



Kawempe Youth Development Association

WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD CHILDREN, YOUTH LIVELIHOODS AND RESILIENT FAMILIES.



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Part One:

Message From The Board

Greetings to you All . We thank The Almighty who has spared our lives up to this juncture even during these tough times of the global covid-19 pandemic, Young people have remained dynamic, productive, innovative and ever present. From the rural youth we serve, slum children, youth, womenboda-bodas making deliveries of basic food items to young women vending in the markets (those child labor girl children), the power of youth has prevailed.

Delivering eyes-on services to the most vulnerable groups KYDA targets inclusive children, Youth and women and Defending children's rights and fundamental freedoms can be challenging, let alone having to do it while under "lockdown", practicing social distancing in the midst of a global health crisis spreading rapidly across the world. In times like these, solidarity and social compassion play the most important role.

As KYDA and the Youth of Uganda we want to respond to the fast moving emergency and arising needs across our various project locations affecting children but also from the ongoing presidential directives and calling for the following:

To the General Public - Stay Home, Stay Safe: To Stay home and keep the health measures as advised by the Ministry of Health, Avoid stigmatisation of people that have been tested positive for COVID-19.

To the Government: This pandemic has been a demonstration that governments can act, and people can change their behaviour, in a very short amount of time. We appreciate the government efforts in fighting the pandemic and we request the government to further:

- Review its prevention measures and how they affect the youth who live hand to mouth. Notably is that 78% of the total Ugandan population are youth aged 30 and below & 65% Ugandan households are in the informal sector.

- Put into the Ugandan Context the presidential directives that are being made, how feasible they are to a Ugandan youth so that we avoid having death due to hunger and increases in crime rates. A concrete policy direction from government on humanitarian assistance and economic recovery ring and post COVID 19 is highly wanting. We further ask government to regulate powers of the officers including LDUs, Police and UPDF who are enforcing these laws so that they do not affect or abuse the human rights of the young people.
- Emphasis on Price levels for all the food being sold, and if possible in the next presidential address announce minimum prices for basics like salt, soap, posho and beans to avoid skyrocketing prices as our caregivers of orphans cant afford them..
- To facilitate young people take initiatives, Government should revise taxes in wake of the COVID 19 pandemic and grant tax holidays to Small scale enterprises and tax incentives to banks and credit facilities so that they reduce interest rates. Review the OTT tax so as to enable more young people to use social media to access information and work with telecom houses on reduce on rates for data.

The current pandemic is unfolding upon unjust structures that have plagued us as a country for decades. There is a need to reinvest in the social infrastructure of the country in areas like public healthcare and social safety nets so that no youth is left behind.

To our Development Partners We Humbly Ask: That you exercise flexibility and understanding as the COVID-19 outbreak will necessitate reprioritization and adjustments in KYDA Plan of Operation, programming and outreach activities as an organisation. At this moment, we need funders and supporters to work together to ensure that the youth sector stays strong and resilient as we deal with current and future crises and uncertainties, including in the social, economic sphere.

To other Civil Society Organisations: Let's be mindful of the need to support each other with messages of hope, resilience and solidarity in dealing with the potential negative outcomes for social cohesion, trust and civic struggles. Now more than ever we need to put in place measures that reduce the impact of the pandemic on groups rendered especially vulnerable by inequality, discrimination, disability and the absence of social security measures. Here allow me thank Children at Risk Network (CRANE) with who KYDA has impacted on lives of more than 200 street connected children in Kampala and

The UNNGOF for the timely trainings that increased the knowledge of our staff in Local Fundraising – LFR and Mobilizing Support MS during the lockdown.

Lastly a question to all the Young People in Uganda: What if we now carried this awareness beyond the present emergency? This is an urgent question because there is a great global economic depression looming beyond our country Uganda. Potentially, it can lead to more wars, increased authoritarianism and yet greater economic injustice. Or it can empower us to demand a much-needed transformation of a system in crisis.

The current crisis is not as catastrophic as a world war. But its effects will be far-reaching, and the risk of an economic and geopolitical and economic collapse is real.

We can, however, emerge at the end of this tunnel with the first initiatives of a new world. It is imperative that we remain vigilant and act together, drawing effectively on our reserves of innovation and resilience. The opportunity is there for us to seize, and we must start work on it now. At the very least, we now know we have the power to do so. Stay Safe!!By:

Mrs. Josephine Lwanga

Foreword By the Executive Director



I bring you greetings from KYDA secretariat. The Year 2020 had started very well for us KYDA. For Example: As an Organization, had received ten International volunteers ready to implement activities, Our Three Vocational Training Centres had registered more than 150 trainees and Besides that all programs were showing a green light ready moving forward, There came COVID-19 which infringed our operations.

"The COVID-19 Pandemic" has globally affected our ways of social interactions, cultures, habits, but most importantly our beneficiaries. Many organizations KYDA inclusive find themselves struggling to cope up with this uncertainty in measures set to control the spread of the Corona Virus and to find a calm moment in the storm. As a

result, most businesses are down, organizations are non-operational and even some individual self-employed graduates of our centres too, seem to be affected. As KYDA Organization we would like to say, we didn't need to shut down! Instead as Management We innovatively thought of some tips on what we considered in reworking our digital strategy to fit the working home environment for our employees as we share below:

We encouraged Self-Discipline among staff: We elaborated to them the key first thing to accept was that they were going to face resistance from themselves, hence need for a mindset shift and adaptability to working from home because they were new to this.

Together we Set objectives and goals (in the form of tasks to finish) and ensured they had indicators in the form of result we needed to accomplish. In this case those of the employees we discovered lacked self discipline were discontinued and replaced their positions immediately.

In Time Management we emphasized The power of prioritization was a treasure in living an accomplished life. KYDA mapped out what were meant to accomplish inform of the to-do list and followed it to the dot, but in any case if we skipped a deadline, we went easy on ourselves and made time to do. Also taught staff to remember to reward themselves after they had accomplished our to-do list with breaks.

We briefed the employees to Designate a Working Area in their homes, Worked from that area of productivity comforted with fewer distractions. To some of them, this meant a physical place, others had to be virtual etc. But what mattered was their limiting distractions as much as possible, from their mind, social media, environment, etc. Were urged to Imagine the designated place as an office and only go there when a person was going to fulfill his/her day's work. They Learnt to build focus and concentration which minimized movements until our set break times.

Staff were encouraged to communicate with The People they were Staying with at Home: By Informing their family members or housemates about our work schedule, designated place and need for their support in case of attaining the respective set targets. If possible, asked for help to help simplify what you're doing that's if it was in their capacity.

Further Still, employees as a group Set Reminders on Tasks and Appointments: By Committing things on paper or writing. we followed up not to allow their mind to rest hence allowing it focus on other things. It could be meetings, deadlines, tasks to do etc. We shared on some of the resources we could use to achieve this. This needed to be done daily after setting out a monthly target with weekly objectives broken down to daily to-do lists. Some employees who would fail to abide by this would be confronted by the projects director.

We Constantly Communicated with one another/ Workmates; Built a social support network with fellow workmates, effectively communication through calls, online meetings, emails, video chats and Office WhatsApp group chats. These became accountability partners as staff got accustomed to them collectively supporting each other's work which helped reduce the burden of having to struggle alone hence giving moral support.

KYDA organization improvised and recommended staff on Use of Available Resources both Offline/Online; These included Notebooks for staff which were bestused for scheduling, capturing own ideas, keeping a record of notes as reminders, plans, minutes etc. which they could later choose to transfer their content.

Staff were cautioned to use their Phones: as their communication and coordination tool. Good enough majority had smartphones which also acted as an extension of our virtual office especially with apps like; email, social media, MS word-excel, calendar for scheduling and reminders, zoom and skype for digital meetings, etc.

