



Date: 20th/09/2017

Activity report: Launch of Kabarole Unique Stars Association (KUSA)

Theme: Having an Empowered Society of Young people living with HIV.

Venue. Public Library Kabarole District

Partners. Youth and Women Empowerment (Yawe) Foundation and Uganda Network Of Young People Living With HIV (UNYPA)

Description

It was very powerful on 20/09/2017 when Kabarole Unique Stars Association with support from Yawe Foundation successfully and officially launched the network uniting all the young people living with HIV/AIDS Here in Kabarole District.

Kabarole Unique Stars Association (KUSA), which is a network uniting all the young people living with HIV in Kabarole District, Kabarole Unique Association (KUSA) is a community based NGO/CBO in Uganda operating in Kabarole district. The organization promotes adolescents' reproductive health services, HIV prevention and care, empowers young people in entrepreneurship, music through brass band training and life skills especially for young people, KUSA also promotes positive prevention and reduction of HIV stigma and discrimination.

Kabarole Unique Stars Association (KUSA) was launched under the theme:

“Having an Empowered Society of Young people living with HIV” which took place on **20th September 2017 from 12:00pm-5:00pm**. The launch was held at the public library Ruhandiika street plot 31.

The chief guest was the **District Health Officer (DHO) Kabarole District**

Kabarole Unique Stars Association together with Youth and women Empowerment (Yawe) Foundation hosted the boot camp here in Kabarole District from 17th September 2017 to 21st September 2017

During this event a lot activities were conducted such as

1. boot camp which is held

Every year by Uganda Network of Young People Living with HIV/AIDS with support from other stakeholders conducts a Young positive Beauty Pageant Campaign, this campaign is aimed at Fighting stigma and discrimination against young people affected and living with HIV and AIDS. (Young positive represents Young People living with HIV). Every year young people participate and some walk away as the eventual winners (2nd Runners up).

In the boot camp we received participants from central Uganda, Northern Uganda, Eastern Uganda, Central Uganda and western Uganda.

During the boot camp young people were empowered with different skills in Health, Entrepreneurship, social responsibility, life skills, and opportunities which exist in the HIV response.

2. Community service activities like cleaning of the town together with the leadership of south division fort portal municipality.
3. Community sensitization
4. Camp fire and goat roasting through experience sharing.
5. Entrepreneurship skills through baking

Objectives of the Launch

- ❖ To raise awareness to the community about the existence of Kabarole Unique Stars Association.
- ❖ To Strengthen the partnership with the district leadership and the district health department

Observations

People really honored our invitations.

Cooperation between partners, the staff members and the youth.

Here is the picture overview of the activities that took place



Entrepreneurship skills development in baking of breads to members during the boot camp



Members engaged in town cleaning during the day of launch



The Unique Stars Brass band leading the procession during the community service activity in town



The chairperson organizing committee of Kabarole Unique Stars Association (KUSA) giving the welcome remarks during the event



The Yawe Dram group performing during the launch with the awareness messages about HIV/AIDS and STIs



The young positive beauty show case rehearsal during the camp



The Miss Young Positive western region giving a speech during the event



The chief guest giving a speech on the launch of Kabarole Unique Stars Association (KUSA)

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