

Dear Partners, Welcome to the Fourth Issue of this newsletter. This is the last edition of the newsletter this year and we appreciate the feedback we have received from our partners this year. We are also happy to inform you that after UYDEL engaged in advocating for laws that protect children from exploitation and thus the passing of the Anti-Pornography Bill by the Ugandan Parliament is an important milestone in this cause.

1. Local News

a) Ugandan Parliament passes the Anti-Pornography Bill

The Ugandan Parliament passed the Anti-Pornography Bill, 2011 on 19th December 2013. The proposed new legislation will outlaw pornographic material, any showing of sexual parts of the body, including breasts, thighs, or buttocks or any erotic behavior intended to cause sexual excitement. The Bill also outlaws the exposure of children to sexually explicit images, photographs, writings, videos and films and other materials which are more prevalent in the budding entertainment industry in urban areas.

UYDEL has actively advocated for the enactment of this law and in October made a submission to the Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee based on research, testimonies from the children affected by the vice, and experience in the field. This new legislation once enforced will help curb the problem of trafficking, and commercial sexual exploitation of children which have been proved to have a linkage to pornography.

See link: <http://www.monitor.co.ug/News/National/-/688334/2119246/-/4qwev6/-/index.html>

b) National Public Dialogue on Exposure of children to alcohol by Industry

Uganda Alcohol Policy Alliance (UAPA) held a breakfast meeting with Members of Parliament (MPs) to enlighten them about UYDEL in conjunction with Uganda Alcohol Policy Alliance (UAPA) held a national public dialogue with them theme: Alcohol marketing strategies exposing children to alcohol; food shortage and harm to others at Hotel Triangle on 28th November 2013. The dialogue was attended by over 300 people who also expressed their displeasure on the way the alcohol industry is targeting children and called for restrictive measures to curb this vice.



c) Engagement with Members of Parliament in Uganda

Uganda Alcohol Policy Alliance (UAPA) held a breakfast meeting with Members of Parliament (MPs) to enlighten them about the need for a national alcohol policy and alcohol, law to control and regulate production, sale, distribution and consumption of alcohol in Uganda. The MPs pledged to move a motion on the floor of Parliament to task the Ministry of Trade and Industry to explain the current circumstances and find lasting solutions to the problem of unregulated alcohol.



Above L-R: UAPA members making a presentation to the MPs while Hon. Monica Omoding makes her commitment towards the cause at Parliament.

d) Inspire Freedom campaign to stop domestic and gender based violence in women & girls in Uganda

The UYDEL Sober group members initiated and actively participated in community activities geared towards stopping domestic violence against women and girls on 25th November 2013. The community members noted that alcohol abuse is one of the major drivers of domestic, gender based violence in the families. Therefore men were also mobilized to participate in this event considering that men are the major perpetrators of gender based violence.



Above: Community members participating in group activities to inspire freedom at UYDEL Masooli center

e) Mentor IOC Prevention and Health through Sports Project

The Prevention and Health through Sport project is funded by the International Olympic Committee and Mentor International, with support and endorsement from the Uganda Olympic. The project was climaxed with an annual sports event and gala held at UYDEL Masooli center on 30th November 2013. This activity 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 competitions were won by UYDEL followed by Kanyanya Pioneer HIV/AIDS Prevention Center and Children's Rights Advocacy and Lobby Mission (CALM Africa).



Above: Teams participating in the sports gala event at Masooli center

f) Engaging students in Drug and substance abuse prevention

With support from the Eastern Africa Regional Youth Network (EARYN) under United Nations Office on drugs and Crime(UNODC), Uganda Youth Development Link(UYDEL) organised a music festival in Kampala code named Safari Katika youth initiative music festival. The festival theme was “Turn on Music: Turn off Drugs” and targeted young people in 8 secondary school in Rubaga and Kawempe municipalities of Kampala Capital City Authority. All schools participated in five items including a creative dance, Live Performance, Mime, Speech and Mic Check.

The purpose of the music festival was to disseminate positive messages about healthy lifestyles, counteract the misleading information and wrong perceptions spread by the media to youth about substance abuse, help to identify vulnerability conditions, increase awareness about the health impacts of illicit and prescription drug use, inform youth about the dangers of impaired driving, and raise awareness among youth and their families about treatment options and strategies for preventing drug use in their communities.



Above: Students participating in the Music festival at Makerere Modern Secondary school

g) Drug and substance abuse prevention conference in Cancun, Mexico

The Center for Youth Integration jointly with the World Federation of Therapeutic Communities organized the 16th International Congress “Models of care for the global welfare” from 4th to 7th December 2013 in Cancun, Mexico. A number of plenary sessions and panel sessions were held with representation from majority of the continents.



Above L-R: Mr. Kasirye Rogers, Mrs Carmen Fernandez, Mr. Sven Olson, the President of World Federation Against Drugs (WFAD) and Mutaawe Rogers at the closure of the conference.

h) UYDEL Rehabilitation Programme

UYDEL has rehabilitated 694 young people who were victims of trafficking, commercial sexual exploitation, street children, drug abuse, homeless and other vulnerable categories of children. We thank our partners who have worked with us this year to achieve this important milestone.

Number of children rehabilitated per UYDEL Youth Centre

Youth centre	Sexually exploitation	street children	CSWs youth	Slum	Trafficked cases	Total
Masooli Rehabilitation centre	99	36	79	98	83	392
Nateete	7	-	10	25	-	42
Kamwokya	16	-	8	33	-	57
Bwaise	51	-	22	19	-	92
Makindye	-	-	17	10	-	27
Nakulabye	10	-	26	36	12	84
Total	183	36	162	224	94	694

Regional News

ECPAT FRANCE organized a Technical Working Group meeting in Mombasa- Kenya from the 10th to 13th December 2013. The Technical Working Group was comprised of 11 people from different Organizations in Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Rwanda, and Tanzania.

Accomplishments:

- Reviewed Good Practices Document regarding the socio integration of young girls and women (16-24 years) exploited in situations of prostitution in the Eastern African Region
- Conducted Exchange Visits to WEMA, SOLWODI and SOLGIDI to learn more about the good practices identified in the reintegration of young girls and women (16-24years) exploited in Prostitution.
- Visited Travelers' Inn in Mombasa with a Hotel Code of Conduct on Sexual Exploitation as a good Practice by SOLWOD.



Above: The technical Working Group -Good Practices Document regarding the socio integration of young girls and women (16-24 years) exploited in situations of prostitution in the Eastern African Region

Christmas wishes and thank you

UYDEL wishes you a Merry Christmas and Happy prosperous New Year 2014. Let's continue with the spirit of sharing information and learning from each other's experiences in the region.



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