

UGANDA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT LINK (UYDEL)

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Committed to protecting children and youth using evidence based interventions

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WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The year 2011 has seen increased economic hardships in Uganda due to sky rocketing commodity prices including fuel and food. This has made it practically difficult for already poor and vulnerable families to survive during these economic times. Increased vulnerability means more young people are likely to drop-out of school, be trafficked to the city for exploitation and resort to risky sexual activities to survive or drug abuse to cope. Throughout 2011, UYDEL has remained faithful to reaching the most vulnerable urban and most at risk children and youth with information to make informed choices, skills to maintain healthy lifestyles and positive opportunities for better livelihoods through skills training. We have strengthened our drop-in-centers in the slums of Kampala City to provide youth friendly information, services and skills training to adolescents and youth that experienced trafficking, child labour, child sexual abuse and reproductive health problems including HIV/AIDS.

Through strengthened networks with other like-minded organizations, particularly Mentor Foundation and IOGT-NTO, UYDEL has scaled up the campaign against alcohol and drug abuse prevention in the East African Countries of Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. We have realized continued commitment from the Civil Society members of the Uganda Alcohol Coalition Alliance, chaired by UYDEL to advocate for the enactment and enforcement of an effective alcohol policy in Uganda.

From the stories of young people that have benefited from UYDEL that we have heard throughout 2011, we are reenergized to continue to pursue the cause for empowerment of young people. We acknowledge the need to support the creation of a supportive environment at national and community levels, to empower parents to take on their parenting role, communities to support families and government to enact and enforce laws and policies that protect and promote the welfare of children and youth.

I would like to extend sincere and warm gratitude to our Advisory Board, partner organizations, Government institutions, individual friends, communities and children and youth that contributed so much to our mission. I hope you will continue supporting UYDEL to keep promises to children and youth.

I would like to also acknowledge the tireless efforts of my staff, without whom these great achievements would not be attained

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ABOUT UYDEL

Uganda Youth Development Link is a non-governmental organization working in Uganda working towards empowering vulnerable children and youth achieve their potential. UYDEL's programmes combine prevention and protection services; raising awareness on issues that affect young people as well as providing direct support for children and young people that need protection.

UYDEL's Mission

To empower disadvantaged young people with skills that will enable them reach their full potential and become useful citizens

UYDEL's Programmes

UYDEL currently runs 4 main programmes on:

- Child rights protection (child sexual abuse, child trafficking, commercial sexual exploitation, and child labour)
- HIV prevention among high risk groups of children and youth
- Alcohol and substance abuse
- Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health

The above programmes are implemented through 5 drop in centers and outreach posts located in Kampala slum, one drop-in center located in Kitega, Mukono District and one rehabilitation transit center at Masooli in Wakiso District. The programmes target young people aged between 10-24 years as primary beneficiaries as well as parents, local leaders, teachers and other community members as key stakeholders in creating a safe and supportive environment for young people.

PARTNERSHIPS FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION



Left, Participants of the evidence based interventions workshop, Middle, Professor Ken Winters facilitates the Workshop, Right, and Mentor Foundation Team in discussions with UYDEL staff on Drug abuse prevention in East Africa

UYDEL is a lead agency in the implementation of the East African Regional Partners in Prevention Project in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. The project aims at Supporting the Development and Sustainability of Mentor and UYDEL prevention of drug abuse activities in Uganda and the East African Region. The project has facilitated sharing of best practices on drug abuse prevention in the region through national workshops conducted in Uganda Kenya and Tanzania, built capacity of UYDEL and other NGOs to scale up peer to peer prevention work, and build the capacity of UYDEL to promote drug abuse prevention in the East African region. 35 staff were trained on evidence based interventions, 1,000 copies of prevention smart handbook and peer to peer user guide on drug abuse prevention respectively were printed and disseminated.

