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Uganda Youth Development Link

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About UYDEL:

Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL) is a non-governmental organization whose core programs focus on HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support; Alcohol, drug and substance abuse prevention; Child protection; Prevention and rehabilitation of children engaged in worst forms of child labour; Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health; Prevention of commercial sexual exploitation of children in the districts of Kampala, Wakiso, and Mukono.

Vision:

A transformed society where young people live a good quality of life free from exploitation.

Mission:

To enhance socio-economic transformation of disadvantaged young people through advocacy and skills development for self-reliance.

Core Values

1. Respect for human rights
2. Non-discrimination
3. Transparency
4. Integrity
5. Participation
6. Team work

Identification, recruitment, & placement of children and youths for psychosocial rehabilitation and re-integration.

UYDEL withdrew and rehabilitated 949 young people (733 females and 216 males) from trafficking, commercial sex exploitation, substance abuse and other risky behaviors are rehabilitated from Masooli center and other drop in centers.

	Gender		Service Point						
	Females	Males	Masooli	Bwaise	Mukono	Kamwokya	Nateete	Makindye	Nakulabye
Type Skills									
TOTALS	733	216	327	156	47	69	72	89	189



Young people undergoing a Life Skills & Hairdressing Skills training at Masooli & Nateete Centers respectively.



Above: Medical students holding a health talk with Young people at Masooli center

Lessons Learnt:

- a) Apply evidence based approaches and test to work in order to get the desired impact among high risky youths.
- b) Increased child participation in selecting a skill is key as well as doing multiple skills both livelihood and inter-personal skills.
- c) Multiple skills including vocational, entrepreneurship and life skills should be provided for the young people to compete favorably in this competitive environment.
- d) Follow up and tracing of re-integrated young people to learn from their experiences and adjustment.
- e) Qualified staff and regular training are a necessity in handling problems presented by young people.

Child Protection

(Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children & Child Trafficking)

This project works in seven districts; Kampala, Jinja, Mukono, Lyantonde, Wakiso, Masaka and Bugiri supported by ECPAT-France and Government of France by a grant for 3years as part of an East African regional project 2010 – 2014.



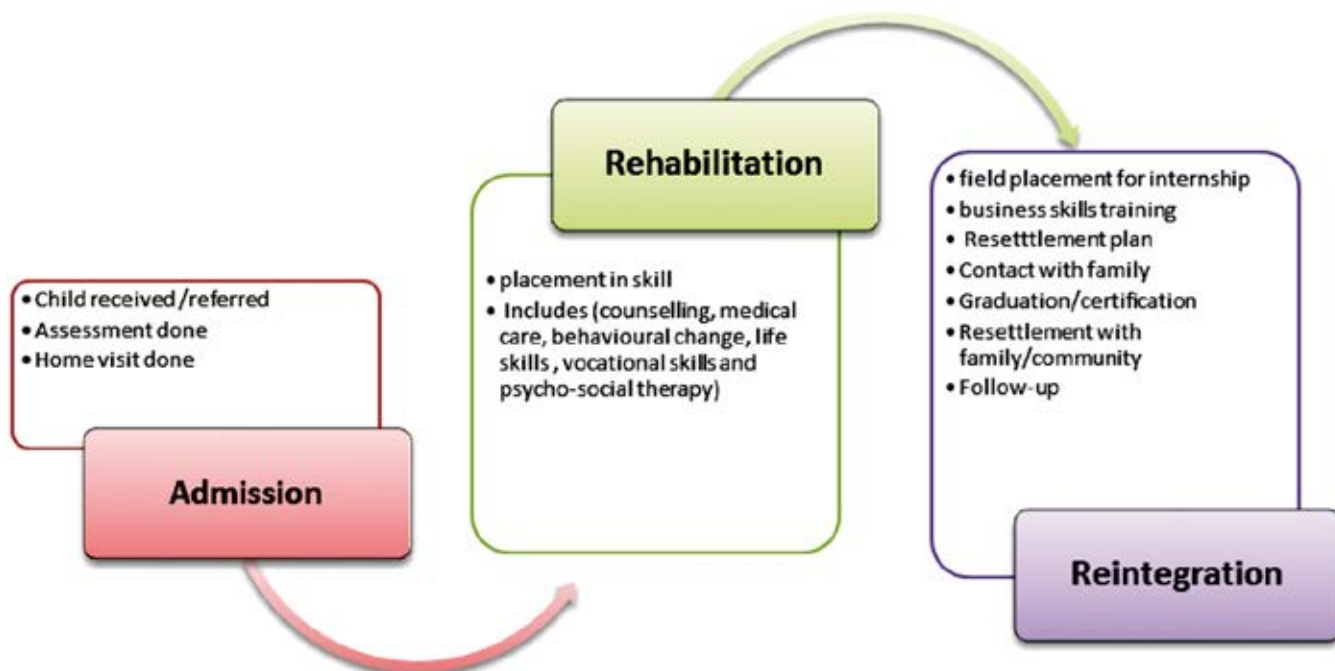
Above L-R: CSEC awareness workshops in Lyantonde, Namirembe landing site and Jinja district respectively.

