

YOUTH AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT (YAWE) FOUNDATION



ANNUAL REPORT 2015



Strength Through Unity & Understanding
YAWE F. NGO Registration Number S.5914/5441

YAWE Foundation hosts Austrian Governor.



YAWE Foundation staff and volunteers
with Austrian Governor (3rd right),
L. C. V. Kabarole District (2nd right).

On 28th of October 2015, YAWE F. had the opportunity of hosting the Governor who was on a tour to development projects in Uganda.



Yawe Foundation staff pause for a photo with schools' representatives after Hygiene and sanitation music dance festival 2015



Youth line up for HCT services during a community outreach



Yawe Foundation Youth Conference 2015 At Servant King, Musoma, Fort Portal.



Yawe Foundation Vocational Class



Yawe Foundation Drama Group

Vision

An enlightened society through sustainable social economic development and good health for all.

Mission

To create improved standard of living among the community through social support and income generating projects through sustainable socio-economic development where unity and solidarity amongst communities allow the advancement to improved livelihoods.

Aims and objectives

- To mobilize, organize the youth and women under one forum and offer platform of cooperation to foster development.
- Rise community awareness on primary health concern including STDs and HIV/AIDS.
- Promote poverty eradication strategies through promotion of skills, talent and resources mobilization.
- To promote social economic welfare of the vulnerable in the community e.g women, youth and people with disabilities.
- Enhance proper community management of natural resources (environmental protection)
- To link member groups with other development partners for sharing information, experience and resources.

OUR CORE VALUES

- Honest and integrity
- Hard work
- Team work
- Non discrimination
- Respect for humanity
- Confidentiality

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List of acronyms

ABC:	Abstinence, Be faithful, and Condom use
AIDS:	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ANC:	Antenatal Care
ART:	Anti Retroviral Therapy
BCC:	Behaviour Change Communication
CDC:	Centre for Disease Control
CDO:	Community Development Officer
CORPs:	Community Own Resource Persons
CSF:	Civil Society Fund
CSW:	Commercial Sex Workers
DHO:	District Health Officer
FP:	Family Planning
HC:	Health Centre
HCT:	HIV Counselling and Testing
HIV:	Human Immunal Deficiency Virus
IEC:	Information Education Communication
JCRC:	Joint Clinical Research Centre
KUSA:	Kabarole Unique Stars Association
MARPs:	Most At Risk Populations
NGO:	Non Governmental Organisation
PLHA:	People Living wth HIV/AIDS
PMTCT:	Prevention of Mother To Child Transmission
RHU:	Reproductive Health Uganda
SCIPHA:	Strengthening Civil Society for Improved HIV/AIDS and OVC Service Delivery in Uganda
SMC:	Safe Male Circumscision
STDs:	Sexually Transmitted Infections.
STIs:	Sexually Transmitted Infections
VHTs:	Village Health Teams

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Message from Executive Director



I feel much prevelaged to present to you YAWE Foundation's annual report of 2015 which summarises the highlights of our progress in the course of the year. It was a very exciting and action packed year for us. We met and exceeded most of our program targets for the year. we implimented a comprehensive combination prevention strategy and we focused our efforts on the most at risk populations such as truckers, commercial sex workers, bodaboda riders, men and women in uniform, plantation workers, incarcerated populations, and youth out of school. The youth have continued to exhibit exemplary leadership and commitment of fight HIV/AIDS and

The climax of the youth activities for the year were concluded by a well organised youth conference which started on 28th Nov. to 2 Dec. 2015. Over 200 youth attended and also participated in the national commemoration of World AIDS Day on 1st December 2015 at Bukuuku HC IV in Bukuuku Sub county. The youth partipated actively in a variety of activities aimed at minimising HIV transmission and advocating for care and support for PLHA. In September 2015, we successfully ended SCIPHA project which we have been implementing in Kabarole district since February 2014 with funding from Joint Clinical Research Centre (JCRC)/CSF. This gave us the chance to reach out so many people with HIV prevention, care and treatment services. It was a humbling challenge for YAWE F. and we executed the responsibility to the best of our ability for the benefit of the district and the nation at large.

YAWE F. in September 2015 successfully concluded hygiene and sanitation project in the community which inceased access to safe water and improve water system maintenance mechanisms in schools and communities. The youth have been a special inspiration, YAWE F. in 2016 will continue to offer support to the youth especially developing their skills and opportunities for greater success.

Lastly I thank all partners who supported YAWE F. work throughout the year because without your financial support, we wouldn't have done what we were able to do.

Akora George William
Executive Director

Introduction



Yawe Foundation facilitating a community dialogue meeting on how to address structural drivers of HIV/AIDS in Buheesi Sub County, Kabarole district.

We work with the community to identify key challenges and find solutions. This is key for the success of our project

Background information

YAWE Foundation started as a Community Based Organization in 2000 by a group of youth and women. It later legally registered with National NGOs Board as NGO in 2004 (Registration NGO number S.5914/5441). Since its inception YAWE Foundation has been involved in activities directly targeting the youth and other vulnerable people in the community. It has a revolutionary idea of organizing the youth, women and other vulnerable people under one forum, offering them a platform of co-operation for the promotion of human rights, HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns, and encourages activities of self reliance through capacity building of community members in entrepreneurship and business enterprises management. The organization works with other partners in the district such as the District Health Office and networks of people living with HIV.

YAWE Foundation has establishing a strong network of young positives in Kabarole and the neighbouring districts with the aim of empowering them to overcome stigma, improve treatment adherence, and live positive lives. This has been a unique intervention that has brought on board the young positives on the campaign to achieve Zero new HIV/AIDS related death, Zero stigma and discrimination, and Zero new HIV transmission.

Governance

YAWE Foundation has a patron, board of directors, executive committee, staff and volunteers. Delegates from the member groups constitute the general assembly and convene annually to elect the directors and the executive committee.

The organisation currently has over 300 members with in 10 member groups. The staff is composed of 20 full time position and several volunteers. A team of volunteers work full time and part-time with the organisation, undertaking activities which are coordinated the Executive Director and staff.

Programmes

- a. **HIV/AIDS prevention awareness**
 - ❖ Community sensitization.
 - ❖ Free HIV counseling and testing, care and treatment.
 - ❖ Annual Candlelight event
- b. **Support to orphans and HIV positive adolescents/youth.**
 - ❖ Psycho social support
 - ❖ Provide fees and scholastic materials.
 - ❖ Health education
- c. **Skills development**
 - ❖ Life skills Leadership skills
 - ❖ Entrepreneurship skills
 - ❖ Vocational skills
- d. **ICT literacy and information sharing**
 - ❖ Computer training
 - ❖ Electronic information sharing and E-learning
- e. **Human rights promotion and protection**
 - ❖ Civic education and human rights awareness
 - ❖ Female youth empowerment on self reliance
- f. **Income generation projects**
 - ❖ Handcraft making,
 - ❖ Savings and Credit
 - ❖ Poultry
 - ❖ Animal husbandry
- g. **Culture and sports**
 - ❖ Music, dance and drama
 - ❖ Puppet theatre presentations
 - ❖ Brass band training
 - ❖ Football, net-ball, athletics
- h. **Environment/climate change and sustainable agriculture**
 - ❖ Community sensitization on climate change
 - ❖ Training farmers in modern farming methods and kitchen gardening
 - ❖ Agro forestry
- i. **Water, hygiene and sanitation**
 - ❖ Promoting hygiene and sanitation in schools and communities
 - ❖ Hygiene and sanitation clubs in schools
 - ❖ Wash program in communities and schools.

