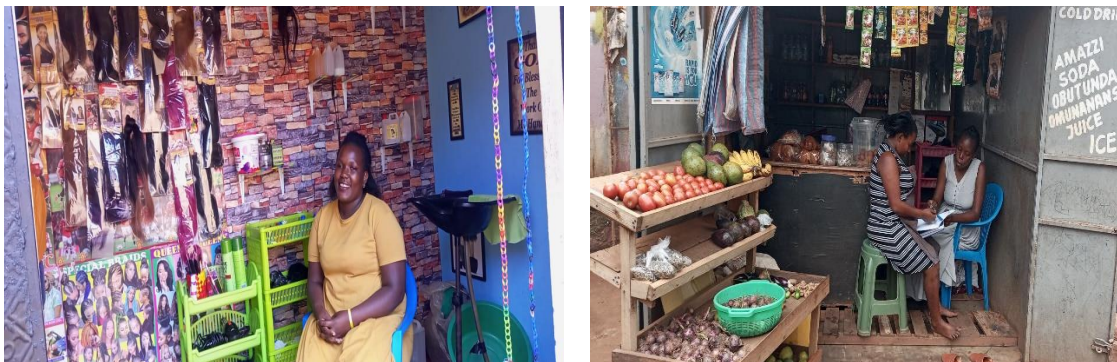


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SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER THE EASY U25 PROJECT PHASE II

Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL) in partnership with Brot für die Welt (Bread for the World) 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. This report provides a brief on activities implemented during the period July 2022 up to December 2022.

Objectives of the project

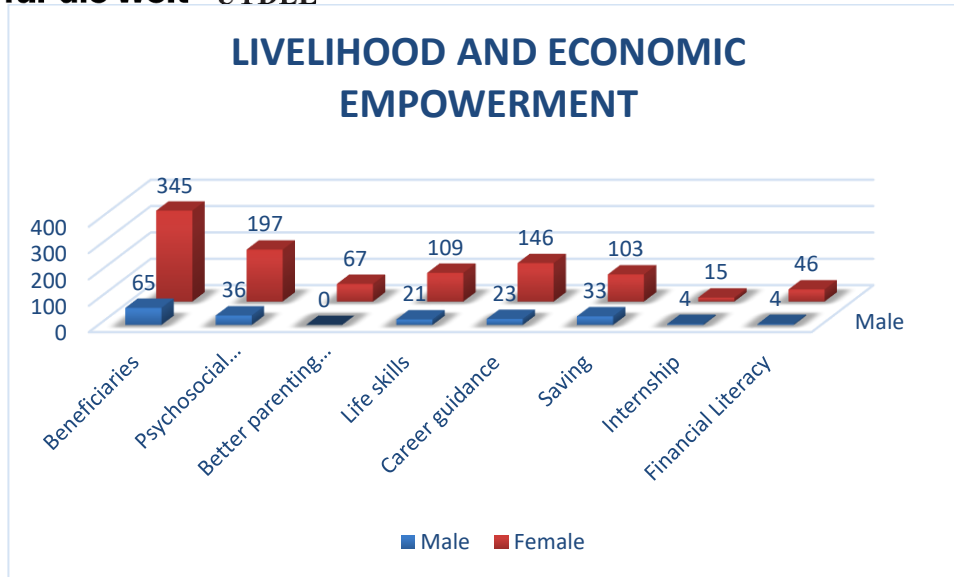
Objective 1: 80% of (2000) graduated skilled slum youth have access to and keep gainful employment or self-employment 12 months UYDEL vocational training by 2025

Objective 2: As a result of accessing grants and loans, 1,065 micro-entrepreneurs can sustain and grow their businesses to meet their basic needs and take care of their families that were affected by the COVID 19 Pandemic by 2025

Output 3: Increased access to and utilization of appropriate SRH information and services for 3,000 adolescents/youth by 2025.

