



AWYAD
African Women and Youth
Action for Development

DAY OF THE GIRLCHILD

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



The Day of the Girl Child was celebrated on 13th October 2023 at the Embassy House. AWYAD , together with other partners who strongly advocate for the girls' rights joined the ministry of Education and sports to celebrate the Girl Child. The day started with a match from centenary park where different partners walked with a huge group of students that represented different schools.

ENVISIONING A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR THE YOUNG GENERATION

The theme "Our Time is Now, Our Rights, Our Future" - emphasized embracing the spirit of empowerment, advocating for children's rights, and envisioning a brighter future for the young generation.



EMPOWERMENT OF THE GIRL CHILD

The minister of state for sports, Peter Ogwang graced the occasion as the guest of honor. In his speech, he emphasized the crucial importance of empowering the girlchild. He highlighted their potential, resilience and achievements, urging collective efforts for a future where every girl can thrive and excel.

THE INCLUSIVE EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM NEWS



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Dear readers,
 In our latest newsletter, we recap the inclusive Education symposium that unfolded on September 27th-28th, 2023. Explore insights and strategies discussed by participants, fostering collaboration for accessible and equitable education. Together, let's champion inclusive learning environments.

The theme was 'Ensuring Inclusive Education.' The Gender and Disability Inclusion officer, Josephine Munduru made a comprehensive presentation which highlighted on the concepts and dimensions of Inclusion in Education.



STRATEGIES DISCUSSED

strategies discussed included tailored curriculum approaches, teacher training for diverse classrooms, and fostering community engagement to ensure equitable education opportunities for all.

THE NAKAWA YOUTH DAY CELEBRATIONS



AWYAD was represented by Ambrose and Vitalis who participated in a soccer match between the Nakawa youth and CSO partners

A FRIENDLY MATCH

On 19th October, the Nakawa youth and CSO partners had a friendly match. This served as a spirited pre-event for Nakawa youth Day celebrations, fostering community unity, promoting healthy lifestyles, and enhancing the collaborative spirit between civil society organizations and the vibrant Youth Community.



speaker paul greeting participants

The speaker's presence at the friendly match demonstrated a powerful show of support for the participants. By personally shaking hands with all players, the speaker conveyed solidarity, fostering a sense of inclusivity and camaraderie. This gesture not only uplifted the morale of the participants but also highlighted the importance of community engagement and encouragement in promoting unity and shared values.

THE NAKAWA YOUTH DAY CELEBRATIONS



The Nakawa youth at the Nakawa division office

A VIBRANT OCCASSION

AWYAD joined other partners to celebrate the Nakawa Youth Day on 20th/10/2023.

It was a vibrant event; having the youth matching , exhibiting the different materials, entertainment and panel discussions.

I should say it was a lively occasion due to the good energy the Youth depicted on the day. It was a moment enlightening the Youth about different oppotunities they can tap into e.g. the Youth Livelihood program and other programs offered by various NGOs.



THEME

The theme of the event was" Accelerating Recovery from Covid 19 and Full implementation of 2030 Agenda."

Guest Of Honor's Speech

Minister of state for kampala, Hon. Kabuye Kyofatogabye graced the occasion as guest of honor. His speech emphasized unity, resilience, and innovation. He urged youth to pursue education, embrace their passions, and contribute to community development. He stressed the importance of their energy and creativity for the nation's vibrant future.



16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GBV



Development partners march at the launch of 16 Days Of Activism against GBV in Kyaka II Refugee settlement.

JOIN THE FIGHT-16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

Dear readers,
 From Nov 25th to Dec 10th, we joined the global "16 Days of Activism" against gender violence. Started in 1991, this campaign highlights the urgency to address violence against women. Together, we raised awareness, organized events, and championed policies for a safer world.
 Stay tuned for a recap of our impactful activities.



A CALL TO ACTION

The theme for 2023 was "UNITE! Invest to prevent violence against women and girls."
 Our 16 Days of Activism kick-off in Kyaka II Refugee Settlement, Uganda, was vibrant! A lively march, led by a brass band, weaved through KAKONI village, passing the women center and the new KAKONI outpost. The diverse participants, including OPM, UNHCR, ALIGHT, MTI, RED-CROSS, LWF, and other partners, formed a powerful display of solidarity.
 Stay tuned for updates on our impactful activities during this important campaign.



CROWNING CEREMONY FOR 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GBV



EMPOWERING CHILDREN'S VOICES

Thrilled to report the success of our recent "16 Days of Activism." Noteworthy highlights include impactful panel discussions involving children in kyaka II settlement. Their insights and active participation added a powerful dimension to our collective efforts against gender-based violence.



A CALL TO ACTION

Share information about gender-based violence through networks, social media, and community gatherings. Education is a powerful tool for change.

Get involved in or contribute to local programs that address and prevent gender-based violence. Your support can make a meaningful impact on survivors and communities.