Psycho social day at YAWE Foundation



Psycho Social day at YAWE Foundation Youth health centre, Rwengoma.

YAWE Foundation supports over 200 orphans and vulnerable children and adolescents both socially and psychologically. Most of the children are living with HIV and coming from different sub counties of Kabarole District. Most of the children are in school and a few are not due to financial limitations. YAWE Foundation has organized these youth into support groups so that they can support each other through sharing knowledge and experience.



Youth participate in pulling exercise during psychosocial day at YAWE Youth Centre

Every Saturday is a psychosocial day for the youth at our centre and a lot of activities take place on this day. We offer general health talks, reproductive health services, HIV Counseling and Testing services, Mentorship relationships, and leadership skills training, peer education, music dance and drama, brass band training as well as sharing meals.



Fun day at YAWE Youth Centre as youth participate in eating competition



YAWE Drama Group during practice at YAWE Youth centre

Our work in the community



Tadeo Byamukama, the Project Coordinator and Johanna From Austria visiting Komuhendo Rose, one of the beneficiaries of Goats for life project.

We are proud that Goats for Life project has empowered the youth to earn income to improve their livelihoods.

YAWE Foundation in the year 2015 has continued supporting adolescents living with HIV and other vulnerable children and adults to improve their welfare. In this program we initiated “Goats for life Project ” in 2013 whereby we have been supporting each family with a goat or a pig as part of economic development and welfare. We have so far supported 55 families. It’s so amazing that the goats and piglets given to families have now multiplied and the youth are really excited of this project.



YAWE F. staff gives out goats to the youth at YAWE Fourth Centre, Rwengoma

In the year 2015, we are happy that through collective effort YAWE staff, youth and other partners like students of Kicwamba Technical College and members of Rotaract Club Fort Portal, were able to build three houses for vulnerable children and adults. With limited resources we were able to bring a smile to the needy.



YAWE F. staff and youth building for Kezabu Ciccy, A bed ridden woman in Bukuuku Sub County

Community health care project



YAWE F. staff and police in charge of child protection helping to find a home for Cathy a special needs child who was abandoned by her mother.

YAWE has continued promoting and protecting children rights especially the most neglected children. In the year 2015 we have supported 36 children with special needs. These children have varying needs, but we have worked our best to improve their welfare. Some have been provided with nutritional supplements, physiotherapy services, psychosocial support, medical support, scholastic materials among others. We are grateful to Kyaninga Child Development Centre for working with us in supporting these children. We have mobilised care takers of these children into an association and we conduct a care takers day quarterly at YAWE youth centre. On this day we have been training them on how to best take care of these children and also give them opportunity to share their experiences. We have been successful in following up these children and caring for their needs through our community health work who visit them every month.

Community Hygiene and Sanitation



Yawe Foundation hands over a fully installed 10,000 litres water tank to Butebe primary school in Karambi Sub County, Kabarole district. This project was possible with support from Austrian Development Cooperation

In the year 2015, we have supported Kiguma Catholic church community, Butebe, Kiguma and Kahinju primary schools to access water through rain water harvesting.

Hygiene and sanitation project



Yawe F. staff with guests from Austrian Development Cooperation (right) analysing water crisis at Kahinju P/S.



Yawe F. staff with guests from Austrian Development Cooperation (right) analysing the broken water system at Kiguma P/S.

The project was implemented in 5 institutions in Karambi and Bukuuku Sub counties, namely Kahinju Primary School, Butebe Primary School and Yawe Foundation Youth Centre in Karambi Sub County; Kiguma Catholic Church and Kiguma Primary School in Bukuuku Sub County.

The overall objective of the project was to enhance the quality of life in the community members in the target area in Kabarole District through improved access to clean water; improve sanitation and hygiene knowledge,

practices and attitudes; and reducing breakdown and damages of the water system at least by 50%. To realize the above objective the following activities were done; community sensitization workshop, meetings with the school management committees, formation of water committees in primary schools, Kiguma Catholic Church community, and formation of hygiene and sanitation clubs in schools that benefited.

Members of the hygiene and sanitation clubs were trained in hygiene and sanitation practices to support teachers and guiding their fellow pupils in promoting hygiene and sanitation and maintenance of the water sources.

The project activities involved purchase and installation of three 10,000 litres plastic tanks and their accessories like gutters and wash pipes. The tanks were placed as follows; Butebe primary school, Kiguma Catholic Church and Yawe Foundation youth centre. Repairs of the existing water tanks and fitting of new gutters and construction of man halls to protect water taps were done at Kahinju and Kiguma primary schools.



Yawe staff training Hygiene and sanitation club at Kiguma P/S



Matama Rosette (left) from Elon Water Engineering and construction Ltd. facilitating a training for water management committee at Kiguma Catholic Church.

The project was successfully achieved the following results.

- a) 10,000 litres plastic water tank with its accessories was installed at each of the following institutions; Kiguma Catholic Church, Yawe Foundation youth centre, and Butebe primary school.
- b) Repaired existing water tanks, fitted gutters and constructed man hall to protect the water taps at Kahinju, and Kiguma primary schools.
- c) Established water management committees in the target institutions to ensure proper water usage and maintenance.
- d) Established hygiene and sanitation clubs in Kahinju, Butebe and Kiguma primary schools to promote hygiene and sanitation practices among pupils and overseeing water usage and maintenance.
- e) Increased access to safe water in the five institutions
- f) Reduced water expenditure (monthly water bills from National water and sewerage cooperation), especially for Yawe Foundation youth centre,
- g) Increased knowledge on hygiene and sanitation among the target beneficiaries.

Hygiene and sanitation Music dance and drama festival 2015



Pupils of Kahinju P/S presents a traditional folk song during Hygiene and sanitation Music and drama festival 2015 held on 20th Nov 2015 at Yawe Youth Centre.

Hygiene and sanitation music dance and drama festival 2015 was aimed at increasing good hygiene and sanitation knowledge and practices in schools and communities. Kahinju, Butebe and Kiguma primary schools. The overall winner for 2015 festival was Kahinju P/S. A lot of prizes were given to schools and individual participants, which included a trophy, foot and net balls, scholastic materials etc.



Pupils of Kiguma P/S presents a play/skit during Hygiene and sanitation music dance and drama festival 2015 held 20th Nov 2015 at Yawe Youth Centre.

YAWE Foundation demonstration Poultry farm and garden



YAWE Foundation chicken
demonstration farm

In 2015, YAWE Foundation embarked on strengthening chicken and agricultural demonstration farms as a way of teaching the youth affordable ways of improving nutritional supplies in families.

YAWE Foundation demonstration garden



Young people from Kyaka II Refugee Camp tour YAWE Foundation demonstration garden during their learning visit.



Mirriam (left) from Kira tour co. touring YAWE demonstration gardening during a photo camp for culture and climate change.



YAWE Foundation staff with youth beneficiaries after receiving Krailer Cocks for cross breeding.

Our agricultural demonstration poultry farm and garden aim at encouraging young people to learn best practices of growing vegetables and poultry keeping. The youth directly participate in the maintenance of these projects as they gain skills and motivations to start and manage their own projects at their respective homes.