Project Achievements

- ◆ Reproduced 500 copies of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children study report, 2011 and disseminated to stakeholders.
- ◆ Held Television talk shows on Trafficking in Human Persons.
- ◆ Contributed to a newspaper Article on CSEC and trafficking
- ◆ Sensitization workshops targeting 120 stakeholders on trafficking and CSEC in Lyantonde, Namirembe landing site, Jinja, and Mbarara districts.
- ◆ Workshop with 50 Private Recruitment Employment Agencies.



Above: Participants during the Private Labour Recruitment Agencies Workshop at Hotel Triangle



- ◆ Withdrawn and rehabilitated 176 children (153 females and 22 males) affected by internal trafficking and exploitation for sexual purposes were withdrawn and rehabilitated at the UYDEL rehabilitation centre in Masooli.



Above L-R: Some of the young people pausing for a group photo and conducting a Life Skills session at Masooli Center

- ◆ UYDEL was elected to serve as civil society representative on the National Taskforce against Human Trafficking in Uganda.
- ◆ UYDEL is also the Chair of the Uganda Civil Society Coalition Against Trafficking in Persons (UCATIP) which has membership of over fifty seven NGOs which promotes information sharing and coordination among the partners.

Advocacy and awareness about CSEC, trafficking and bonded labour

UYDEL organized an advocacy event to create awareness about the problem of sexual exploitation and trafficking of children. The Christmas carols gala targeted major stakeholders (NGOs, CSOs, Embassies, Development partners, line ministries, police, & media) in Kampala city. Over 350 people attended the event.



One lesson we have learnt is that the numbers of the victims exploited is still high, government and other actors need to support interventions.

Anti-Child Trafficking Project

The third phase of the anti-child trafficking project implemented by UYDEL in partnership with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva under the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery.

Project Achievements

- ◆ 1,000 anti-child trafficking posters printed
- ◆ 50 children identified and placed under in vocational skills training at Masooli center.
- ◆ 47 children received psycho-social support services in form of shelter, counseling, information sessions, medical care, life skills, legal aid, material need, trauma therapy, talent identification and mentoring.
- ◆ 50 children were resettled and re-integrated with their families and communities.

Beneficiaries by skill

Skill	Male	Female	Total	Drop outs
Catering	1	7	8	0
Electronics	3	1	4	0
Hairdressing	0	25	25	1
Motorbike Mechanics	5	0	5	0
Tailoring	0	4	4	0
Welding	1	0	1	0
Carpentry	0	0	0	0
Plumbing	0	1	1	0
SUB -TOTALS	10	38	48	1

The lessons learnt here was that socio economic re-integration is a slow process, needs patience and understanding of clients needs. Multiple skills are necessary for such children to cope in a competing livelihood environment.

Alcohol, drug and substance abuse prevention

Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL) in partnership with Mentor Foundation implemented a regional drug abuse prevention project in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania.

Project Achievements:

- ◆ UYDEL became a formal Mentor “partner in prevention” and attained affiliated status based on sound international principles and standards for operating as an effective and efficient prevention organization.
- ◆ Training and dissemination of the drug prevention peer to peer model to 120 actors in the East African region.
- ◆ 60 parents trained in the Prevention Smart Parents model.
- ◆ Integration of Peer to peer model with trained 70 partner NGOs.
- ◆ Three quarterly Newsletters were circulated to the regional network comprising of over 300 actors.
- ◆ Developed and maintained a database of over 300 actors as a Regional Network of organizations committed to prevention work.
- ◆ The Executive Director UYDEL completed a Fulbright Humphrey Fellowship on substance abuse prevention, research, treatment and Policy at Virginia Commonwealth University
- ◆ Study report on risky behaviors, substance abuse and protective factors completed.
- ◆ State of alcohol abuse in Uganda report awaits printing.