Project Officers and Accountant had laptops which was great! They helped simplify our work, knowing most of our work was about writing and creating content, These computers usually had a larger surface to do our work from home faster. However, observed best practices such as; charging, saving work done and never to reduce it to being a tool of entertainment. The dual Trained their mind to respect it as a virtual office and tool to accomplish the work you sought to do. They were warned on Movies, games and music, as necessary, avoid doing them on the laptops. KYDA ensured they had updated windows or operating systems, turn off auto-updates to save data usage.

KYDA opted to Use Cheaper Internet Bundles because The cost of internet had not gone down. However, most telecom services created special work bundles that we could afford due to budget constraints. However, it was key that the staff learnt how to sustain our data usage by keeping away from non-work-related or irrelevant things. internet is sensitive, hence it can be used for good, so can it be used for bad leading to addictions on social media, pornography and much more, so watched out.

In case of Heavy Content Sharing: , all we were working as an office team and in case we wanted to share folders, then we encourage the use still of Google Drive, One Drive, and these could be accessed by the G-Suite, or Microsoft 360. Both have a free and paid-for version, KYDA used whatever worked in our means,.

Exercise and Entertainment were also encouraged to the staff as good practice either Before or After a long day of work . Staff were advised take some time off to engage in physical activities or exercises to refresh their mind. Entertainment too was good just as building themselves spiritually and reading outside one's daily work routine and does not cover beyond 30% of our productive time.

Lastly as an Organization we opted for Digital Transactions; Due to the lockdown, the use of such platforms helped to ease our work. As much we used Mobile Money, e-banking from banks and internet banking became part of our new normal while paying salaries, PAYE and NSSF Contributions. KYDA subscribed for these services at our bank very fast. That way enabled the accounts department transact at the comfort of her home allowing our organization to remain operational.

Though we managed to reach out to over 660 children in 110 homes over 500 homes were left out unattended thus giving us a call for more donations so that all the homes are catered for on our next donations or programs. This gave KYDA a chance to know really the challenges affecting our beneficiaries since most of them were people who have been earning hand to mouth income. Since the outbreak of the pandemic corona virus most of these people have been home since the country has been in a total lock down for over 6 months leaving most of them unable to take care of their families. Thus resorting to sending children on streets to go collect scraps so that a family can have food on table.

By Way forward We Wish to start up small businesses/incentives that would help grandmothers & guardians to take care of the families so as to reduce or remove the burden imposed on the kids to look after the families. We are grateful to some donors who have worked with KYDA on this initiative, more so Sensitize children and parents about the children's right and how to implement them.

Getting in touch with community champions (CC), local authorities, parents in the communities in order to see the children progress as well as their rights being reserved, protecting them against domestic violence, child abuse and early alcohol use.

Finally, I would like to thank the whole team who managed to make these activities a success-who managed to mobilize the community which we always found ready and aware of our activities, to our partners who encouraged KYDA to feel free to do more while Always remember to keep following the guidelines set by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Ministry of Health. You committed to supporting KYDA in any way you could. **Stay Safe!**



Mr. Otal McBernard
Executive Director



Part Two:

Brief of our History: Organizational Background

Kawempe Youth Development Association (KYDA) is a local grass root NGO -Registration No:S 5914/6653, operating in Kampala, Mityana, Hoima, Luweero, Nakaseke, Nakasongola and Wakiso Districts (Nabweru, Nangabo and Nansana Sub counties)in central Uganda. KYDA was formed in 2005as a charity based organization with the aim of impacting the lives of children living in the less disadvantaged situations like slums, street children, orphans among others Situations by a group of ten Makerere University graduates who were from the disciplines of social work, Law, commerce, social sciences, information technology and medicine. They had a vision to improve the welfare of disadvantaged young people (children and youth) including: HIV/AIDS orphans, HIV positive children, AIDS-affected children, young people affected by drug abuse, teenage mothers, former victims of commercial sex exploitation, child labourers, and slum-dwelling youth. Most children have been a focal point of being used for ritual sacrifices, gender based violence which has left most these children running from homes and resorting to living on the streets thus putting their lives at danger and being targets to be used in cruel activities such as robbery, theft, gambling, collecting of scrap, child labour, sex workers among others. Currently, the organization is serving a total of 5000 youth and 178 children: of the youth 4200 are females and 800 are males; of the children 151 are HIV positive and the rest are OVC.

KYDA is among the founder member to the Ugandan Alcohol Policy Alliance (UAPA), also member to the World Federation Against Drugs(WFAD) and IOGT at International Level.



Services offered:

- Educational sponsorship to HIV/AIDS orphans and vulnerable children.
- Nutritional support and care to HIV+ children, HIV/AIDS orphans and vulnerable children.
- Support to guardians of OVC with basic necessities of life, e.g. mosquito nets, clothing, blankets, jerry cans, basins, sugar and nutritious food.
- Community sensitizations about Alcohol harm, drug abuse, HIV/AIDS prevention, HIV testing and counselling, prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases.
- Psychosocial support and counselling to HIV+ young people and children (on positive living), other young people affected by the HIV/AIDS scourge and their guardians.
- Training of vocational and life skills to out-of-school youth including teenage mothers, drug abusers and those commercially sexually exploited.
- Putting up demonstration kitchen gardens in the community where caregivers can learn farming practices especially how to grow vegetables for sale.
- Giving start up grants to caregivers to support them begin income generating activities to sustain themselves and the OVCs.
- Providing support and referrals to HIV/AIDS orphans, other vulnerable children and youth affected with substance use disorders.

Organizational Structure: KYDA has a Secretariat headed by the Executive Director, eighteen staff and six volunteers. They are responsible for the day to day running of the organization and all programme implementation.

KYDA has an executive board of nine members with who five are women and four are men.

KYDA has been recognized by UNICEF, YES Uganda and the national media as an implementer of grassroots responses to OVC and HIV positive children. KYDA is a recognized consultant called upon by the Wakiso District Community Based department to represent the views of young positives, orphans and vulnerable children including street children. KYDA receives ten clients a day, who are counseled on alcohol abuse, STIs, positive living, sexuality, and condom demonstrations to those who are sexually active. Others are referred to Kawempe Health Center, including those who have been raped and require tests for STIs and HIV/AIDS. The number of positive youth being referred for vocational skills training, by Kawempe Health Center and other health centers has increased greatly. Positive youth feel free to ask about KYDA and positive living, and many are asking for Alcohol and drug rehabilitation majority children of alcoholics, HIV voluntary counseling and testing (HVCT). The Center offers recreation games (volleyball, girls football, netball and education health talk shows) attracting about 50 youth during holidays, especially in the evening after 4 pm. KYDA occupies a top position among the service providers in the peri-urban areas of Wakiso district; and is invited to meetings that are held for service providers working with HIV positive children and drug alcohol use..



KYDA approaches aim at vulnerable children, Youth, and women in limited resource areas of Uganda mainly slums.

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OUR VISION, OUR MISSION, OUR VALUES

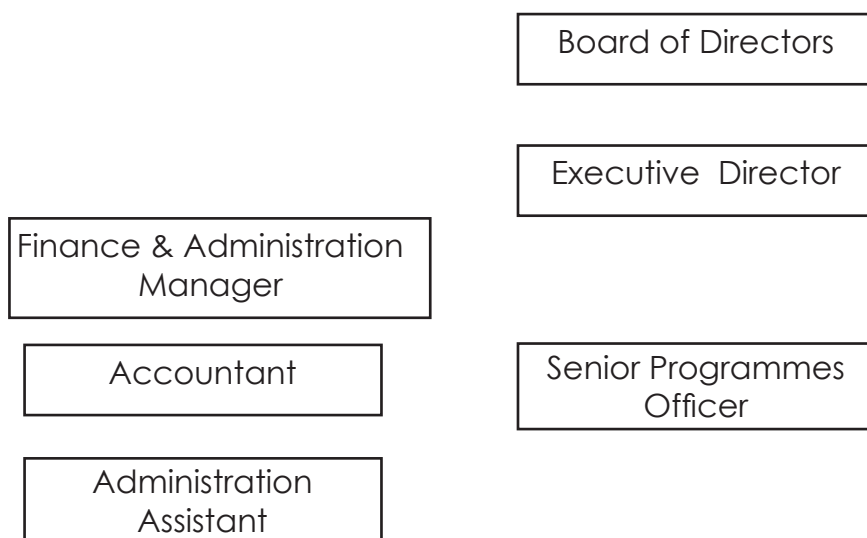
Vision: To provide an appropriate framework for enabling the young people develop socio-economic and cultural skills so as to enhance their participation in the overall development process and improve their quality of life.