In 2015 we stocked 150 kroiler chickens. The project has registered success. We have supplied 80 youth with Kroiler cocks for cross breeding to improve on their poultry farming. The hens are now laying eggs which shall be taken to incubator to get more chickens.

We encourage the members to engage in agriculture through practicing best farming methods such as kitchen gardening, poultry etc.

The demonstration gardens at the youth centre help youth get practical lessons and after they are given seeds especially, greens to go and plant in their respective homes.

This program is tailored to addressing nutritional needs at household levels since malnutrition is one of the biggest dangers affecting the health growth and development of children in the communities.

This is the alternative source of getting sustainable food nutrition at household level whereby we encourage women and youth to contribute towards their nutritional welfare so that they can improve their health.

YAWE Foundation Vocational training



YAWE Foundation 2nd Graduation held
on 21st August 2015 at YAWE Youth centre

We are providing the youth with vocational skills in tailoring, knitting, hair dressing, computer applications and bakery skills for sustainable development.



YAWE Hair dressing class



YAWE knitting and tailoring class



Motor Vehicle Mechanic Trainees during hands on training

In 2015 YAWE Foundation passed out 50 young people who successfully completed their vocation training in different fields such as hair dressing, knitting, computer applications, and hair dressing.

We also sponsored 10 youth for hands on training in mechanics at Kaburuga Motors Garage, Fort Portal. The beneficiaries of the vocational program are mostly orphans, adolescents living with HIV and young mothers. We give disadvantaged youth practical skills to start and manage their own business as an attempt to address unemployment problem.

Our training targets mostly vulnerable young adolescents and youth who are out of school. We train the youth in vocational skills such as tailoring, knitting, handcraft making, etc. The training takes three months, therefore the intake is on a quarterly basis and at the end we award certificates. We also integrate our training with entrepreneurship and small scale business enterprise management skills to enable the youth start and manage their own business.



YAWE Foundation computer class

We are training the youth in Basic Computer Skills such as how to use basic applications; hardware/software, storage devices, operating system, Microsoft Office and Web Based Social Net Working Tools such as email, face book, twitter, Skype etc. Our training targets students and school drop outs at secondary level. The training enables the youth use online platforms to share information. It also helps them to become self reliant and improve in their performance since computer knowledge is a prerequisite if one is to excel in higher learning.

Child sponsorship and scholarstic materials support



Vulnerable children and orphans receive scholastic materials at Yawe Foundation youth centre

vulnerable children and ophans are supported with scholstic materials to enable them keep in school. Children were also give cotton school bags as part of enviroment protection.

Although there is Universal Primary Education (UPE) and Universal Secondary Education (USE) in Uganda. Most vulverabe children espically orphans have not been able to access education due to lack of scholstic materials and other PTA fees set at school management level. By providing scholarstic materials over 200 pupils and students have been able attend school and comolete.

Currently, we are fully sponsoring 20 pupils/students in primary and secondary schools in Kabarole district. We support the rest of the students with scholastic materials like exercise books, pens, school bags etc. However, due to limited resources we are not in position to support all vulverable and orphan children who are enrolled in our program

YAWE Foundatin Handcraft project



Thpmas from Austria with YAWE Hand craft members at YAWE Youth Centre

Handcraft project is another area YAWE Foundation has developed to address the current unemployment and poverty problem among the youth. We support and train the youth and women to make handcrafts. The crafts are made from artificial and local raw materials such as animal skin, horns, banana fibers, palm leaves, papers, papyrus etc.

We develop adolescents and youth talents in Art and Craft. The interested youth are trained in practical art and design. With the skills acquired, they can be able to make various art pieces, which can attract both local and foreign buyers.

Youth and women make crafts from their respective homes and meet every Thursday at the Youth Centre for training and sharing knowledge and skills. Crafts produced among others include hand bags, jewelries, table mats, hats, art pieces, decorations, baskets and mats. We also assist in finding market for our products both locally and internationally. These items are sold in our craft shop at the centre and others are exported. The returns from the crafts sales are given to the respective individuals who made the products hence improved standards of living.

YAWE Foundation Bakery project



Team from Ministry of Health, USAID, CDC and Baylor
Uganda tour YAWE Foundation Bakery project

YAWE Bakery is a project of young people living positively initiated in 2015 as source of employment. The projects' products have captured local market.

Kabarole Unique Stars Association (KUSA)

YAWE Foundation mobilized the young people living with HIV in Kabarole district and formed an association known as “**Kabarole Unique Stars Association (KUSA)**” in 2013.

KUSA is network of young people living with HIV in Kabarole and the neighbouring districts. It is based in Rwengoma, Kabarole district, Western Uganda. The association has over 300 members.

Vision: To have an HIV free generation.

Mission: To contribute to the control of the spread of HIV/AIDS, fight stigma and discrimination, embrace disclosure and improve the health of young people living with HIV



YAWE brass Brassband.

3th Annual youth Conference at Servant King, Musoma F/Portal.



Youth participating in a group exercise during the conference



Miss Concepta facilitating a spiritual exercise during the conference



Hon. Alex Ruhunda giving a speech during the conference

The 2015 3rd Annual Youth Conference was very successful and enriching to the participants. The annual youth conference was organised by Kabarole Unique Stars Association in conjunction with Yawe Foundation. It started on 28th November 2015 to 2nd December 2015 at Servant King, Musoma, Fort Portal. It was attended by 210 youth from Kabarole district and the neighbouring districts like Kyenjojo and Ntoroko. It involved HIV positive youth from all the Sub counties of Kabarole district. The guest of honor was Hon. Alex Ruhunda, MP Fort Portal Municipality. Guest speakers among others were Mrs Mabiho Winfred, Gabriel, Margarita and a team from UNYPA-Kampala.

The theme for the conference was, “**United for a positive change**”. It was aimed at strengthening the net work of young people living with HIV in the region. It was geared towards involving young people living with HIV into the prevention campaign, improve adherence and promote positive living.

The key topics discussed included;

- ❖ Adherence
- ❖ Relationships
- ❖ Disclosure.

The youth had a enough time to share their life experiences, personal stories which was very enriching to the participants. A lot of activities took place such as games, music dance and drama.

We are grateful to all our sponsors and well wishers who contributed towards this cause.

World AIDS DAY Commemeration 1st Dec. 2015 at Bukuuku HC IV



YAWE Youth Christine Kasabiti Miss Y+ Western Region give a speech during World AIDS Day



YAWE Drama Group performing during World AIDS Day

YAWE Foundation mobilized over 300 youth to actively participate in the world AIDS Day Commemoration. The youth played a very active role including brassband presentations, speeches, music dance and drama to encourage young people and the generation public to test for HIV and also avoid risky behaviours. They also encouraged people living with HIV to adhere to treatment and live positive lives. They also advocated for adolescents friendly reproductive health services. The youth also advocated for provision drugs for opportunistic infections at YAWE Youth Centre for easy accessibility.

The theme for world AIDS Day 2015 was, **“Zero new HIV related death, Zero stigma and discrimination, and Zero new HIV infection, My responsibility”**

YAWE Foundation Beauty pageant western Uganda 2015

Theme: Beauty with Zero Discrimination



Mr. and Miss Y+ Western Region (seated) after monination



Phionah Bizu Miss Uganda 2014 (3rd right), officiating Mr. & Miss Y+ Western Region beauty pageant



YAWE Executive Director pause for a photo with Mr. and Miss Western Y+ 1st and 2nd runners up winners.