625 peer educators trained; 3 regional workshops on best practices in drug abuse prevention were conducted and reaching 208 practitioners NGO workers, school teachers, Government workers, parents, health workers, Local Council authorities, Police/Law Enforcement Officers and Journalists. The peer to peer training approach aims at influencing the trained peer educators to act as community resource persons. This approach creates a multiplier effect in that each peer educator reaches out to at least 10 peers, implying that $625 \text{ trained peers} \times 10 \text{ peers} = 6,250$ young people reached with drug and substance abuse prevention messages. The project supported the adaptation of two resource materials (peer to peer guide and prevention smart parents manual. Both materials were disseminated to stakeholders as reference materials for peer to peer prevention and prevention smart work. Mentor Foundation supported the reconstruction of the UYDEL Website which has increased visibility of UYDEL's work. See, www.uydel.org

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Summary of achievements

- 625 peer educators (456 female and 169 males) from five NGOs trained on the peer to peer approach in drug abuse prevention.
- 208 stakeholders trained in evidence based drug abuse prevention using peer to peer and prevention smart parents' models in Uganda Kenya and Tanzania.
- 120 parents trained in Kampala, Mukono and Wakiso Districts on prevention smart parents' model

CHILD PROTECTION



Some of the children and youth that benefited from UYDEL interventions at Masooli Centre

Children drop out of school due to poverty or run away from home due to abuse to find refuge in child labour activities including domestic labour, stone quarrying, scavenging and commercial sex among others. Others are trafficked from villages for purposes of exploitation with promises of better jobs, lifestyles and formal education that never materialize when they reach the city. UYDEL implements a child protection programme that consists of three main projects: (child trafficking, child labour and commercial sexual exploitation of children) it aims at contributing to the creation of an environment that recognizes, promotes and protects children from all forms of abuse/ exploitation.

a. Child labour

UYDEL implements this project aimed at contributing towards prevention, withdrawal and rehabilitation of children engaged in the worst forms of child labour in Busukuma, Nangabo and Nabweru Sub-Countries of Wakiso District Through working with schools, parents, local leaders, police and law enforcement and children themselves applying an integrated area based approach model. Supported by ILO/IPEC, UYDEL targets to prevent 333 children from engaging in child labour and to withdraw and provide psycho-social support services to 167 children. The project also promotes child participation through voicing issues related to child labour through art, music dance and drama and provides scholastic materials to children. Parents have been involved through prevention of child labour activities through starting and managing income generating activities such that they improve economic security at home to prevent young people from sliding into exploitative activities. Incomes from these projects also help keep children in school and enable parents provide basic needs. Children withdrawn from child labour received vocational skills training in various trades at Masooli Vocational skills training and rehabilitation center.

Summary of achievements

- 64 children withdrawn from child labour and trained in various vocational skills for alternative employment.
- 333 children prevented from child labour and kept in school through support in terms of scholastic materials.
- 50 children completely withdrawn from child labour and taken back to school.
- 7 school clubs set up and supported to teach over 500 children life skills using SCREAM Methodology
- 75 families supported to start income generating activities.
- Supported young people to add their voice to advocate for elimination of hazardous child labour.



Some of the parents that participated in child labour committees and income generating activities

Parent support groups

Parents have a strong influence on children in addition to the peers and community they live with. UYDEL works with parents to have a coordinated response and ensure barriers which hinder their adjustment after rehabilitation are addressed. A series of meetings were held to discuss with parents challenges faced by young people as well as door to door home visits about the support and protection children need. UYDEL has worked with 20 groups of parents, each with 20 members at a minimum, code named parent support groups to promote positive parenting and economic empowerment to build skills of parents to better manage families and children, particularly teenagers while protecting them from abuse and exploitation.

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Child labour committees

UYDEL worked with community child labour committees and local leaders in Nangabo and Busukuma sub counties to constitute parent support groups that held community discussions on child protection issues and at the same time formed self-help income generating activities. 75 families started projects that included poultry, piggery, and projects selling sand, charcoal, water, food and vegetables. Through the groups, the parents have diversified savings, started additional projects in groups and have been linked to the National Agricultural Advisory services (NAADS) for more information and services through the agriculture extension service. 85 members of these groups received training in Village loans and savings approaches and shall be supported further to improve their businesses and access available credit services.

Quick summary of achievements

- 75 families identified and parents supported with training, information and inputs to start and manage income generating activities to be able to provide for their children and keep them in school.
- 48 families linked with the National Agricultural Advisory services (NAADS) for extension services.
- 3 village savings and loan association groups with 85 parents formed and trained on how to use the village loans and savings approach to sustain their groups and income generating projects.