Mission: To build a proactive and sustainable organizational capacity through training of vocational skills to disadvantaged young people; and effective engagement of young people to foster awareness and prevention of drug abuse and further spread of STIs, STDs and HIV/AIDS.

Values

- Transparency and Accountability
- Team work
- Customer care: Our services are customer focused, we routinely revisit them to ensure that they meet their needs.
- Respect: Our beneficiaries are the reason why KYDA exists.
- Confidentiality and Honesty

OUR STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION





Part Three: Our Areas of Focus

- To strengthen households, build their capacity and other stakeholders' capacity with specific focus with those infected and affected with HIV/AIDs, , drug and substance use disorder including Alcoholism.
- To increase access to health services by young people through provision of children, youth friendly, community and reproductive health services.
- To strengthen the responsiveness of the community structures in managing issues relating to children's rights, health, survival and safety.
- To build the capacity of KYDA to effectively mobilize and efficiently utilize resources to improve organizational performance.

Part Four:

Projects That Highlighted the year 2020

Under Core Programme Area 1, KYDA operated these projects

- A. Kiganda Children for Change Project (KCCP) This project's Goal was to give slum children an opportunity to change their future by getting part and full time street children back to school. The aim is creating a child labour free zone in Kiganda slums, Kawempe Division in particular. Project reached 53 children in child labor,

Objectives included:

1. Operating a children Transit Centre
2. Providing Basic needs to the children like food, shelter, Medical care
3. Providing second chance education
4. Net working with other organizations working with street children programs.



Briefing of new recruits at KYDA Rehabilitation Transit Centre



Street children program (Every child deserves a home)

- Rehabilitation (to restore hope)
- We offer second chance education,
- Catch-up we take them off the streets, recruit them into the general class, we counsel them & screen them into two categories those to join main stream education or Vocational Education.

B. Hope restoration project for rehabilitation of street children affected by alcohol in Kawempe Division slums

The problem of alcohol, drug and substance abuse is considerably rampant among children on the streets and the slum areas of Kampala. Kampala, the Capital City of Uganda, a young City in rapid and constant urban expansion, and now home of over 2.4 million people. 50% of them are under the age of 18years. Evidence

“Children in the Catch-up Class at KYDA Rehabilitation Transit Centre”

demonstrates that majority of drug abusers in Kampala are youth and children on the street and in slums. Kawempe is situated in the North of Kampala and 25% of its territory consists of informal settlements. Uganda is ranked 8th in the world and 1st on the African continent in liquor intake with per capita alcohol consumption of 19.5litres. This trend has been persistent since 2005.

That project had the following objectives.

- Children from streets are rescued, rehabilitated and reunited with their families
- Children trained to abstain from alcohol and other drugs to become responsible and have good relations with people in community.
- Local leaders are taking action regarding children's rights in relation to alcohol



KYDA Social workers while conducting Family Therapy sessions to children



**“Agwang (middle)
Picked from the streets,
Rehabilitated and Resettled
back to Soroti Received
a sewing machine, Louds
KYDA”**

C.HIV/AIDS Care and Support project for OVCs and other HIV positive young people 5-19 years

The overall objective of this project was to contribute to an environment conducive for the survival growth, development and participation of vulnerable children and youth in the suburb communities of Wakiso District. Program operates in Nansana, Nabweru, Gombe divisions , NangaboSubcounty and Kasangati Town Council, This approach was intended to make the young positives self- reliant and contribute towards household income and welfare.

Objectives of the programme

- To increase the number of young people receiving services in areas of Health, HIV Counseling and Testing, psychosocial support, Education, Nutrition and care services.



Some of the youth training in Hairdressing at the centre

- Reaching to more HIV /AIDs orphans, positive children and vulnerable children and children affected by HIV and AIDs with Education support, Nutritional support, Health support especially with drugs for opportunistic infections.
- To offer training in employable and marketable skills to children and young people affected by HIV/AIDs.
- To have a drop-in- centre where children and youth can receive Health services and Nutrition information.

Core Program Area 2. Community Out reaches and Support services programme amidst NAVIGATING THE COVID -19 PANDEMIC

2.1: Setting up Covid -19 Emergency centre for street connected children in Kampala

Here KYDA partnered with other members of the street children working group together with the Umbrella Organization Children at Risk Action Network (CRANE) and Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) to reach out to street children who were impacted by the Covid -19.

Back ground:

Early this year, the globe was hit by Covid-19 virus pandemic that caused over 340,000 deaths and over 5,500,000 people infected. This has left many lives threatened and jeopardized with starvation, trauma, poverty among others. While many countries imposed a lockdown to mitigate the health insecurity caused in different countries, Masses were required to stay home to maintain social distancing in order to mitigate the contagious spread of the virus.

On the 22nd of March, Uganda being one of the countries hit by the virus by the 18th Feb 2020, measures to curb situation were put in place. Following the president's directives on staying at home, streets of Kampala were left empty with the children living on the streets stranded with no place to stay and get a meal. They were subjected to severe hunger due to the starvation since they mostly ate food remains from the garbage bins at the restaurants that were now closed due to the lockdown. Since Health insecurity

was a big threat in the Globe and the country as a whole, the lives of these children were at more risk because of their vulnerability and exposure on the streets.

On the 11th of April, The KCCA team headed by Mayor Charles Sserunjogi in collaboration with the non-governmental organizations working with street connected children gathered over 202 children from Kisenyi and the neighboring areas at Nakivubo Blue primary school that is strategically located right at the epi-center of the city for easy accessibility for all the street connected children. Each of the 202 children received services like food, beddings, clothes, personal hygiene necessities like Bathing soap, tooth paste, and brush, Vaseline, to start them off.

Objectives

- To safeguard children from Covid-19 following the Standards of Procedures for example Regular hand washing for about 20 seconds and social distancing.
- To provide psychosocial support (Water, food, shelter, clothes, medical, counselling services etc.) for the street connected children during this crisis.
- To use the site as a provisional rehabilitation center so that they are free from drugs and be prepared for reintegration, skilling, depending on the case registered.