Mr. and Miss Y+ beauty pageant western Uganda function was held On 16th August 2015 at YAWE Youth Centre. It was organised by YAWE Foundation in partnership with UNYPA with the aim fighting stigma among the young people living with HIV and also to empower young people living with HIV to fight for their rights and champion the campaign against stigma and discrimination in the community, promote adherence and positive living.

YAWE Foundation Clinic and community health services



YAWE Foundation clinical staff receive a new electronic sterilizer donated by Perspektive fuer kinder

We operate a static clinic and community outreach for HIV prevention, care treatment, management of STIs and opportunistic infections.

Yawe Medical Centre is a unique centre of its kind in Kabarole district that offers a wide range of youth friendly health services including, HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT), Psychological consultation, Immunization, Family planning services, Antenatal care, diagnosis and treatment of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs).

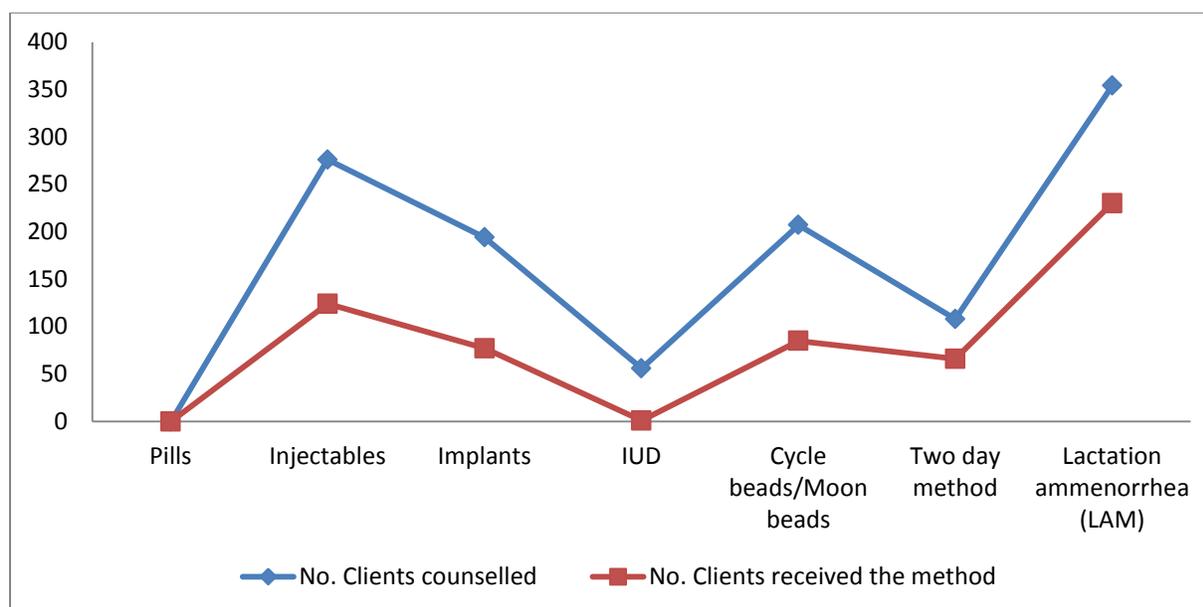
We are very grateful to all our partners especially PFK who have given us financial support and other logistical materials to help in smooth running of our activities. We are also thankful to Joint Clinical Research Centre, (JCRC), RHU, Kagote HC III and Virika hospital for all the logistical supplies that were given to us through the year and we look forward for the continued cardinal partnership. We also say thank you to the Executive Director and the medical staff and other staff members for tireless efforts put in to ensure that we serve our communities, may God bless you.

HCT services at Yawe Medical Centre (January to December 2015)

Age	Total number counselled	Total number tested	Test results	
			Negative	Positive
≤ 12 years	13	13	11	12
12 – 25 years	314	314	304	10
≥ 25 years (Adults)	132	132	127	05
Total	459	459	442	27

We are proud to report that the number of adolescents and youth accessing HCT services at our centre has increased (314). This is attributed to continued efforts on HIV awareness campaigns among young people and referral linkages. All those found HIV positive were enrolled for HIV care/ART and others were referred to health facilities of their choice.

Family planning services offered (January – December 2015)



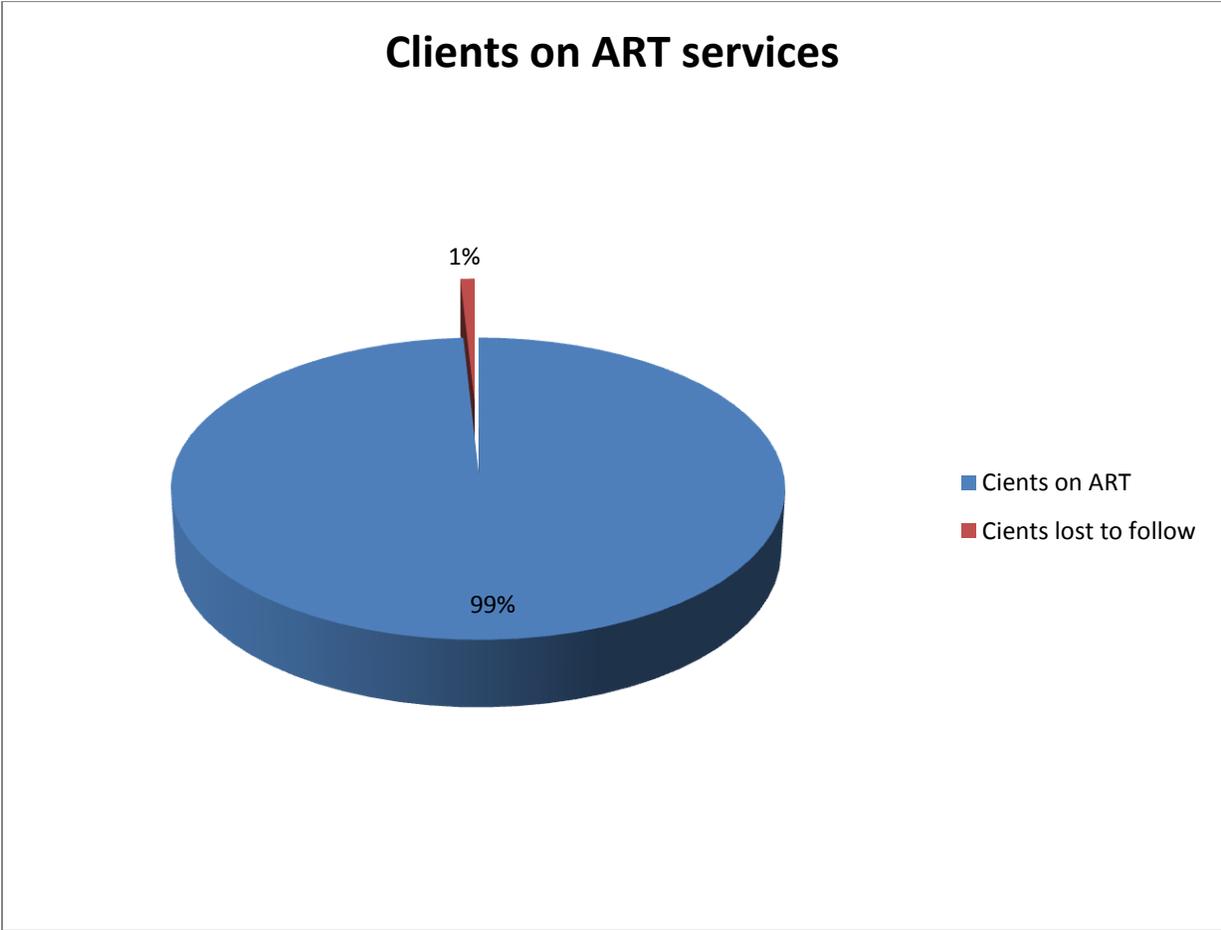
We have increased community knowledge on family planning methods and access to family planning services.

