, responsible persons and offices and what information can be acquired through the different offices i.e. Community development, Health and public health.

The young women were able to obtain information about the government economic empowerment programs. This included the procedures for access, and requirements including the grants like Community demand driven (CDD) funds, Disability funds, YLP, UWEP, and other services like Functional adult literacy(FAL) training, birth and death registration process.

Activity 4: Train already existing 3 young women groups (18-25years) as part of the vulnerable groups about right to information where to go/ how to ask for information from their local government authorities.

In this reporting period, three trainings for informal women groups were conducted for 3 days on 16th, 17th and 20th December 2021 at UYDEL secretariat office board room. A total of 45 (F) young women from informal groups drawn from Kawempe I, Bwaise I and Katanga parishes were trained on the right to information and available government economic empowerment programs. The activity was facilitated by the office of Community development services from Kawempe division

Output

- The women groups were able to understand the training materials including the guideline of different economic programmes/opportunities available at local government.

- The women groups embraced the ATI Act 2005 that protect their rights to information and 89% felt provoked to freely use public offices to seek for information particularly for their economic advancement. This was also evidenced in their articulateness and confidence in speaking with authorities.

- Three (3) women groups were able to open up a WhatsApp platform for swiftness of communication and follow -up with issues that came up from the training

Support three local government awareness raising dialogues on right to information with targeted communities on socio economic policies, programs for participatory decision making in development matters.

UYDEL conducted 3 community dialogues in the communities of Kawempe I, Bwaise I and Katanga Kawempe division on 17th, 20th and 21st December 2021. Through community dialogues, 79 (7m, 72 females) community members were reached (Katanga parish 25(5M,20F), Kawempe I parish 28(1M,27F), Bwaise I parish 26(25F,1M). The objectives of the dialogues were;

1. To increase awareness to right to official information to targeted communities who are the main end users through awareness raising dialogues.

2. To Profile Participants information needs drawn from the targeted dialogues

The dialogues helped to shape women's perception and expectations about on the need to exercise their rights to information having given information that clearly and concisely sets out conditions needed meet these requirements to access economic opportunities.



Figure 18. Training of women groups about their rights

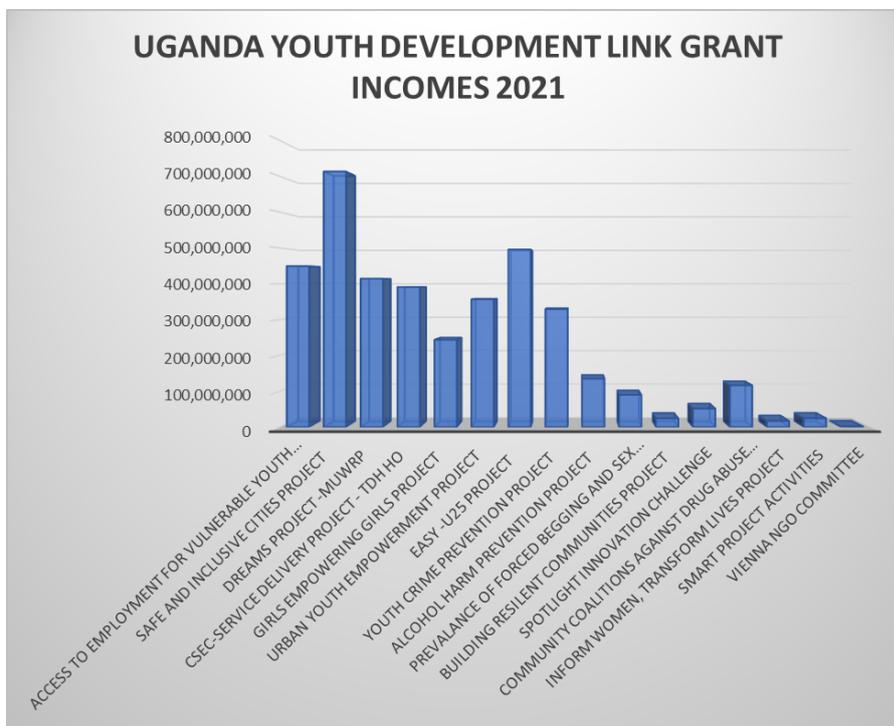
Women economic needs were captured and these were mainly;

- Access to financial resources/services to start-up small businesses
- Opportunity to participate in the economic decisions
- Be provided with space in the markets (what percent are spent on women?)
- Skills in financial literacy and VSLA
- Equal access to economic opportunities for economic advancement
- Access to jobs since those who access government funding must be working and have some income.
- Market information

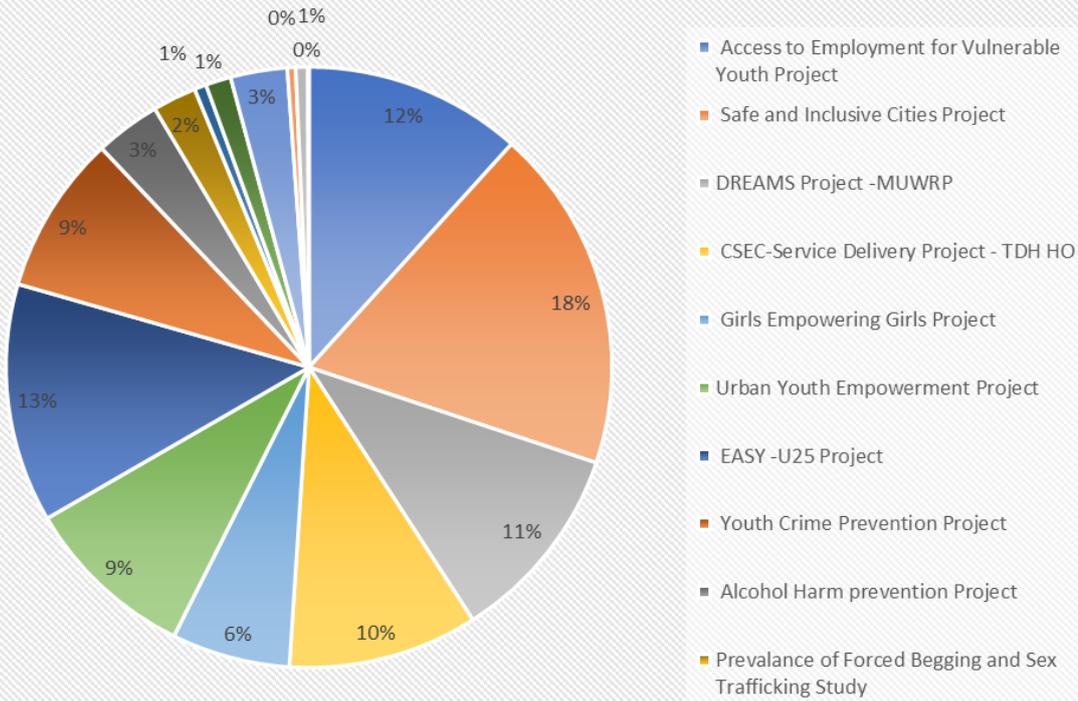
Barriers to economic participation

- Concerns about increased marginalization e.g. discriminatory cultural and social norms
- gaps in the status and participation of women
- unequal access to knowledge, information, networks and markets
- lack of access to resources, networks and markets
- exploitation through extortion of funds and do not benefit

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