Dissemination and capacity building workshops for stakeholders on CSEC

b. Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)

This is the first CSEC project to be supported at a large scale to address, protect and withdrawal children from trafficking, prostitution and pornography in 7 districts in Uganda. UYDEL designed and started implementing this three year project supported by Acting for Life and Air France, aimed at increasing awareness on the problem of

CSEC and rehabilitating over 300 children engaged in sexual and labour exploitation and building capacity of stakeholders to implement actions aimed at combating CSEC. It is as a result of a study conducted in eleven districts on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Uganda by UYDEL. This study provided baseline evidence about the increasing problem of commercial sexual exploitation of children especially in the urban and peri-urban areas of the country now estimated at 18,000 children affected by CSEC.

UYDEL supported discussions and fora at national level to review and push forward the National Action Plan on CSEC, although not yet adopted by the ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development. If implemented this action plan will go a long way in invigorating action against CSEC in the country. In addition, UYDEL rescued 55 young children that are still under rehabilitation until April 2012 and the transitional shelter that provides temporary accommodation for children and youth that need safe and alternative accommodation at Masooli was refurbished and re-equipped with beddings and a safe water source. Information materials and a documentary on CSEC were developed and broadcast on one of the national televisions (NTV) to increase awareness on CSEC.

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Summary of achievements

- Conducted and compiled study findings on the study “commercial sexual exploitation of children in Uganda”. Supported three meetings with a national reference group to review the National Action Plan on CSEC. Conducted 6 dissemination workshops for civil society, local leaders and district leadership in five districts of Bugiri, Mbale, Mbarara, Kampala and Mukono to increase awareness of CSEC in those areas.
- 850 copies of research findings and 300 t-shirts with messages on CSEC printed to increase awareness.
- 3 Dissemination and capacity building workshops conducted for media, members of parliament and NGOs
- 55 young people (10 Male and 45 Female) rescued from CSEC and are being rehabilitated at UYDEL Improvement of facilities at the UYDEL rehabilitation and vocational skills center in Masooli
- Articles on CSEC were published by the Daily Monitor Newspaper in July 2011 and below are the links to the articles:
<http://www.monitor.co.ug/SpecialReports/-/688342/1205954/-/view/printVersion/-/7mwja1/-/index.html>,
<http://www.monitor.co.ug/News/National/-/688334/1205920/-/bl3rvuz/-/index.html>
<http://www.monitor.co.ug/News/National/-/688334/1266086/-/bhe24fz/-/index.html>



Child beneficiaries perform at a national event on children's rights, Right, children at a sports day event on the theme of protecting children from human trafficking

c. The anti-child trafficking

This project is supported by the United Nations Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery to contribute towards increasing awareness on child trafficking and rehabilitation of child victims. In 2011, the project targeted providing psycho-social support services to 40 child victims as well as increasing awareness through information materials in Kawempe and Rubaga Divisions of Kampala City. Through working with police, former beneficiaries, parent support groups and local leadership, UYDEL rescued and rehabilitated 40 children that had been trapped in exploitative domestic work, commercial sex work and work in the informal sector in various slum communities of Kawempe and Rubaga Divisions of Kampala City. The children received counseling, information, life skills training, material support, vocational skills training, exposure to speak and tell their stories on radio and at national fora through giving speeches, testimonies and presenting music dance and drama on the themes child trafficking. Through sports, young people engaged in positive recreation as they learned more about children's rights and child protection issues. 300 Information materials in the form of posters, t-shirts and bumper stickers were produced and disseminated in addition to radio talk shows where discussions on child trafficking were held to increase awareness on child trafficking and child protection.



Girls participating in the jewel girls therapy sessions

Jewel Girls

Jewel Girls is an art therapy at the same time income generation skills program that gives teenagers and young adult girls (13-26 years) who have experienced human trafficking, sexual abuse/exploitation and street life a chance for safer, healthier, and brighter futures through self-help group therapy and jewelry making. Jewel Girls is a unique rehabilitation therapy that has successfully been employed in trauma and recovery programmes for young girl survivors of human trafficking, sexual abuse and street life in Washington D.C, Bosnia, Serbia, Russia and Uganda. Since April 2009, UYDEL has maintained a partnership with FairGirls to implement this programme in Uganda, working to restore the dignity of young girls that have experienced trafficking and sexual labour exploitation.

