



**WESTERN UGANDA FBO NETWORK: INTERFAITH PHED
(POPULATION, HEALTH ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT) MODEL JOURNAL.
SRHR & CLIMATE JUSTICE**



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510,000 USD
(1,836,000,000ugx)
 Received in grants
 since 2012-2024 to
 support Population ,
 Health, Environment
 and Development
 initiatives of Western
 Uganda FBO Network

Category	Numbers
1. Policies	25 influenced
2. Increase in FO (faith organization's membership)	From 86 FOs to 146 FOs (faith-based organization's membership)
3. Increase in the number of faith FP champions	82 faith leaders to 800 religious leaders' members in WUFBN
4. FP/CJ intercultural and interfaith outreaches	110,000 people were reached with accurate FP and climate justice information and services
5. Skills	3,000 youth benefited from livelihood tutorship and skills-building workshop
6. Groups	40 Village Saving and Loans Association incorporated PHED model
7. Churches	100 churches with green church and green school's model.
8. Men	1500 men champions
9. Trees	80,000 trees planted.
10. Health facilities	50 FAITH health facilities supported under participatory resolving grants for FP
11. Youth centres	USD 66,666 allocated to 4 youth centres

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Abstract

The Western Uganda Faith-Based Organization Network (WUFBON) is a coalition of 146 faith-based organizations and 800 religious actors established in 2012 to address critical social issues in Western Uganda. The network employs an interfaith PHED (Population, Health, Environment, and Development) model, which integrates these four key areas to improve community well-being. WUFBON's comprehensive approach leverages the moral authority and extensive reach of religious institutions to tackle issues such as family planning, health, environmental conservation, and sustainable development.

Key achievements of WUFBON's PHED model include conducting health awareness campaigns and providing medical services Interfaith and intercultural outreach programs with individuals, promoting inclusive community development to over 110,000 individuals, supporting 20 schools, providing 500 scholarships, and facilitating vocational training for 1,200 youth. The network has also facilitated interfaith dialogue among 15 different religious groups, fostering peace and understanding, and organized skill-building workshops and mentorship programs benefiting 3,000 young people.

Environmental conservation efforts have seen the planting of 80,000 trees and the promotion of sustainable agricultural practices among 30% of local farming communities. Climate education initiatives have engaged over 5,000 youth through sports and poetry competitions. WUFBON has successfully advocated for the implementation of family planning policies and budget allocations in 10 districts and established family planning technical working groups to ensure effective policy implementation.

The Green Church and Mosque Initiative has led to the planting of 80,000 trees by faith actors, while 30 green clubs in schools promote sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR) and climate justice. Community demonstration sites showcase sustainable practices and innovations, and 40 Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs) have integrated contraceptive access into their schemes, making it easier for women in hard-to-reach areas to access family planning commodities. Additionally, 1,500- men champions have been trained to advocate for family planning and climate justice. These achievements underscore WUFBON's commitment to a holistic and collaborative approach to community development, addressing the interconnected challenges of population, health, environment, and development. Through its innovative PHED model, WUFBON continues to make a significant impact on the well-being of communities in Western Uganda

Our PHED Journey since 2013 to-date

Year: 2013-2016, Capacity enhancement project,UTOPIA, MSH
(Management Science for Health)

- In 2013, religious leaders signed a declaration to support family planning integration in religious platforms and spaces at the headquarters of the Kyenjodistrict.
- 200 religious actors trained in family planning faith-based programming and integration of FP Language in faith-sensitive spaces.
- 200 youth trained in social media messaging for SRHR.
- 1,700 women received Tom's shoes.
- 1,478 youth trained in entrepreneurship skills, life skills, candle making, liquid soapmaking, etc



2014/2025, Faith Family Planning Pilot Project, Funded by : Faith to Action Network,

Kyenjojo district committed to allocating FP Budget line and development of DCIP for family planning.
10 District interfaith hubs were formed



Declaration/Commitment.