Achievements

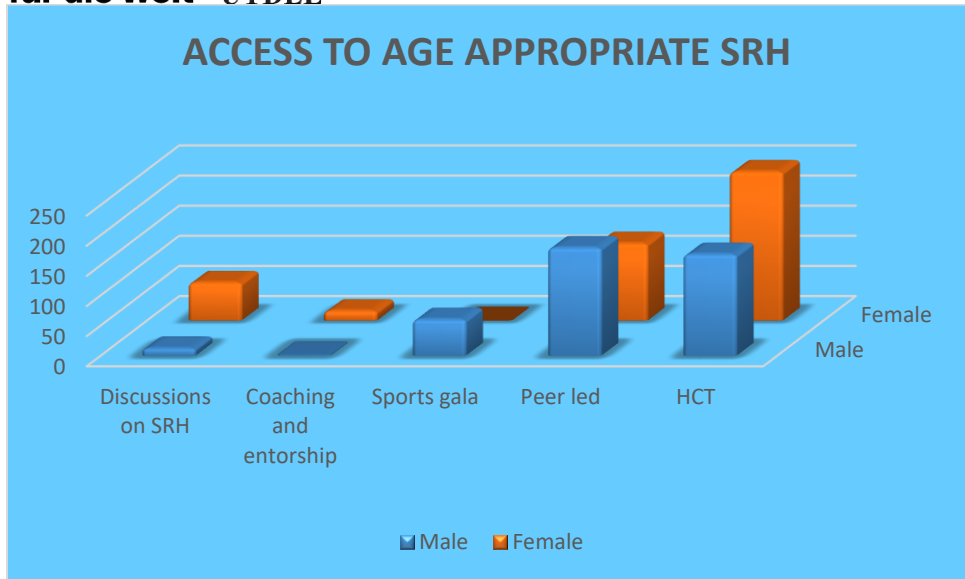
With support from key community stakeholders, the project recruited and trained 410 vulnerable slum youth (65M, 345F) in hairdressing, tailoring, knitting, computer, electrical installations, Electronics, bakery, jewellery and Fashion and Design. These have been equipped with employable skills which will enabled them compete favourably in the job market. At the end of the training period, graduated beneficiaries will be linked to internship and job opportunities to strengthen their skills and enable them earn income for self-reliance. The graph below shows the additional support provided to the young people.



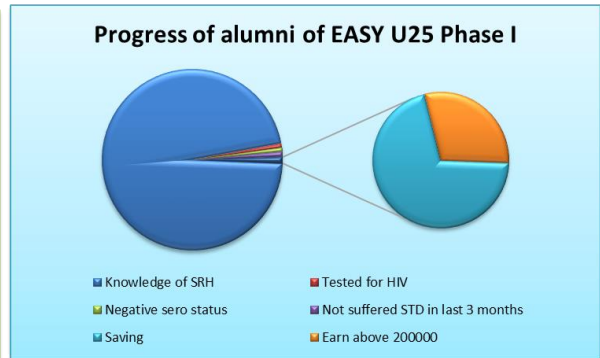
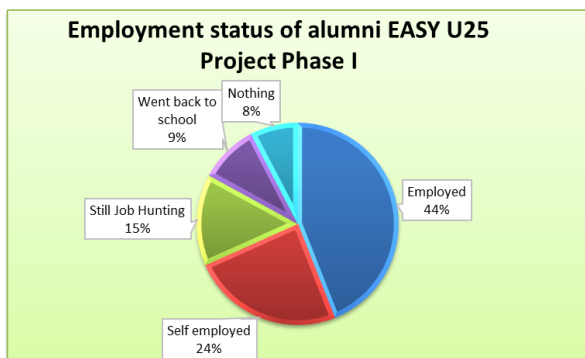
The project also partnered with 5 public hospitals to provide youth friendly services to vulnerable slum youth in Rubaga, Makindye and Nakawa. The hospitals have been provided with IEC materials; 2,080 flyers and 216 posters with youth friendly SRH messages. The hospitals include; Kisugu Health centre III, Kisenyi Health centre III, China Friendship hospital, Kiswa Health centre III and Kitebi Health Centre III. With support from Health workers, 9 comprehensive sexual reproductive health services outreaches were conducted reaching 415 (168M, 247F) with an aim of promoting access to SRH services and prevention of the spread of HIV infections among slum youths through regular HIV testing. The services offered included; family planning, HIV and syphilis testing, counselling and education on STDs prevention. 5 (4F, 1M) who tested positive were started on ARVs, 3 youth were referred for PREP and 11 youth received family planning services and 45 boxes of condoms were distributed.

The project trained and equipped 30 (9M, 21F) peer educators with comprehensive knowledge on sexual reproductive health services and information such as; Sex and sexuality, HIV and AIDS with emphasis on HIV prevention, STI prevention, family planning, menstrual management, fertility awareness, healthy relationships, Gender and GBV, substance use, Referral system, and effective communication. The peer educators have reached 310 (179M, 128F) vulnerable slum youth within Kampala with messages on sexual reproductive health and have referred 43 youth to health facilities to receive specialized STI treatment. In addition to that 12 boxes of condoms (1728 condoms) were distributed to the young people and 5 vulnerable youth were referred to UYDEL for vocational skills training.

