

# Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL)



## Annual report 2008

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## Acronyms

ASRH	Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health
ECPAT	End Child Prostitution Pornography and Trafficking
ILO/IPEC	International Labour Organization/International programme on Elimination of Child labour
ICOMP	International Council on Management of Population Programmes
IGA	Income Generating Activities
IOGT-NTO	International Organisation of Good Templars (Sweden)
IOM	International Organization on Migration
MDG	Millennium Development Goals
NCC	National Children's Council
RH	Reproductive Health
SCREAM	Supporting children's rights through education arts and the media
STIs	Sexually Transmitted Infections
UCRNN	Uganda Child Rights NGO Network
UYDEL	Uganda Youth Development Link
VCT	Voluntary Counseling and Testing for HIV

## Our vision

A Uganda where young people are enabled to maximize their potential to achieve an improved quality of life free from exploitation.

## Our mission

To empower disadvantaged youth people with skills that will enable them reach their full potential.

## Our values

Meaningful participation of young people  
Community participation and empowerment  
Non-discrimination  
Gender equity and equality  
Respect and protection of human rights  
Accountability and transparency  
Friendliness and Reliability

## Foreword

Dear friends and partners, warm greetings from Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL) and thank you for supporting us to make a positive impact on many lives of young people during 2008. This report presents our achievements, challenges, lessons learnt during 2008 as well as our plans for the future.

This year we embarked on a major campaign against alcohol abuse among young people. We successfully completed a research on state of alcohol in Uganda and conducted other awareness raising activities to inform the public about the adverse dangers of alcohol on young people in Uganda.

UYDEL has greatly contributed to efforts of highlighting the problem of child abuse and child trafficking in particular. Together with other child rights partners, Members of Parliament have been engaged to support the passing of the Trafficking in Persons Bill (2007), into law.

We have continued to learn lessons in rehabilitation of young people who are out of school engaged in alcohol, drug and substance abuse, commercial sex, sexually abused, orphans and other vulnerable children. At our drop-in centers in Kampala and Mukono District, 567 young people were able to access information and services including temporary accommodation and vocational skills training in different trades. We have also been able to strengthen our behavioral change communication sessions and life skills training, which is integrated in the services that each youth receives. We have implemented 6 projects, namely: HIV/AIDS prevention among high risk groups, engendering youth friendly linked response Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS, Child Protection, alcohol, drug and substance abuse, HIV/AIDS induced child labour and Debate to Action.

The challenges of influx of young people who particularly need vocational skills training to gain employable skills is greater in the face of limited resources. This calls for more efforts of development partners to increase household incomes to keep children and youth out of poverty that drive them into risky sexual behaviors, strengthen the family to keep children safe from abuse and exploitation and focus attention to vocational skills training for children and youth who drop-out of school early.

On behalf of UYDEL family, I would like to recognize the children and youth (our heroes), who gave us their trust and agreed to teach us important lessons about life throughout 2008; to donors, who made it possible by providing technical and financial support; to the staff, volunteers and peer educators who worked tirelessly and passionately to heal each child/youth; to parents, local leaders and community members who actively participated in project processes and to our partners (local and international) who provided us the platform to share our experiences and add our voice to advocate for the rights of children and youth. We thank you all.

As we await 2009, we look forward to your continued support and cooperation to brighten the future of vulnerable young people in Uganda.

Rogers Kasirye  
**Executive Director**

## 1. HIV/AIDS prevention among high risk groups

### Focus areas

1. Train and support a network of 60 peer educators in the delivery of HIV/AIDS prevention messages and ASRH care and support services in the communities.
2. Increase awareness among communities on risky behaviors that put young people at risk of contracting HIV including commercial sex and drug abuse using community drama shows and theatre.
3. Increased access and utilization of HIV/AIDS prevention and care services among high risk youth
4. Build skills of young people through vocational skills training for 100 street and slum youths.

### Strengthened networks of community youth/child peer educators

The project sought to empower young people as agents of change among their peers in communities, to deliver accurate information on HIV/AIDS prevention care and support, adolescent sexual reproductive health. 120 Peer Educators were trained and mentored by social workers, and are actively mobilizing other youths to seek HIV/AIDS and ASRH services in Kampala and Mukono Districts.

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*Peer educators in a group counseling sessions at the youth centre in Masooli and Mukono*

In addition they actively participate in community education activities using drama and theatre created by them, distribute condoms, information education and communication materials and offer basic counseling. 23 drama shows and 6 community film shows on HIV/AIDS (primary and secondary abstinence), Sexual abuse (commercial sex and transactional sex), drug and substance abuse were conducted in the slum areas of Kalerwe, Mpererwe and Bwaise by the youth, supported by social workers. After the shows, the youth held discussions with community members about messages derived from the shows. Through these activities the youth were able to participate in awareness rising among communities on risky behaviors/situations that put young people at risk of HIV/AIDS and how communities can help them stay safer.