HIV/AIDS support for Street and slum Young People

This project was supported by Civil Society Fund/Uganda AIDS Commission.

Project Achievements

- ◆ An overall total of 1,591 street and slum young people and CSWs (598 Male and 993 Female) HIV Counseling and Testing services, a total 66 tested HIV positive and were referred to other service providers. 4% improved HIV status compared to previous years
- ◆ 94 street and slum young people and CSWs – (2 Male and 92 females) treated for Sexually Transmitted Infections.



Above L-R: A UYDEL social worker demonstrating condom use with slum young people while Mr. Kasirye conducts a group behavioural change session at Masooli center.

- ◆ 16 males were referred for Safe Medical Male Circumcision at Multi-care Clinic.
- ◆ 78 street and slum young people and CSWs were provided with treatment and care at the UYDEL

drop-in centres of Mukono, Nabulagala and Bwaise.

- ◆ 256 group counseling sessions were conducted in both Kampala and Mukono Districts. A total of 3,793 street and slum young people and CSWs (903 Males and 2,890 Females) attended and participated in the sessions.
- ◆ 73 Debate sessions were held at the UYDEL drop-in centres and outreach posts in Kampala and Mukono Districts. 1,634 street and slum young people and CSWs attended Debate sessions facilitated by the UYDEL staff
- ◆ 37 community educative drama shows were conducted in the communities of Kampala and Mukono Districts.



Livelihood and Business Skills

Young people withdrawn from CSEC, trafficking and other risky behaviors are rehabilitated from Masooli center. During the rehabilitation period, they are encouraged to participate in recreation and talent identification activities such as sports, music dance and drama, jewelry therapy group, peer and leadership roles at the center.



Above: young people during graduation ceremony and a social worker guiding young people through life skills session at an outreach.

Health Matters Project For Adolescent Commercial Sex Workers In Kampala City

Annual service Statistical Achievement Chart-2012

Activity	Beneficiaries reached by gender		
	Male	Female	Total
Awareness Raising (Drama shows, community youth dialogues and BCC session)	172	834	1,006
Capacity building (peer educators training and staff training)	21	51	72
Health service delivery (STI treatment, condom demonstration and distribution)	176	1,504	1,680
HIV Counseling and Testing	193	364	557
Pregnancy testing	0	123	123
Referrals	16	38	54
Economic empowerment (Life skills training, vocational skill, business entrepreneurship skills training, provision of resettlement kits)	17	342	359
IGA youth groups	3	5	8



Above: UYDEL health worker talking to young people at Masooli center and HCT session during outreach

Issues arising

- 1) Address social determinant factors that increase vulnerability to violence and risky sexual behavior and use of multiple skills and promotion centre and non centre based activities. At the same time provide start-up capital to promote self and group saving schemes.
- 2) Engage systems that serve families and adolescent particularly those that are affected by poverty, vulnerable children who are at high risk of pregnancy, (other stakeholders/organizations, and coalitions serving Juvenile Justice, Foster Care, Domestic Violence, Homeless Youth, and community mental health).
- 3) Promote the use such innovative approach such as mobile phones in the promotion of transmission of ASRH information to better incorporate and address youth needs.



Above: Young people during group life skills sessions and sports activities at Masooli center

Child Labour Project

UYDEL implemented a project titled **“Prevention and withdrawal of children engaged in Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSEC), victims of trafficking and other Worst Forms of Child Labour in Wakiso District”** supported by ILO-IPEC.



Above: Hosueholds receiving piglets for income generating and parents undertaking Savings and Loaning scheme in the community

Project Achievements:

- ◆ 311 children (152 boys and 159 girls) were prevented from Worst Forms of Child Labour and retained in Universal Primary Education.

- ◆ A total of 117 children (40 boys and 77 girls) were withdrawn and integrated into vocational skills training (hairdressing, tailoring, motor cycle mechanics, carpentry, electronics, welding and metal fabrication, plumbing and catering) at Masooli rehabilitation center.
- ◆ A total of 50 (12 girls and 7 boys) children were withdrawn from stone quarrying and mining.
- ◆ 75 families were supported to start income generating activities (poultry, piggery, etc) and subsequently established six Village Savings and Loan Associations groups aimed at improving family incomes.

