

## **ENHANCING AGE-APPROPRIATE ADOLESCENTS SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE BELOW 25 YEARS (EASY U25 PROJECT)**

**UYDEL** in partnership with **Lutheran World Federation** is implementing Enhancing Age-appropriate Adolescents Sexual Reproductive Health Services for Young People below 25 Years (EASY-U25) that is being funded by **Bread for the World**.

The Project is addressing poverty, commercial sexual exploitation, Teenage pregnancy and motherhood, STIs including HIV and Aids, and Gender stereotypes among 3,000 adolescents both boys and girls 12-18 years of differing ethnic background living in the slums of Kampala reached with age appropriate reproductive health information including HIV/AIDS & STIs prevention and Psychosocial support services

The Project will also reach out to 500 young people boys and girls 18-25 years of differing ethnic background living in the slums of Kampala supported to access vocational trainings and start-up capital. They young people will participate in the selection of preferred vocational skills and business enterprises.

The project will work closely with 100 peer club members (40 Males & 50 Females) trained in psychosocial support and life skills to provide peer to peer support to fellow adolescents.

### **Indirect Target Groups will include:**

- A total of 30 medical workers from Private and Public Health facilities adjacent to the slums of Kampala trained and engaged to offer SRHS services to young people
- A total of 30 spiritual Counsellors trained in SRHS and Psychosocial support for the rehabilitation of Adolescents engaged in risky sexual behaviours and for positive behavioural modelling among adolescents.
- A total of 100 Male partners of girls in commercial sex tracked and linked to SRHR services and information Including VMMC, STI treatment, Condom promotion and use, HIV counselling and testing, SRHR community dialogues and Village saving and loan schemes to support their partners and spouses and protect them from HIV infection.

### **Project Expected Outcome and Impact**

- Reduced vulnerability to economic deprivation and enhanced access to SRH services among 3,000 adolescents and youth aged 12-25, within Kawempe, Makindye and Rubaga divisions in Kampala, by 2021

The project is expected to increase adoption of safer sexual behaviors and reduction in risk behaviors among Adolescents and youth aged 12-25 in Kawempe, Makindye and Rubaga divisions in Kampala. The ability and competence of adolescents and youth aged 12-25 to



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make informed choices about their sexual and reproductive health through the utilization of the peer to peer networks will be enhanced. Similarly, the underlying socio-cultural, gender and other factors that drive the HIV epidemic mitigated among adolescents and youth aged 12-25 expected to reduce

**Project Objective 1:** Access to and utilization of appropriate SRH information and services for 3,000 adolescents/youth by 2021.

Indicator: 70% of Adolescent youth accessing and utilizing Age – appropriate SRHR information and services in the slums of Kampala.

Indicator: 50% of targeted Adolescents and youths engaged in of risky sexual behaviors and negative coping mechanisms.

**Project Objective 2:** 500 teenagers have obtained decent and productive work by the end of June 2022