*Youth performing dance and drama on HIV/AIDS and risk factors*

### Increased access and utilization of youth friendly ASRH and HIV/AIDS information & services

All the children who accessed services at the UYDEL drop-in-centers and outreach sites had undergone traumatic experiences arising from HIV/AIDS orphanhood, sexual abuse and inability to get basic needs. A total of 422 youth were successfully provided with Psycho-social support services including: visited at home, counseled and provided with trauma therapy through games, sports and drama. Through these processes, the children/youth were able to regain their hope, dignity and self esteem to plan for their future. Every Saturday, all the young people gathered together at UYDEL centers to participate in youth-led Behavioral Change and Communication sessions where different topics on ASRH, HIV/AIDS and life planning skills were covered. Through these sessions young people on a rotational basis, were able to speak to each other, share their testimonies for the benefit of others to learn and play fun games. A total of 520 young people were tested for HIV and treated of sexually transmitted infections. The youth also participated in the annual youth retreat organized at the UYDEL centre in Masooli to bring together all the youth in UYDEL centers in Kampala and Mukono to have learn while having fun and share their experiences. This is a significant opportunity for each youth participating in UYDEL programmes to learn in an enabling, fun and positive environment.



*Youth in a meditation session during the Saturday BCC sessions and Group counseling session at Masooli*

UYDEL successfully created reliable networking and referral linkages with other service providers where young people could access quality ASRH and HIV/AIDS information and services that UYDEL does not provide. UYDEL worked with 10 private and public service providers, including Kampala City Council Clinics of Naguru Teenage Centre, Komamboga, Kawaala Kawempe. This enabled 520 young people to access information and services of voluntary counseling and testing, Anti-retroviral therapy and screening and treatment of sexually transmitted infections.

## 2. Engendered youth friendly linked response to HIV/AIDS and RH

With support from International Council on population Programmes (ICOMP) UYDEL has been able to build capacity of staff and Peer Educators in terms of training to provide quality reproductive health and HIV/AIDS programmes. During 2008, UYDEL's emphasis was on engendering HIV and Reproductive Health (RH) services to increase access and utilization by both boys and girls and also to strengthen networks with other organizations to be able to provide services such as anti retroviral therapy and voluntary counseling and testing that UYDEL cannot provide. Based on UYDEL's experience working with disadvantaged youth we were trusted with the position of leading a loose network of 14 HIV/AIDS and RH youth serving organizations and health facilities in Mukono District.

In this position, UYDEL has organized various networking meetings to foster information sharing, joint strategic planning, joint resource mobilization and capacity building for network members. Through this forum, referral networks with member organizations have greatly improved as well as their capacities to provide youth friendly gender sensitive RH and HIV/AIDS services for young people.

Through this support, UYDEL conducted a study on knowledge attitudes and practices of young people in relation to HIV and Sexual and Reproductive Health commissioned by ICOMP.

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Participating organizations

- Uganda Youth Development Link
- Mukono Multi-Purpose Organization
- Youth league
- Macro Uganda
- Noah's Ark
- Mukono Young Positives
- Pat the Child
- Kyetume Health Centre IV
- Nagoje Health Centre III
- Mukono Young positives
- Mukono Health centre IV Government
- Mukono Health Centre IV Private
- Juvenile Welfare Services
- District Health Office

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### Exploring the “senga (traditional aunt) model in HIV/AIDS prevention for young people

Through the efforts of one international volunteer (Merceille Little, University of California Los Angeles), UYDEL organized two exploratory workshops for 22 renown sengas (traditional aunts), Jajja's (Uncles) and youth serving organizations in Kampala City on the theme “emerging communication gaps between older and young generations; bridging the gap through a mentorship approach to prevent HIV/AIDS. The outcomes of the two workshops were the appreciation of the fact that the traditional senga communication had died out and is now commercialized. The other was the realization that the senga approach does not emphasize comprehensive sexuality education and reinforces gender inequalities that put young women at risk of HIV/AIDS. This was also an excellent networking opportunity for all youth serving organizations to explore areas of intervention using traditionally acceptable structures.

### 3. Building socio-economic skills of youth (vocational and life skills)

Vocational and life skills training is a central component of all UYDEL programmes targeting young people. We believe that the future of out of school youth involved in risky sexual behaviors lies in their power not only to make safe and right decisions but also in their ability to find employment in safer ways rather than commercial sex, drug abuse and other illicit activities that expose them to a danger of HIV infection. During 2008, 317 young people (277 from Kawempe and Mukono and 40 from Rubaga Divisions), some of whom were resident at the Masooli vocational training centre, trained for 6 months and graduated in different trades.

The skills were trained by a team of local artisans who were also trained in friendly approaches of handling the youth so as to mentor them while on training which greatly reduced the number of youth dropping out of the programme. Prior to the training, the social workers visited their (young people) homes and talked to the parents/guardians about their involvement with UYDEL programmes. This helped develop a good working relation with families and eased the work of reintegration. By the end of the year, 568 youths (277 supported by the civil society fund on HIV/AIDS prevention among high risk groups of youth and 250 IOGT-NTO) and 40 supported by ILO/IPEC had graduated and resettled back with their families.