After Having understood that it's our responsibility to champion for family health and well being, we the religious leaders and faith institutions in Kyenjojo district hereby commit to working with our structures to address issues of infant mortality rate through Faith + Family planning initiatives.

CSOs/FBOs commit to support FP in Kyenjojo District so as to reduce infant maternal mortality rate.

5th February 2015
At Kasiina, Kyenjojo Town,
western Uganda .

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**2016-2019, Faith + FP project, FUNDED BY: PAI,
3fhi F2A**

DCIP for family planning was developed, first allocation of 10m ugx was allocated towards FP budget line, Kyenjojo district committed to increasing budget allocation by 3% of the local revenue.

Kagadi District DCIP was developed
Kyenjojo & Kagadi district Family planning multi-sector / working group was established.



Figure 1 Kyenjojo FP working group visit to Kagadi during launching of Kagadi Multi-sector Family Planning working group



Figure 2 DHO , ADHO, ED WUFBN AND DHE KAGADI DISTRICT AFTER LAUNCHING OF DCIP FOR KAGADI DISTRICT

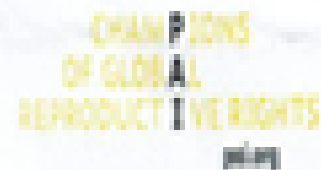
KAGADI DISTRICT COMMITMENT



Declaration to Advance Family planning in Kagadi District

We the undersigned here by commit to advance family planning through faith based structures and approaches consistently with our faith values, principles, integrity with the desire to reducing infant mortality rate in Kagadi district and hereby confirm our acceptance to get involved in the District Family Planning Technical Working Group and support implementation of the DCP.

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CALL TO ACTION FOR INCREASED ALLOCATION OF FAMILY PLANNING BUDGET AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FP DISTRICT COSTED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN ON 4th JANUARY 2018 AT KYENJOJO DISTRICT COUNCIL HALL.

In Uganda, the unmet need for FP stands at 30% and mCPR is at 28 percent against the government commitments to reducing unmet need to 10 and increasing mCPR to 50 % (Track2020 Uganda records, August 2018). Ultimately, this has multiple effects for instance, declining in uptake of FP information and services that could tragically lead to unplanned pregnancies, increased teenage pregnancies and abortion, maternal and infant mortalities and morbidities.

While the Government of Uganda (GoU) has acceded to FP2020 global initiative, developed national costed implementation plans (CIP) for Family Planning to eliminate the unmet need for FP, the progress to realizing these commitments remain significantly low due to poor and uneven allocation of funds .

The Kyenjojo district local government in partnership with Faith Based Organizations and other partners have made significant progress towards improving the access and uptake of FP information, services and supplies. Specifically, the following progress has been made:

- ✓ Development and adoption of the Family Planning Costed Implementation Plan. This is a five-year strategy to guide planning and domestic financing of the FP.
- ✓ Formation of the District Technical Working Group for FP to facilitate multi-stakeholder engagement.
- ✓ Demand creation for FP by faith leaders and other stakeholders leading to increased uptake of FP services. For instance, between 2015 and 2017, the district's total number of family planning clients increased by from 14,987 to 22,016 (HMIS Data).

Budgetary Allocation to Family Planning in Kyenjojo

➤ **2017/2018 Financial Year**

While the budget projection for FP in the 2017/2018 FY was 502.24 Million Uganda Shillings, only 10 million Uganda Shillings (2.1% of the District Health Budget) was allocated to FP.

➤ **2018/2020 Financial year**

The district projected budget for FP in the FY 2018/2020 is 651.12 million Uganda shillings. Of this, Kyenjojo District Council approved the allocation of 50 Million Uganda shillings (8.5% of the District health budget) to

FP. Additionally, the council approved the allocation of 1% of the local revenue to Family Planning at the sub county level budgets.