General treatment services (January – December 2015)

Infection/condition/disease	Male	Female	Total
Malaria	23	7	30
Pneumonia	5	4	9
Candidiasis		230	230
Pelvic inflammatory disease		316	316
Urinary tract infection	202	110	312
Respirator tract infection	110	119	229
Peptic ulcer disease	113	109	222
Soft tissue injury	5	2	7
Gastroenteritis	10	21	31
Hypertension	32	23	55
Haemorrhoids	1		1
Diabetes mellitus	10	22	32

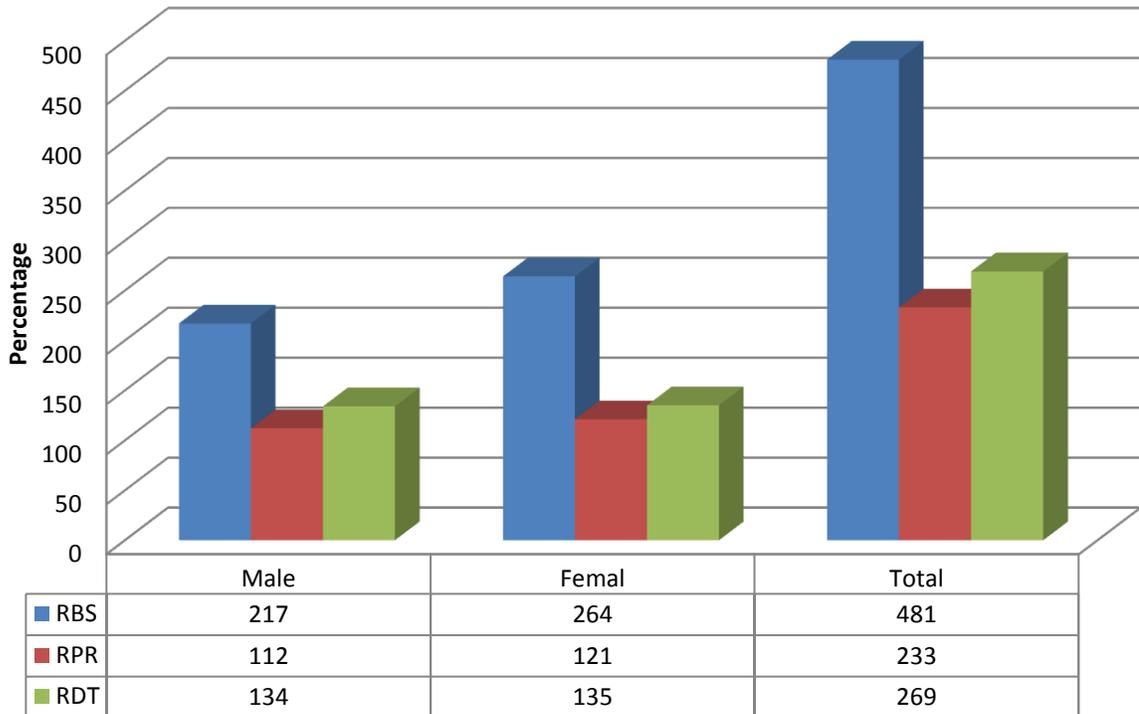
Enteric disease typhoid	6	6	12
Syphilis	5	2	7
Otitis media	12	16	28
Total	534	987	1521

There has been increase in the general clients turn up during 2015 compared to the previous which indicates that the community is aware the good health services offered.



We are happy to report that our ART services have been good. We were able to retain the clients enrolled for ART at 99%. We make constant follow up for psychosocial support to ensure proper adherence.

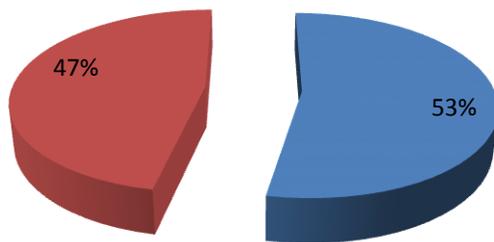
Other Laboratory services offered (January 2015 - December 2015)



Family planning services from January – December 2015 (Both natural and artificial)

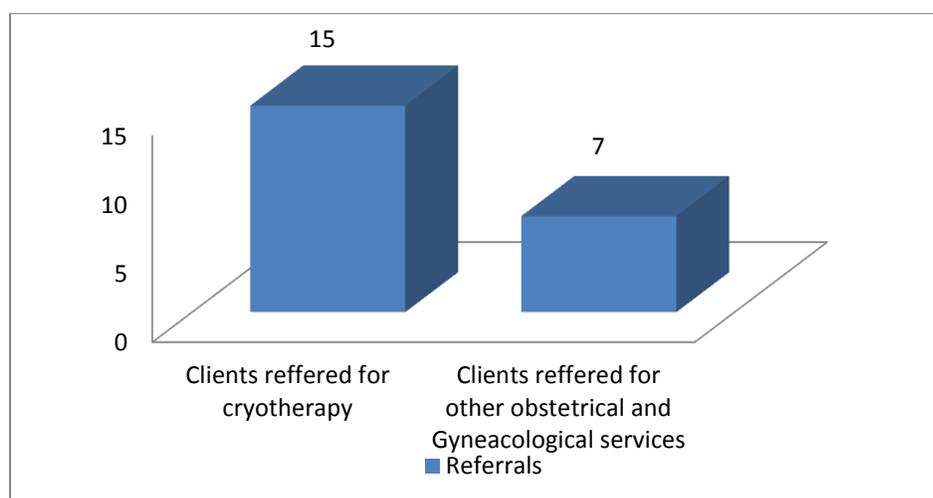
Management of family planning side effects

■ Cases managed ■ Cases referred



We have increased family planning knowledge in the community especially adolescents and youth. The number of youth accessing reproductive health services has increased compared to previous year. We were able to offer comprehensive reproductive health services and manage referral for effective service delivery .

