



UYDEL ANNUAL REPORT 2023

About Organisation

Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL) is a not for profit Organization which started in 1993. We have a long-standing record of providing holistic rehabilitation services to children and young people aged 10-24 years, including those that have been abused and exploited in commercial sex work, trafficking, worst forms of child labor, and sexual, physical, psychological and drug and substance abuse.

Message from Editorial Team

It gives us great pleasure to be an integral part of this annual report, a communication method suited to the needs of the time which would carry messages to all concerned about important events, happenings and achievements of Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL).

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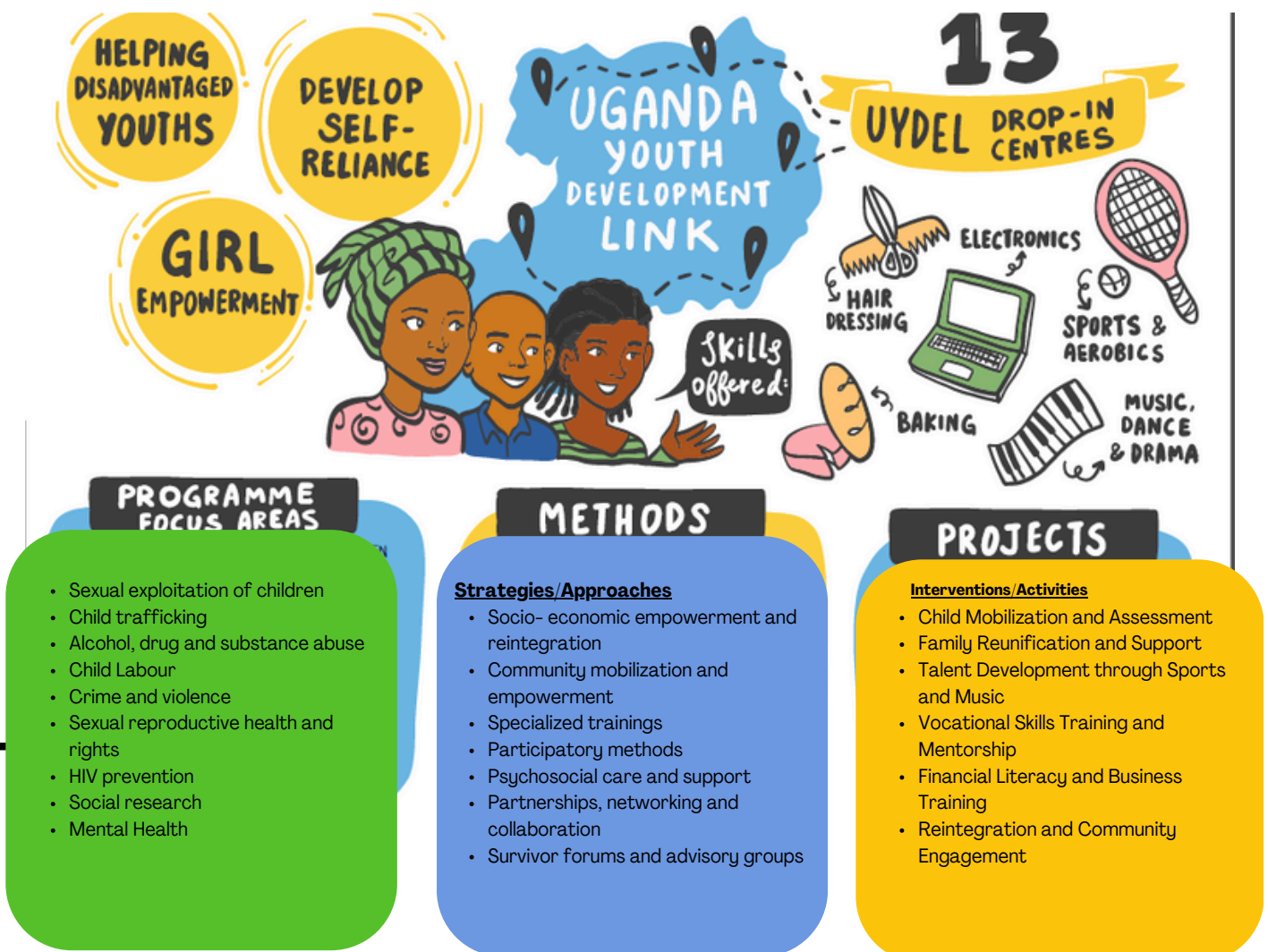
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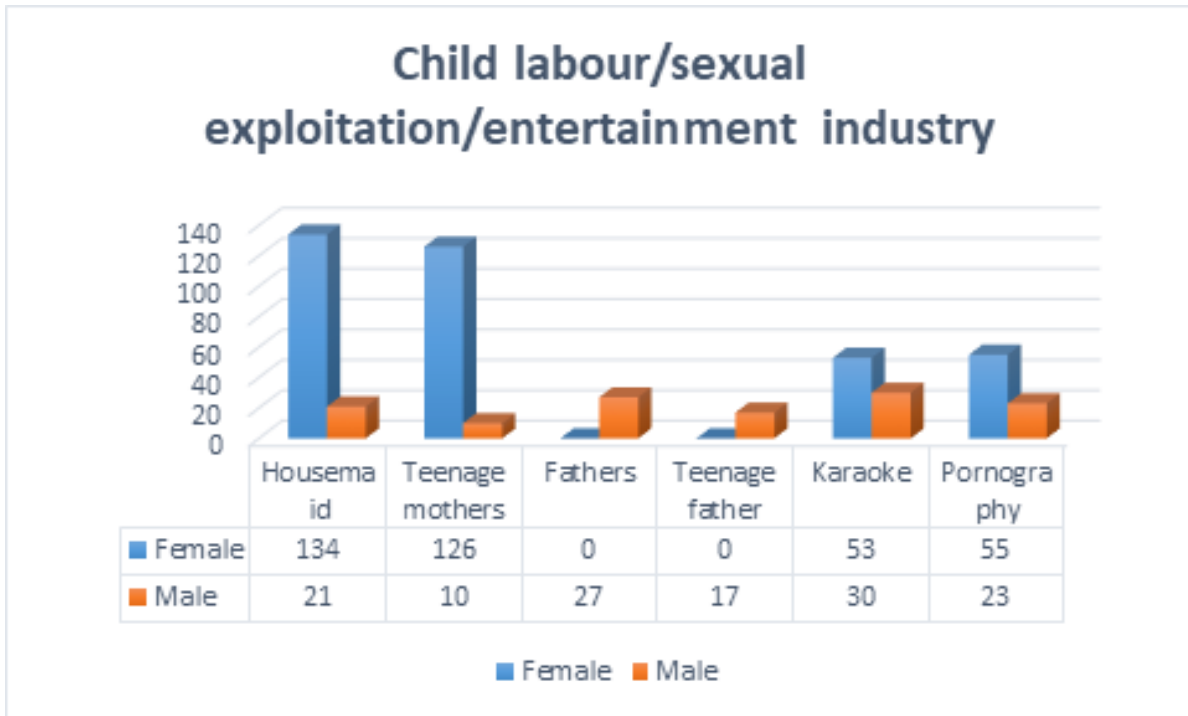
UYDEL PROGRAMMES AT A GLANCE!



