



YOUTH EDUCATION AND SPORTS UGANDA (YESU)

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020

FUNDING AGENCY : YOUTH EDUCATION SPORT UK (YES/UK)

SUBJECT : ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN
(AGYW) EMPOWERMENT AND OVC PROGRAM
REPORT FOR NAMA, NAGOJJE AND NTUNDA
SUB COUNTIES MUKONO DISTRICT.

PROJECT GOAL : WORKING TOGETHER FOR AN AIDS-FREE
FUTURE FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND YOUNG
WOMEN.

Introduction:

Youth Education and Sport Uganda (YESU) is a community Based Organization that started operating in 2013 with an aim of empowering the Adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) through health, sports and developmental skills training in partnership with local and international agencies. Adolescent girls and young women (aged 14 to 24) carry the challenge of being sexually abused, early pregnancy, nurturing and caring for children, multiple rights violations, lack education and are often addressed by community and district development processes as passive recipients, rather than as active participants.

Youth Education and Sports Uganda (YESU) was implementing the AGYW empowerment and OVC projects with an aim of “Working Together for an AIDS-Free Future for adolescent girls and young women (AGYWs) of Mukono district.

The projects were funded by Youth Education Sport UK (YES/UK) in Nama, Nagojje and Ntunda sub counties of Mukono district. The objective of the projects is to contribute to the reduction in incidence of new HIV cases in vulnerable and at risk, adolescent girls and young women between 14-24 years of Mukono district.

The report shows the various activities that were under taken under the AGYW Empowerment and OVC projects throughout the year (January - December 2020). The catchment area for the OVC project was Nagojje and Ntunda Sub Counties while for the AGYW project was Nama, Nagojje and Ntunda Sub-Counties in ten safe spaces of Kyabazaala, Bulika, Kyajja, Namataba, Walusubi, Namawojjolo, Nagojje, Ntunda, Dona and Kisoga safe space.

The AGYW Empowerment project activities that were carried out this year include Stepping stone, VSLA, Sinovuyo(parenting skills), HIV testing and counseling , Backyard Gardening, condom promotion and provision, social economic strengthening intervention in hair dressing and tailoring of 358 AGYW's from the ten different safe spaces and the apprenticeship runs from Monday to Friday.

The OVC project activities that were carried out this year include Health services, Food security and Nutrition, Economic Strengthening (VSLA, vocational skills), Educational support, Psychosocial/ Basic care services and Child protection.

PROJECT SUMMARY STATISTICS IN NAMA, NAGOJJE AND NTUNDA SUB COUNTIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JANUARY 2020 TO DECEMBER 2020

AGYW Empowerment summary statistics of the activities carried throughout the year.

PACKAGES	NAMA	NAGOJJE	NTUNDA	TOTAL
AGYWs Enrolled & Served	104	136	118	358
HTC	104	136	118	358
Stepping Stone	101	129	116	346
Sinovuyo	98	131	115	344
Condom Provision	11,844	12,684	10,758	35,286
Social Economic	104	136	118	358
Contraceptive Mix	36	62	48	146
GBV Cases	24	48	37	109
VSLA groups	03	04	03	10

OVC summary statistics of the activities carried throughout the year.

PACKAGES	NAMA	NAGOJJE	NTUNDA	TOTAL
OVC Served	276	604	653	1,533
Food, Security and Nutrition	196	493	538	1,227
Economic Strengthening -VSLA	03	05	04	12
Sinovuyo	112	161	208	481
Health Services	21	44	53	118
Educational Services	08	12	21	41
Child protection.	23	48	51	122
Psychosocial Support	276	604	653	1,533

THE AGYW EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

YESU implements the AGYW Empowerment project in rural and peri-urban areas of Mukono district where the adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) are at very high risk of acquiring HIV/AIDS. The catchment area for the project was Nama, Nagojje and Ntunda Sub-Counties.

During project implementation, we were able to identify and enroll 358 AGYW between 14-24 years both Pregnant and Transactional Sex (TS). The AGYW were offered various Services which included HIV Testing and Counseling (HTC), stepping stones and parenting skills trainings, Village Saving and Loan Associations (VSLA), Social Economic Strengthening skills for personal survival like Tailoring, Hair dressing, Craft shoes making, Jewelry and Bag making, Bakery, Candle making, Catering, Book making etc. The AGYW under this scheme sit Directorate of Industrial Training (DIT) exams upon completion and are awarded recognized National Certificates.

Unfortunately, this year the AGYW's didn't complete their trainings due to the break out of COVID 19 that led to the National lock down.

The activities are explained below in details.

1. Stepping stones trainings

Stepping stones trainings are conducted to notify AGYW's about the behavior changes that girls experience during their teenage age. During these sessions, girls share their experiences, problems, challenges and success stories. Stepping stones has ten (10) session which include; How to communicate, How to act, Conception and contraception, Family planning etc.

