

Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL)

HIV Prevention, Care and Support Project for High Risk Groups in Kampala and Mukono

Project Achievements to date – By December 2008

Activity	Planned Quantified Outputs	Achievements to Date- by December 2008
<p>Objective 1</p> <p>Activity 1:</p> <p>To train 60 peer educators in the delivery of HIV/AIDS prevention messages and ASRH care and support services in the community. The peers shall act as UYDEL focal personnel who will assist in mobilizing the community seek treatment and referral services from UYDEL centers. Peers will in addition, distribute condoms and HIV/ AIDS IEC materials and also do basic counseling where appropriate</p>	60	120 Peer Educators were trained and are now delivering HIV Prevention, Care and support messages and services to other young people
<p>Activity 2:</p> <p>Create Linkages for referral of 50 street and slum youth to other private and public children centres for VCT/ART/ARVs/STI and other health services not provided by UYDEL</p>	150	10 referral linkages were created with other service providers in and around Kampala and Mukono and as a result of these linkages 520 young people received VCT/ART/STI treatment and other health services
<p>Activity 3:</p> <p>Provide psychosocial support and counselling services to 50 street and slum youth at outreach posts and drop-in centres.</p>	150	422 Young people were provided with Psychosocial support
<p>Activity 4:</p> <p>Conduct 50 referrals (Linkages) of street and slum youth to other youth centers</p>	150	520 young people were referred to other service providers for medical care and treatment
<p>Activity 5:</p> <p>To conduct weekly BCC sessions for 50 street and slum youth at the drop-in centre.</p>	150	422 young people benefited from the BCC sessions that were conducted on a weekly basis
<p>Objective 2</p> <p>Activity 1:</p> <p>To conduct 10 drama shows on HIV/AIDS, CSEC, Drug and substance abuse prevention and messages on primary and secondary abstinence.</p>	10	23 community educative drama shows were conducted
<p>Activity 2:</p> <p>To conduct 10 community film shows on HIV/AIDS, STIs /STDs</p>	10	6 community educative film shows were conducted

and Drug and Substance abuse prevention.		
Activity 3: Conduct annual youth retreats among 100 street and slum youth in the project areas.	100	422 young people participated in youth retreat organized
Activity 4: Conduct out door and indoor recreation activities to generate children clientele for HIV prevention, care and support services.	100	422 young people participated in out door and indoor recreation activities
Activity 5: Conduct orientation meetings for 30 members of parent support groups and 30 local councils/ Law enforcement officers in the community on child protection and resilience.	60	50 Parents and 58 Local leaders/ Law Enforcement Officers attended and participated in these meetings that are held quarterly
Objective 3 Activity 1: Identification, mobilization and selection of 100 street and slum youth for placement of vocational skills training	100	422 young people were identified to benefit from vocational skills training
Activity 2: Conduct home visits for the identified and selected 100 street and slum youth to verify information given in the case studies and to get an insight into the child's community environment.	100	265 young people were visited in and around Kampala and Mukono
Activity 3: Identification, mobilization and selection of local artisans within the community and utilization of UYDEL vocational training center to provide vocational skills training.	8	11 Instructors and local artisans were identified and selected to provide vocational skills training to young people identified in and around Kampala and Mukono
Activity 4: Hold four training workshops of 5 days each for the identified and selected 100 street and slum youth in the street-smart behavioral change module.	100	422 young people attended and participated in the Street Smart Behavioural Change trainings
Activity 5: Hold an orientation with 20 local artisans on how to handle the youths, their role in the project and signing of the memorandum of understanding.	11	These meetings are done on a weekly basis at all the UYDEL centres
Activity 6: Placement of the 100 identified and selected street and slum youth for vocational skills training with local artisans.	100	422 young people were identified and selected for vocational skills training

Activity 7: Conduct follow up visits for the 100 street and slum youth placed with local artisans for vocational skills training	100	277 young people who had completed vocational skills training were followed up to prepare for their resettlement
Activity 8: Resettlement, reunification and re-integration of the rehabilitated 100 street and slum youth in Kawempe Division and Mukono Town Council back into their respective community.	100	277 young people who had completed vocational skills training were resettled back with their families and guardians
Programme Management Activity 1: Hold 2 consultative meetings with Key Stakeholders at the District (DDHS, Labour officer, CAO, CDO, and DTPC to inform them about the project activities and encourage them to give support to the project and monitor the project	2	These are done on a semi annual basis
Activity 2: Provide on going technical support, assistance and facilitative supervision to project staffs for effective implementation of the project.	4	This activity is done twice in each quarter
Activity 3: Participation in National and International days (i.e. World AIDS Day, Day of the African Child, youth day)		Participated in the National celebrations for the day of the African Child in Luwero on the 16 th of June 2008