Total number of clients reffered for further management (January to December 2015)



Achievements/successes

- a) Increased HIV counseling and testing services to the youth and other people in the surrounding communities
- b) Conducted radio programmes on Better FM on which we sensitize the communities on health matters.
- c) Conducted adolescent clinic every Saturday whereby we health educated the adolescents and youth on reproductive health issues and other matters affecting them in their daily lives.
- d) Continued partnership with RHU-Uganda, Kagote HC III and other partners like SOS Children's Village, Kiiko tea Estate, TOCI in offering family planning, Cervical cancer screening and HIV counseling and testing services.
- e) Conducted outreaches in hard to reach areas e.g. Buheesi, Kisomoro and Kasenda Sub counties in Kabarole district. Where we offered free HIV counseling and testing, cervical cancer screening , STIs screening and general treatment.We managed to screen/test over 400 women for cancer of the cervix, at least 15 (fifteen) women were found with this cancer and were refered them for treatment.
- f) We acquired 1 sterilizer machine which has eased the work of sterilizing our instruments especially during outreaches.
- g) We partnered with Virika hospital in offering natural family planning services such as cycle/moon beads, two day method and Lactation Ammenorrhea (LAM).
- h) There is increased volume of clients coming for our services at the clinic.
- i) There is generally increased visibility of YAWE health services in the nearby and far communities.

SCIPHA Project

Yawe Foundation in September 2015, concluded one of the most successful SCIPHA project. Under this project Yawe partnered with JCRC to provide HIV/AIDS prevention services and also provide care and treatment to people living with HIV/AIDS in Kabarole district. The project was implemented in hard to reach Sub counties of Kasenda, Buheesi and Kisomoro.

Yawe Community out reach HCT (SCIPHA) project performance summary 2015

Sun County	Age (Years)									Test results		
	5 ≤			5 ≤ 17			18 ≥			No. of HIV V+		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Kasenda	0	5	5	15	38	53	251	453	704	5	5	10
Buheesi	0	2	2	26	50	76	311	195	506	4	7	11
Kisomoro	0	1	1	9	20	29	182	287	469	3	8	11
Fort Portal Municipality	0	0	0	32	30	62	740	304	1044	24	19	43
Total	0	8	8	82	138	220	1484	1239	2723	36	39	75



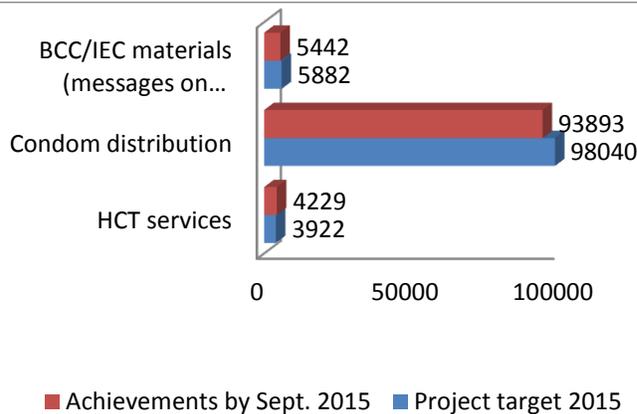
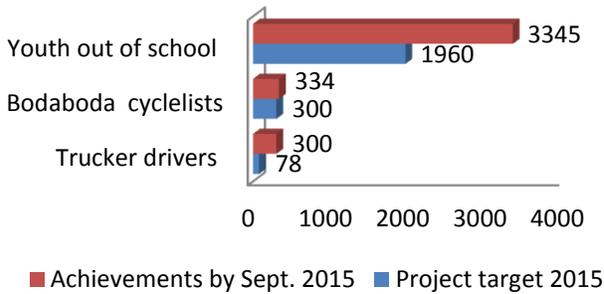
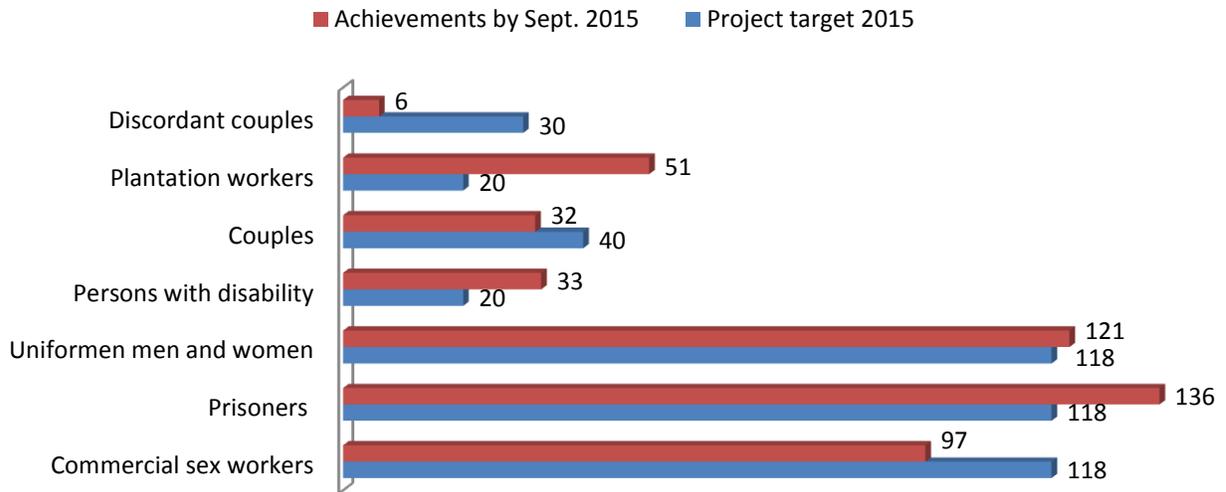
Yawe Staff demonstrating to the youth proper condom use in Kisomoro S/C



People register for health services during a community out reach in Buheesi S/C

The project targeted MARPs in the district, namely; commercial sex workers, trucker drivers, bodaboda cyclists, plantation workers, men and women in uniform, incarcerated population and youth out of school. However due to diversity the target groups, Fort Portal Municipality, Busoro and Ruteete sub counties were added on the main areas of implementation. The most successful strategy of implementation has been working with existing structures in the districts such as health centres, local leaders, CORPs, VHTs selected at parish levels. The project aimed at improving service delivery of HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment.

Key populations offered comprehensive HIV prevention services



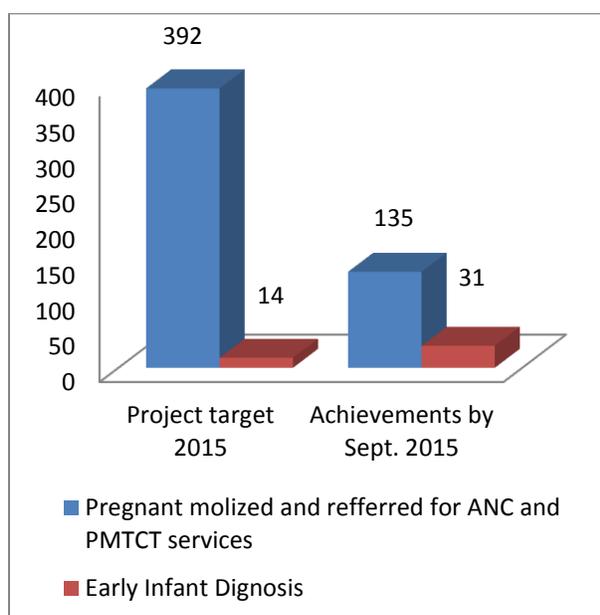
YAWE Dram group sensitizing the community with a skit/play in Kasenda S/C



YAWE staff gives the youth health education during a community outreach

Our performance under SCIPHA project was very successful. We are able to use reach out MARPs with HCT, BCC services and referred HIV positive clients for care and treatment services. We also partnered with local health centres in the Sub counties of operation which made referral management easy for HIV care and treatment, TB testing and management of STIs and opportunistic infections.