Table showing number of children that participated in vocational skills training per trade and centre

Trade	Training Centre					Total
	Masooli	Bwaise	Nakulabye	Mukono	Busia	
Hairdressing	59	61	40	33	15	208
Tailoring	41	-	-	50	23	114
Catering	149	-	-			149
Motorbike mechanics	47	-	-			47
Carpentry	18	-	-			18
Electronics	18	-	-			18
Welding	14	-	-			14
<b>Totals</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>568</b>



*Welding and tailoring class in Masooli vocational skills centre*

In addition to the vocational skills training, the youth had a significant opportunity to acquire life planning skills through ten-day training workshops using the modules (street smart). This was to help them get in touch with their personalities (background, traits, thoughts and actions) and later on develop negotiation, goal setting, interpersonal, communication and problem solving skills. These skills combined with vocational skills training have been vital for young people to live the centers with confidence that they can start and manage their own



businesses and earn income in safer ways. According to follow-up reports, majority of the youth reported being more appreciated by their parents/peers/community members and indeed more than half of them had found employment or started up their own businesses.



*Motorbike mechanics and plumbing class in Masooli vocational training centre*

*Christine, 18yrs, (name concealed) was one of the 277 beneficiaries of the vocational skills programme under this project, who graduated in 'electronics in December 2008. She is the first born in a family of four and dropped out of school at senior 3 because her aunt could no longer afford to pay her school dues. She was sexually abused by a neighbor until a friend directed her to UYDEL. At the graduation ceremony, Christine was beaming with excitement. She said "I am hopeful life will not remain the same, my boss pays me well but with this certificate, my life will get better. I will use part of my earnings to meet my siblings' school requirements. And later I will enroll in a diploma course to be more competitive in this trade". Christine is currently repairing mobile phones on William Street in Kampala City.*

UYDEL ensures that parents/guardians of youth/children participating in UYDEL programmes are fully aware of where their children are; what they are doing; and are (parents) actively involved in the rehabilitation process. For this purpose, quarterly parents meetings attended by 58 local leaders and 50 parents were conducted primarily to strengthen the relationship between parents and UYDEL, to disseminate information on HIV/AIDS and to enlist their participation in the rehabilitation of the children



*Parents attending graduation ceremony, Minister for youth and Children affairs awarding certificates*

## 4. Consolidating action against HIV induced child labour.

### Focus areas

1. Strengthening school clubs to provide combined HIV/AIDS and Child labour messages to teachers and students using the SCREAM methodology.
2. Strengthening social protection measures for HIV affected children and families.
3. Withdrawal and rehabilitation of HIV/AIDS affected boys and girls involved in worst forms of child labour.

### Empowering children through school clubs

Children affected by HIV/AIDS have a challenge of meeting their basic needs. Majority residing in Kampala slums have dropped out of school due to inability to meet school requirements and engage in activities categorized as worst forms of child labour such as commercial sex, collecting scrap materials, karaoke dancing and attending to bars, restaurants and lodges. Such activities expose them to risky behaviors including unprotected sex, multiple sex partners and drug and substance abuse, all of which increase the risk of contracting HIV/AIDS.

During 2008, UYDEL, with support from ILO/IPEC targeted Rubaga Division, Kampala City and was able to train 20 teachers and 20 students from 10 schools in Kampala in SCREAM modules and their application in September 2008. The overall goal of the workshops was to provide background information on child labour and a basic understanding of the complexity of the issues surrounding the problem. These workshops stimulated interest and curiosity among young people and teachers and provoked emotional response to child labour and HIV/AIDS issues using handwriting, role plays and visual media to portray situations of HIV/AIDS affected child laborers.

Practical skills on creative and participatory learning/teaching methodologies were developed to allow teachers to create a safe learning environment and support children affected by HIV/AIDS induced child labour. The teachers constituted a committee of 4 people to spearhead the SCREAM interventions in schools, monitor progress and call for meetings to share experiences with other teachers.

Weekly follow up visits to participating schools were made for mentoring and support supervision purposes. to sustain action on provision of guidance and support to children, and also keep track of the status of children (whether still in school, dropped out, changed school, or completed). By the end of the year, the monitoring visits conducted revealed: out of 153 children targeted, 94 children (34 boys and 60 girls) were still in school where efforts have been centered. Out of the 153 children, 14 children (6 boys & 8 girls) had changed school, 26 children (9 boys & 17 girls) dropped out of school and 19 children (7 boys & 12 girls) completed primary school. In addition, during school visits, UYDEL social workers were able to counsel children with coping challenges. Inter school children visits were promoted to share experiences and ideas about HIV induced child labour issues. The school children visited other schools with social workers and teachers during the school club activities. A school's art competition and exhibition on HIV/AIDS induced child labour and application of SCREAM methodologies was held on 27th September 2008 at Mutundwe Primary School. Eight (8) schools actively participated in this activity where schools exhibited art works and explained their messages to fellow students.