Regular Hand Wash

Graphical illustration Showing Registered Vs Assessed Children

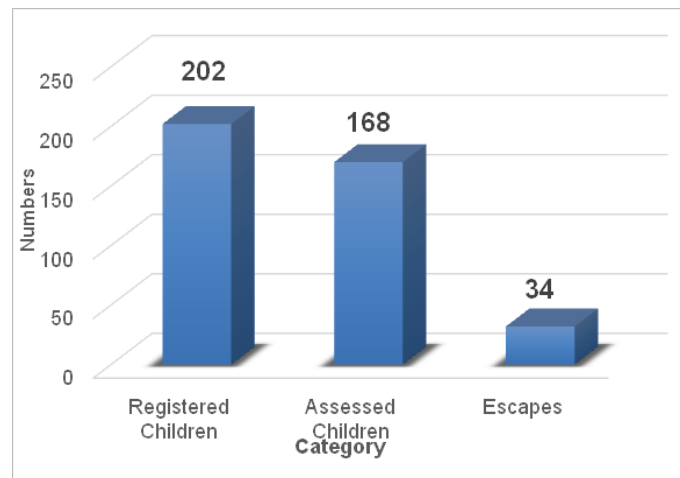


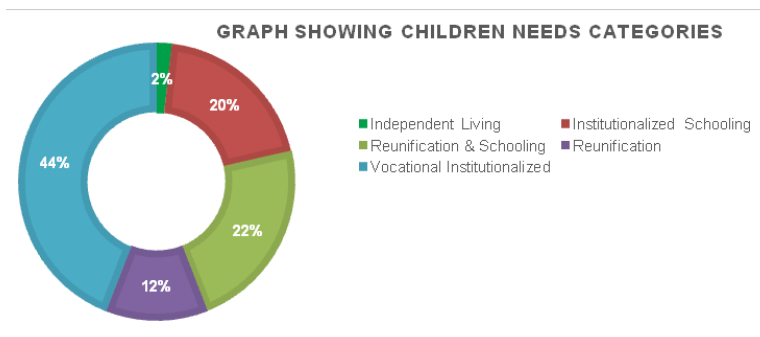
Table 1: Attendance Summary

#	Category	Number
1	Registered Children	202
2	Assessed Children	168
3	Escapes	34

• **Source: KCCA COVID-19 Emergency Programme for street connected children.**

Children Need Categories

#	Categories	Number
1	Independent Living	03
2	Institutionalized Schooling	33
3	Reunification & Schooling	38
4	Reunification	20
5	Vocational Institutionalized	74
6	Escapes	34
	Total	202



Children Age Chat

#	Child Age Category	Age (years)
1	9 – 12	39
2	13 – 15	93
3	16 – 17	52
4	18 -19	12
5	20 & Above	06

2.2: KYDA Campaign” Menstruation Periods Don’t End with the Pandemic

Back ground:

The COVID-19 pandemic has pushed many Girls and young women to the wall and disproportionately affected communities, more especially low-income societies KYDA operates. Unfortunately, for women, menstrual health didn't stop, and with the economic crisis, most people stopped working, so they are unable to purchase products to stay hygienic and healthy. In the campaign to end period shame that has been spear-headed by UN Women, KYDA and Partners wanted to join the effort in order to help girls and young women in Uganda. KYDA partnered with Alive and Health Uganda, Eco Smart Pads Uganda , Holic Pads Uganda and Friends from the United States of America.

Globally, there are 1.8 billion females in their reproductive age; unfortunately, millions of these females across the world are still unable to manage their menstrual period with dignity. In Uganda, a nationwide survey showed that only 35% of females aged 15 to 49 years were able to meet their needs during menstruation. As an alternative, most of the

females resort to rudimentary options such as the use of old pieces of cloth, old foam mattresses, paper, or cloth rags that are not very hygienic and can lead to development of gynecology-related infections. The COVID-19 pandemic has only made the situation worse with the economic crisis limiting access to menstruation supplies as well as access to other sexual reproductive health products especially in low-income communities. These communities are faced with challenges such as lack of sanitary products, soap and sanitizers, yet proper sanitation is crucial, and it has an impact on menstrual health. Menstruation is a natural monthly process among females within their reproductive age that goes on till menopause. Therefore, for the wellbeing of women and girls, there is a great need to access basic materials to utilize during their menstruation to allow them to have their periods with dignity and stay healthy.



KYDA Chairperson while handing over sanitary kits to various girls at the Centre

The goal was to distribute sanitary products to 450 adolescent girls and young women from KYDAs 4 out reachcentres that have been most affected by the pandemic in Central and Western Uganda.

Objectives

- Purchasing and packaging sanitary products
- Co-ordinate with local councils about safe distribution
- Sensitize and educate people about menstrual health, Reproductive Health and Rights
- Distribute sanitary kits in the selected community
- Linking those with reproductive health complications to service providers.



Happy Teenage girls after receiving their Smart Pads distributed by KYDA

Video Interview questions

For the Documentary shot by KYDA that was shared with the partners.

1. How often are you able to obtain the products you need to have a hygienic monthly period?
2. What are the challenges you've faced during the pandemic that have affected your ability to obtain menstrual products?
3. How will this kit help you with maintaining a decent hygienic period?

2.3 : Tackling CORONA with Food and soap campaign

Formerly reunified street children from 35 families numbering 336 direct beneficiaries were reached out and supported with food and soap. The target group were children and their women headed families, These children involved the school-going children whom KYDA/KCCP had picked from the streets and traced their homes and had started schooling however due to Covid 19, schools were closed! KYDA also targeted those who stay at home (below school age) the parents/ guardians and other relatives.

With support from Benja Foundation&Wilde Ganzen, KYDA came up with the Kiganda Children for Change Project (KCCP) now in its fifth (5th) year. Because the need was high and a lot of parents don't earn enough money to pay the school fees and the children were forced to leave school and in most cases worked on the streets to earn some money. A lot of child labour and exploitation was going on! This area of Kiganda has a great number of socio-economically challenged households. Like many areas in Kawempe division informal settlements are over populated and people live in slum-like conditions. Unemployment is high and so is the prevalence of child labour, commercial sex work and Sexually Transmitted Diseases especially HIV/AIDs

Previously, KYDA/ KCCP project provided a Transitory Rehabilitation Temporary home to the homeless working children previously involved in child labour accommodated 24 boys and 3 girls, besides the few that are accommodated are the ones in the primary section and not all of them are in boarding section, the remaining 29 are supported from where they are. KYDA/KCCP project had aimed at achieving these three objectives:

That Home and Basic needs were provided to withdrawn children from child labour, these shelter up to 20 beds, food and Health facilities. Also that Children were provided with

Education, That support to the caregivers and That KYDA was to involved in Net-working and collaboration. However Despite our previous achievements, the impact of Corona-virus on the families and communities included; Now it so happens that with the coming of this pandemic Corona-19, its estimated to date that over 3,065 people in Kampala have been imprisoned because of violating the presidential directives or new measures put in place to avoid the spread of COVI-19. Majority of these arrested were women because they were trying to find an alternative job that can earn them food to feed their families including children. Now days the children are left to fend for themselves

A number of these children are now forced to move out of homes to look for jobs especially in the sectors that are allowed to work during this period such as construction sites, quarrying, steel vending, door to door hawking, carrying bananas in markets excetra, There has been limited movement of the people to prevent free interaction and even small businesses like market vending- where some families go for little work was also affected, at the end of the day, people are there starving with almost nothing to eat. There is general socio-economic suffering due to the lock-down, quarantine and curfews! Consequently, the above conditions have taken back to streets, the children our KCCP project had once rescued before, hence a need for this project.

This pandemic, Corona has far reaching effects in that most of the people no longer work, as a result of the quarantine, so are forced to stay home at whatever cost it may be. There is a likelihood or failure to satisfy basic needs of life among families and the community.

KYDA distributed some food to kill hunger and even be happy.

We also gave out soap to emphasize hand washing to maintain hygiene.

KYDA ensured they got food during the intervention as one of the basic needs of life.

KYDA also provided/extended verbal communication and posters regarding the dangers of the Corona pandemic and how to avoid it. That is psycho-social support.

There was improved health and hygiene among our beneficiaries, partners and broader community. Through the area Local authority KYDA was able to select these households whose children were at risk of joining to streets gangs. So we were already in contact with these house-holds in the community because , we normally stay with these children in the normal times so that they can be able to attend schooling. Leave alone the Corona pandemic which has forced us to distance ourselves but we always check on them through phone calls at least twice a week.

OBJECTIVES

Psycho-social health life of At Risk 35 families in Kiganda slums affected by Covid-19 Pandemic is improved through provision of basic needs and psychosocial support by end of September 2020.

Households/communities are mobilized to be sensitized about prevention of Covid 19 disease through phone calls.





Some of the Beneficiaries of the Project “Tackling Corona with Food and Soap” From L-R: KirutaHamza, SemandaMusa with his step mother, Viola &her mother, BalekeSalim&brother, Reagan, Jonal, NassoziNulu’sgrand mother and BwanikaGoerge William.