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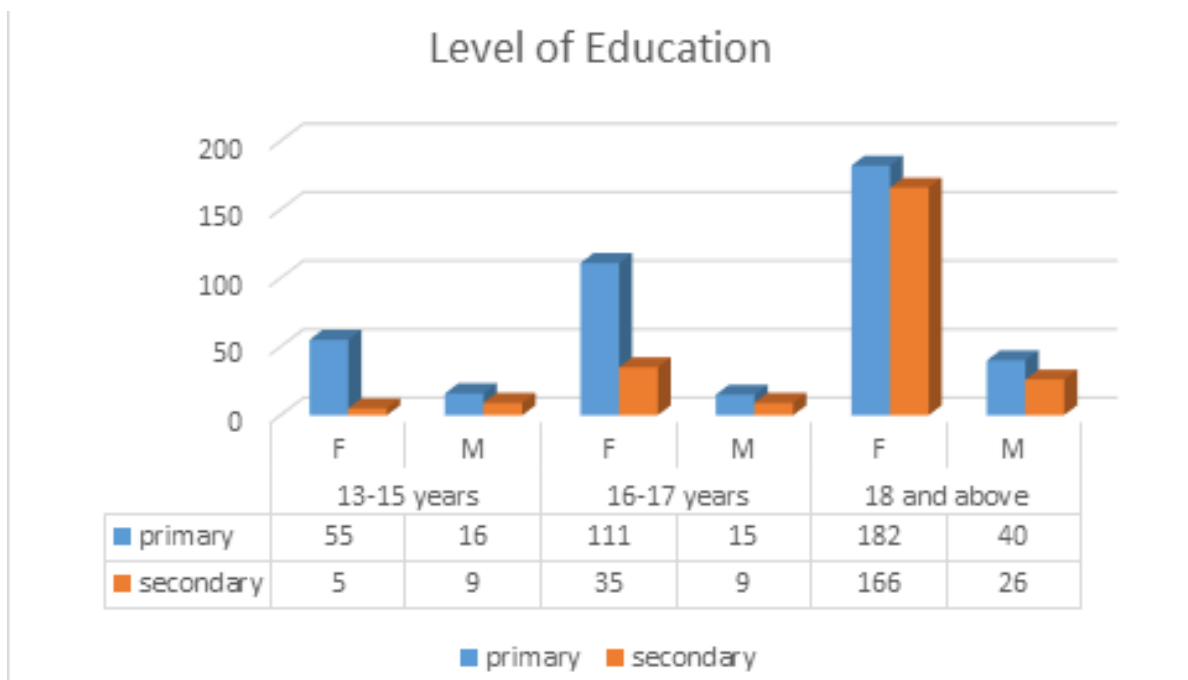
UYDEL beneficiary vulnerability 2023

UYDEL beneficiaries in the year 2023 reveal potential concerns regarding child labor, sexual exploitation, or involvement in the entertainment industry within specific categories. The categories