Refferal management



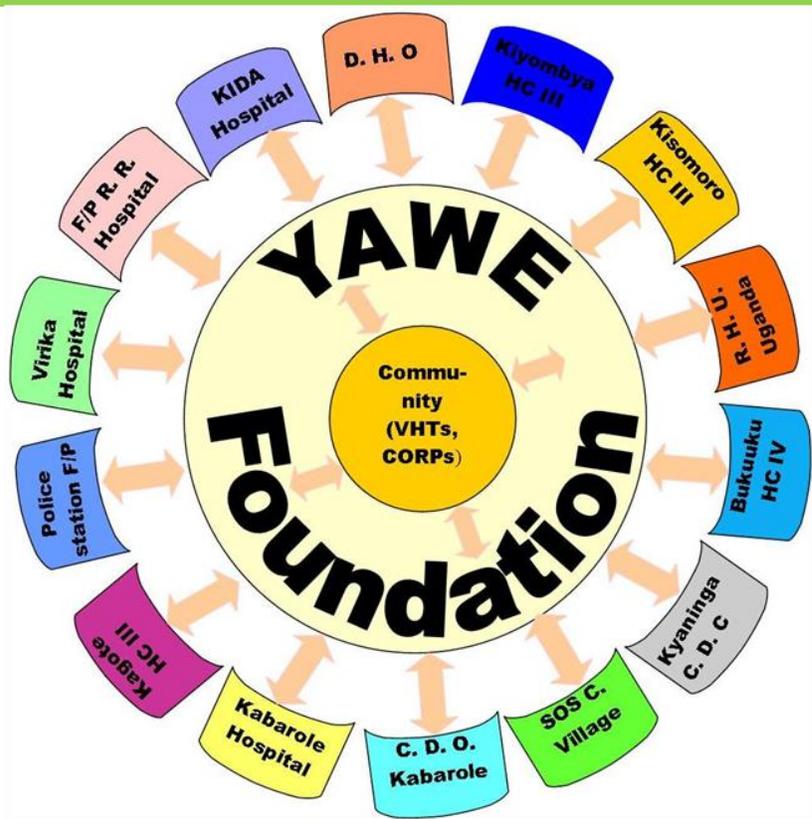
Yawe Foundation staff sensitising PLHA mothers on breast feeding, immunisation and prevetion of malaria and other diseases.

Yawe Foundation HIV prevention activities have aimed at adressing problems that lead to high level of new rates of HIV/AIDS and other related oppportunistic infections in the district as follows;

- i. Addressing the cognitive, emotional, behavioral, and social economic problems that predispose communities to high risk of HIV infection
- ii. Helping communities to access HIV counseling and testing services at grass root level.
- iii. Adoption and maintenance of risk reduction model through peer education and small group discussions.
- iv. Establishing peer clubs for PLHAs such as Mama, Papa and youth clubs for information sharing and support for adherence and economic development.
- v. Reducing stigma and discrimination related to HIV/AIDS in the community.
- vi. Increasing access to effective HIV care and treatment services in the community.
- vii. Identifying PLHAs with opportunistic infections and refer them for care and treatment.
- viii. Conducting CD4 testing to monitor compliance to treatment
- ix. Screening for TB for all PLHAs and refer confirmed cases for treatment

- x. Establishing and managing referrals and linkages for ART and other health needs for effective service delivery.

Referrals and linkages for effective and complete service delivery



Our referral linkages from the community to the service providers has been very effective in ensuring good service delivery. The referral linkages has helped us to provide clients adequate information. It has enabled us to offer clients options for services. This enables the clients to make informed decision to access services for good health. This has worked in a way that after the client has chosen a facility, we write a referral letter to introduce the client and the services referred for.

Referral system has enabled us to help the clients get adequate services in case we have been unable to do so.

YAWE partnership with Rides for lives



People line up for services in our mobile clinic during a community out reach

Our partnership with Rides for lives organisation has been a blessing to the community since 2014. We have been able to reach out so many communities with different services using our mobile clinic throughout the year of 2015. Because we have enough privacy for services in the community.

The community have really appreciated this initiative because once we bring services in their communities it saves them time and money. Since they have to walk long distances to access the health services in town. Because of this, some people in the hard to reach remote areas have always been left unattended for some health services. We are very grateful that with the mobile clinic, such communities have been able to access services. Such services include; health education, HIV Counseling and testing, cervical cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment of STIs, malaria, opportunistic infections etc.

Candle light memorai function



Candle light memorial function at Iruhura Church of Uganda in Kasenda Sub County on 21st June 2015



Yawe staff gives health education to the youth during the candle light event.

Yawe Foundation annually organise annual candle light memorial function. It is a day to remember and pray for our dear ones who died of HIV and also remind the living that AIDS still exist and we need to working together stop its spread and also support people living with HIV to live positive and health lives. Annual candle light memorial function was carried out in Kasenda sub county on 21st June 2015. It was attended among others by local council and religious leaders as well as community members. Health education and services were offered which included HIV counseling and testing, cervical cancer screening, health education on ABC HIV prevention strategy.



Yawe dram group sensitize the community during candle light memorial function in Kasenda

Our success stories



YAWE has prepared for me a good future by paying my school fees, building my self esteem and guiding me appropriately whenever I am wrong.

I am Kasabiti Christiine Akiiki Miss Y+ Western Region aged 17years. I knew YAWE Foundation through the Executive Director Mr. Akora George William when I was 12 years of age. By then I was in primary six and George was working with Virika hospital supporting young people living with HIV/AIDS. Mr. George was such a kind man and good as my counsellor. He supported me to take my ARVs and he ended up not only being my counsellor but also my best guardian. When Mr. George founded YAWE Foundation I was one of the first beneficiaries.

I joined YAWE Psychosocial care program for adolescents when I was 12 years.

During psychosocial day every Saturday we share our life experiences as young people living with HIV, have individual and group counselling, as well as health talks and life skills training. YAWE has helped me to overcome some key challenges like stigma and discrimination I was facing in the family and community which was not an easy task.

Before I used to take drugs the way I wanted and I had low self esteem, I could see my self as nothing in the world.

YAWE helped me to accept my self as I am. YAWE has prepared for me a good future by paying my school fees, building my self esteem and guiding me appropriately whenever I am wrong. It has helped me to fighting stigma which empowered me to contest in the beauty pageant which was organised by UNYPA and YAWE Foundation on 16th August 2015, where I was crowned as Miss Y+ Western region. I was also crowned Miss Y+ 1st runner up 2015-2016 at national level on 18th Sept. 2015. I am proud of who I am and determined to champion the campaign against HIV stigma and discrimination among young people in the community, prevent new HIV infection and HIV/AIDS related death.

Join us, work with us , you will never regret.



YAWE has reduced my stigma and empored me to disclose my HIV status when ever necessary. It has also supported me with goat under "Goats for life project" which is so amazing I received one goat and it produced many goats which can give me income.

I am called Kabagweri Sarah a resident of Bukwali village. I am 19 years old. I grew up as a total orphan with my ground mother and older sister in the same village. I studying from Mpanga S. S. in 'A' Level (seniour sixe). I joined YAWE Foundation in 2012 when I was still in primary school through the Executive Director Mr. Akora George while still working with Virika hospital in a program of children living with HIV/AIDS.