Actions;

1. Sustain the Momentum gained in FP
2. Mainstream FP into all sectors and interventions
3. Health Committees Members of Parliament to Increase the Health Budget 2018/2019 and subsequently FP increased budget
4. MPs to advocate for Government increase budget for reproductive health supplies
5. Explore why there is unmet need for FP
6. Advocate at National level for increased funding to family to both FP commodities as well as family planning programs
7. Mobilize communities in our constituencies to seek FP services in order for their families to have children that they can afford to feed, take to school, clothe, and look after in a healthy, hygienic environment.

In order to consolidate these district efforts and ensure implementation of the Family Planning district costed implementation plan, Kyerijjo district Local government leadership in partnership with Western Uganda FBOs Network, Faith For Family Health Initiative, and the Health committee members of parliament of Uganda commit to add their voice to the need for increased investment in FP as well as guide on implementation of the FP district costed implementation plan in order to improve Family planning indicators in Kyerijjo District.

Signed;

1. Chairperson Health Committee Members of Parliament

Name: Hon. Dr. Michael Bukonya

Signature.....

2. FBOs

Name: Rev. Sister Jacinta Mukamalimpa

Signature.....

3. For Kyerijjo District Chairperson Local Government

Name: Hon. Agaba Emmanuel

Signature.....

4. District Women Member of Parliament.

Hon. Spolanza Baguma Muhenda

Signature.....

5. For Faith For Family Health Initiative

Name: Rev Moses Semugoma

Signature.....

2019, Project: Youth are Able -Breaking myths and misconceptions on family planning through interfaith FP + Livelihood tutorship, Funding Number: (FCO: 776.0075/100)

200 Young faith actors joined forces to champion for family planning, Family planning charter for Kyegegwa district was developed and signed and religious actors committed to using their faith spaces to challenge harmful social norms.

Total reached during sensitization events were 10,740 people who included 1362 aged 15-19 years ,20-24 years (1,333), 25-29 years (1,262) 30-34 years (1,263) and 35+ years (5220)

1,170 referrals for family planning were recorded, with 113 referrals for ages 15-19, 167 for ages 20-24, 169 for ages 25-29, 136 for ages 30-34, and 585 for ages 35 and above.

1,284 received family planning method, 109 aged 15-19 years ,20-24 years (1,99), 25-29 years (1,77) 30-34 years (1,57) and 35+ years(642)

WUFBON Male as champions of family planning education through interfaith and faith led facilities and outreaches.



**2019 December -2020, Project: Family planning ,
Funded by: Preston Werner ventures**

- Trained 10 Religious leaders in FP budget tracking skills and budget process to ensure the increased capacity of faith leaders (DiCs) District Interfaith Council ability to advocate for increased investment in health especially FP (FP allocation, disbursement, expenditure and absorption/accountability).
- FP information dissemination through their events; 10,000 through faith-owned media outlets, 51,230 through media, Faith events like Baptism, marriage seminars, and medical camps disseminated by the Clergy, archdeacons, Parish priests, Pastors, Overseers, and faith leaders' wives., 7,439 referrals made, 9,157 counseled and 28 sub-counties reached and 32 Health centers budget tracked.
- 178 referrals made by Senior religious leaders at the national level, 315 clients counseled and 6 senior religious actors involved in FP budget tracking and analysis



2019, Project : Dialogue with the security and health department on rapid response & SRHR commodities supplies for Key populations , Funded by: Front Line AID, (RRF 1692



We carried out advocacy with the District health management team and the district security committee on issues of Key population in Kyenjojo district, Our Key message was on the rights and access to SRHR services at the government health facilities more especially Kyenjojo Hospital , we sought for the KP friendly health workers specific for handling KP persons and as a result the Hospital administrator and the management assigned specific health focal person to deal with SRHR issues of Key populations.