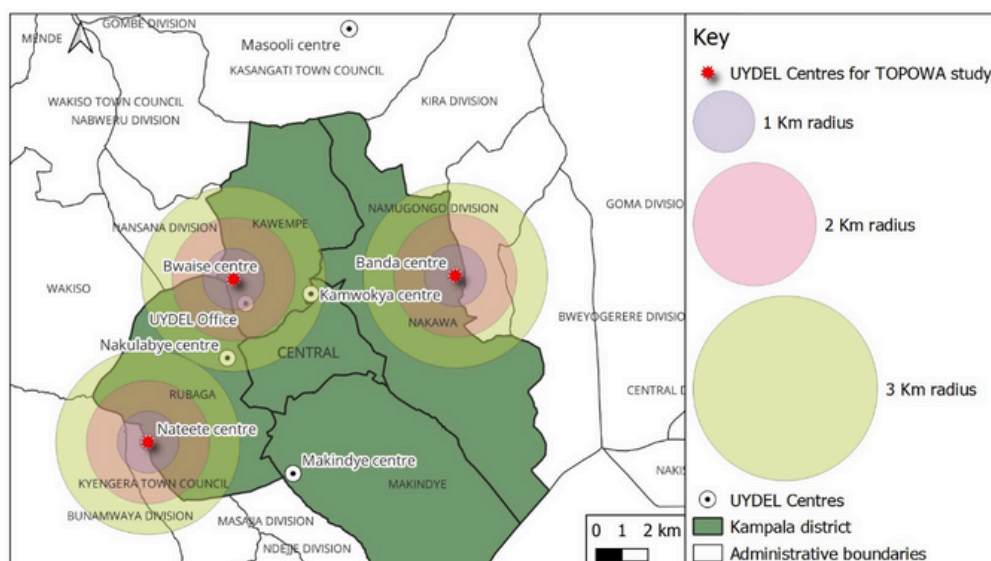


Level of education

In 2023, the UYDEL program benefited individuals majority of whom had stopped in Primary level (75%)



UYDEL areas of implementation



UYDEL Masooli rehabilitation center

UYDEL's Masooli Rehabilitation Centre has received generous support from various organizations, including IOGT NTO, OAK Foundation, the Japanese Embassy, Bruce family the International Labour Organization, and Professor Mary Jane Rotheram. Additionally, training initiatives for young people have been bolstered by the contributions of BROT, LWF, and Plan International.

This collective support has facilitated the rehabilitation of vulnerable slum youth who have been rescued from exploitative situations.

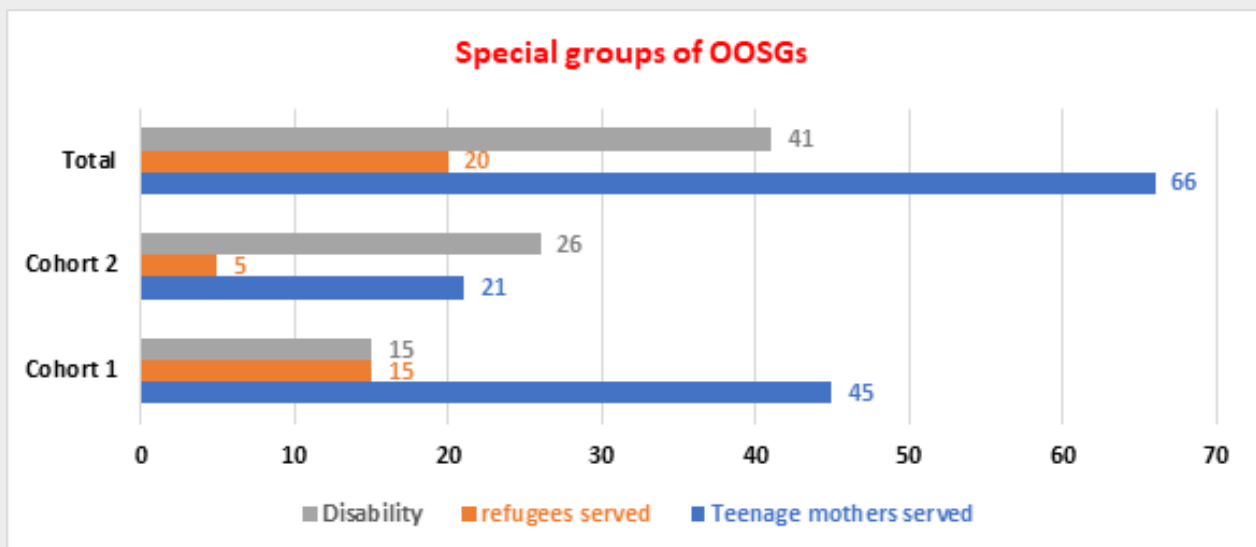
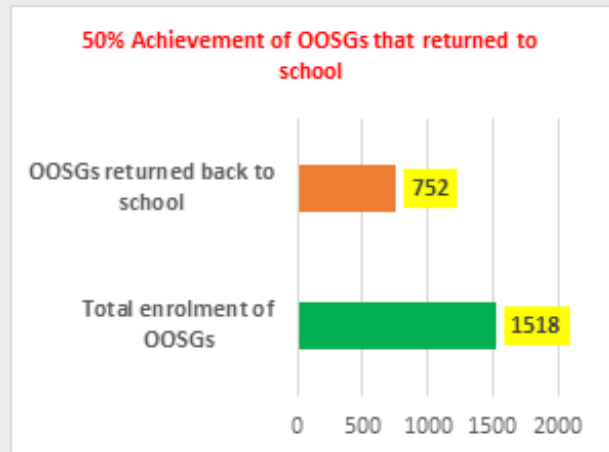
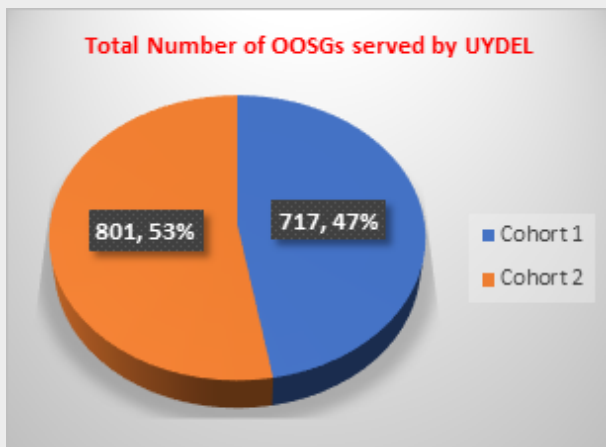
Activity	Non-Residents			Residents		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
World Drug Day Commemoration	745	611	1,356	45	14	59
Girls' Sports retreat				00	58	58
Boys' Sports retreat				61	00	61
Vocational skills training				32	23	55
Peer Educator's Training				15	15	30
YEP Sports Gala	90	110	200	15	24	39
EASY Sports Gala	82	89	171			
TOTAL	917	810	1,727	168	134	302