Under Core Programme area 3: Training and Capacity Building program

- To strengthen the responsiveness of the community structures in managing issues relating to children’s rights, health, survival and safety in relation to alcohol.

3.1.1: Dialogue meetings conducted **ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE PUBLIC ON CHILD PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF CHILDREN’S RIGHTS** .Before the pandemic escalated, Dialogues with the community from the areas of the five zones in which our project is being implemented and those are Ssebagala, Ttula, Corner zone, Kiganda and Kisowera. The meetings were targeting households’ families, the local leaders and other community members to be sensitized on their roles to protect children and promote their rights. 120 household members that were selected for the IOGT project and the local leaders (LC2) who are in charge of children and family affairs in the community.

Context

“Millions of children all over the world continue to be victims of violence and exploitation in the home, at school or with in their community, the very settings that are supposed to be providing a protective environment for them”. Although Uganda has made significant strides in addressing obstacles that stand in the way of full realization of child rights. The UN convention on the rights of the child (UNCRC) and African charter on the rights of and welfare of the child (ACRWC) have largely been domesticated and incorporated into Uganda’s law mainly through the children acts of 2005 and now the constitution of 1995as mended, still a lot is desired.

In addition still, though the government and other stakeholders are increasingly turning to what is referred to as a system approach in order to establish and strengthen child protection efforts. guided by UNCRC and ACRWC, the system approach differs from earlier child protection efforts which focused on single issues affecting children, such as, child trafficking, children living in the streets, child labour, emergencies, institutionalization, and HIV and AIDS, among others. Again this has some loopholes.

Having assessed the above situation and gaps, KYDA empowered the local structures and called upon the public to work hand in hand with the family protection desk at different police stations. The family plays a central role in identifying the victims, ensuring that children have effective means of redress when their rights are violated. Besides children must have access to mechanisms for challenging violation of their rights.

Since Uganda has registered many cases regarding child abuse ranging from rape, child neglect and these end up on streets, school dropout, prostitution, early marriages and child sacrifice. So The community is the key in ending these acts only if they play their role in advocating for the rights of the children.



GROUP PHOTO AFTER TRAINING

Emerging issues

- Some parents testified why some times they failed to meet their children's needs
- Parents realized the need to document cases showing conflicts of interest and to report to further offices and other bigger organizations in case they don't get fair hearing on matters affecting their children
- It was observed that some parents don't want to give evidence to culprits- here whenever they report cases they should follow it up as community thus will reduce police to be bribed.
- The girls who sit or work in bars are exploited, should be dealt with by local leaders as fellow parents should report always
- Parents are responsible for the poor behavior of most of the children sometimes due their poor parenting skills, inappropriate dressing among others.
- The environment in which these slum children grow from also contributed to children exploitation e.g. availability of drugs, brothels, bars in the area.

WAY FORWARD

- Its parents /guardians' responsibility to help children not to go to streets, parents should go back to their responsibilities.
- Parents were urged to report all cases involving neglect or abuse of children rights to local leaders.
- Issues concerning children should be looked into as important, they should fight and protect and prevent children from getting cases when they are still young.
- Parents should always attend or make more meeting concerning children rights whenever organized by police, local leader and organizations.
- To work with KYDA to help those street children in the community whose rights are being denied e.g. KYDA street bursaries, vocational skills.
- Those who help and employ young children should treat them like their own children
- Looking forward to adjust on the schedule to favour members.

3.1. 2: THE SOCIAL ENTREPRENUER AND LEADERS LINK (SELL) In the overall, the SELL-Programme helps in the creation of economically empowered and socially engaged youth-led communities in KYDAs areas of operation from within the four vocational centres. In Kawempe, Nabweru, Gombe and Nangabo Divisions With in-kind support from Wezesh Impact, the program annually equipped 100 KYDA vocational trainees/youths with employable, digital skills and builds their capacities to become effective leaders. Through SELL's engaging activities, Trainees were exposed to new networks and opportunities they needed to build sustainable businesses passionately dedicated to solving community social problems. These young people are supported through apprenticeships as they give back to society and develop their fellow youths through peer mentorship schemes which have ensured the sustainability of the SELL-project. The Social Entrepreneurs' and Leaders' Link (SELL) aims at ushering in a new breed of graduates and leaders that are equipped to thrive beyond the classroom in all spheres of life. Fellows are empowered with entrepreneurial, leadership and digital skills required for the 21st century. Their role in community mobilization, local governance, and sustainable development is also strengthened during the program.

During the program, participants were involved in pieces of online training, community dialogues, exchange programs; mentorship, coaching and community service, which thereafter increased their access to information in the areas of youth policy, education, employment, financial services, scholarship, and current affairs.



Participants being trained liquid soap Making



Project Director KYDA while giving closing remarks for the participants

3.1.3: Working with European Volunteers' Services (EVS) The objectives pursued in this project are to encourage daily activities, which stimulate children to socialize and acquire life skills through creative games.

General Objectives:

- O1: Learning how to take initiative;
- O2: Develop the ability to work in team;
- O3: Improve life skills for all the participants
- O4: Develop effective communication skills;
- O5: Educate 50% of participants;
- O6: Promote volunteering.

Specific Objectives:

Organize 3 events:

1. "Clean and Green"
2. "Keep Going and Keep Growing"
3. "English Corner"



School children engaged in outside class activities with guidance of the volunteers.

Chapter Four: Institutional Development

2020 has been a year of tests and trials, as well as finding solutions; disfigured of course by the Corona Virus. As KYDA heads into the next progressive year, we must find even more solutions to the new and residual challenges that fall under our mandate!

We are very aware that we need to keep our children engaged in education, our youth acquiring productive survival skills, our caregivers knowledgeable about effective parenting, child care and family wellbeing, our communities resilient against all forms of degeneration in progress.

If not, we will lose the growth momentum that we have together created and we are likely to see our people falling back to the poverty cycle which we can only continue to bravely dismantle by continuing to provide the opportunities that we have always provided, and more. We cannot allow our achievements to liquefy, we will not let that happen.

In fact, every cloud has a silver lining. We will use this time to further enhance the work that we do through creating more partnerships and networks with persons with whom we share the desire and commitment to cause positive societal change. We are also breeding ideas and testing solutions to especially the emerging challenges to the kind of work that we do.

With the above introduction, KYDA Staff engaged and underwent a series of trainings both online and in person, For instance Training in Local Fundraising (LFR) and Mobilising Support (MS) that was organized by The Ugandan National NGO Forum and Change the Game Academy, Two KYDA Staff, One from KCCP project and the Executive Director attended.

WHY KYDA ATTENDING LOCAL FUNDRAISING AND MOBILIZING SUPPORT TRAININGS?

Local fund raising [LFR] was a training organized by the Non- Government Organization forum under the theme, let us change the game from change the game academy. This was all about how organization's can raise funds locally and survive if the incase international support reduces yet there's still need.

AIMS OF THE TRAINING;

- To help organization's change the game and not depending on international support only.
- To train organization's the importance of local fund raising plus different techniques of raising funds hence knowing which donors understand the context of the project more.
- To create organizations' awareness that local fundraising is possible and can change our perspective of how we can raise funds.
- To foster improvement of CBOs and NGOs in the living conditions of groups who deserve to enjoy their full rights.
- To equip organizations with skills and knowledge of mobilizing support in order to help them trigger positive change.
- To help organizations discover the separate steps for preparing a strategy and the principle for conducting effective activities.



Photograph Executive Director and KCCP social worker receiving their certificates

Change the game will lead us to:

Financial sustainability.

Local ownership.

More involvement in communities.

A stronger voice for civil society.