Call on policymakers to enact and enforce laws that protect individuals from all forms of violence. Advocate for comprehensive policies that address the root causes of gender-based violence.

Invest in educational initiatives that teach tolerance, respect, and gender equality. Support programs that empower youth to become advocates for change.

Challenge and speak out against discriminatory practices. Promote an inclusive culture that rejects gender-based violence in all its forms.

Listen to and amplify the voices of survivors. Create a culture of empathy and support to help survivors heal and thrive.



MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS



Annet Babirye: Many of our law enforcement officers don't understand the laws concerning Gender Based Violence. Uganda is one of the countries with the policies. However, implementation is zero.



Lillian Kababbopi: There is so much to be done at a family level. Husbands and fathers need to stop beating their wives. Even the women complaining are raising their sons the same way.



Catherine: We must invest in creating awareness about Gender Based Violence, what it looks like and who to talk to.



AWYAD was represented by Phiona at Prime Radio



Phiona kemigisha at Success Radio

Dear Readers,
 We are happy to share with you how AWYAD conducted a good number of media engagements in this quarter. During the Youth Day celebrations, AWYAD officers were hosted on different media platforms to address issues concerning the Youth and how AWYAD is supporting the Ugandan Youth. The media houses / platforms included ,Moon Tv, Success Radio, Prime Radio, YEC- Online radio.

During the 16 Days of Activism, AWYAD was hosted on Next radio to discuss gender based violence and what AWYAD is doing to stop violence against women and girls in Uganda.

PROJECTS

Dear Readers,

We celebrate the last lap of the YEEDE project which was being implemented in Nakawa Division and Makindye division covering Kampala District; Kyengera, Kakiri Town Council and Wakiso Subcounty in Wakiso District.

Youth Empowerment, Entrepreneurship and Decent Employment was targeting 600 marginalized youth including persons with disabilities. The project brought forth unparalleled achievements like vocational and industrial training in hairdressing, tailoring, catering, mechanics, information technology etc. Encouraging youth to build strong Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs) structures with trained executives on financial literacy, book keeping and entrepreneurship. Special to the implementing partner, VSO and the funders, Future Makers by Standard Chartered.

New Projects

Dive into our newest projects addressing child labor and gender based violence.

1.ACCELERATING ACTIONS TO ELIMINATE CHILD LABOUR PRACTICES ALONG THE AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAINS IN BUSOGA REGION

This project is being implemented in a consortium where AWYAD is a grants beneficiary and LWF is a grants coordinator. The project is being funded by European Union.

It was launched in October 2023 and it will run for three years.

AWYAD's interventions regarding the project are in MAYUGE and LWF is covering LUUKA and Kamuli.

The project focuses on four outputs; to ensure that vulnerable households and families of child labor victims are supported to safeguard children and uphold their rights.

It focuses on building capacity of local government structures and other stake holders to identify, refer and resolve child protection cases.

Strengthening community mechanisms to promote child protection and uphold children's rights.

Enhance access to livelihood and employment opportunities that promote protective environment for children.

LEAP Project

AWYAD in partnership with Oxfam, NEPTIL and NAWOU secured funding from UN Women to implement a project- Leadership, Empowerment, Access and Protection (LEAP) in the 4 districts of Moroto, Kaabong, Isingiro and Kisoro.

The programme will strengthen emergency protection, leadership, access to services and promote empowerment of 3250 (2,750 women, girls, youth, and 500 men and boys including persons with disabilities).

The Programme seeks to create a gender-responsive environment that supports the needs of refugee and host community women and girls, in line with international human rights standards and best practices, key interventions will address cultural norms and practices that perpetuate Gender Based Violence (GBV) in the community.

The project targets both refugees and host communities and is expected

to achieve the following;

1. Improved positive coping mechanisms for vulnerable refugees, host communities and drought affected' women and girls, men and boys in Uganda.
2. Strengthened gender-responsive emergency drought and displacement prevention, response, and recovery interventions through the involvement of women leaders and key actors.

TRAININGS

Dear readers,

As we bid farewell to another impactful year at AWYAD, let's take a moment to reflect on the enriching end-of-year trainings that have fortified our commitment to excellence.

1. Safeguarding Refresher Training by Uganda Education Consortium:

Ensuring the safety and well-being of those we serve is paramount. Our recent Safeguarding Refresher Training reaffirmed our collective dedication to maintaining the highest standards in safeguarding practices. Through engaging sessions and interactive discussions, we revisited key principles and strategies, equipping ourselves to create a secure environment for all.

2. Empowered Aid Training by Global Women's Institute:

Empowerment lies at the heart of effective aid. The Empowered Aid Training, facilitated by an expert from the Global Women's Institute, was a transformative experience. We explored innovative approaches to humanitarian assistance, delving into empowering communities and fostering self-reliance.

HERE IS TO THE NEW YEAR
FILLED WITH NEW
OPPORTUNITIES AND ENDLESS
POSSIBILITIES!!!!



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