The book project - “Children and Vulnerability in Uganda”

UYDEL launched the unveiling in November 2012 and so far has disseminated it to social work students at Uganda Christian University, Kampala campus. During these sessions, students are given knowledge based on field experience to prepare them for life after university. Issues of child protection especially vulnerability, OVCs, trafficking, sexual exploitation, child abuse, and theories are discussed which enlightens the students about the problems to deal with in communities. This activity was supported by OAK Foundation.



Mentor IOC Prevention and Health through Sports Project

This is a 2 year pilot project funded through Mentor Foundation aimed at promoting and strengthening in young people a range of health attitudes and behaviors through an education process and by involvement with sport. The project preparations, training of partners and piloting the resource material shall be done in 2013. The project shall be implemented in partnership with Uganda National Olympic Committee, Children’s Rights Advocacy and Lobby Mission (CALM Africa) and Kanyanya Pioneer HIV/AIDS Prevention Center (KPHAPC).



Above: The President of Uganda Olympic Committee Mr. William Blick and Mr. Kasirye Rogers, the Executive Director UYDEL during the signing the MOU for the Prevention and Health through Sports Project.

Administration and programs

Governance

- ◆ UYDEL reviewed and developed a new Strategic Plan of 2012-2017 to provide strategic guidance and direction to the organization. Thanks to Civil Society Fund and Health Matters Project who funded this activity.
- ◆ Four Board meetings were held to provide strategic direction to the Secretariat.

Capacity Building

- ◆ Training of staff on evidence based drug prevention practices by Mentor Foundation photo
- ◆ Motivational interviewing course for two staff supported by Mentor Foundation.
- ◆ Strategic planning processes by Civil Society Fund/AMICALL
- ◆ 30 interns from Ugandan universities, 6 from Sweden, and 4 from Austria.



Above R-L: Staff team building and Strategic Planning sessions respectively

Research reports

- ◆ Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Study Report, 2011.
- ◆ Sexual risks, substance abuse and protective factors among Kampala slum children.

- ◆ Best practices in social-economic integration of Youth involved in commercial sex work in the East African region on going.

Infrastructural development

- ◆ Construction of an administration and a psychosocial support building at Masooli to contribute to the actual rehabilitation of young people (counseling rooms, library/ resource center, board room, computer center, and psychosocial support rooms) with support from OAK Foundation.
- ◆ Construction of the wall fence at Masooli center supported by ECPAT France.
- ◆ Procurement of beds, blankets, mattresses for young people supported by OAK Foundation and ECPAT France.



A longitudinal view of the building under construction at Masooli center

Media Advocacy campaigns



Above L-R: UYDEL staff participating in radio talk shows on Radio Sapientia and Simba respectively

Networking and collaboration

- ◆ UYDEL Executive Director elected as African representative to the World Forum against Drugs (WFAD).
- ◆ UYDEL is the interim chair of Uganda Alcohol Policy Alliance (UAPA).
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International Conferences

- ◆ The Global Alcohol Policy Alliance (GAPA) in Bangkok Thailand attended by Mr. Kasirye Rogers and Mr. Mutaawe Rogers
- ◆ The World Forum Against Drugs (WFAD) Congress in Stockholm Sweden attended by Mr. Kasirye Rogers and Mr. Mutaawe Rogers.
- ◆ The Third East Africa conference on Alcohol held in Arusha Tanzania attended by Mr. Kasirye Rogers and Mr. Mutaawe Rogers.
- ◆ Move Forward Work Conference of SOAIDS Netherlands and ICCO/Kerkin Actie in Amsterdam attended by Ms. Nabulya Anna and two girls rehabilitated from CSEC.
- ◆ Meetings on developing regional guidelines for assisting victims of Human Trafficking in the East African Region in Tanzania and Rwanda supported by IOM and attended by Ms. Nabulya Anna.



Above R-L: Mr. Kasirye and Mr. Mutaawe having a discussion with Ms. Yvonne Thunnel, the Mentor Chairman during the WFAD Congress, Stockholm Sweden. Mr. Kasirye and Prof. Ken Winters during the JMTE conference respectively.