#### *Participating schools*

- Good Hope primary School
- Kasubi Church of God primary
- Kazo COU Primary school
- Mary Children's Centre
- St. Francis Senior School
- Nakulabye Junior School
- Nezikokolima Primary School
- All Saints Primary School
- Kisa Primary School
- Strive High School



*Sample of the competition art by children*



*Overall best artist with her prize*

As a result of the school club activities, UYDEL is in the process of compiling a school's magazine containing essays, poems, drawings and articles written by children about HIV/AIDS induced child labour. The aim is to empower pupils and provide a platform to speak out & advocate against child labour.

### **Empowered communities through Child Labour Committees**

Community child labour committees were strengthened to identify and offer psychosocial support services, including referral to children affected by HIV/AIDS in the communities. The different committees from Nateete (8 members), Kasubi (8 members) and Nakulabye (8 members) were trained and oriented in their roles and responsibilities and feedback mechanisms were also put in place and implemented. The committees are now functional, identifying and referring targeted children to UYDEL and other institutions where they access health related services.

Talking compounds/visual aids have been installed in nine (9) schools, where metallic boards were placed at different locations in schools with messages on HIV induced child labour. The messages were developed by teachers and students and were given to the contracted fine artists to develop and print the messages.

### **Supported HIV/AIDS affected families to provide basic needs for children**

30 families were identified, assessed and verified by the social workers, Community Child Labour Committees and volunteers and consequently supported to benefit from Income Generating Activities in Rubaga Division, Kampala City. They were trained in business skills, financial management, records keeping and management and savings/micro credit management in September 2008.

This activity guided the family members to choose marketable businesses ideas conduct a social/market mapping and most importantly improved their self-confidence to start and manage their own businesses from which they would be able to provide for the needs of children. This process led to supporting the trained family members with inputs/start up capital to propel them to start, since all the families were poor. The inputs were provided based on the business plans of individual members. UYDEL social workers continued to provide moral support to participating families through regular visits and phone calls.

By the end of the project all the participating families were more able to provide basic needs such as food for their children, were happier, economically productive and most importantly were involved in a revolving fund with the aim of supporting each other to inject more capital in their businesses. The savings schemes are acting as social security for members in case of any eventualities or risks related to their IGAs such as chronic illness, accidents and thefts among others.

### **Withdrawal and rehabilitation of HIV/AIDS induced child laborers**

Forty (40) HIV affected child laborers were identified and selected for withdraw through vocational (hairdressing) and business skills training at Nakulabye Drop in centre. The withdrawn children were provided with counseled, diagnosed and treated for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and were referred for Voluntary Counseling and Testing for HIV (VCT) at Kawaala Health clinic. The children were given information on reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, effects of child labour, signs and symptoms of STIs & safer sex practices. The children graduated and were provided with tool kits that would enable them start their own business ideas without necessarily being exploited as was the case before. UYDEL social workers also followed up previous project child beneficiaries and provided moral support, guidance and mentoring; to strengthen and consolidate the achievements /successes of the previously withdrawn children.

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### **Strengthened networking and collaboration with stakeholders**

Children who benefited from this programme participated in the activities to commemorate the World Day against Child Labour on 12 June 2008. The children participated in a marching procession from Scouts Headquarters in Wandegeya to Kampala City Council gardens where the main celebrations were held. In addition, the children also presented poems and songs in line with the theme of the day “Education: the right response to child labour”. This forum enabled children to join with other stakeholders to raise awareness on HIV and child labour issues.

UYDEL has also actively participated in the quarterly Child Labour Partner’s Forum’s that are coordinated by National Council of Children (NCC) under the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development. This forum presented an opportunity for us to share our experiences and good practices with other stakeholders and learn from them as well.

## 5. Alcohol, Drug and substance abuse prevention

Alcohol, drug and substance remain a big challenge in terms of prevention, control and care for victims. Although there is little documentation on the issues, discussions with families and communities in general indicate an increasing trend of alcohol and drug abuse and its devastating effects (including fuelling the HIV/AIDS pandemic) among young people both in and out of school. The challenge for many Ugandans is how to prevent children from getting hooked and for Government, how to control its production and sale.

### Focus areas

1. Lobbying and advocacy activities targeting the development of laws and policies on alcohol in Uganda.
2. Build skills of youth through vocational and life planning skills trainings and positive leisure activities.
3. Strengthen networks and collaboration with stakeholders in alcohol and drug abuse prevention to raise awareness about dangers of alcohol and substance abuse among communities in Kampala, Busia and Wakiso.

