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**A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON WORLD AIDS DAY OF 1ST
DECEMBER 2020 AND OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF Yawe ART CLINIC ON
2ND DECEMBER 2020.**



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Introduction

Every year on 1st December the world commemorates World AIDS day. People around the world unite to show support for people living with and affected by HIV and remember those who lost their lives to AIDS. This year world's theme was Global solidarity, shared responsibility. This requires us to view global responses in a new way of coming together. A moment of bold leadership for equal societies and right to health.

In Uganda by the of the year 2018 1.5Million people are living with HIV, 5.8% adult HIV prevalence between the age of (14 to 49), 53,000 new infections, 21,000 AIDS related deaths, 85% adults on antiretroviral treatment and 65% children on antiretroviral treatment. (UNAIDS 2020)

Yawe foundation and KUSA commemorated world AIDS day under the theme No one is safe until everyone is safe. Leaving people behind is not an option if we are to succeed but putting people at the center is the way to go. The youths and Yawe staff members joined hands to do activities of town cleaning and candle light.

There was also official launch of Yawe ART clinic on 2nd December with the goal of improving the quality of life of the HIV infected, reduce HIV related morbidity and mortality and restore the clients immune function through maximal suppression of viral replication.

Objectives

To create a safe and clean environment around Fort portal city through charity work

To stand in solidarity with those living with HIV and remember those who died of AIDS related illness.

To improve healthy service delivery by expanding our ART clinic with effective services to reach out more other HIV infected clients.

Methodology

Participatory

Description

On 1st of December world AIDS day we started with town cleaning activity whereby we mobilized the youths who started coming one by one. There was

official registration of all members as they had their breakfast. Later on they were given Tshirts and matched to town for cleaning activity. We did this in corporation with the office of the RDC, town clerk and health Inspector who gave us the garbage collection truck. The youths joined by Yawe staff members cleaned the town as well as spreading messages of prevention.



Later that afternoon we had another special activity of candle light. Candlelight is a day of raising awareness and expressing solidarity with people living and affected

by HIV and remembering those who have lost their lives due to AIDS related illnesses. On that day we gathered at Knowledge room in old taxi park where we had ecumenical prayer and speeches aiming at ensuring that HIV stays firmly on the social and political agenda and that HIV prevention, treatment, care and support services are available to them. This ceremony also provided an opportunity to challenge stigma and encourage activism and community dialogue while highlighting the need to safeguard the advances that have been made in stemming the epidemic and to make greater progress in the future. They were also testimonies in empowering those who are living with HIV.





On 2nd December we had another special important ceremony of official launch of Yawe ART clinic which was accredited by government early this year in February. This aims at improving the quality of life of the HIV infected, reduce HIV related morbidity and mortality and restore the clients immune function through maximal suppression of viral replication. It also provides Yawe with a greater advantage to make drug orders right from the National Medical Stores unlike in the past when we have been affiliated to Kagote. It will also give big opportunities to the youths to start accessing their treatment from our facility since we are now very sure of the constant supplies. The function was presided over by Hon. Alex Ruhunda who was the chief guest and promised his full support to work with Yawe foundation in various areas aiming at strengthening development through economic growth. Other guests were District HIV focal person, Reverend Tembo, LC 1 chairperson of Rwengoma among others. On the same day we celebrated Hon. Alex Ruhunda birth day by slicing a cake which was made from our Yawe bakery.



Achievements

There was effective mobilization of appropriate number of participants who all turned for the functions.

There was team work which made the functions run smoothly by equal participation of every member.

There was proper planning and implementation of every tasks involved which saw many people taking appropriate responsibilities which were carried out successfully.

The guests invited turned up for the events hence giving them great honor especially the launch of Yawe ART clinic.

Our presence in the cleaning activities candle light and Yawe ART clinic launch were highly felt in the district and greatly appreciated.

Challenges.

Limited resources.

Recommendation

Boosting our local income by investing in local projects

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