Another positive outcome is that Sex workers have got access to free SRHR supplies from the facility. The district deployed KP-friendly health workers at all points of care in the Kyenjojo districts

2020, Project: The Expenditure Count Project: Advancing FN Budget Dialogues in Uganda, Funded by: PAI , 3FHI

250 religious actors trained in FP budget advocacy and tracking. 250 Participated in the district planning and budget conference, Butunduzi sub-county included Family planning in the sub-county action plan to educate community members on the role of family planning in ending teenage pregnancies.



2020-2021, The Adolescent Health Policy Project, PAI ,



Introduction

Western Uganda FBO Network (WuFBON) was a partner in a consortium that implemented The Adolescents Policy Project (tAPP) across the four districts of Ntoroko, Ibanda, Kyenjojo and Namayingo. WuFBON targeted the district of Kyenjojo. Other consortium members included: Born Again Faith Federation (Namayingo), Ibanda/Diocese of North West Ankole (Ibanda) and 3FHi (Ntoroko, national). The consortium was led by Faith for Family Health Initiative(3FHi). WuFBON advocacy work in Kyenjojo began in January and ended in October 2021.

The objective of the project was to advocate for the full implementation of District Costed Implementation Plan for Family Planning (DCIP) in Kyenjojo district and especially tracking and monitoring the implementation of specific commitments aimed at addressing Adolescents and Young People Sexual and Reproductive Health (AYPSRH) indicators and targets.

ii) Project Strategies

To achieve the objective, the project adopted various strategies and approaches including:

- Evidence generation-analyzing DHIS2 teenage pregnancy trends.
- Champions building engagements.
- Stakeholders' mobilization engagements.
- Policy analysis-gaps and barriers mapping.
- Advocacy engagements and action planning (Developments of governance improvement plans-Adolescent Action Plans
- Media engagements

ii Planned Activities

Over a ten-month period, the project was to implement a list of activities as indicated in

Table 1 below.

Table 1 Planned Activities and Status of Implementation

Coordination meetings	100%	Meetings conducted
1.3 Conduct 4 radio/TV shows on ARH	100%	7 radio Stations Engaged Messaging to end teenage pregnancy
1.4 Hold 4 dialogue meetings on ending teen's pregnancy	100%	Stakeholders oriented and enabled be able and willingly committed to making decisions or interventions to ending teenage pregnancies and they agreed and made action plans for interventions.
2.1. Hold 2 DCIP review meetings	100%	setbacks, achievements shared, discussed and recommendations were generated and implementation dashboard
Meetings on DCIP implementation	100%	District leadership prioritize and operationalize, budgeting and FP implementation as well as prepare for and update the DCIP for Family planning starting 2022.

iii) **Advocacy Outcomes**

Below is a list of achievements, successes and results that the project has secured over the 10 months period.

a) Enhanced commitments to the implementation of DCIP commitments to ARH as evidenced by the following:

The district allocated USD 66,666 to support youth centers in Kyenjojo Hospital, Kyarusizi HCIV, Katooke HCIII and Kisojo HCIII.

The district improved the capacity of their Human Resource for Health by training a new cohort of 62 Village Health Teams-VHTs (2 from each of 32 sub-counties) on Youth Friendly Service Provision.

The district is supporting 200 VHTs and 30 medical officers in 15 health facilities on the provision of counselling and contraceptives to the adolescents.

b) The district initiated a process to develop communication strategy to guide messaging towards teenage pregnancy prevention.

c) Other successes included:

- Increased conversation and visibility of teenage pregnancy crisis through media activation.
- Enhanced peer-to-peer influences on the prevention of teenage pregnancy.
- Producing a landscape of the policy gaps underpinning DCIP implementation.

Producing teenage pregnancy trend by analysis DHIS2. We assessed the women aged below 19 years who attended Ante-Natal Clinics for the first time.

2020-2021, Project: Building Community and Health System Resilience during Covid 19 Pandemic through Rwenzori Interfaith and Media Covid 19 SRHR task force, Funded by: PRESTON WERNER VENTURE



Western Uganda FBOs Network's targeted response helped vulnerable women, girls, and their communities not only survive this crisis but come through it stronger and more resilient. Western Uganda FBOs network supported various interventions in response to COVID 19 Crisis.