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Twice a week a group of 20 girls met in a support group where they listened to each other's stories, supported and learned from each other to deal with difficult situations and once a month for a workshop to discuss a wide range of issues including life skills, reproductive health issues and gender issues among others. 40 girls overall participated in the therapeutic sessions throughout the year at the UYDEL residential facility at Masooli.

HIV PREVENTION



Community Discussions on HIV/AIDS with young people

HIV/AIDS remains one of the biggest life threatening pandemics among young people in Uganda. The most at risk populations of young people particularly girls exploited in Commercial Sex Work (CSW) and young people using drugs are among the leading drivers of the pandemic. UYDEL has learned that despite national statistics on large coverage of HIV/AIDS information throughout the country, young people still lack comprehensive knowledge and skills to protect themselves from HIV/AIDS.

Supported by the Civil Society Fund to implement HIV/AIDS Prevention Programmes among out of school street and slum youth in Kampala and Mukono Districts, UYDEL places particular emphasis on prevention through providing comprehensive and accurate information to children and youth on HIV/AIDS, as well as other factors that put young people at risk. UYDEL conducts awareness raising activities at community level, holding group discussions and debates with young people at their places of convenience in the community and at the UYDEL drop-in centers and outreach posts, providing and demonstrating prevention options particularly condom use, positive living, abstinence, faithfulness to one partner and safe male medical circumcision. From the demand created by awareness raising fora, UYDEL provides individualized counseling to the out of school street and slum young people and those engaged in CSW affected and infected by HIV/AIDS. UYDEL supported young people to participate in national advocacy events including the national paediatric HIV/AIDS conference, and in national events that advocated for increased action on the HIV/AIDS. The tables below shows the categories and numbers of young people reached under this project

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Target Group	No. of people reached
Street children	180
Out of School Slum Young People	3,810
Children and youth exploited in Commercial sex work (CSW)	486
PLWHA	5
Overall Total	4,481

TABLE: ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST THE PLANNED TARGETS

Output	Planned output/targets	Actual output /targets achieved	Variance	Reason(s) for Variance
Objective 1: To contribute to the increased accessibility and utilization of client-friendly HIV/AIDS services for out of school street and slum young people and CSWs in Kampala and Mukono District				
Out of school street and slum young people and CSWs mobilized and referred for services to the UYDEL drop-in centers and outreach posts	120 Out of school street and slum young people and CSWs	3,777 Out of school street and slum young people and CSWs	3,657	Conducting Community outreach visits Use of local leaders and CBOS and Peer Mobilisers
Peer Mobilisers attending meetings	29 Peer Mobilisers	69 Peer Mobilisers	40	New Peer mobilisers were identified at the UYDEL outreach post in Bwaise to help with the mobilization of more young people to benefit from the project services
Out of school street and slum young people and CSWs mobilized and referred for HCT/STI/FP services	2,000 Out of school street and slum young people and CSWs	2,502 Out of school street and slum young people and CSWs	502	Conducting Community outreach HCT sessions Use of local leaders and CBOs and Peer Mobilisers
Street and slum young people and CSWs provided with Interpersonal counseling and guidance	5,600 Out of school street and slum young people and CSWs	5,611 Out of school street and slum young people and CSWs	11	Conducting Community outreach visits Use of local leaders and CBOs and Peer Mobilisers
Group counseling sessions held at the UYDEL drop-in centres and outreach posts	332 sessions	500 Sessions	168	Conducting Community outreach visits Use of local leaders and CBOs and Peer Mobilisers
Out of school street and slum young people and CSWs attending group counseling sessions	3,340 Out of school Street and slum young people and CSWs	5,825 Out of school Street and slum young people and CSWs	2,485	Conducting Community outreach visits Use of local leaders and CBOs and Peer Mobilisers
Debate sessions held at the UYDEL drop-in centres and outreach posts	40 sessions	84 sessions	44	Use of local leaders and CBOS and Peer Mobilisers
Out of school street and slum young people attending the debate sessions	1000 Out of school Street and slum young people and CSWs	1,964 Out of school Street and slum young people and CSWs	964	Use of local leaders and CBOs and Peer Mobilisers
Out of school street and slum young people participating in developing talking classroom messages	1000 Out of school Street and slum young people and CSWs	2,979 Out of school Street and slum young people and CSWs	1,979	Utilization of debate and group counseling sessions to develop messages