Girls empowering girls (GEG) Programme

The girls empowering girls programme is the first urban social protection programme led by KCCA, implemented by UYDEL targeting the out school adolescent girls funded by UNICEF and Belgium Government. The girls empowering girls programme works to ensure that girls transition safely into adulthood, receive education and training, and are empowered to achieve their goals. Girls empowering girls is built on a pillar of mentoring and peer support networks, which are complemented with referrals to services, digital engagement, as well as a cash transfer to the girl’s caregiver. GEG is implemented in 13 parishes of the 5 divisions of Kampala divisions. This project reached 1518 girls; 717 girls in Cohort 1 and 801 girl in Cohort 2.



Key significant milestones-GEG

- 1,473 empowered through 24,568 One-on-one mentorship session conducted by 100 peer mentors
- 1, 280 Group sessions conducted
- 97% OOSGs received cash transfers and was a major facilitating factor for girls to return to school 50%, as well as starting up small businesses both 315 girls after vocational skilling and 289 caregivers.
- 16 teenage mothers were equipped with skills of positive parenting and referred to receive FP services
- 60 OOSGs trained in foundational literacy and Numeracy and demonstrated
- Five (5) project staff trained in digital skilling and will be cascading it to 30 OOSGs
- 650 caregivers engaged in awareness of PSEA, positive parenting and phaseout plan for cohort 1
- Five (5) project staff and 44 peer mentors' skills refreshed in GEG management information skills (MIS)

Lessons learnt

Unconditional cash transfer has demonstrated in addressing family poverty and reducing vulnerabilities by securing income through starting up small businesses both girls and caregivers



Group photo of the parliamentary field visit to GEG Programme in Katwe

STRENGTHENING CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The project is funded by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) with the Embassy of Netherlands-Uganda and Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL) is one of the implementing partners.

Project Overall Objective: To contribute to the strengthening of the rule of law through crime prevention and the promotion of effective, fair, humane and accountable criminal justice systems in line with the United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice and other relevant international instruments.

a) Crime Prevention

Community policing and sensitization sessions aimed at preventing crime in Bugiri

Bugiri District, bordered by Namutumba, Butaleja, Tororo, Busia, and Namayingo Districts, faces challenges including high youth population inclined towards Islam, child marriage, teenage pregnancies, and poverty due to youth unemployment, worsened by illegal madrasas fostering radicalization; community policing sessions held in Muwayo Parish, Busowa Town Council, Bugiri Municipal Council, and Naluwerere Eastern Division engaged a total of 514 participants, predominantly male.



Community Policing sessions at Busowa and Muwayo Parish



Muwayo Parish and below sessions at Naluwerere and Bugiri Municipal Council

Crime, Drug Abuse and Violent Extremism

Busia District sports gala: Youth Say No to Crime, Drug Abuse and Violent Extremism

During the project introductory activity, meetings were held with District Education and Community Development Officers to introduce the "Strengthening Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Uganda" project, which was deemed relevant due to the District's susceptibility to youth crime. Preparations for a sports gala event were discussed during subsequent meetings, involving officials from the municipality and cross-border partners. A committee was formed to oversee event mobilization and coordination. The sports gala involved eight teams from various parishes in Busia District, culminating in semi-finals and finals on December 17, 2023.