Supported the development of the district COVID 19 Response, recovery plan for Kyenjojo District,

Advocated for integration of family planning in the District COVID 19 Response plan which has been done.

Formed the Rwenzori Interfaith and Media COVID 19 Task force which is advancing game changing communication to breaking myth and misconceptions on COVID 19, Following and tracking resources invested in the fight of COVID 19 as well as promoting information sharing between media and religious leaders, CSOs, Donors and government officials.

Printed and disseminated 2000 COVID 19 and Family planning educative messages to the community.

Carrying on weekly mobile track drive sensitizing people on COVID 19 Preventive and mitigation measures as well as making women remember to take their contraceptives during the lock down periods.

Secured radio airtime on 3 media stations to talk about accountability for COVID 19 and Family planning resources Supported the printing and dissemination of quarterly district health bulletin.

Western Uganda FBOs Network supported the development of Kyenjojo District COVID 19 Preparedness, Response and Recovery Plan which has been launched being the first district in Uganda to Develop a district COVID 19 Strategic plan supported by PWV. Kyenjojo District COVID-19 Preparedness, Response and Recovery Plan RR Workplan- April 2020 (4)

2022, Project: Accelerated Family Planning and Climate Justice, Funded by: PRESTON WERNER VENTURES , PAI

Climate Change and Family Planning in the Last-Mile Communities



With support from PWV through our fiscal sponsorship grant received from PAI. we implemented the activities 100% and results obtained among many others includes; commitments evidenced by allocation of 70,000,000/= Uganda shillings for direct FP activities in financial year 2022, Kyenjojo District re-educated the VHTs on FP and enhanced their capacities to offer FP short term methods to compliment services provided at Kyenjojo Hospital, District staff is able to quantify and forecast FP commodities, Efforts have been taken by the DHO in ensuring timely submission of requisitions to NMS and development partners.

4 Functional youth friendly corners in four government facilities, 1,750 New users of Family planning registered during FP outreaches, 15,000 People reached with FP accurate information on FP and Climate Justice, and 15 active drug-shops staff trained and providing FP products and services to the last mile communities and linked to financial institutions

2023-2024, Project: Raising Inter-faith Youth & Women Voices on Climate Change Adaptation and Family Planning project, Funded by: PANAROMA/128 COLLECTIVE



By December 2023, the environmental and climate change mitigation budget had increased from 10 million Uganda shillings to 32 million in 2022 to 50 million in December 2023.

1,233 copies of the guidelines from the Ministry of Health (MoH) and Ministry of Environment (MOE), as well as standard operating procedures (SOPs), quality standards, job aids and waste management standards. Other policy documents and guidelines covered Adolescent .

health policy (ADH), SRHR, and TMA.

Additionally, the district local government office accepted to mainstream SRHR issues and efforts to mitigate climate change, including in their nutrition action plan (Evidence and data source: Kyenjojo District Nutrition Action Plan 2023 approved,) and the district adopted and prioritized implementation of the district costed implementation plan for family planning 2022/2023- 2026/27 (Data source: Kyenjojo district (June 2022). District family planning costed implementation plan, 2022/23-2026/27 Kyenjojo Uganda.

The district also gazettes June as men's months with a view to promote SRHR, climate action, dialogue and awareness on the role of men the resolution of domestic violence and ending of harmful practices such as child marriages. One of the new initiatives from the district education office was to instruct all primary and secondary schools to preserve environment and health friendly corners in their compounds. (Evidence and Data Source: Council Minutes extract of Kyenjojo District Local government 2023) At least 50 VSLA were formed in Kyenjojo. These VSLA's organized weekly meetings in which participants discussed SRHR, climate change and community development issues. Each VSLA has 30 members. Therefore, the number of beneficiaries from all groups was 1,500 while at least 450 VSLA women members received SRHR education and modern family planning methods. Those women in far-flung areas where government services are not available access their services through VSLA loans. Women are currently able to save and have access of loans from their saving groups to procure contraceptives from local pharmacies and clinics in hard-to-reach areas.