Output	Planned output/targets	Actual output /targets achieved	Variance	Reason(s) for Variance
Objective 2: To contribute to the reduction of HIV/AIDS related vulnerability among MARPS through community mobilization and sensitization against stigma and discrimination in Kampala and Mukono Districts by the end of 2012				
Community Educative drama shows conducted	100 Drama shows	45 Drama Shows	-55	Price Fluctuations
Out of school street and slum young people and CSWs reached and participating in community drama shows	2,500 Out of school Street and slum young people and CSWs	1,452 Out of school Street and slum young people and CSWs	-1,048	Price Fluctuations
Sports galas held	2 Sports gala	5 Sports galas	3	High demand for the activity by the young people in some communities
Out of school street and slum young people and CSWs attending and participating in sports galas	400 Out of school street and slum young people and CSWs	455 Out of school street and slum young people and CSWs	55	Use of peer mobilizers and local leaders
No. of out of school street and slum young people and CSWs participating in National day celebrations	100 Out of school street and slum young people and CSWs	73 Out of school street and slum young people and CSWs	-27	Invitation from the National Council of Children and Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development Price Fluctuations

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ADOLESCENT SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



Health Workers provide reproductive health services to adolescents at outreach sites

More than half of the children and youth supported by UYDEL are sexually active and a good number engage in commercial sex work to earn a living or are just exploited by traffickers and sex exploiters. Because of this, they are at great risk of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), early and unwanted pregnancies, crude abortions and HIV/AIDS. This project aims at providing accurate information and youth friendly services to reduce the incidences of unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections. Through static and outreach service arrangements, UYDEL provides counseling and information on sexual and reproductive health, life skills training to enable children and youth make informed choices, and youth friendly services that include treatment of STIs and voluntary counseling and testing for HIV. These services are provided at all the drop-in-centers and outreach sites in 4 slum communities in the city. The table below shows the services provided per service point.

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Achievement summary	Numbers reached		Service point		
	Male	Female	Kamwokya	Nateete	Makindye
Treatment of STIs	0	439	156	191	69
Septrin Prophylaxis	0	4	0	3	1
Treatment of other infections	0	324	76	203	45
Family planning methods and counseling	0	31	9	20	2
Counseling on reproductive health	0	505	127	298	80
Post abortion care	0	5	4	1	0
Condoms distribution and demonstration	0	444	141	268	35
Voluntary counseling and testing for HIV	142	342	91	54	339
Referrals for further treatment	0	3	0	3	0
HCG pregnancy testing	0	26	8	15	3
Peer educators trained and supported to conduct peer education activities	0	50	20	20	10

ADVOCACY



UYDEL staff and youth peer educators discuss issues of Adolescent Reproductive Health and Trafficking at Mama FM



Advocacy for prioritization of Adolescent Health in Mukono District

According to the budget study conducted by the German Foundation for World Population (DSW) on the health budget in 7 districts in Uganda, Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) remains one of the least prioritized aspects of the local government development agenda. In Mukono District alone, only 13% of the district budget was allocated to reproductive health in the financial year 2009/10. In 2011 UYDEL had a remarkable opportunity to engage with district and sub-county leadership of Mukono District on the same issue through a partnership project; *“reproductive health priorities for youth”* together with the Uganda Media Women’s Association (UMWA). This partnership project was funded by the European Union through the health action project implemented by the German Foundation for World Population (DSW) and Reproductive Health Uganda.

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Summary of achievements

- Conducted 2 micro consultative engagement meetings with 28 district and sub-county leaders; discussed the SRH situation in Mukono District and concerns of young people to be addressed by the district.
- Conducted three dialogues with 48 sub-county leaders of 3 sub-counties of Goma, Ntenjeru and Nabbale and identified challenges and way forward to prioritizing ASRH at sub county level.
- Conducted community dialogue in Nabbale with 300 people where ASRH concerns were identified and communicated to district and sub-county leadership.
- Conducted one music dance and drama festival for five sub-counties, with 200 young people that identified and voiced SRH concerns to district and sub-county leadership.