The sports gala event held at Madibira primary school in Busia municipality aimed to utilize sports as a platform for disseminating messages on crime prevention, drug abuse, and violent extremism, while also fostering youth engagement in physical activities and talent development. Spanning from December 13th to 17th, 2023, with the final day hosting football and netball competitions, the event drew 252 participants, with a nearly balanced gender distribution—52.6% males (n=142) and 43.7% females (n=110).



L-R Sports gala photos



International Society of Substance Use Professionals

During the first half of 2023, the Uganda ISSUP Chapter successfully organized a series of impactful activities aimed at combating substance abuse and enhancing drug prevention efforts. Highlights included the commemoration of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 26th June, featuring a sports gala with over 1800 young attendees. Additionally, a webinar on 20th June discussed drug prevention strategies in Uganda, with presentations from Mr. Rogers Kasirye and Ms. Nabulya Anna. Other webinars included discussions on evidence-based prevention and international treatment standards, featuring experts such as Mr. Matej Kosir and Dr. David Basangwa. The chapter also recruited ten new members and actively participated in various national and international forums, including the Uganda Alcohol Policy Alliance's event and the AFRO region webinar on alcohol policy.

Beyond the planned activities, the Uganda ISSUP Chapter engaged in significant advocacy and community development efforts. They submitted a critical memorandum to the Parliamentary Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs regarding the Narcotics and Psychotropics Substances Bill, emphasizing the importance of stringent anti-narcotics measures. Coalitions in Matugga and Kalerwe received training on community-level substance use prevention, empowering them to collect data and influence policy. Furthermore, UYDEL's business competition provided startup grants to 15 young entrepreneurs, promoting employment and reducing substance use risk factors. Ms. Barbara Nakijoba's participation in a UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime training in Nairobi also enhanced the chapter's capacity to collaborate with governments on combating organized crime and addressing social issues related to substance use.

WORLD FEDERATION OF THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITIES (WFTC)

- Overview of WFTC by Dr. Sushma Taylor President WFTC
- Operation in Africa by Phaedon Kaloterakis.
- Ideas and way forward for the African chapter.

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**THURSDAY
7TH SEPTEMBER, 2023**

5:00 PM EAST AFRICAN TIME
4:00 PM VICTORIA TIME
10:00 PM LAGOS TIME
7:00 AM US-1A

WEBINAR

INTERNATIONAL TREATMENT QUALITY STANDARDS AND WHAT OUR TREATMENT AND REHAB CENTERS NEED TO EMBRACE

KASIRYE ROGERS
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24 FEB 2023**

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UYDEL participated in the UNTOC Review Mechanism training held in Nairobi in June 2023. During this event, UYDEL was appointed as the Focal Point and Secretariat of the Africa Regional Network for the implementation of UNTOC (NET4U).

Constructive dialogue on trafficking in persons, Vienne Austria

UYDEL actively engaged in the Constructive Dialogue on Trafficking in Persons, held on October 3 & 4, 2023, following the 13th session of the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons. This dialogue was conducted in accordance with paragraph 53 of the Procedures and Rules for the functioning of the UNTOC review mechanism.

b) Drug Abuse Prevention

World drug day (WDD) commemoration event 26th June 2023

The event had a total number of 1,800 participants with 941 females and 859 males. Among these 1,356 were the young people, 100 parents, 40 staff, 40 guests, 30 coaches and 234 community people. The event was officiated by the Commissioner physical education and sports Reverend Duncans Mugumya and Ms. Sharon Nyambe the UNODC Head of Office Uganda.



The young people during the world drug day commemoration event (L), Commissioner and Sharon Nyambe launching the crime prevention sports programme during WDD (R)

Trainings and capacity building to prevent Drug Use

- Mr. Mutaawe trained participants on the Universal Prevention Curriculum for Substance Use - Implementers series (UPC-1), CORE course and School track course 1-3 from 22 nd May to 31 st May 2023 in Monrovia Liberia on behalf of Colombo Plan
- Mr. Mutaawe trained participants of the Training of Trainers (both virtual and physical) in the Workplace Based Prevention Interventions Specialty track at the National Rehabilitation Center from 23 rd January to 3 rd February 2023 in Abu Dhabi, UAE on behalf of Colombo Plan

Drug use prevention & Policy Advocacy

UYDEL invited to make submission during the Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances (Control) Bill, 2023 discussion and our submissions were accepted. Ready to work with the Inter Ministerial Committee.



Community Coalitions to Prevent and Reduce Drug Use in Uganda

Implementation Area: Bwaise & Kalerwe (Kawempe division) and Nansana division and Matugga (Wakiso District). Recently passed the Narcotics bill into law.

Coalition development in Uganda started in 2017 with a tailoring visit from Community Based Advocacy Focussed Data Driven Coalition Building Association (CADCA) team members with support from INL from the State Department. It was meant to understand the local context and also met government officials from Ministry of Health and Butabika hospital to seek their support during the programme implementation. Since then, UYDEL has held both in person and virtual training sessions for the four coalitions namely; Bwaise Drug Free Coalition, Nansana Division Coalition Against Drugs, Matugga Community Coalition and Kalerwe Against Drug Abuse Group.