Besides the above other Trainings attended included

1. Drug Advisory Programme , Recovery Allies Course organized by the Colombo Plan; Attended by the Executive Director
2. Training in Resource Mobilization organized by Ugandan Alcohol Policy Alliance; attended by ED and one social worker.
3. Also two KYDA social workers attended refresher course entrepreneurship skills training course that was organized by Wezesha Impact.

Another Capacity Building activity involved an exchange visit to Blue Cross Kisumu in Kenya where KYDA Team learnt more about child participation, Team building and program development.

Also Monitoring and Evaluation visits from Partners

New Policies were developed and operationalized, including: Anti-bullying Policy, Child Protection Policy, Children Safeguard Policy, Whistle Blowing Policy, Volunteers' Policy. A Big thank you to Children at Risk Action Network (CRANE) for working with KYDA review these policies.

TUGENDE'S DINNER: Completion of the Kitchen construction for the children Transit Rehabilitative Centre. A big thanks to TUGENDE Architects from Italy and StitchingBenja



What Children Spoke about the school clubs started by KYDA volunteers?

Two Primary schools in Wakiso and Two Secondary Schools were identified in Luweero. These clubs were welcomed by the children in that they felt so happy as they helped promoting social interaction among them and even the volunteers. Children saw these clubs as an avenue where they can always share their problems and interests amongst themselves. Therefore promoting unity amongst them. Other children saw it as a chance to visit/ adventure new places so as to learn more experiences about their surrounding



Children while participating in Music, Dance and Drama clubs

WHAT DID THEY LEARN ABOUT THEM?

These clubs served as a centre of socialization among the volunteers and the children as well through exchanging ideas. There has been cultural intervention as the volunteers and the children could share more about their respective cultural diversities which helps in learning more about culture. These clubs promoted self-esteem amongst the children in that they can easily debate on certain topics like alcohol or drugs being harmful to human life, leadership, socio-economic aspects, health, environment among others which aim at sharpening their brains. These clubs have made the children to appreciate nature, environment for example: an activity of planting trees, say in school compound teaches the young generation to preserve nature and always taking care of the seedlings planted.



School Children while learning in small groups facilitated by the volunteers

'NO MEANS NO' CAMPAIGN: THE CHALLENGES THAT GIRLS FACED WITH THEIR SEXUAL HEALTH AND RIGHTS

A KYDA Focus group discussion conducted before pads were distributed to teenage mothers by a Psychosocial Support Officer from TASOs' – Sustained Outcomes for Children and Youth (SOCY). They had challenges of lack of enough information on issues related to sexual reproductive health and rights the pandemic has greatly kept them backwards. There has been great earmarks of teenage pregnancies during the lockdown which have overwhelmed their health and life span . Hence leading to formation of Teenage Single mother-Headed Families which might be a result of premarital unprotected sex and inadequate Family planning services.

On another hand Rape, defilement, incest, these situations make young girls

face strange moments characterized by sexual humiliation whereby, its hard for them to fight and protect their rights . As a result many have acquired STDs during the pandemic or lockdown.

Violence at homes inform of Gender Based Violence from some guardians especially those who abuse drugs and alcohol in families where these girls come from . Results are anxiety, depression, curiosity, lack of self esteem and assaults.

Inadequate nutritious foods especially during the lockdown and lack of sanitary supplies to keep menstrual hygiene.

However, KYDA Response cases were mostly counseling sessions to girls and boys

who had been reported to adopt reckless habits and behavior that would affect their future studies. 13 cases of pregnancies were reported from our centres and there was need to mitigate the trend at its early stage. KYDA did this through appeals to caregivers to be more vigilant and prompt in seeking help on matters beyond their control and abilities from competent entities. Other children were reached through radio listening and mentorship clubs as these gained much momentum following the lifting of the lockdown - towards the end of the third quarter and in the last quarter of 2020.



Teenage mothers posing for a photo after a focus group discussion with the area Aspirant councillor

FROM BEING AN ALCOHOLIC MOTHER TO A BEAUTICIAN: MOLLY PRIDES IN HER COSMETICS BUSINESS.



It's not just an incentive - it's a life-changer. Small incentives and other start-ups distributed by KYDA have not only helped families build sustainable businesses. They've also been crucial to helping families endure the current pandemic. For Molly and her daughter Anisha in Kiganda Slums Kawempe, their incentive meant that they did not have to go hungry when Molly's bar business was stopped by the presidential directives. Here they are interviewed by Daphine Namweru, a staff at KYDA, who works at the Hope Rehabilitation Centre for children affected by alcohol and drugs in Kawempe program that has changed so many lives, with IOGT donor support.

It's a bright, sunny day when ten-year-old Anisha proudly shows off her mother Molly's cosmetics shop, which is flourishing under the family's care. KYDA offered training to Anisha's family in entrepreneurship and small business management and later, handed them a start-up Incentive of UGX 600,000/= (Six Hundred thousand) as a seed for their cosmetics project. Molly's cosmetics centre has proven to be a life-saver during the COVID-19 pandemic. We asked Molly and her daughter Anisha how they've been managing through the pandemic, and how the simple start-up incentive has been able to keep them fed and healthy.

Anisha, how do you feel staying at home? Do you miss school? What have you been doing at home?

"Staying at home has been boring. I love spending time with mum, and my sister, but I miss school a lot. I miss my friends, teachers, and playing sports". "At home I love helping mum with chores like washing dishes, sweeping the house, some simple compound cleaning, and laundry, among others. I am using this time to make my mother happy".

Anisha and her mother Molly, like millions worldwide, have had to adjust to the pandemic. Thankfully their gift of a start-up

incentive has helped them get enough to eat.

How have your mealtimes changed since the pandemic hit?

Anisha: "Before COVID-19 came, we used to eat a variety of food like rice, beans, matooke (green banana), peas and posho (maize). We could eat food three times a day, but now, we strictly have two meals a day". The mother bought a lot of maize flour and beans after making profit at her cosmetics shop..

HOW HAS COVID -19 AFFECTED YOUR FAMILY AND WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES YOU ARE FACING

Hawula:Can you please describe to me the situation and challenges families in your area are going through

Hamuza:, the situation in these vulnerable families has not been so good, in that, the members in most cases could lack most the essential/basic needs of life given the fact that lockdown and quarantine tremendously affected the well-being of the families; such situations accelerated the high rates of unemployment and therefore failure to get some basic needs like food and other necessities due to lack of income.

Hawula:How many meals can a family of your jurisdiction prepare in a day?

Hamuza: Some family (ies) can spend the whole day without food and if it happens to be available, then they can have a single meal per day which is in actual sense unhealthy to an individual more so the young ones.

Hawula:Can you guess what could be the cause of the above

Hamuza: in these trying and hard moments where most nations have suffered to their knees. When we talk about it, most items are very expensive and even there is limited movement of people.

Most of the family leaders/ guardians are no longer working!! ! Eventhough some of them are elder people who are also vulnerable as the children and have no potential to work. It's important to note that , these guardians had been so much worried thinking that, their grand children, daughters and sons could go back to streets and indulge again in bad acts like smoking drugs, snuffing, pick-pocketing and all sorts of hooliganism which had been made history in the lives of those who had transformed and turned back into good and adorable children.

Hawula: A part from the lack of food or basics which other ways has corona threatened families?

Hamuza: Corona has brought up so many issues and mostly domestic violence,

child neglect and abuse due to different perceptions and handling of situation.

Hawula: In case KYDA/ KCCP and our partners came up with an emergency project “Tackling corona will the families welcome it?,

Hamuza: YES Of course. these families may know that God has remembered and like them because they did not know exactly where to begin and end in terms of accessing the basic needs more so of food and soap, yet the pandemic was so abrupt

A New year filled with HOPE.

