

GENDER AND DRUG ABUSE AMONG ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN IN RURAL AREAS OF UGANDA

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UYDEL-DREAMS PROJECT OVERVIEW



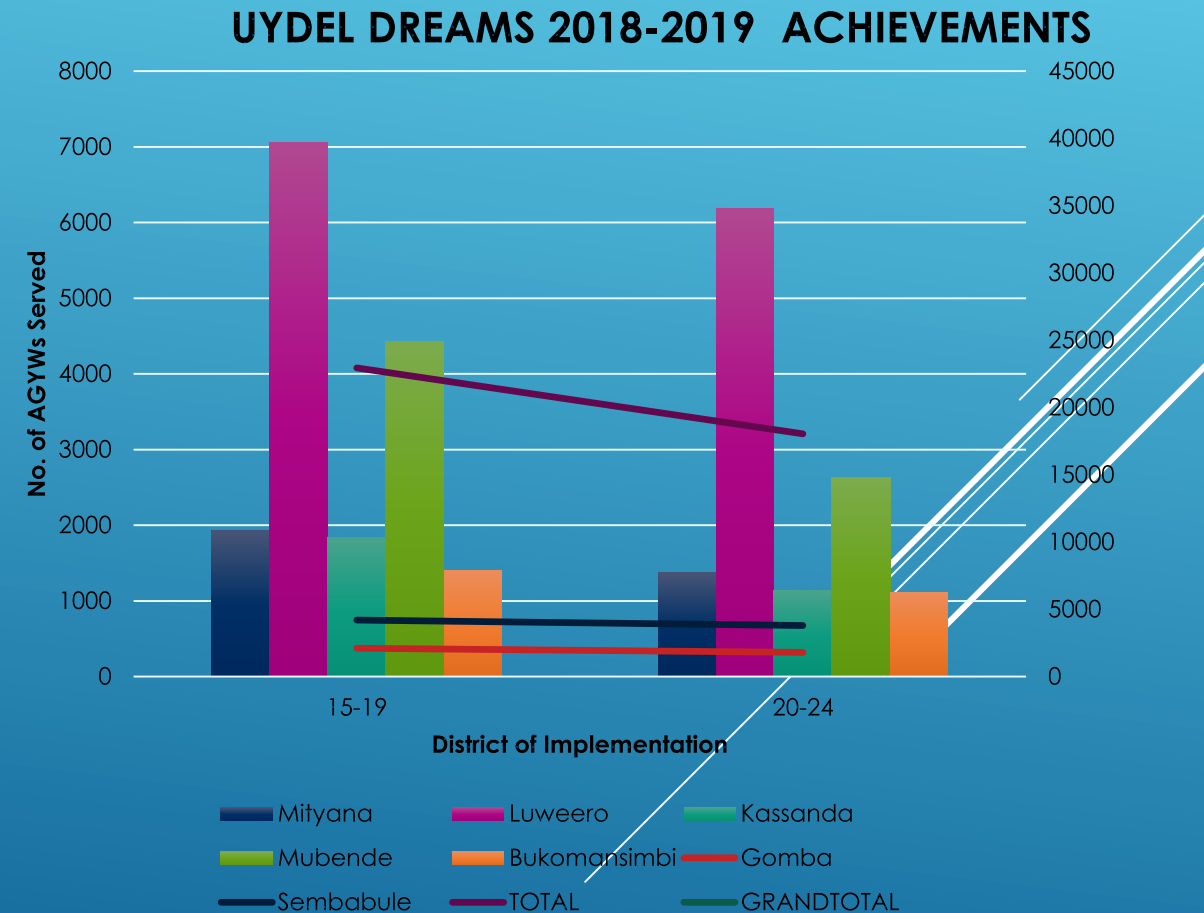
- ▶ DREAMS aims at HIV prevention among Adolescent girls and young women aged 10-24.
- ▶ UYDEL covered seven districts in central Uganda in 2018 and 2019.
 - ▶ Mubende
 - ▶ Mityana
 - ▶ Kassanda
 - ▶ Luweero
 - ▶ Gomba
 - ▶ Sembabule
 - ▶ Bukomansimbi
- ▶ UYDEL-DREAMS project targets AGYWs engaged in transactional sex aged 15-24 years.

D	Determined
R	Resilient
E	Empowered
A	Aids -Free
M	Mentored
S	Safe

DREAMS 2018-2019 ACHIEVEMENTS



DISTRICT	AGE Group	
	15-19	20-24
Mityana	1,923	1,370
Luweero	7,054	6,182
Kassanda	1,841	1,142
Mubende	4,423	2,637
Bukomansimbi	1,402	1,115
Gomba	2,101	1,799
Sembabule	4,207	3,809
Total	22,951	18,054
Grand Total	41,005	



PROPORTION OF AGYWS USING ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS(2018-2019)

	AGYWs served		Ever Used Alcohol and other drugs		Percentage of AGYWs served that have ever used Alcohol and Other drugs	
	15-19	20-24	15-19	20-24	15-19	20-24
DISTRICT						
Mityana	1923	1370	895	916	47%	67%
Luweero	7054	6182	5466	4300	77%	70%
Kassanda	1841	1142	644	399	35%	35%
Mubende	4423	2637	2653	2201	60%	83%
Bukomansimbi	1402	1115	540	431	39%	39%
Gomba	2101	1799	768	586	37%	33%
Sembabule	4207	3809	2120	1360		50%
TOTAL	22951	18054	13086	10193	57%	56%
GRANDTOTAL	41005		23279		57%	