Below is a photo showing one of the stepping stone sessions in Nagojje safe space.



The AGYW's in Nagojje safe space attending Stepping stone session.

2. Parenting skills (SINOVUYO) trainings

Sinovuyo is a Zulu word that means happiness. Sinovuyo trainings are basically conducted and aimed at equipping AGYWs with good parenting skills that they will share with their families in future when they become mothers. This training helps to reduce Gender Based Violence (GBV) case among families and family conflicts. During these sessions, girls share stories, problems they have heard or seen in their communities. Sinovuyo has fourteen (14) sessions which include; budgeting in homes, how to identify problems, problem solving, household saving and planning.

Below is a photo showing one of the Sinovuyo sessions in Kateete safe spaces.



Some of the AGYWs and their caretakers attending a Sinovuyo session in Kateete safe space. Nangobi Shamilah (Standing) sharing her success story to the members

3. Social Economic Strengthening skills

Social Economic Strengthening skills is conducted at each safe space and each girl is trained in one major vocational skill course for the award of certificate from the Directorate of Industrial Training (DIT). The major vocational skill course include; Hair Dressing & Beauty, Tailoring & Fashion Designing, Bag & Jewelry Making and Catering & Hotel Management. In addition to the above major vocational skills, our girls are trained in any five (5) of the fifty practical skills. Bakery, Candle making, Book making, Liquid Soap, Herbal Soap, Hair Conditioner, Backyard Farming, Paper Bags, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Cocktail Juice, Chalk, Briquettes, Jik, Bangles etc.

Below are photos showing some of the vocational skills training at various safe spaces.



Some of the AGYWs in Ntunda safe space attending hair dressing training.



Some of the AGYWs in Buliika safe space attending a tailoring session.

4. Village Saving and Loan Associations (VSLA)

Village Saving and Loan Associations (VSLA) is conducted at each safe space and each girl is encouraged to join a VSLA group. The VSLA groups comprise 25-30 members who are taught financial literacy to enhance their saving skills and start self-help projects for self-sustainability. The minimum savings deposit per sitting is Ushs 1,000 and the maximum deposit is Ushs 5,000.

Below are photos showing some of the VSLA groups at various safe spaces.



Mercy VSLA group at Kigalamizi safe space during one of the sitting



Twezimbe VSLA group at Kyabazaala safe space during one of the sitting

THE OVC PROJECT

YESU implements the OVC project in rural and peri-urban areas of Mukono district and the catchment area for the project was Nama, Nagojje and Ntunda Sub-Counties.

During project implementation, we were able to identify and enroll 58 new OVCs on the program and followed up 1,475 OVCs who were already on the program. The program targets both boys and girls between the ages of 0 – 18 years. The OVCs and their care takers were offered various Services which included HIV Testing and Counseling (HTC), parenting skills trainings, Village Saving and Loan Associations (VSLA), Psychosocial Support, Education support, Food Security and Health services.

Unfortunately, this year we didn't do a lot in OVC due to the break out of COVID 19 that led to the National lock down.

The activities are explained below in details.

1. Health Services

In this activity, we help the OVCs that are chronically ill to receive medication. We also advise the OVC positive children & positive care takers to take their medication on time and as prescribed by the medical personnel. During the implementation of the OVC program this year, we found out very many OVCs who are chronically ill but four (4) of them needed immediate intervention.

Below is the table showing some of the OVCs that were treated and those that are still chronically sick.

HH No.	NAME	AGE	PARISH	VILLAGE	PROBLEM	STATUS
M/NG/012	Katayijuka Teddy	14	Nagojje	Kimwanyi	Caesarian Operation	Treated
M/NG/166	Anyiko Denis	13	Nagojje	Nagojje	Intestine Out	Not Treated
M/NG/157	Mugerwa Joshua	4	Nakibano	Kasana	Hernia	Not Treated
M/NG/95	Jingo Paul	3	Nakibano	Mangira	Hydrocephalous	Not Treated

However, YESU with the help of YES/UK managed to help one OVC this year due to limited funds. YESU sponsored Katayijuka Teddy's Caesarian Operation at Kawolo hospital. Teddy was pregnant at 14 years and had little blood in her body which was not enough for her and her baby. The only way to save both lives was for Teddy to for a Caesarian Operation. Teddy gave birth at 7 months and the baby grew up in the incubator. All this was sponsored by YESU in partnership with YES/UK.

Below are some of the photos showing Teddy in the hospital



The photos above show Teddy breast feeding the baby in the incubation room at the hospital. Behind is the incubator where the baby is kept after breastfeeding.