### Lobbying and Advocacy Activities for alcohol policy

During 2008 UYDEL made tremendous strides in terms of creating mass awareness on the problems of alcohol especially among young people and stimulating dialogue on alcohol abuse issues, with the aim of influencing laws on alcohol law and legislation in Uganda. Our achievements in this regard included:

#### Baseline survey on state of alcohol abuse in Uganda, and policies and legislation on alcohol

This was undertaken to analyze the current trends of alcohol consumption and abuse among communities, review current alcohol legislation and make recommendations for reduction of harmful drinking. The report covers issues of drunken driving, alcohol consumption and gender disparities, alcohol taxation policy, alcohol among prison and juvenile institutions, among internally displaced peoples in camps, among students of lower levels and institutions of higher learning, its linkage to poverty and as a risk factor to HIV/AIDS, alcohol advertising, sports industry and recommendations for reducing harmful drinking. A separate analysis of the existing legislation and policies on alcohol in Uganda (the first of its kind) was completed, printed and disseminated to different stakeholders. Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials (Stickers, T-shirts and posters) were developed and disseminated to various stakeholders to increase awareness on the problem of alcohol in the country. A media briefing on "The State of Alcohol Abuse in Uganda" was held 6th October 2008 where a total of 16 media houses (both print and electronic) were represented. Copies of the research mentioned above were disseminated to the media. Subsequently articles on alcohol abuse were published in the print media.

#### These are some of the articles on alcohol published in leading newspapers after the launch of the state of alcohol abuse in Uganda;

- "Bundibugyo in anti alcoholism campaign" (Daily Monitor - 5th /9/2008)
- "Police, security agencies affected by alcoholism" (The New Vision - 7th /10/2008)
- "Alcohol a leading cause of poverty" that appeared in Daily Monitor-10th /10/08.
- "You can stop Alcoholism" (New vision-10th /10/2008)
- "How to cut down on Alcohol Expenses" (Daily Monitor- 30th /10/2008)
- "Help, students are drowning in Booze" (The Weekly Observer-30th October - 5th /11/ 2008).
- "Time to crack down on the beer industry" (Saturday Monitor - 1st/11/2008)
- "Students have 'waragi' for lunch, says Kabale official" (The Daily Monitor - 21st /11/ 2008).
- "Beer looking sodas; new trick to hook kids" (Saturday Monitor- 6th /12/2008)
- "Mityana interdicts 7 head teachers over alcoholism, laziness" (The Daily Monitor - 10th/12/2008)

Another distinguished achievement was the stimulation of discussion on radio talk shows (i.e. radio one's spectrum, vision voice and radio Simba in Kampala, centered on the findings of the research (state of alcohol abuse in Uganda) and two television talk shows were conducted on NBS Television-Health Forum and WBS Television-Face to face programme. These activities enabled UYDEL to highlight the problem of alcoholism among young people and gather feedback from listeners about the situation of alcohol abuse among different communities through telephone messages and calls. NTV also broadcast features on news hours. Following these media activities, UYDEL has been contacted by various stakeholders with interest to join the push the alcohol agenda forward through the anti alcohol coalition.

UYDEL organized a public dialogue on "Alcohol abuse as an obstacle to development- youth at stake" on 29th October 2008 where a total of 70 people from Government, civil society, private sector, universities and media attended. The greatest achievement of this coalition was to highlight the problem of alcohol abuse and to form a national coalition that would take the agenda on advocacy for national legislation on alcohol forward. The greatest gap remains in the need to build the capacity of the coalition and mobilize resources to facilitate activities of the coalition if it is to make meaningful impact.

### Leisure and sports for talent identification

Sports are a positive leisure activity and a way in which children/youth are able to identify their talents, keep off drugs, as therapeutic treatment for those using alcohol drugs and alcohol, but also to facilitate physical and psychological recovery and development. During 2008, the sports teams were facilitated with sports items that boosted badminton, football, netball and board games at Masooli centre. Sports competitions with local community groups and institutions were also organised as an avenue for disseminating messages on alcohol and drug abuse prevention, HIV/AIDS, reproductive health and children's rights.



*L-R Girls and Boys play netball and volleyball respectively at the Masooli centre*

### Awareness raising activities on drug and substance abuse

Although silent, alcohol and drug abuse is becoming a serious problem in Uganda leading to poor performance, violence and expulsion. Many students (both boys and girls) sneak out of school to access alcohol from neighbourhood villages or smuggle it in schools by mixing it in fruit juices for example to avoid being noticed. In addition, they use slangs relating to alcohol and drugs that make it difficult for school authorities to notice. UYDEL targeted 13 schools in Rubaga and Kawempe Division

Targeting 20 teachers and 20 students, UYDEL organised training workshops to provide messages on alcohol and its dangers, to learn from experiences of teachers and students about the issues of alcohol and drug abuse in their schools, to build skills to identify and handle drug related cases in schools and to strengthen collaboration and referral mechanisms between schools and UYDEL. This was followed by regular school education outreach programmes where social workers engage in health talks with students through their school peer clubs, conduct film and drama shows, promote recreational and other self-expression activities including creative writing of poems, drawings and letters. The result of this is that the trained children and teachers are now able to support their friends/students in a friendlier way and refer them to UYDEL centers/focal persons for further support. Similar workshops targeting juveniles were conducted with Naguru remand home, Kampiringisa reformatory home and Naguru Teenage Centre. Partnerships with 10 organizations were strengthened along the lines of increased information sharing referral networks and collective advocacy.