Advocacy for an effective Alcohol Policy in Uganda

From the advocacy efforts to regulate alcohol among minors in Uganda in 2010, UYDEL has steered **The Uganda Alcohol policy Alliance (UAPA)** to a more consolidated action group aimed at stepping up advocacy for effective alcohol policy in Uganda. With increasing interest from over 10 civil society organizations, UAPA worked on building structures and strengthening its capacity to deliver effective advocacy on alcohol legislation and policy in the country. In 2011, a seven member executive committee was elected, and progressed to developing the alliance’s constitution, policies and a five year strategic plan.

CROSS CUTTING PROGRAMME COMPONENTS



Community drama shows on done by children on issues that affect children and youth

Music Dance and Drama shows

UYDEL empowers children and youth to tell their stories through music dance and drama as a therapy towards relieving stress, a platform to have their voice heard and as a way of educating fellow young people about challenges that young people face. It starts with training young people to develop messages on different issues related to UYDEL programmes, teaching skills to communicate through entertainment and ends at providing opportunities in communities and youth gatherings including schools where the edutainment dram shows are staged. Discussions relating to the messages disseminated are discussed by young people with the support of social workers and health workers, who provide accurate information.

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This approach has proved extremely valuable in linking UYDEL work to the communities where vulnerable young people live as well as providing means of meaningful participation to young people to implement the programmes and provide feedback on critical issues that need to be addressed. Through this activity, UYDEL has reached out to over 1,000 young people in 8 slum communities with messages on responsible and healthy living.



*BCC sessions at droop in Centers,
Kamwokya, Nakulabye and Masooli*

Behavioral Change Communication

Behavioral Change Communication (BCC) sessions have remained a cornerstone of UYDEL efforts to enable children and youth adopt positive coping skills to change behavior from risky to healthy lifestyles. The sessions are organized in three ways: youth-led; these are prepared and delivered by young people with the support of a social/ health worker to facilitate sharing ideas and life experiences; Social worker led, delivered by a social worker, aimed at providing factual and accurate information and sessions led by an external facilitator aimed at sharing information of a specialty that UYDEL is not competent about for instance legal issues are facilitated by police officers and medical issues facilitated by guest medical personnel.

At every center, BCC sessions are conducted at least once a week reaching more than 300 children and youth with messages on topics related to UYDEL work, such as drug and substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, adolescent sexual and reproductive health Gender and empowerment of girls, children's rights and responsibilities personal hygiene and life skills among others. These sessions are also conducted in the communities for young people who cannot come to the centers through community outreach dialogues. Through this approach, UYDEL has facilitated fora where young people learn from each other, access information and skills to protect themselves and live responsibly as well as share experiences about challenges they have experienced. Through this other young people have found healing in self-help peer groups that encourage sustained behavior change while others have developed regained self-worth and value for their lives.



Left, Electronics class, Right, Tailoring class and Centre, Graduands after vocational skills training.

Vocational skills training

Vocational skills training is core for skills building for the children and youth in UYDEL programmes because of the realization that sustained positive behavioral change moves hand in hand with social and economic empowerment for vulnerable populations. The vocational skills training is blended with other psycho-social support services including counseling, information, life skills training, peer education, positive recreation and talent identification as well as reunification with families.

UYDEL provides a variety of options of skills for adolescents and youth to choose from including hairdressing, tailoring, carpentry, electronics, plumbing, welding, catering and motorbike mechanics. In 2011 alone 1,227 adolescents and youth benefited from skills training at all UYDEL sites in Kampala, Mukono and Wakiso Districts. Some of the adolescents and youth who completed were supported to find field placements depending on their skills and followed up for at least 6 months to support them further to utilize acquired skills. This approach has supported strong and sustained behavioral change and helped withdraw adolescents and youth who were engaged in child labour and other exploitative activities to find meaningful ways of earning a living. The following table shows numbers of young people trained in vocational skills at different centers in 2011.