A table showing the number of members in each coalition

Name of the Coalition	Number of Coalition members			Grand Total
	Males	Females	Total	
Bwaise	32	30	62	204 Coalition members
Nansana	50	31	81	
Matugga	16	11	27	
Kalerwe	17	17	34	



What do community Coalitions do?

Produce community level change; Impact an entire community; Address conditions and settings in the community; Reduce substance use throughout the community

Coalition products

Registered as community-based organizations with constitutions; Logic models developed
Community assessments done

2. CADCA Conference in Dallas. Dr Kasirye and Mr. Mutaawe attended the conference in Dallas.



Mr. Mutaawe Rogers (Left), General Price the CEO of CADCA (Middle), Dr. Rogers Kasirye (Right)

Capacity Building & Press Briefing on UNODC Annual Report & Alcohol Prevention in Uganda

A press briefing and stakeholder meeting occurred on July 6, 2023, at the Golden Tulip Hotel. Attendees included media representatives, officials from the Ministry of Education and Sports, the National Drug Authority, faith-based leaders, Civil Society Organizations, UNODC members, coaches, and youth. The focus was on presenting the newly launched World Drug Day report, marking the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking observed annually on June 26. Of the 82 participants, 52 were male and 30 were female.



PREVENTION OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE THROUGH FOOTBALL

Funded by the Federation of International Football Association (FIFA) and implemented from 1st May to 31st December 2023.

Major goal is to utilize sports as a safe space for both girls and boys to address issues impacting their lives, particularly Gender-Based Violence, while fostering and supporting participation, leadership, and empowerment opportunities for 500 young people. These efforts included training 500 youth as peer educators in community sports sessions, incorporating Line Up Live Up and Women Take the Lead activities across Nakawa, Lubaga, Makindye, and Kawempe Divisions. Notably, 290 females (58%) and 210 males (42%) actively participated, reflecting a deliberate inclusion of both genders in the sports initiatives.



Achievements

- Reached over 500 young people with 290 females (58%) and 210 males (42%) who have participated in our community and slum outreach sports sessions in the four Divisions.
- Both girls and boys got to know more about Gender Based Violence and how to prevent it



TOPOWA PROJECT

Mental Health project to determine social drivers and mental health among young women who live in the slums of Kampala A 5-year study to determine the link between social drivers and mental health among young women who live in the slums of Kampala in Uganda. Kennesaw State University (KSU) received the five-year \$3.3 million award from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and has partnered with Ministry of Health and UYDEL to conduct this interdisciplinary project. Mental illnesses are understudied, and scarce services lack evaluations, particularly in low-resource settings such as slums. In response to the vulnerable state of adolescent girls and young women in the urban slums, the team of researchers are implementing this five-year project named “TOPOWA” (The Onward Project n Well-being and Adversity), which means to “keep pushing forward and never giving up”, in the Luganda language.

This year 2023 was very exciting for our TOPOWA project. It was the busiest of this 5 year project. As we are completing our second year of this NIH-funded project.

In the year 2023, we moved into our new facility in Bugolobi, also expanded the Uganda project team, received IRB approvals for our pilot studies, finished 2 pilot studies, received IRB approvals for our cohort study, set up our neuroscience and biomarker laboratories, finalized the data collection process, trained the entire project team, recruited the participants for our cohort study, completed the baseline assessment with 300 women in the cohort study (T1) and completed about half of the first follow-up assessments (T2) in time for the holiday break. We are particularly proud of the research dissemination at the Global Alcohol Policy Conference (Cape Town, SA, Oct 24-26), the International Conference on Urban Health (Atlanta, USA, Nov. 6-9) and the American Public Health Association (Atlanta, USA, Nov 12-15).



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROJECT (YEP) II

Overview

UYDEL in Partnership with Lutheran World Federation are implementing the Urban Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) phase Two in three Divisions; Rubaga, Nakawa and Makindye of Kampala, Uganda for a period of four years (2020-2023).

The project aims at; 1) empowering vulnerable slum youth with increased access to employable skills and ensuring their rights to economic development are respected and fulfilled by 2023, 2) increasing their access to and utilization of youth friendly sexual reproductive health rights services and information by 2023. These outcomes directly contribute to the achievement of the Global Sustainable Development Goals: Goal 1: End Poverty in all its forms everywhere; Goal 8: Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all and; Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages.

Achievements

- Provided vocational training for 197 slum youth.
- Enhanced access to ASRHR services for around 100 girls, promoting condom and family planning uptake, and facilitating STI treatment.
- Empowered 53 youth to start businesses in salons, bakeries, etc..

Lessons Learnt

- A complete cycle of rehabilitation is important involving psychosocial , economic and building social capital is important



Economic empowerment project in Kampala and Wakiso Districts, Uganda (Access to youth Employment Project)

The Urban Slum Youth Economic Empowerment Project in Kampala and Wakiso Districts, Uganda, aimed to support marginalized youth, including school dropouts, victims of violence and exploitation, and those engaged in drug abuse, by providing mentorship, psychosocial support, vocational livelihood skills training, and work placement opportunities. Implemented through partnerships with various stakeholders, the project targeted the empowerment of 867 youth aged 14-24, equipping them with hard and soft skills for gainful employment or self-employment, ultimately improving their livelihoods. Using the Social Ecological Model, the project sought to create an enabling environment across multiple levels—household, community, organizational, and policy—to foster positive change. The project successfully provided vocational skills training, including domestic electrical installation, hairdressing, tailoring, and computer skills, among others, with a total of 308 beneficiaries enrolled in long-term skills training and 124 in short-term skills training.