Key messages on alcohol and drug abuse were also disseminated during the annual Music Dance and Drama festival was held on 27th June 2008 at Mpererwe Primary School based on the **“Alcohol is an obstacle to Development”** . Five schools in Kawempe Division participated with 150 students in attendance (30 from each school). All the articles created and presented were created by young people. This helped the children to discover the talents in them and also provided an exciting opportunity for all the participating children to learn from each other’s experience and creativity.



*L-R participants perform at the festival, event banner*

## 6. Mentor Foundation achievement award

1. The height of UYDEL’s achievements in alcohol, drug and substance abuse prevention in 2008 were crowned by the Mentor Foundation Achievement Award for outstanding performance in alcohol, drug and substance abuse prevention using a peer to peer approach among young people in slum communities of Kampala city. With the award, UYDEL conducted a comprehensive external evaluation of the peer to peer programmes to assess the impact of drug abuse prevention interventions on the target groups to determine the relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, impact and sustainability of the project activities. The findings were validated by participating organizations/institutions and shall be disseminated in 2009. 150 t-shirts were printed with prevention messages and updated the peer to peer working guide with sound scientific principles and information on alcohol and drug abuse prevention. Additionally, an activity budget and work plan were developed to strengthen the drug abuse prevention peer led activities in 2009, including: training of trainers workshops for social workers, training staff of youth organizations to handle drug related issues, training peer educators, developing and disseminating awareness raising materials, and documenting good practices.

## 6. Combating child trafficking

### Areas of focus

1. Contribute to awareness raising efforts on violence against children in Uganda
2. Contribute to joint advocacy efforts on anti trafficking in persons

Available data on human trafficking in Uganda shows that children and particularly girls are at risk of being trafficked in and outside Uganda for slavery purposes mainly prostitution and domestic labour. The lack of a comprehensive anti trafficking law hinders the prevention, protection of victims and persecution of perpetrators. Together with the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, UYDEL conducted a research on *Gender perspectives in trafficking of persons in Uganda*” which highlighted the situation of child trafficking in some districts of Uganda and suggested possible interventions to combat the vice.

Together with other partners, UYDEL participated in collective advocacy activities targeting the enactment of the Trafficking in Persons Bill (2007), under the umbrella of Uganda Child Rights NGO Network (UCRNN). Although the bill had not passed into law by the end of 2008, tremendous strides had been taken in sensitizing the public and raising the interest of parliamentarians about the need for legislation. UYDEL particularly contributed in terms of chairing the anti trafficking committee with UCRNN, providing support materials and evidence of child trafficking, participating in lobbying meeting with parliamentarians and organizing the field visit for the Internal Affairs Committee to gain better understanding of the problem of child trafficking around Kampala City.

UYDEL had a great opportunity to be part of the Civil Society Organisations Uganda delegation to Geneva to the status reporting to treaty bodies (committee on rights of the child); on the protocols, (sale of children in pornography and prostitution and involvement of children in armed conflict) during the 49<sup>th</sup> session in September 2008. Other significant opportunities presented themselves in the form of invitations to share experience on anti child trafficking in national and international fora. This experience was important in raising our platform in collective advocacy on law reform concerning children’s rights in Uganda. Subsequently, UYDEL was part of the civil society team that participated in the review of the Children’s Act and the Uganda National Action Plan on Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation under the leadership of UCRNN and End Child Prostitution and Trafficking (ECPAT) Uganda Chapter.

On several occasions, UYDEL was invited to present papers in capacity building and awareness raising workshops and conferences for different actors within and outside the country, notable of which were the Members of Parliament of Uganda training workshop in Entebbe Uganda, The UN Gift Conference on trafficking in persons 2008.



## 6. Children's rights protection

### Areas of focus

1. Provide healing to traumatized children through counseling, vocational skills and life planning skills training
2. Reintegrate children back with their families

Reinforcing the advocacy activities are the achievements in running a temporary rehabilitation centre at Masooli along Gayaza Road, where young people who have faced severe forms of abuse and exploitation, including trafficking access psycho-social information and services including vocational skills training in various trades before reintegration with their communities. In 2008 alone, 527 young people (both boarding and day scholars) graduated from this centre, more than half of whom have found employment and are happily living with their families. The centre has worked with International Organization on Migration (IOM), Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development and Platform for Labour Action to rehabilitate survivors of child trafficking, child abuse, sexual exploitation (commercial sex) and drug abusers. The centre has vocational skills training (both day and resident) and currently trains children in seven skills (hairdressing, tailoring, electronics, catering, welding, carpentry, motorbike mechanics and plumbing). In addition to learning, the centre provides a safe learning environment where children and youth can heal from traumatic experiences and change behavior through group and individual counseling sessions, drama and sports therapy and engage in youth led peer education activities where they can share their testimonies and learn from each other.