Above L-R: Group photo of delegates at the East African conference on Alcohol in Arusha, Tanzania and participants at the Stepping up, Stepping out conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

International visitors:

- ◆ Mentor Foundation team- Jeff Lee, Prof. Ken Winters and Dr. Richard Mackenzie who built staff capacity in motivational interviewing, best practice prevention principles and screening of young people.
- ◆ ECPAT France - Emilie Vallat who built staff capacity in communication and conducting effective workshops.
- ◆ Dutch Institute for Alcohol Policy – Fieke Franken who undertook a mystery shopping exercise of sale of alcohol to minors.
- ◆ European Union delegation



Above L-R: The Mentor Team during a planning meeting with UYDEL management and UYDEL staff pause for a group photo during the capacity building training with the Mentor Team

Collaborations

- ◆ University of California Los Angeles Centre for Global health/CCH Prof mary jane Rotheram.
- ◆ Makerere University College of Health Sciences, Mulago hospital undertaking community outreach programmes at Masooli center.

Awards:

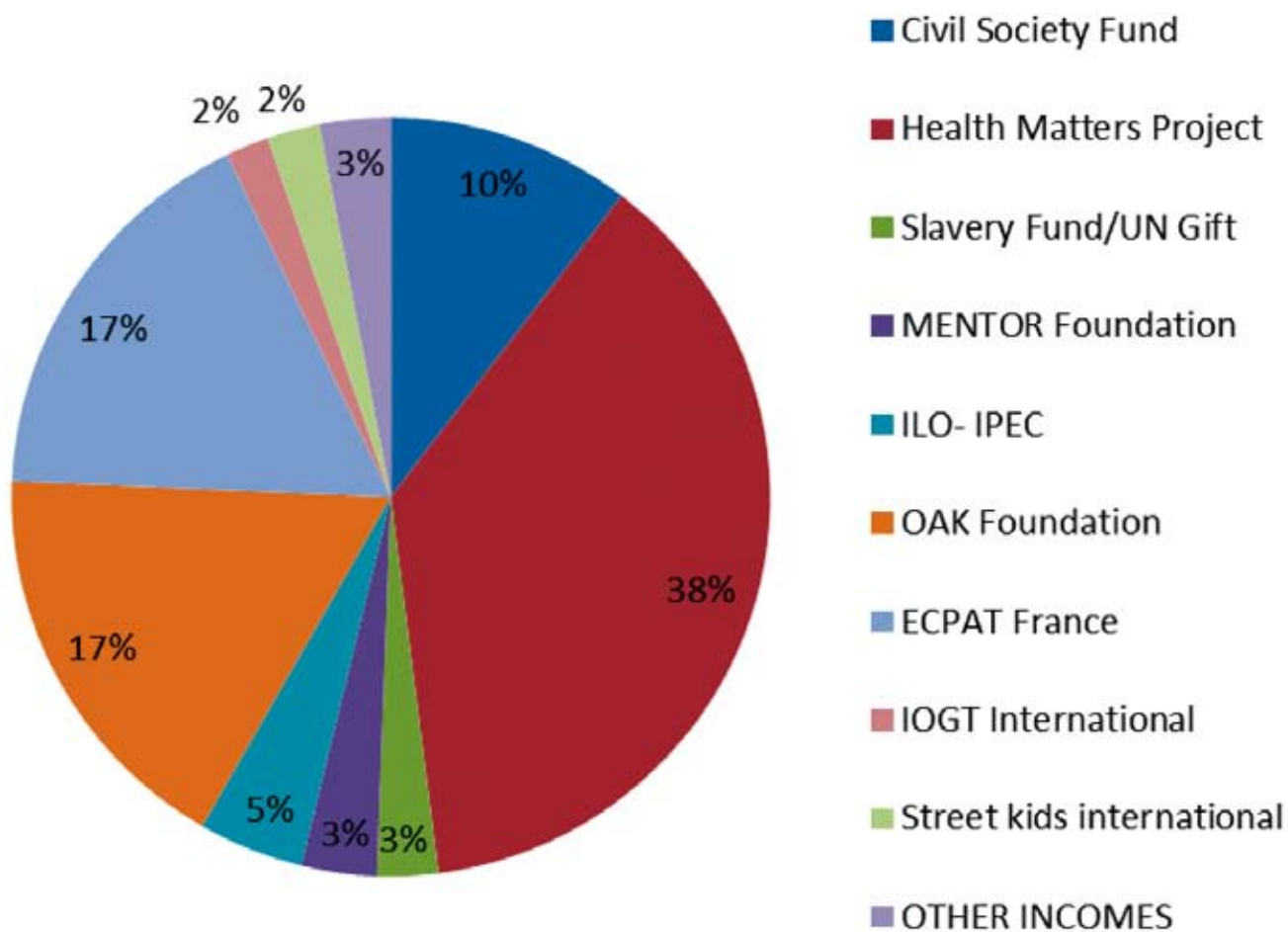


Above: Mr. Mutaawe Rogers receiving the Drug Addiction Control Initiative Award during the Edutainment Africa Awards in recognition of UYDEL's outstanding performance in drug and substance abuse prevention programmes.

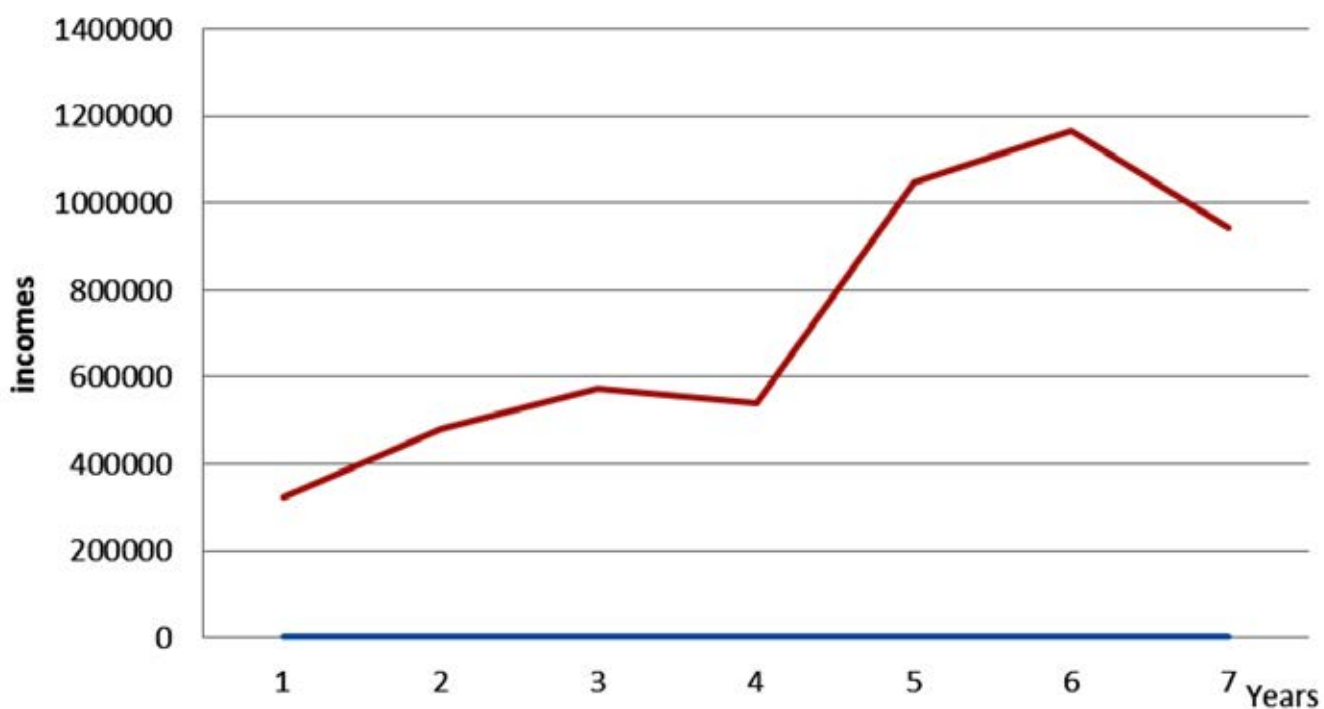


Above: Mr. Kasirye Rogers displaying his Certificate of Completion of the Fulbright Humphrey Fellowship, 2011-12.

Financial incomes for 2012



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UYDEL is grateful for the financial and technical support from above donors.



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