Sexual Reproductive Health Services and Economic/livelihood Opportunities

Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL) is implementing the Enhancing access to Age-Appropriate Sexual Reproductive Health Services and Economic/livelihood Opportunities for young people below 25 years' project (Continuation phase) with the goal of achieving reduced vulnerability to economic deprivation and enhancing access to SRH Services among 3,000 adolescents and youths in Kampala by 2025.

Key achievements

The EASY U25 project successfully identified and assessed 142 vulnerable slum youth, with a significant proportion being females, in Kampala's Nakawa, Makindye, and Rubaga Divisions. Through collaborative efforts with local leaders, social workers, and volunteers, these youth were enrolled in vocational training programs at UYDEL centers, specializing in various skills such as hairdressing and electronics repair. Noteworthy outcomes include the initiation of mobile hairdressing services by 46 participants, leading to an average daily income of EUR 2.4, and the daily earnings of EUR 2.4 by 7 beneficiaries in electronics repair, showcasing the tangible impact of acquired skills on their livelihoods.

- Psychosocial support services were provided to 134 slum youth, resulting in restored hope and improved confidence among beneficiaries, particularly in Makindye and Nakawa Divisions.
- The project also ensured the functionality and maintenance of UYDEL centers, creating conducive learning environments for vocational training and rehabilitation activities.
- Additionally, efforts were made to support teenage mothers with essential social, emotional, medical, and academic support, positively impacting their well-being and enhancing their self-worth.

Moreover, the project facilitated the formation of 6 Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs) to promote financial inclusion and savings culture among beneficiaries. Through these associations, youth were able to pool resources, access small loans, and engage in income-generating activities, thereby enhancing their financial resilience and economic empowerment. This resulted in a significant percentage change in well-being, with beneficiaries reporting an average increase of 5% in their overall well-being since joining the program in 2022.

Lessons learnt

- Comprehensive identification and assessment processes are vital for successful vocational training programs.
- Collaborative efforts with community stakeholders are essential for program effectiveness.
- Psychosocial support services are crucial for addressing the holistic needs of vulnerable youth, particularly in slum settings.

Recommendations

- Strengthen recruitment and retention of skilled vocational instructors.
- Enhance partnerships for job placements, internships, and financial services.
- Prioritize ongoing support for vulnerable youth, including teenage mothers.
- Implement continuous monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.
- Intensify efforts to promote sustainability of Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs).
- Aim for sustainability and scalability in empowering vulnerable youth.

Project activities in a snapshot



Emergency support for evicted young people

UYDEL is indebted and appreciates the financial support that made it possible to provide of emergency relief to the (45) project beneficiaries and their families (181 family members) evicted from the Railway line in September 2023 that were affected by the forced eviction from the in November 2023 in Banda, Nakawa Division. All families evicted were not compensated and were homeless spending sleepless nights outside around bonfires as some sought accommodation from the nearby neighborhoods but could not stay them for long as these neighbors also were either staying in one room or two room houses and yet they also had large families, while others resorted to sleeping in bars and sports betting places. Were provided with rent for three months, mattresses, blankets, sugar, t-shirts, soap, among other household items that supported them in the period of adversity and transition. The project beneficiaries that required Business capital to start small business elsewhere were also supported and for some rent was paid for their workplaces

A total of (45) project beneficiaries and (194) family members were reached with the additional emergency relief support provided by WISE/NEXT Foundation for the renewed hope and smiles we were able to see on the faces of these young people and their families as a result of this emergency relief support



Basic needs items procured prior distribution to the young people



Pre-4th African Girls' Summit 2023; National Consultation with Girls and Young Women (GYW) in Uganda on Sexual Exploitation of Children (SEC)

The National Consultation with Girls and Young Women on the Sexual Exploitation of Children (SEC) was convened on December 15th, 2023, at the Golf Course Hotel in Kampala, Uganda. The consultation was organized by ECPAT International with the support of its local Partner in Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL). The consultation focused on the theme "Raising Girls Voices in the Fight Against Sexual Exploitation of Children." Its objective was to explore vulnerabilities related to SEC, assess national progress, identify persisting gaps, and formulate recommendations for the upcoming 4th African Girls' Summit in Mauritania. The event was attended by 36 participants, including 25 Girls and Young Women (GYW) (15 GYW mobilized from the She Leads Implementing Partners in Uganda and 10 GYW mobilized from Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL) and these comprised of out of School GYW affected by SEC and living in the urban slum areas of Kampala); and 11 civil society organization representatives including leaders and Chaperons from the She Leads Implementing Partners in Uganda including: Terre des homes, PLAN International, FEMNET, MUCOBADI and The African Women's Development and Communication Network. The sessions were moderated by Ms Anna Nabulya (UYDEL) and Mr. Willy Buloso (ECPAT).