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*Part of the main block of the Masooli centre, R- some of the youth enrolled in the vocational training*

## 7. Debate to Action Initiative

The Debate To Action Initiative is a brain-child of British Council and the World Bank aimed at building capacity of youth (as trainers of trainers) within youth serving organizations in Uganda, where they learn more about international and national frameworks for development, their role within these frameworks and how to share the knowledge with other youth. The end result is to contribute to transparency, accountability and good governance.

UYDEL was part of this brilliant opportunity where capacity of one staff was built, which was in turn shared with other staff and youth peer educators within the organization. One notable contribution of this initiative to UYDEL was the increased understanding on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) among staff, volunteers and peer educators, which was successfully passed on to other youth during peer education talk shows and promotional materials (t-shirts). On the other hand it was a rewarding experience for UYDEL to be part of a network of youth committed to youth participation in development programmes that affect them, and learn from their experiences as well.

## 8. Conferences/training opportunities attended by staff

Name of event	Theme	Representative
UN-Gift conference February 2008	Trafficking in persons	Executive Director
San Diego January 2008	Alcohol policy development in Uganda	Executive Director
Mentor Foundation Galla. USA November 2008	Alcohol, drug and substance abuse	Executive Director
Malawi June	Alcohol policy development in Uganda	Executive Director
Abuja July	Alcohol policy development in Uganda	Executive Director
Zambia	Trafficking in persons	Executive Director
Mentor Achievement award Paris	Alcohol, drug and substance abuse	Executive Director
Geneva	Alcohol, drug and substance abuse	Executive Director
49 <sup>th</sup> session of the UN committee on the rights of the child	Children's rights	Executive Director
African Women Millennium Institute Dakar Senegal June-July 2009	Women's Rights	Project Coordinator-Child Protection
Study tour on child labour issues Lusaka Zambia, May 2008	HIV/AIDS induced child labour	Project Coordinator - HIV/AIDS-Child labour
Partners meetings IOGT-NTO April and October 2008	Alcohol, Drug and substance abuse	Director, Accountant and Project Coordinator
Debate to Action training programme British Council Uganda, May 2008	Millennium Development Goals	Social Worker-HIV-Child labour
East African Youth Camp IOGT-NTO December 2008	Alcohol, Drug and substance abuse	15 youths
Trauma and Healing vortex (Ms. Gina Ross from International trauma healing institute USA)	Handling trauma	37 UYDEL staff and volunteers.
Management of anger within the organization ( Ms. Jelaine- Friends of UNFPA)	Management of anger	37 UYDEL staff and volunteers.

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## 9. Research work

Study	Theme	Commissioned by
Gender perspectives in trafficking of persons in Uganda	Child trafficking	Ministry of Gender labour and Social Development
State of alcohol abuse in Uganda	Alcohol situation	UYDEL and IOGT-NTO
Report on review of alcohol laws in Uganda	Alcohol policy	UYDEL and IOGT-NTO
Evaluation of the Peer to Peer Prevention Programme	Alcohol, drug and substance abuse	Mentor Foundation
Child trafficking; enslavement of children in Uganda working guide	Child trafficking	IOGT-NTO
Juvenile study	HIV/AIDS and drug abuse	UYDEL
Knowledge, Attitude and practice on gender integrated youth friendly RH and HIV/AIDS services among young people in Mukono.	Gender integrated youth friendly RH and HIV/AIDS services among young people in Mukono	ICOMP

## 10. Funding

Agency	Component	Amount (Ugx)
OAK Foundation	Children rights	128,546,400
IOGT-NTO Sweden	Alcohol, drug and substance abuse	151,814,402
Civil Society Fund-Uganda	HIV/AIDS prevention	158,406,939
International Council on Management of Population Programmes (ICOMP)	Engendered RH and HIV/AIDS	9,113,800
ILO/IPEC	HIV/AIDS induced child labour	31,774,500
Mentor Foundation	Alcohol, drug and substance abuse	47,047,000
British Council Uganda	Millennium Development Goals	1,000,000
International Organization on Migration (IOM)	Vocational skills training	837,998
Wakiso District Local Government	Vocational skills training	1,800,000
Platform for Labour Action	Vocational skills training	2,000,000
Marian Needle	Food	3,024,000
Tides Foundation	Beds and mattresses	9,030,000
United Nations Women's Guild	Solar energy installation	11,458,345
Canadian Centre for Substance Abuse	Alcohol, drug and substance abuse	11,175,000