Our approach

- To equip KYDA social workers with increased knowledge and skills on counselling and handling street children who are addicted to alcohol and drug abuse.
- To link with health centres and facilities to undergo health checkups.
- To provide medical care for the children who fall sick at Hope Rehabilitation and Transit Centre.
- To provide life skills trainings to children
- To conduct child rights training to children
- To conduct one to one meetings with parents/guardians on child rights and parental care..
- To monitor and follow up at family level
- To conduct entrepreneurship skills trainings to parents/guardian who are in need to strengthen their economy
- Printing and distribution of Information, Education and Communication materials and updating all our social media pages.

WHAT ARE YOUR DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE? DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE REST OF THE WORLD?

Semanda Musa said, *"The situation was a bit challenging to us as children plus our mother, the landlord was chasing us out from the house because of money for rent, we did not have even what to eat, yet we were abandoned by our father after beating our mother terribly. We thank the support of food and soap because it has given a new beginning. As our mother gets energy, she will help us look for money to pay for rent since we have got what to eat. I thank everyone for thinking about us. May God bless you all."*

Maama Viola, *"I was beaten up everyday by my husband because I was asking him for food yet he had no money to sustain us. The most painful thing was, the little money he used to get, he could just use it to buy alcohol and leave the children starving without what to eat but with this help, we thank whoever endeavored and remembered us in these challenging months of Covid-19, who are we to have what to consume for six weeks, the situation has really challenged us in our homes. We thank you all a lot for the support"*.

Bwanika George William, *"I am extremely happy with what the organization has provided me with, actually the situation has been complicated due to the out-break of corona virus (COVID-19). I am really appreciative with the following: Posho, beans, sugar and soap which will last us at least for 6 weeks. I once again thank the organization and social workers for the great job they have done. May God reward you abundantly."*

KirutaHamuza, *"I am very happy to be provided with something to eat like posho, beans, sugar and also have soap for hand washing to protect my siblings to use in these trying moments of Covid-19. The situation was not good from the start since I had to work hard to get my siblings what to eat as an elder brother. But due to the support given to us, it has eased our way of living and changed the situation for the best. I thank everyone who has taken his or her time to support us. I am indeed very happy. May the living God bless you all with a lot of blessings."*

Father of Namutebi Victoria, "My marriage is a bit stable now because my wife wanted to leave whenever she asked me for food and I couldn't provide. My children used to cry day and night longing for what to eat. But with the support rendered to us, we are now living a happy life at home and we thank you for the great work and efforts you have put in and always checking on us to know how we are. We know we can't repay you back but God will pay you for us all. We thank you so very much for everything."

NassoziNulu's grandmother, "What can I say, I am very happy and for the support you have given to us, now my grandchildren have what to eat. I really couldn't imagine how I could go about this hard situation without any help. I am an old woman who can't work and these children were abandoned. I just pray to God to bless you all." And due to a lot of happiness, tears were seen coming out of her eyes.

Blessing's grandmother, "we are so glad for our food and it tastes good. All thanks to the organization and donors. May God reward you all" .

BalekeSalim's grandmother, " Oh thanks so much for getting us what to eat with our grandchildren, thanks for what you do for the nation. May God bless you all.

Nulu's Grandmother, "Oh my God, I couldn't believe that such people with good heart still exist in this world, who knew how we would survive in this pandemic?? What would we have done in such situation, how would I have fed all my 12 grandchildren without their parents. This is actually a blessing to us; I wish I could be able to see those people at least to give them a glass of water in my house. Am really so appreciative for all what is given to us. We thank everyone for the support and good heart to consider my grandchildren in this crisis situation. May God bless and reward the works of all your hands."

Taata Victoria, "Thank you so much for all that you do for us, I know we are not able to reward you back but I believe God is our witness and knows than all of us how to reward people with such good hearts. You have supported us for so far 18weeks, who are we?? not to think about buying food for our children. I know many people are suffering. Thank you once again for what you do, I appreciate a lot all your efforts. God bless you."



FROM ONE OF THE PREVIOUS INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS AT KYDA

Thank you so much for sharing your presentation with us. I smiled during the whole time while reading it, I recalled so many memories. It was a rollercoaster of emotions and events and I am grateful for each and one of them. I am glad we had the opportunity to meet you all and be part of your community. Sometimes things do not go as planned as it happened to our meeting. Life goes on and sometimes changes the design we imagined for it, but being there was definitely an impactful and fruitful experience for our paths. Thank you for being part of it. I'm sending my warmest thoughts Vahcea Loana Mihaela Romania

LIFE CHANGING INCENTIVES MESSAGES FROM THE RECIPIENTS OF COVID-19 INCENTIVES TO START INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES

With Support from IOGT Sweden, KYDA managed to give incentives to 20 households/families who needed to start up business and others that needed to be boosted. In these 20 families, 16 children are from households and the 4 underwent rehabilitation & were resettled. Each family got six hundred thousand shillings (600,000/=). 20 Households from the areas of Kiganda, Ttula, Kisowera, Mulago and Ssebagala received the incentives to strengthen their businesses. In doing this we mainly aimed at strengthening families with incentives to boost their small businesses and also to create a chance for those who want to change to other businesses. The families were so happy to receive the incentives and they promised to use the money according to the planned budget submitted. In some communities the local leaders helped us to witness the giving of the incentives in their communities and they promised to always make follow up on the family to ensure the incentive are properly used as planned.



Some of the beneficiaries of the Cash grant initiatives, so that they can change their businesses other than selling alcohol.



Director KYDA handing over the sewing Machine set to one of the Beneficiaries as a start-up incentive



NAKAZIBWE'S SEWING MACHINE TAILORS HER LIVELIHOOD, LAUDS KYDA VOCATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING CENTRE FOR EMPOWERMENT.



Before starting our interview, Sharon Nakazibwe requests me to “**PECK**”; That is keep it as short and simple as possible! Why? She needs to work on her customers' clothes. “I don't want to be the kind of tailors who don't work on customers' clothes in time. It is a bad business practice” And indeed, a pile of clothes on a table beside her sewing machine, premised in her 'sitting room' justified her plea. The 20-year-old, then goes on to share her story of change from a miserable primary seven drop out and teenage mother to now a skilled tailor who ably sustains herself. **“ When I dropped-out in primary seven due to vulnerability, I wished to have**

a vocational skill, but this, too, was not possible making it hard for me survive and my little son”

She recalls. But between 2018 and 2019, her wish came to reality. She met KYDA coordinators who were looking for HIV positive girls to enroll on the project. KYDA Vocational & Livelihood skills training centre is an initiative developed by KYDA to implement high-quality combination care & support, prevention to adolescent girls and young positives aged 15-24 years to address the structural drivers that directly or indirectly increase girls' HIV risk. Such young positives are equipped with sustainable skills, including hair dressing, tailoring, knitting, crafts, soap making and making Black books. They are also trained in saving to start up business, reproductive health and building their resilience to fight HIV. Nakazibwe says upon getting this opportunity, she didn't hesitate to join “I joined Kawempe Drop-in- centre and specialized in tailoring and emerged a tailor after two years of training. But along the way, she says, she met so many challenges. Majority of her colleagues with whom she joined, gave up and went to settle for casual jobs and relying on men . “Treating this chance as the only solution for her woes, having got tired of men who don't even take up their responsibilities” Nakazibwe says she had to persevere **“I needed to be a self-sustaining young woman and this was only possible if I had skills. My friends nicknamed me ‘ miss never give up’ and they could shout at me on my way to and from the drop-in-centre,”** the seemingly reserved Nakazibwe shares. Later, she completed the two-year training and graduated in 2019, getting sewing machine as start-up kit. From her mothers' friend. Motivated by her passion to work, and ably take care of her child, Nakazibwe didn't wait to have established premises; she premised her business at home. “It is where my customers find me” She earns between 5,000 to 8,000/= per day/ 240,000/= Ugandan shillings a month. Besides there are some good days she can earn above 20,000/=

Her Dreaming big:

To diversify income, ‘Miss never give up’ wants to give more meaning to her nickname by having another small business to get capital and expand the business.