I was inspired to join YAWE Foundation because they were having good programs and activities to support us children living with HIV to live a healthy and happy life like psychosocial day every Saturday whereby we share life experiences through support groups. We also get chance to interact with health workers through health talks and counselling.

YAWE Foundation uplifted my self esteem and social skills through participating in various activities like brassband, music dance and drama etc. YAWE has reduced my stigma and empored me to disclose my HIV status when ever necessary.

It has developed my social communication skills, shaped my behavior, and learnt computer skills. It has also supported me with a goat under "Goats for life project" which is so amazing I received one goat and it produced many goats which can give me income.

There are very many activities that take place at YAWE which benefit us. Personally I am a member of YAWE Brassband and it has helped me to develop my music talent, getting many friends and made me popular. YAWE help its members to develop them selves using their tarlents such as music dance and drama in order to live good standards of living.

I extend my great thanks to YAWE Foundation for having groomed me well and helped me in personal needs. Long live YAWE Foundation and long live Akor George the director and Muganzi Nicholas Brassband trainer.



My name is Fedress Birungi. I am female aged 28 years, a resident of Kagote, West division, Fort Portal Municipality.

I am married with one child. I dropped out of school while I was in primary five due to lack of school fees and other scholastic materials. I grew up as an orphan, my parents died when I was 3 years old. I have four siblings.

Since then life has been very hard because my husband could not provide everything I needed even some basic needs.

It was not easy to make it through life since our parents left us

Special thanks to YAWE Foundation and all sponsors for empowering us girls who had lost hope, because without YAWE I would not be how I am. I did not pay any fees for the vocational training but I was cared for and supported in everything, not only vocational skills but also other life planning, and entrepreneurship skills.

Our eldest brother who was 14 years by then tried to work with the rest of us in order to earn a living. When I dropped out in primary five, I started working as a house maid for 3 years. Then I got married at the age of 15 years. When I completed vocational skills training in tailoring and knitting in 2014 at YAWE Foundation, life has been simplified. I started working at YAWE workshop, when ever it gets tenders to provides tailoring

and knitting services such as school uniforms bags and sweaters.

Now, I have my own tailoring machine, I even work at home. Producing various fashions of clothes which brings me income to sustain my family.

I encourage all the girls who have a chance of studying to keep in school in order to prepare for their future life. Also I encourage the girls and boys who have dropped out of school to come to YAWE for vocational training or join other institutions so that they can be self reliant because dependency is not sustainable and may cause more problems.

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I came at YAWE Foundation where I have learnt skills in tailoring and knitting. So now, I can make clothes of various fashions which bring me income. I am now self reliant and can support my family

My name is Tumusiime Phionah. I am 20 years old. My father died when I was in primary five. My mother could not afford to support me to complete school. So I dropped out of school in primary six.

Then I stayed in the village suffering because I could not get basic needs like clothes etc.

Then I came at YAWE Foundation where I have learnt skills in tailoring and knitting. So now, I can make clothes of various fashions which bring me income. I am now self reliant and can support my family. So I thank YAWE Foundation for the great work which changed my life. **LONG LIVE YAWE FOUNDATION AND ALL OUR DEAR SPONSORS.**



My name is Asaba Shaban, I am 20 years old. I am living in Butebe trading centre with my grandmother and some other sisters and brothers. I am a student of Mpanga Senior Secondary School in senior six doing BCA/Sub math.

My future plan is to be a medical doctor or a science teacher. I am thankful to YAWE Foundation for providing me the opportunity to learn computer skills during my senior four vacation. I got skills and knowledge in computer applications such as hardware and software, Microsoft Office, and internet based social networking and communication tools such as email, Facebook, Twitter, Skype etc. These skills which I acquired are helping in my studies and have improved my social communication and networking using internet based platforms. This message goes to my fellow youth out there that please YAWE Foundation can

empower you with all the skills you need for your future. I encourage you to embrace this chance. I thank YAWE Foundation for the bright initiative to support the youth.

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Good practices

- a) Working with the community through dialogue meetings to create environment for experience sharing and a sense of involvement of community stakeholders.
- b) Community HCT services and sensitization has reduced HIV related stigma and increased demand for HCT services.
- c) Establishing condom distribution outlets is a good strategy for increasing condom use and reducing HIV, STIs, and unwanted pregnancies.
- d) Targeting and working with MARPs like CSW, trucker drivers, plantation workers, bodaboda riders, prisoners, men and women in uniform is a good strategy in reducing HIV transmission and increasing uptake of HIV care and treatment services.
- e) Sharing reports with stakeholders increase information sharing, ownership and good networking.
- f) Working with the CORPs facilitates effective project implementation process, ownership and management of referrals.
- g) Involving adolescents and young people living HIV in the prevention campaign is very effective in reducing stigma related to HIV and increasing disclosure and adherence to care and treatment.

Challenges

- 1. Lack of enough resources to conduct out reaches
- 2. Negative attitudes of the community towards family planning
- 3. Lack of free supply of drugs and medicines to offer to the adolescent and youth since most of them are still in school and some orphans and vulnerable children and youth cannot afford paying medical bills.
- 4. Stock out of testing kits for HIV.
- 5. Bad weather which made some roads impassable.

Way forward

- a) Offering free treatment to adolescents and youth opportunistic infections and other minor illnesses such as STDs.
- b) Establishing in patients services
- c) Acquiring ultra sound scan machine
- d) Attracting more partnerships for information sharing and resource mobilization

List of Yawe Foundation staff and Board members 2015

Staff members

No.	Name	Position
1	Akora George William	Executive Director
2	Byamukama Tadeo	Project Coordinator
3	Kusemererwa Mary	Administrator
4	Muhumuza Samuel	Finance officer
5	Mukuru Micheal	In-charge Yawe Medical Centre.
6	Kabahuma Eunice	Nurse
7	Kakorwa Vincent	Community health nurse
8	Katusabe Hellen	Community health nurse
9	Kagaba Stephen	Programs Coordinator
10	Mugabe Micheal	Field officer
11	Kimera Prince	Field officer
12	Kabatalesa Jeniffer	Tailoring trainer
13	Kebisembo Esther	Knitting trainer
14	Kemigisa Yusta	Hair dressing trainer
15	Birungi Moureen	Office attendant
16	Muganzi Nicholas	Brassband trainer
17	Wamara Edison	Drama trainer
18	Muhumuza Gilbert	Unique stars club leader
19	Byaruhanga John	Chef
20	Monday Andrew	Security guard
21	Mugisa Charles	Security guard

List of Board members

1	Mrs Mabiho Winfred	Chairperson
2	Amanya Tadeo	Vice Chairperson
3	Akora George William	Executive Director
4	Kimoome Margret	Treasurer
5	Kemigabo Margret	Secretary
6		Board member
7		Board member

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2. Austrian Development Cooperation
3. Rides for lives
4. Welthunger helf (German)
5. Peace Corps Volunteers (US)

Local partners

1. Ministry of health
2. Joint Clinical Research Centre (JCRC)
3. Civil Society Fund
4. Reproductive Health Uganda (RHU)
5. Uganda Network of Young People living with HIV (UNYPA)
6. SOS Childrens village
7. Uganda police
8. Twerwaneho Orphans Children Initiative (TOCHI)
9. Holy Family Virika Hospital
10. Uganda Health Marketing Group (UHMG)
11. Young and Older Persons Integrated Development Programme in Africa (YOLIDA)