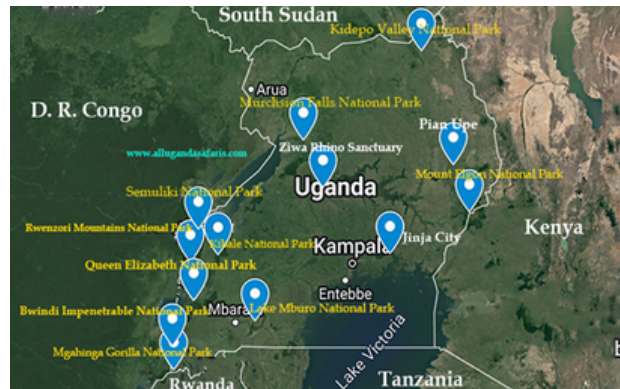




Safeguarding children in the travel & tourism Industry

In 2023, the Joint Cross-National Workshops, organized by Austria and Uganda and supported by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Labor and Economic Affairs and the Federal Chancellery, marked a significant collaboration in addressing child protection in the tourism industry. Partnering with UYDEL, workshops aimed to sensitize future tourism professionals on child protection, particularly against sexual exploitation. Through presentations and interactive sessions, participants explored children's rights, sustainable development goals, and initiatives like the Child Protection Code. University students played a key role, creating informative videos on child protection and sustainability, showcasing their potential as future leaders. The workshops fostered awareness, knowledge exchange, and collaborative networks among academia, government, and civil society, laying the groundwork for sustained efforts in both countries. A map highlighting Uganda's national parks symbolized the shared responsibility of protecting natural treasures for future generations.

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1	VICTORIA UNIVERSITY
2	NDEJJE UNIVERSITY
3	MAKERERE UNIVERSITY BUSINESS SCHOOL



Map of Uganda national parks

Dr. Rogers Kasirye, meeting with the International President for ECPAT, Mr. Guillaume Landry on the margins of the Regional workshop on sharing experiences held in Nairobi



Reception for Advocating Global Citizenship Education and Climate change Education

Barbara Nakijoba represented UYDEL at the UNESCO-APCEIU-funded event, at the 42nd UNESCO General Conference in Paris, France, held at the UNESCO Headquarters, discussing the project "Fostering the culture of 'Bulungi Bwansi' in Makindye Division." The initiative showcased the synergy between Global Citizenship Education (GCED) and Climate Change Education, addressing SDG 13 and promoting community-led solutions to environmental and social challenges. Conducted from December 19th to December 23rd, 2022, the project involved collaboration with Mr. Jefferson Plantilla and the UYDEL team. The training emphasized the link between environmental issues and social problems, introducing Participatory Budgeting as a GCED model. Stakeholder engagement was crucial, and community action resulted in the formation of the "Katwe 1 Bulungi Bwansi Group," showcasing tangible solutions. Good practices highlighted a whole-community approach, integration with cultural practices, leveraging local resources, commitment contracts, and scaling outreach efforts.



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International visitors hosted by UYDEL

- Belgium Minister for Development Cooperation, Ms Caroline Gennez’s visit on Tuesday 14 March 2023 at Katwe Primary school
- UNICEF Director for International Programmes, Ms. Alice Hall at Bwaise center on 11 th July 2023
- UNICEF Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa, Ms. Eva Kadilli at Makindye center on 26 th Sept 2023
- FIFA Foundation Community Programme officer, Ms. Melisa Cuzzani at Banda center on 13th October 2023
- Evaluation team from Icelandic Church Aid & Lutheran World Federation in November 2023

Conferences

1. Community Coalitions. UYDEL Participated in the “22 nd Mid-Year Training Institute” organized by the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) from July 17-21, 2023 in Dallas Texas. UYDEL was represented by Dr. Kasirye Rogers and Mr. Mutaawe Rogers

2. Human Trafficking. Mr. Mutaawe was one of the Advisory group members that organized the conference “Equity in Evidence: fusing lived experience and community knowledge into research to end human trafficking” which was organised by the Freedom Fund, the Global Fund to End Modern Slavery (GFEMS) and the Modern Slavery and Human Rights Policy and Evidence Centre (Modern Slavery PEC) in UK from 20th to 22nd June 2023.

THANK YOU NOTE

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and generosity towards UYDEL's mission of empowering young people and restoring hope in our communities. Your contributions have been instrumental in enabling us to continue our vital work, making a tangible difference in the lives of countless individuals.

Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to provide essential support services, educational opportunities, and rehabilitation programs to young people facing various challenges. Your donations have not only offered practical assistance but have also served as a beacon of hope for those who may have felt marginalized or forgotten.

Your belief in our cause strengthens our determination to strive for positive change and create brighter futures for the youth we serve. Together, we are making a profound impact, empowering young people to overcome adversity, unlock their potential, and pursue their dreams.

As we express our gratitude, we also reaffirm our commitment to transparency and accountability in how your donations are utilized. Your trust in us inspires us to uphold the highest standards of integrity and effectiveness in all our endeavors.

Once again, thank you for your invaluable support. Your kindness and generosity are truly changing lives and shaping a better tomorrow for generations to come.

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