COVID-19: IVAN EMPOWERED KYDA VOCATIONAL TRAINEE BENEFICIARY: STITCHES HIS WRECKED LIVELIHOOD BY MAKING MASKS



Coronavirus has wrecked economies. It has left Countries, Organizations, families and households struggling to stay afloat. But for Ivan, a tailor, who was equipped with this vocational skill by KYDA livelihoods centre, the infamous pandemic has got him a business opportunity after getting a tender to make reusable masks.

The 20-year-old is among the hundreds of out of school vulnerable Adolescents on the Vocational & Livelihoods Skills Training Centre who were selected to make masks for distribution to KYDA beneficiaries during the pandemic lockdown.

Because of the presidential directive of school closure, the Centre machines had become idle he grabbed the opportunity using the centre tailoring machines and was chosen to give back to the community. Ivan spends most of his time making masks. This has changed his lock down stress from lamenting, like many school drop-out teenagers, to making money for his survival.

Before getting the deal, by using his tailoring machinelvan was already making masks from home selling them to locals in Kagoma and Maganjotrading centres In Nabweru division, Sometimes in Bwaise Kawempe Division where residents have overwhelmingly embraced wearing masks as these are City suburb neighborhood near Kampala, which is amongst the risky area as many citizens have emerged positive of the disease.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

VOCATIONAL TRAINING:

During the 2020 Covid-19 Lockdown, having had limited activities for the then closed vocational school, KYDA started on the process of remodeling learning for her vocational Training Centre. As such, all vocational instructors were taken through a 3-day training in Action Learning. They were trained in processes that involve small groups working on real problems of the KYDA Vocational Training Centre, taking action, and learning as individuals, as a team, and as the school. Anticipated results were: enhanced creativity, flexibility and successful strategies to upping the performance of the KYDA Vocational School.

A simple assessment conducted in Early February 2021 has shown an immediate positive impact of the training for vocational instructors. We evaluated the impact of training on the tutors of handiwork courses approximately 7 months after the training.

Method: An intensive five-day training workshop for vocational instructors was conducted between July and September 2020. 4 of the 8 participants were randomly selected for evaluation of the impact of training on their activities approximately 7 months after the workshop. Qualitative methods were used, namely in-depth interviews, direct observation of classroom teaching by the participants and focus group discussion with their students. Results: The participants interviewed reported a positive impact of the 'training of trainers' (TOT) workshop on the manner in which teaching/instruction is done. Direct observation of the four participants revealed that three of them exhibited a high devotion with the TOT course material and had embraced the teaching techniques taught. The tutors' students also reported an improvement in the quality of their vocational classes.

Conclusion: The training had an overall positive impact on the activities of the trainees approximately one year after the workshop.

Therefore KYDA Vocational Training Centres continues to offer training courses that serve real time needs. Our students are prepared into entrepreneurs and a dependable and employable workforce. They exhibit a creativity advantage over their competition, able to identify and solve customer problems, always bring out something new and able to analyze the market.

FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

In 2020, more than ever before, with the emergence of Covid-19 and the ongoing sensitization of the populace on the importance of good nutrition as a preventive, our beneficiaries were seen to be more active in growing, expanding and maintaining kitchen and fruit gardens in their homes.

We equally saw more improvisation and creativeness in creating agricultural space in homes, coupled with requests for trainings in raising vegetables from our social workers as well as our community volunteers and former beneficiaries. This is a good thing and a plus to our efforts to uplift nutritional standards among the households in our constituency of service.



Rehabilitated children at our Centre meant to appreciate and embrace agriculture to avoid being idle

KYDA AND SDGs

POPULARIZING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) WITH GLOBAL GOALS WORLD CUP 2020

KYDA focuses on HEALTH which is **Goal No. 3**.

Ms. Mpatta Mariam the CEO of Global Goals, Director of Africa Sports Foundation welcomed KYDA Team which had turned up for the launch at Lugogo Star Times Stadium. She gave a brief introduction about Global Goals World Cup; she said the aim of this G.G is to create awareness around the sustainable goals in East Africa. She said this Global Goals World Cup was launched in 2016 by UN Team and it was initiated by two women from Denmark and the UNDP & are the Global Partners. The tournaments have been played in Dubai, Barhong, Denmark, and New York. Since she was among the executives in the tournaments in those countries, she brought the idea to East Africa so as they also get involved in participating with other countries, this was introduced in November 2019 to FUFA in Uganda and they welcomed the idea. She thanked those who managed to register with Global Goals World Cup in East Africa. She said East Africa its three countries which have been engaged in Global Goals that is Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania and in Kenya there were 6 teams which had registered for the tournament, Tanzania had 1, Uganda 28 but there are others which were promising to register and in case they do Uganda would be having 39 teams to play for the tournament.

She read out the teams that registered and KYDA Team was among and it was called team Doctors playing on **goal 3**.



Above is KYDA Team "The Doctors" that participated in the Global Goals World cup.

OUTCOMES: Together, invited women from different fields" women leaders from around the world, across all sectors, including politics, business, civil society, academia, the arts and media. to champion each other and share what we all are fighting for and how we can best support each other in creating more spaces for girls and women on and off the field. 2020 years' forum was a meaningful and action-oriented series of conversations and collaborations.



EDUCATION



KYDA social workers conducting Home Based Schooling for children during the pandemic period.

Under the consortium IDAY Uganda and Africa Population & Health Research Centre (APHRC) in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES) and Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) KYDA got involved in conducting a study to understand schooling patterns among children living in urban poor households in Kampala Metropolitan, and the opportunities that exist for them and those with special needs.

Why KYDA Joined the consortium

- To strengthen our voice as CSOs working on urban Education.
- To Identify activities for an urban Education Group to champion Education for the urban poor.
- To Identify key policies/ issues informed by research evidence for engagement.

NOTE:

IDAY Uganda brings together organizations and educational institutions in Uganda for purposes of planning, coordinating and implementing programs and projects aimed to promote education and dignity of the African child. IDAY Uganda supports groups committed to influencing education policies relating to promotion of basic quality education in Uganda and supports networking and sharing of experiences related to promotion of education for all among slum communities.

CHALLENGES

Supporting parents with children at home during this pandemic is challenging. For instance, exploring ways in which learning can be delivered at home for children. Besides, many parents don't know how to talk about Covid-19 to their children in a manner that is not scary.

KYDA is challenged with issues related to gender disparities during this emergency period. That is, women nowadays are the ones who undertake the care burden at home and when all members of the household stay at home, the burden of care for women increases disproportionately. In some families, gender-based violence and violence against children are on the increase because of a heightened level of anxiety among members!

The Corona Virus interfered with our daily activities in the sense that; the communities in our scope that we work with are mainly vulnerable families, those which can not afford 2 meals a day, those whose children had turned to be street children due to failure of getting basic needs like shelter, medical care. Those families comprised of the elderly, those who can't support themselves to get day to day needs. Those families with meager income almost unable to get employed, with children who are unable to go to school due to lack of school fees.

Community side

- The involvement of male parents /guardians in disciplining and parenting for children isn't enough and the majority of males don't care.
- Some parents / guardians haven't taken full responsibility for parenting and supervising their children e.g. those working parents who come back late in case both are working they leave children to be brought up by domestic workers.
- The socio- Economic-imbalance-that is much poverty; some parents are not minding about the groups their children always join beside some parents/guardians lost hope in their children.
- Men are continuously hooked in exploitation of the girl children.
- Polygamous marriages/families have escalated the problems of child neglect and exploitation.
- In some Zones, community structures haven't taken their concern or initiative to protect or promote children rights that is, there is poor law enforcement.
- Unemployment or lack of skills sometimes has pushed children to become law breakers.



Children in the demonstration garden acquiring agricultural skills



Sponsored boys at the Garage



During the Training by Wezesha Impact



One of the school out-reach activity for Smart Clubs

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