Success Story One

Nakyobe Christine's facial expressions could tell that she had seen light at the end of the tunnel. "I have already started working in Kampala and since I have received my certificate, I guess life will not remain the same. My boss pays me well but with this certificate, I am sure things will get even better," the visibly excited Nakyobe says. Nakyobe repairs mobile phones along William Street in the city centre. Her employer pays her 10% of the money she makes in a day. If she makes 60,000 Ugandan Shillings for example, she is paid 6000 Ugandan Shillings.

Nakyobe was among the 277 students who graduated in various vocational skills courses at a grand ceremony officiated by the Hon. Maj. (Rtd) Jimmy W.L. Kinobe, Minister of State for Youth and Children Affairs, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development that was organized by UYDEL at the UYDEL Masooli vocational skills and retreat centre on the 11th of December 2008.

Nakyobe dropped out of school in senior three because her aunt who was educating her could no longer afford to pay the fees. She is a paternal orphan and has never seen her mother since she was born 18 years ago but was told that the mother stays in Masindi. She is the first born in a family of four. She plans to use part of her earnings to pay school fees and buy scholastic materials for her three brothers who had also dropped out of school. Christine is also plans to enroll for a diploma course to upgrade her skills and become more competitive in her area of specialization. Christine says that before she joined the UYDEL program she was being sexually assaulted by the neighbor and she didn't know what to do or where to go for help when a friend directed her to UYDEL.

Success Story two

Semwanga Lutaaya Patrick 12 years dropped out of school in Primary three after the father fell sick, lost his job as a builder and eventually died. After the death of his father, he went to live with the grandmother in Buloba. *"One day, I run away from Buloba on a taxi that was coming to Kampala seated on the Kameme and when the taxi got to Kampala I got into another one that was going to Kawempe (Kutaano) where I started to live in a video hall (Ekibanda kya film),"* says Patrick. In Kawempe, with the influence of peer pressures he was forced to engage in sexual activities at the age of 12 years and currently, he has had three sexual partners but has never used condoms because he claims that all the condoms are too big to fit him. *"I had sexual intercourse the first time because I wanted to prove what had been told to me by my friends that sex is sweet,"* says Semwanga.

For survival he started to collect scrap which he sold and in turn earned three thousand shillings to five thousand shillings whenever he worked. Semwanga says, *"I collected scrap to earn a living because all my friends also used to do so and I wanted to fit in with them."*

In July 2008, he was identified by a UYDEL Social Worker and after assessments and a visit to the video hall where he was staying; Semwanga was provided with temporary accommodation at the UYDEL centre in Masooli and enrolled into the welding class to acquire skills in welding. He has also benefited from counseling and guidance, life skills, VCT services, and reproductive health services.

In September 2008, a UYDEL Field Supervisor together with Patrick visited his home in Buloba. During the home visit, the UYDEL staff interacted with Patrick's family (Uncle, Grandmother, Patrick's siblings). And from the discussions with the family it was revealed that Patrick's reason for running away from home was that he had stolen ten thousand shillings from the Grandmother and at that time the father was bedridden. He was reported to the Uncle and for fear of being beaten, Patrick run away from home and they had spent four months without seeing or knowing his whereabouts. The Field Supervisor told them that he had met with Patrick in Kawempe and he was living in a video hall where he paid five hundred shillings per night and collecting scrap as a means of survival. The Grandmother was happy to see Patrick again after four months and they told him that they no longer want to punish him for the ten thousand shillings he had stolen but they instead wanted him to come back home and go back to school. During the discussions with Patrick's family, He was told that his dad had died and the fact that he was the eldest son, he had been chosen by the clansmen to be heir to his father and that he had inherited all his wealth including a house, land, 2 cattle and other property.

The Grandmother thanked UYDEL for bring her grandson back home and appreciated all that UYDEL had done for him. She however wanted Patrick to go back to school and was willing to support him through school. Since the new school year was yet to start in February the family together with Patrick decided that Patrick come back with the UYDEL staff and complete his training in welding and when the new school year starts, arrangements will have been made for him to go back to school. In December 2008, Patrick was taken to his grandmother for Christmas holiday in Buloba. When he got home the grandmother had already made plans for him to go back to school and in February 2009, Patrick will be going back to school.