2022/2023, Project: Emanzi Etegekera Eka Nobuhangwa Ha Kyoto “Hero Family Planning: Environment Camp Fire Project”, Funded by: 128 COLLECTIVE

EMANZI ETEGEKERA EKA NOBUHANGWA HA KYOTO



“Hero Family Planning & Environment Camp Fire Project”

4. Conducted EKYOTO Sessions / outreaches for Emanzi (Hero men’s) family planning campfire in the selected hotspot areas.



End of Project Report 2022/2023

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Western Uganda FBO Network popularized Kyenjojo district family planning costed implementation plan to the 186 district decision makers to enable them execute new DCIP implementation and monitoring plus review of family planning activities and ensure allocation, prompt disbursement of family planning budget and accountability.

Series of family planning budget advocacy engagements with the district FP political caucus and religious leaders were held which resulted into allocation of 70 million Uganda shillings for family planning in the financial year 2022/2023 and commitment to allocate 5% towards family planning budget line for health facilities towards family planning budget line in the year 2023/2024 planning cycle a commitment secured during the budget conference and recent council approved budget has honored the commitment to allocate 5% towards family budget line and mainstreaming FP in sector plans for example family planning has been integrated in the district nutrition plan. Western Uganda FBO Network conducted 54 Ekyoto session/ outreaches for Emanzi

(Heroes Men’s) family planning and climate change campfire in the selected hotspot areas where environment degradation and increased school dropout cases are rampant using the cultural & religious poems and lyrics, riddles and folks to break myths and misconception on family planning among young men and men. Western Uganda FBO Network used her brass band and drama shows to mobilize for family planning and climate change actions. In the period of 8 months, we managed to reach 21,000 community members across the three districts of Kyenjojo of which 16,800 (85%) are youth aged 14 years to 35 years and 57% (9,576) young men and men and (43%) 7,224 are female youth reached during the project period ending April 2023 with increased male involvement in climate change mitigation and adaptation practices. The rapid increase of family planning uptake as indicated in the district DHIS2 was due to sensitization and outreaches. 30 community climate justice business clubs well oriented and actively saving for green trades / enterprises as well as reached out for community climate change education and the materials to help youth run small microfinance schemes(SRHR-CJ/VLSA) have been developed and interpreted for them and we have distributed 30 VSLA start up kits and 900 saving books to 900 members of climate justice business clubs (VSLA) so that young women and youth are able to run their clean energy enterprises and this model has facilitated youth to start up

green enterprises for example recycling of plastic bottles, soda straws into mats and use of banana fibers for craft bags among others. Western Uganda FBO Network trained 50 religious leaders, interfaith faith hubs coordinators and SRHR-CJ Business clubs, private not-for-profit health facilities in AFP SMART advocacy, which enabled them to learn better FP budget advocacy skills and ensure policy policy-enabling environment for family planning interventions.

2022-2023, Project: Nsinde Echo Museum Tourism and Resource Centre, Funded by: UTOPIA

Nsinde Eco Tourism Research and Resource Centre is a Youth and Women-led health and conservation organization established to educate the native citizens on the importance of conserving the environment and promoting eco-friendly local Tourism in Mwenge central, Kyarusuzi sub-county, Kyenjojo district, Rwenzori region, Uganda, East Africa, carrying out eco-tourism as a growing ecological footprint which is part of evolution in smart agriculture tourism and climate change evolution integrating Population, Health, Environment and Development (PHED) in Uganda. The project was started by WUFBON and handed over to the women group who are currently managing it.