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Type of skill	Gender		Service point						
	Male	Female	Maso oli	Bwaise	Kamwo kya	Muko no	Nate ete	Maki ndye	Nakul abyee
Hairdressing	0	770	185	50	92	85	116	120	122
Tailoring	1	141	75	0	0	17	0	0	50
Carpentry	25	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0
Catering	55	4	59	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mechanics	95	0	95	0	0	0	0	0	0
Electronics	71	04	52	0	0	0	0	0	23
Welding	28	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumbing	33	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	308	919	292	50	92	102	116	120	195

HIGHLIGHTS OF EVIDENCE BASED INTERVENTIONS

Evidence based interventions are actions based on situations on the ground and tested to work well overtime to solve a social problem. UYDEL utilized these to meet the dynamic and unique needs of children and youth.

Street smart

Street smart is a life skills training model that is based on a social learning theory that links thoughts with actions. It aims at helping young people build self-esteem and self-efficacy to make the right choices about their lives while staying safe from HIV/AIDS. The 10-day life skills training workshops provide information on HIV/AIDS, Sexual and Reproductive Health and drug and substance abuse. It also provides skills training on important issues including problem solving, recognizing risks, negotiating effectively, making and maintaining positive friendships and life planning. With support from the University of California, Los Angeles, UYDEL adopted this model in Uganda that has benefited more than 1,000 children and youth since 2005.

Peer to peer education

UYDEL has promoted the peer to peer prevention model that builds skills of adolescents and youth to reach out to their peers to participate in programmes at UYDEL. It is based on the philosophy that each young people can reach more than one other peers and positively influences them more than an adult or someone outside that peer group. They share the same characteristics and are therefore more in touch with each other and can easily communicate. It involves identifying and training peer educators and routinely supporting them to prepare, conduct and monitor peer education activities. After training they are highly involved in mobilizing other young people, increasing awareness on issues that affect young people through sports, drama and dialogues. Since 2002, UYDEL has worked with children and youth using this model, evaluated it, won an award from Mentor Foundation in 2004 and built the capacity of more than 10 NGOs working with young people to replicate it in their programmes.

Prevention Smart parents

Prevention smart parents is a model adopted from Mentor Foundation to engage parents in understanding and actively preventing and dealing with drugs and substance abuse among their children and youth. UYDEL adopted a training package that provides information and practical skills for parents to communicate to their children about drug abuse. UYDEL has worked with over 200 parents, teaching skills and building capacity of more than 10 organizations to use the adopted materials to promote the same in Uganda Kenya and Tanzania.

CAPACITY BUILDING



All that UYDEL has achieved would not have been possible without the unwavering dedication and hard work of staff and volunteers at all levels. Throughout the year UYDEL prioritized building skills base of staff to design, implement, monitor and evaluate interventions to ensure evidence based approaches are integrated when dealing with young people's concerns.

Left, some staff with Board Members after a strategic planning meeting. Middle, A minibus donated by Mr. Christopher Parker, Right, The new boy's dormitory that increased intake at Masooli

a) Board meetings

Four meetings with the Board of Directors were held to discuss the strategic direction of UYDEL and to guide the senior management team on general organization management.

b) Staff capacity meetings

Four major training workshops were conducted for mid-level and field staff. They include:

- Evidence based programmes for young people facilitated by Mentor Foundation International
- Youth friendly services for young people – Facilitated by Health Matters
- Team building workshop – In-House capacity building workshop
- STI and HIV/AIDS management – Facilitated by Plan International

02 new staffs (Ms. Susan Nalugwa, Ms. Catherine Namatovu) joined the team. We have kept together a solid team that has contributed to the achievements earlier alluded to. We have had tremendous support from 04 local volunteers, 12 International interns and 32 local interns.

c) Improvement in organizational structures

UYDEL received two new cars, one from Mentor Foundation, the other, a bus donated by Mr. Christopher Parker of OAK Foundation. These have improved capacity of UYDEL to provide direct support services/rehabilitation for children and youth who are benefiting from rehabilitation and vocational skills pending resettlement.