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## 12. Human Resource

No.	Name	Position	Duty station
	Rogers Kasirye	Executive Director	Secretariat
1.	Patrick Wasswa	Finance and Administration Manager	Secretariat
2.	Rogers Mutaawe	Project Coordinator (Drug and Substance Abuse)	Secretariat
3.	Jacqueline Nassaka	Project Coordinator (Adolescent Reproductive Health)	Secretariat
4.	Anna Nabulya	Project Coordinator (HIV/AIDS Prevention)	Secretariat
5.	Regina Kacwamu	Project Coordinator (Child Protection)	Secretariat
6.	Claire Nabulime	Accountant	Secretariat
7.	Marian Kaddu Sanyu	Accountant	Secretariat
8.	Ronald Setyabule	Driver	Secretariat
9.	Ibrahim Kibalama	Social Worker	Masooli vocational centre
10.	Adrian Kalemera	Social Worker	Masooli vocational centre
11.	Susan Nakayima	Health Service Provider	Masooli vocational centre
12.	Jude Kamy	Social Worker	Nakulabye Drop-in-centre
13.	Juliet Kiggundu	Social Worker	Nakulabye Drop-in-centre
14.	Janet Nakafeero	Health Service Provider	Nakulabye Drop-in-centre
15.	Geoffrey Nsubuga	Social Worker	Bwaise outreach post
16.	Eunice Nsaire	Social Worker	Kalerwe outreach post
17.	Barbara Nanjuba	Health Service Provider	Mukono drop-in-centre
18.	Rose Kateeba	Health Service Provider	Mukono drop-in-centre
19.	Irene Namulinda	Social Worker	Mukono drop-in-centre
20.	Winfred Nantabo	Social Worker	Kalangala Police Station
21.	Susan Nangooma	Health Service Provider	Busia outreach post

## Support staff

No.	Name	Position	Duty station
1	Robert Semwanga	Music, dance and drama instructor	Masooli vocational centre
2.	John Ddingiro	Carpentry and wood work instructor	Masooli vocational centre
3.	Angel Bakayita	Catering and cookery instructor	Masooli vocational centre
4.	Juliet Nalugya	Tailoring instructor	Masooli vocational centre
5.	George Kawooya	Motor bike mechanics instructor	Masooli vocational centre
6.	Robert Batte	Assistant motor bike mechanics instructor	Masooli vocational centre
7.	Peter Kato	Plumbing instructor	Masooli vocational centre
8.	Brian Muwanguzi	Assistant plumbing instructor	Masooli vocational centre
9.	Hellen Nagitta	Hairdressing instructor	Masooli vocational centre
10.	Francis Bbale	Welding instructor	Masooli vocational centre
11.	Ivan Luyima	Electronics Instructor	Masooli vocational centre
12.	Katamba Francis	Assistant electronics Instructor	Masooli vocational centre
13.	Namale Hanifa	Centre Cook	Masooli vocational centre
14.	Moses Kirimanyi	Centre Warden	Masooli vocational centre
15.	Prossy Namugambe	Tailoring instructor	Mukono drop-in-centre
16.	Jennifer Nabukeera	Hairdressing instructor	Mukono drop-in-centre
17.	Kato Simon	Music, dance and drama instructor	Mukono Drop-in-centre
18.	Cotrilda Magara	Tailoring instructor	Nakulabye drop-in-centre
19.	Oliver Nakatte	Hairdressing instructor	Nakulabye drop-in-centre
20.	Hellen Namatovu	Hairdressing instructor	Bwaise outreach site
21.	Shamim Natiti	Tailoring instructor	Busia Outreach site
22.	Esther Lyaka	Hairdressing instructor	Busia Outreach site

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## International Volunteers

No.	Name	Area of interest	Origin
1.	Sheilla Kigozi	Business skills development and documentation	Smith College Northampton
2.	Daniel Sopher	Behavioural Change Communication	Study abroad development studies
3.	Merceille Little	Reproductive Health (Senga Concept)	University of California LA
4.	Elin Kristina	Recreational, counselling & life skills development	Umea University, Sweden
5.	Tea Emma Lundberg	Recreational, counselling & life skills development	Umea University, Sweden
6.	Linda Mawuluzi	Working with disadvantaged youth	Umea University, Sweden
7.	Amela Velic	Working with disadvantaged youth	Umea University, Sweden
6.	Nick and Joyce Verhaegh	Recreational, counselling & life skills development	Netherlands
8.	Gregory Fisher	Recreational, counselling & life skills development	Study abroad development studies

## 11. Collaboration partners

Partner	Contribution
Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development.	Networking, Advocacy and information sharing
MARPS	Networking, Advocacy and information sharing
Uganda Police (Child and Family Protection Unit)	Support to survivors of child abuse
UWOPA	Networking, advocacy and information sharing
Butabika Mental Referral Hospital	Networking, referral and information sharing
District local Governments (Kampala, Wakiso, Mukono and Kalangala)	Networking and referrals
IOM	Networking and referrals of survivors of trafficking
Kampala City Council clinics (Kawempe, Kawaala, Komamboga and Naguru teenage centre)	Utilized their health services for voluntary counseling and testing, diagnostic and treatment of STDs/STIs
Child Labour Partner's Forum coordinated by National Council for Children	Networking, advocacy and information sharing
Uganda Child Rights NGO Network/ECPAT Uganda	Networking, information sharing and advocacy on children's rights.
Kids In Need	Networking, referrals and information sharing on street children and child labour issues
Community Child Labour Committees	Community mobilization, sensitization and referrals
RUDMEC	Production and dissemination of awareness creation programmes on radios and TVs
Platform for Labour Action	Information, information sharing and referrals
UNFPA Uganda and Friends of UNFPA	Capacity building on youth friendly services