About Us – Nsinde Eco-tourism (nsindeecotourism.org) This is one of the villages SRHR and Business club which conducts conservation activities founded with technical support of Western Uganda FBO Network. Nsinde Echo Museum Tourism and Resource Centre is a home of Western Uganda FBO Network working with consortium of public and academic engagements in science; Kagoora Central Forest reserve Program; The alliance envisions of setting up an ecosystem science laboratory and research vessel in Nsinde village, Kyenjojo district Uganda.



2023, Project: CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATION, Funded by: KOREA SAFETY HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM (KOSHE)



Kyenjojo, Kyegegwa and Kamwenge districts committed to mainstream climate change in all sectors of local government, ensure climate change budget allocation and climate change adaptation plan development and implementation.

- Kyenjojo, Kyegegwa and Kamwenge district committed to use sports in schools to create awareness on climate change through schools' co-curricular activities and to-date over 746 primary schools have adopted sports for climate change learning and 88 secondary schools have adopted green school model.

- By the use of our own drama group, Brass band and live band we were able to reach out to over 21,000 people directly with climate change accurate information by the use of our creative arts and poems. And also documented climate change poems engaging with the climate crisis including poems about climate change, global warming, nature and the environment. The approach has also been integrated in schools inter- house and inter-religious competitions on climate change poetry and sports across primary schools in Kyenjojo district with directive from district education officer hence forth increasing number of young climate change ambassadors across the community

- Increased access to accurate and timely climate change information by the sports ambassadors and fans including men, youth, women and children.
- Amplified voices on climate change by young climate ambassadors and champions from local government, football clubs, religious and cultural institutions as well as political arm of government advancing climate change through sports. Kyenjojo, Kamwenge and Kyegegwa has formed district political caucus to embrace climate change.
- 160 Young climate sports ambassadors oriented and committed to advancing climate change through sports.
- 10 community interfaith -intercultural poetry lyrics and sports events have been conducted in Kyegegwa, Kyenjojo and Kamwenge districts reaching to over 21,000 young men, men and women with climate change information.
- Climate change communication has been integrated in SRHR and climate change campaigns

2024, Project : Advancing Climate Change Communication through inter-faith & inter-cultural Sports and Poetry, Funded by: Korea Safety Health and Environment (KOSHE).



Mobilizing Fathers, Men and young men for climate change action in Uganda by Western Uganda FBO Network

Environmental education and campaign projects to raise awareness of climate change are among WUFBON's main activities. In fact, western Uganda is significantly affected by climate change. The region's economy is heavily based on agriculture, making the community's livelihoods highly vulnerable to issues such as irregular rainfall, prolonged droughts, and temperature fluctuations. In the Kyenjojo area, where there are many forest reserves and a culture connected to the forest, environmental education holds social importance. Given this context, WUFBON planned a project aimed at raising awareness of climate change and helping the community adapt to its impacts.

This project includes various educational activities, discussions, and campaigns aimed at encouraging climate action across different sectors and age groups, including religious leaders, politicians, youth, women, and adolescents.

WUFBON Conducted 5 seminars to address health, environmental, and development issues in the context of climate change and to advocate for environmental action. Led by WUFBON, the seminar involved several hours of presentations and discussions, sharing fascinating insights. WUFBON has a brass band it using to educate the community on climate change and mobilization of the community to undertake PHED integration using the poems, lyrics and brass band.

Key Achievement to date:

Inter-Faith Climate Change Education:

1.1 Collaboration: Representatives from diverse faith traditions actively participated in discussions about climate change. Their collective insights fostered a sense of shared responsibility.

1.2 Workshops and Dialogues: Inter-faith workshops were dynamic forums where participants explored climate science, ethical considerations, and practical solutions. These sessions encouraged critical thinking and informed action.

1.3 Inclusive Approach: By embracing diverse religious perspectives, WUFBON significantly enhanced climate literacy within their communities.

Brass Band Performances:

2.1 Rhythmic Awareness: Our Interfaith brass bands captured attention at community gatherings, festivals, and schools. Their vibrant performances acted as a powerful conduit for climate messages.