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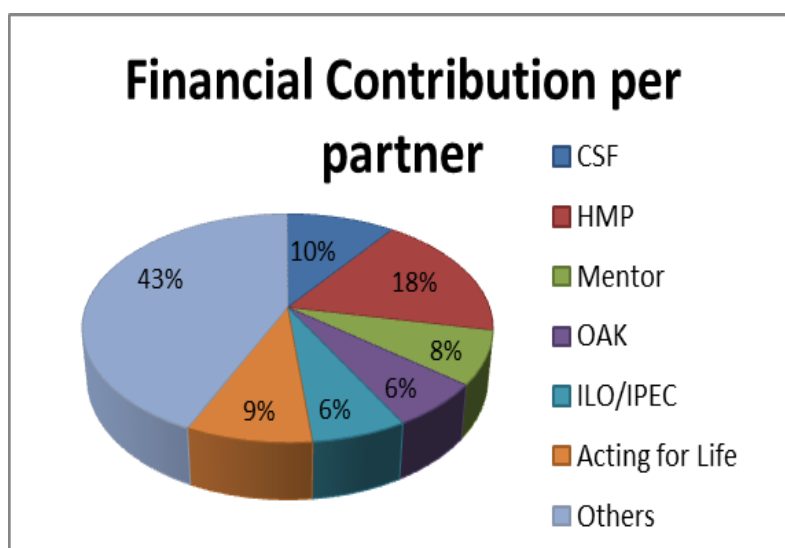
Our sincere gratitude to all our friends and partners that contributed towards the achievement of UYDEL's mission in 2011

No.	Partner	Area of support
1.	The Mentor Foundation	Regional efforts on drug abuse prevention and capacity building
	Civil Society Fund	HIV prevention for most at risk populations of youth
2.	IOGT – NTO Sweden	advocacy efforts of the Alcohol Policy Alliance on alcohol regulation in Uganda
3.	Acting for Life/Air France	Research, awareness and rehabilitation of commercially sexually exploited children
4.	ILO/IPEC Kampala Office	Technical and financial support for prevention and withdraw of children from worst forms of child labour
5.	Health Matters	Adolescent sexual and reproductive health services in slum communities.
7.	Christopher Parker (OAK Foundation)	Provided 30-seater vehicle and furnishing of rehabilitation center
8.	United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery	Anti-child trafficking awareness raising and rehabilitation of survivors.
9.	SOAIDS	Rehabilitation of children and youth involved in commercial sex exploitation.
10.	German Foundation for World Population/UMWA	Advocacy for reproductive health priorities in Mukono District.
11.	FairFund	Jewel girls therapy for child survivors of human trafficking.
12.	Naguru Teenage Information and Health Center	Supporting outreach activities on HIV/AIDS awareness and voluntary counseling and testing
13.	Ms. Ritah Matovu (Equal Opportunities Commission)	Learning tools for vocational skills training for carpentry and motorbike mechanics
14.	Ms. MaryJane Rotheram, Erin Rotheram Fuller and friends from University of California Los-Angeles	Opportunity for children to go back to school and motivational materials for Jewel Girls.
15.	Open Your Eyes team	Sanitary towels for girls
16.	Not For Sale Campaign	Spiritual support to children and contribution to food
	Market Vendors AIDS Project	Rehabilitation of street and slum adolescents and youth

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The pie chart shows financial contribution per funder. “Other” block (43%) included partners that contributed financially. They are:

SOAIDS, Slavery Trust Fund for Contemporary Forms of Slavery, Jewel Girls, Market Vendors HIV/AIDS Project, Panos Eastern Africa and Health and Risk Survey.



LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE



Left, Board Members at a strategic planning meeting. Middle, An official from the Japanese Embassy, Kampala Officiate at a graduation ceremony of beneficiaries, Right, A team from Mentor Foundation visit the UYDEL residential center at Masooli

As we move forward into 2012, we look forward to:

1. Strengthening direct support service provision at all service points to provide quality and friendly services to children living outside the family for rescue, rehabilitation and reintegration with families.
2. Further participation in international, national and local level networking and advocacy for further investment into the critical issues that affect children and youth, in particular labour and sexual abuse and exploitation, human trafficking, alcohol drugs and substance abuse and reproductive health problems including HIV/AIDS, Sexually transmitted infections, early and unwanted pregnancies and limited power to make informed choices.
3. Increasing awareness at community, district and national level on the increasing problem of commercial sexual exploitation of children which includes child trafficking, child prostitution and child pornography.
4. Continuous capacity building for our human resource to design, implement and document evidence based and good practices that can be scaled up to improve the services we offer to children and youth.
5. Raise funds to support improvement of facilities scale up psycho-social support services to reach more communities and children/youth living outside the family and those abused and exploited within their families and communities.

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