NATURE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS USED

- ▶ Alcohol (Sachet Waragi, bottled waragi, Beers and Wines)
- ▶ Marijuana
- ▶ Shisha, Kubar
- ▶ Khat (Mairungi)
- ▶ Cigarettes

TRENDS AND PATTERNS

- ▶ 57% of the AGYWTS revealed that they were using alcohol and other drugs
- ▶ More Adolescent girls within the ages 15-19 (57%) are drinking alcohol and other drugs compared to the (56%) ages 20 – 24years
- ▶ Luweero and Mubende District is more at risk with high levels of Adolescent girls and young women drinking and using other drug
- ▶ There is an increase in the number of Adolescent girls and Young women in the rural areas that are drinking alcohol and using other drugs and at the same time engaging in Transactional Sex
- ▶ Females are now more likely to drink than males of the same age due to their social influences and life vulnerabilities faced

REASONS FOR ALCOHOL AND USE OF OTHER DRUGS

- ▶ Enhance feelings when having sex with multiple partners and strangers
- ▶ Helps to build self confidence to approach clients
- ▶ Helps you stay awake at Night
- ▶ Helps you forget your problems and kills boredom
- ▶ Helps you feel better when you are depressed
- ▶ Boosts one's Energy to work harder
- ▶ Supports bonding with other peers and their clients

INFLUENCERS

- ▶ Peers and friends
- ▶ Male sexual Partners
- ▶ Availability of Alcohol and Drugs
- ▶ Family members already on drugs and alcohol
- ▶ Environment (slums, Bars, lodges, Sex work)

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS REPORTED

	Pain during Sex	Vaginal Discharge	Lower Abdominal pain	Genital sores	Grand Total
Bukomansimbi District	5	8	326	11	350
Gomba District	13	15	33	13	74
Luwero District	288	174	1468	163	2093
Mityana District	3	3	361	22	389
Mubende District	17	9	893	132	1051
Sembabule District	134	62	2986	469	3651
	460	271	6067	810	7608

AGYW TS WITH CHILDREN

	AGYWs Having Children
Bukomansimbi District	167
Gomba District	196
Luwero District	2535
Mityana District	323
Mubende and Kassanda District	1072
Sembabule District	536
	4829

AGYWS HIV POSITIVE

		NO. OF HIV POSITIVES
DISTRICT		15-24
Mityana	1481	6
Luweero	7756	34
Kassanda	1043	9
Mubende	4075	6
Bukomansimbi	971	5
Gomba	1354	3
Sembabule	3480	84
GRANDTOTAL		141

HOW ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION LEADS TO GBV CASES

Alcohol drinking can lead to more severe forms of violence that can quickly escalate to extremely dangerous situations. The short- and long-term effects of alcohol will blur a person's mental state, contributing to an increased risk of committing violent crimes

- ▶ Physical violence
- ▶ Emotional Violence
- ▶ Sexual Violence
- ▶ Economic Violence

GBV CASES REPORTED

	Emotional	Physical	Economic	Total
DISTRICT				
Mityana	381	279	430	1090
Luweero	607	301	597	1505
Kassanda	228	99	301	628
Mubende	761	137	106	1004
Bukomansimbi	170	89	31	290
Gomba	99	206	181	486
Sembabule	1220	1907	219	3346
GRAND TOTAL	3466	3018	1865	8349

- All the AGYWs served reported to have been sexually Abused since they were all involved in Transactional sex activities.

OTHER EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL AND DRUGS CONSUMPTION AMONG THE AGYWTS

- ▶ Rape
- ▶ Partner Violence
- ▶ STIs/ HIV infection
- ▶ Increased abortions/unwanted pregnancies
- ▶ Limited and inconsistent condom use and negotiation

- ▶ Physical Abuse and violence
- ▶ Hangovers/ blackouts
- ▶ Cognitive deficits
- ▶ Depression and anxiety
- ▶ Increased suicidal thoughts and attempts

CHALLENGES FACED IN REHABILITATING SURVIVORS OF GBV

- ▶ The male sexual partners are the number one perpetrators. It becomes difficult to arrest the father of her children.
- ▶ Where the family is involved it becomes very difficult to follow up the cases
- ▶ Corruption and Bribery at the police when it comes to prosecuting the culprits

INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN TO ADDRESS GBV AND DRUG ABUSE AMONG THE AGYWTS

- ▶ Engaged Male sexual partners in awareness sessions to address GBV cases in the communities
- ▶ Mobilized communities to inspire social change through Community Dialogues and norms change sessions using - SASA Model
- ▶ Created a Peer support network through creation of Girl Engagement forums for social support and counselling
- ▶ Stakeholder involvements to follow up and report GBV cases in the communities
- ▶ Formed Child protection Committees to support in protection of the AGYWs in the communities
- ▶ Social Economic Strengthening

DREAMS SERVICES PROVIDED

1. Screening for HTS
2. Health Testing services
3. Steppingstones - Prevention of HIV and GBV among adolescents
4. Social Economic Strengthening (Vocational skills training ,Saving and Financial Literacy
5. Post Violence Care
6. Parenting and care giver sessions
7. SASA - Community Dialogues and awareness
8. Expanded Contraceptive Mix

HTS SCREENING AND TESTING



STEPPING STONES SESSIONS



SOCIAL ECONOMIC STRENGTHENING



GRADUATION AFTER REHABILITATION