2.2 Musical Messages: Through catchy tunes and harmonies, the bands effectively conveyed climate-related messages. Audiences were inspired to reflect and take positive steps toward environmental stewardship.

2.3 Youth Engagement: Young musicians played a pivotal role, making climate education relatable and engaging for their peers.

Poetry Fellowships:

3.1 Creative Expression: Aspiring poets and writers received fellowships to create climate-themed poems. Their creativity sparked conversations and emotional connections.

3.2 Spoken Word Events: Poetry readings and spoken word performances became platforms for sharing personal experiences, hopes, and fears related to climate change. Audiences connected on a deeper level.

3.3 Emotional Connection: Poetry evoked empathy, bridging the gap between scientific facts and human emotions. It reminded us that climate action is not just about data—it's about people and our shared planet.

Music Lyrics Fellowships:

4.1 Songwriting Workshops: Musicians collaborated with lyricists to compose songs with climate change themes. These workshops nurtured creativity and amplified voices and this has been done across all schools in Kyenjojo, Uganda.

4.2 Concerts and Recordings: Original songs came alive during community events. Their lyrics resonated, leaving a lasting impact. Recordings ensured wider reach and continued inspiration.

4.3 Memorable Impact: Music had a unique ability to touch hearts and minds. It became a catalyst for positive change, encouraging sustainable practices.

2023-2024, BUILD PHED YOUNG LEADERS , AFDEP



The integration of Public Health and Environmental Development (PHED) into faith-based organizations and district local governments aims to enhance family health, well-being, and create an eco-friendly environment. Key progress includes sharing the PHED approach with staff and board members, training the JISRA board on SMART Advocacy strategies, and developing a new country Lobby and Advocacy work plan.

Engagements with interfaith leaders have led to a commitment to implementing the advocacy strategy from January 7, 2024. Active participation in the Family Planning Technical Working Group (FPTWG) and budget and policy advocacy at district levels has been notable, with presentations at CSO consultations and budget conferences.

The initiative has also involved disseminating PHED information at various events, including Women's Day celebrations and a PHED learning tour in Ibanda district. Resource mobilization efforts secured and distributed 50 solar panels for health facilities. Two impact briefs have been developed out of the seven planned.

Opportunities include utilizing interfaith spaces and district resources for PHED awareness and advocacy. However, challenges such as capacity gaps in climate negotiation, funding limitations, and inactive PHED working groups in districts need to be addressed. Continuous engagement and capacity building are essential for the initiative's success.

2024, Project: Fruit trees for churches, mosques, and schools greening, Funded by : Quaker Earth witness, FRIENDS CHURCH KYENJOJO QUAKERS



Planted 80,000 fruit trees across faith centers and followers' lands trees including passion fruits, mangoes, avocado and musizi native trees. 5 tree planting workshops for 250 religious actors were conducted.

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2019, Project: Youth are Able -Breaking myths and misconceptions on family planning through interfaith FP + Livelihood tutorship, Funding Number: (FCO: 776.0075/100)

200 Young faith actors joined forces to champion for family planning, Family planning charter for Kyegegwa district was developed and signed and religious actors committed to using their faith spaces to challenge harmful social norms.

Total reached during sensitization events were 10,740 people who included 1362 aged 15-19 years ,20-24 years (1,333), 25-29 years (1,262) 30-34 years (1,263) and 35+ years (5220)

1,170 referrals for family planning were recorded, with 113 referrals for ages 15-19, 167 for ages 20-24, 169 for ages 25-29, 136 for ages 30-34, and 585 for ages 35 and above.

1,284 received family planning method, 109 aged 15-19 years ,20-24 years (1,99), 25-29 years (1,77) 30-34 years (1,57) and 35+ years(642)

WUFBON Male as champions of family planning education through interfaith and faith led facilities and outreaches.





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