The graph below provides a summary of the activities conducted to increase access to age appropriate sexual reproductive health services for young people below 25 years;



The UYDEL M&E team and Project field staff conducted a Tracer study for 623 slum youth previously enrolled onto the phase one of EASY U25 project to evaluate and document impact and needs assessment after rehabilitation. The study methodology combined both quantitative and qualitative data techniques. Data was collected using both physical and phone call interviews. Findings showed; 63.4% (395) are working, 71.5% are saving part of their income (on average saving more than UGX. 55,000 monthly) to start up own business, 26% are members of a saving group, 37.5% reported having protected sex in the last 3 months whereas 34.9% reported having unprotected sex because they trusted their partners. 92% were actively protecting themselves from getting HIV in the last 6 months.



Pictures of beneficiaries' business who benefited from EASY Phase I.



Figure 1 Former beneficiary who is currently running a salon business and has started as CBO in her community that is giving out loans to vulnerable youth and empowering them to save

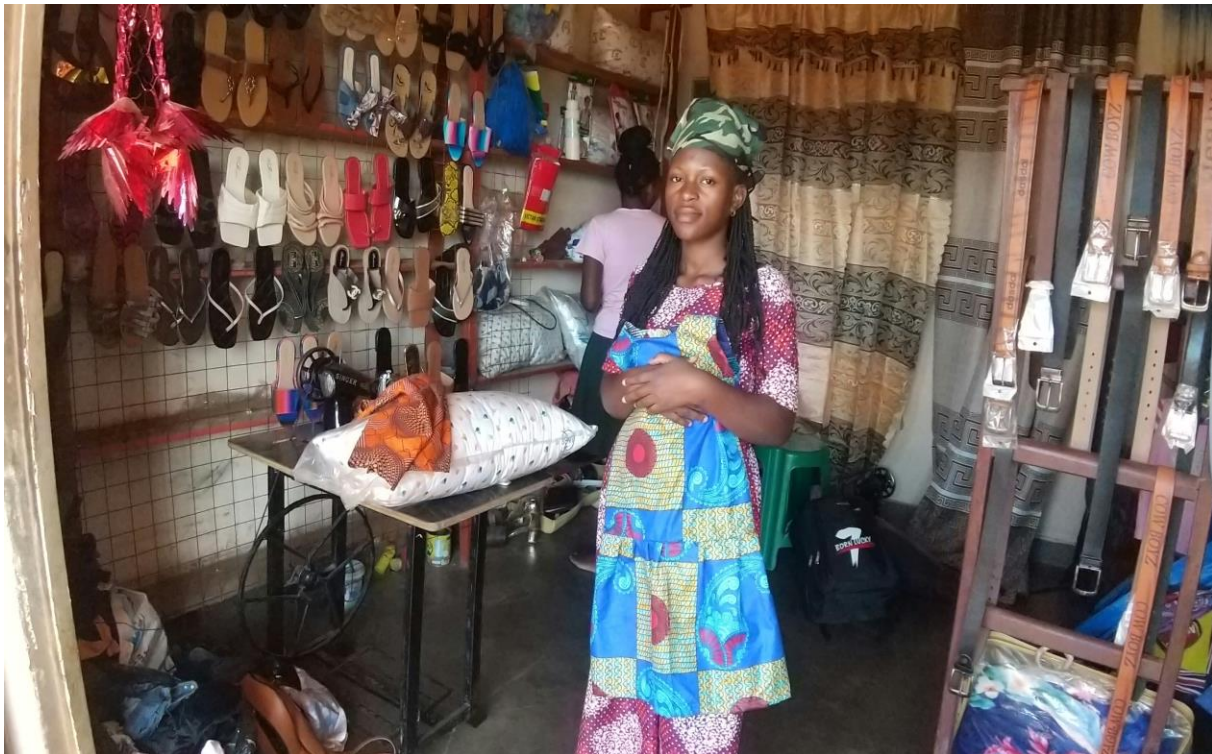


Figure 2 Beneficiary who is running a tailoring business using start up received alongside shoe selling



Figure 3 Beneficiary who is running a retail shop



Figure 4 Young people who are employed in a salon



Figure 5 Young person who is running an electronics repair shop



Figure 6 Young person employed in kololo at MACCNZO Company as an electrician



Figure 7 Young person employed as a mechanic



Figure 8 Young person doing wiring