2. Educational Support

In this activity, YESU pays school fees for the OVCs (below 17 years) whose care takers have failed to rise for them school fees and those above 17 years are linked to apprenticeship programs like Hair dressing, Tailoring, catering, Craft shoe making, Bag making to acquire practical skills which can earn some money for up keep and saving. YESU has 21 OVCs that were assessed and qualified for educational support. In this program, OVCs are provided with full bursaries and all the scholastic materials.

Unfortunately this year, YESU didn't pay school fees for OVCs due to the break out of COVID 19 that left very many schools locked.

3. Backyard Gardening

This activity involved teaching and advising the OVC care takers on how to prepare small vegetable gardens (Backyard gardens) around their homes. 93 OVC households participated in this activity, 77 OVC households were successful in their yields and 16 OVC households were unsuccessful.

Below is a photo showing some of the OVC care takers during one of the backyard training in Ntunda Sub County.



The photos above show OVCs and their caretakers during one of the backyard trainings in Ntunda subcounty.

4. Village Saving and Loan Associations (VSLA)

The Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA) is a savings-based approach that has significantly proven to substantially fill the gap between the needs of the poorest of the poor rural based communities for financial services like those offered by Banks and Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs). It provides sustainable and profitable savings as group members pool their own money. The minimum savings deposit per sitting is Ushs 2,000 and the maximum deposit is Ushs 10,000. YESU currently has 6 OVC VSLA groups in different villages and we have hopes of creating more groups come next year.

Below are photos showing some of the OVC VSLA groups.



Abbassa Ekimu VSLA group during one of the sitting. The group is located at Mangira Village

5. Fish Farming

Fish Farming project is a project that was started up this year by the adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) in order to generate more income into the group. The group came up with an idea of fish farming since fish is highly demanded here in Uganda. This was aimed at increasing more income into the group which enables a smooth running of the group activities.

Below are photos showing some of the fish farming project activities.

The photos below show how fish farming committee visited the site to check on the work progress. The man holding the hoe is the Technical Engineer (Frank) explaining to the committee



Empowering Young Mothers



The photo above shows the outside view of the Fish pond



The photo above shows some of the group members who had visited the fish pond. John (putting on a cap) is the one who takes care of the fish. From left is Grace, Hellen, Florence, Tom, Edina & Jackson.

LESSONS LEARNT

- HTC as entry point has opened up these girls' minds to talk freely about HIV/AIDS and willingly accepting to come for several HIV review tests due to lesson learnt previously.
- Putting AGYWS in their age bracket makes them free in discussing their personal problems.
- Regular talking to the AGYWS to find out their views on the program packages and how best we can extend the services to them.
- Continuous support from the VSLA Technical team boosted AGYW saving group and addressed gaps and motivated AGYW to think of their prospective entrepreneurship businesses
- Use of the local leaders like the parish chiefs, VHT's, Counselors among other which has enabled us reach out to the required targeted groups.
- . We as CSO we have learnt that this girls are free to discuss their personal problems freely with their age mates from a safe place.

CHALLENGES

- Outbreak of COVID 19 that led to the National lock down made all the program activities to stand still.
- AGYWs who are referred for STI screening and management sometimes fail to get complete treatment due to the fact that sometime drugs get out of stock.
- Though we have tried to seek for the men's consent, still some of them deny their wife from receiving program services.
- High costs of fish food.
- Relocation of AGYWs to unknown places which makes the follow ups on those AGYWs difficult.
- The climatic changes which at times disrupt the smooth running of the project activities in the various safe spaces and villages.
- Irregular attendance of the girls due to burden of their children which interrupts their concentration

INTERVENTIONS

- Encouraging the girls to notify the coordinators, mentors and peer facilitators in case of relocation.
- Encouraging and emphasizing on time management of both the AGYWS and peer facilitators.
- Delayed funding that somehow affected the implementing plan of the project in the community.
- Encouraging AGYWS to request for referral forms to connect them to other service points and keep on program.
- Care takers are advised to join VSLA groups so that can be able to cater for their children' school fees and requirements in case of the delay of funds.
- Continuous teamwork, delegation, monitoring and support supervision to improve Performance.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this year the projects were greatly affected by the COVID 19 lock down. Great thanks to YES/UK for the funding and technical support, and YESU staff for the team work and spirit. May the almighty God bless you all.

**YOUTH SPORT TRADING AS ENTER TRADE NAME
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

Youth Sport Trading As Enter trade name
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For The Year Ended 31 March 2020

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Youth Sport Trading As Enter trade name
Business Details
For The Year Ended 31 March 2020

Proprietor

Steve Becket

Accountants

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**Youth Sport Trading As Enter trade name
Accounts Approval Statement
For The Year Ended 31 March 2020**

I approve these un-audited accounts which comprise a Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and related notes.
I acknowledge my responsibility for the accounts including the provision of all the information and explanations necessary for the completion.

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Steve Becket
21/01/2021

**Youth Sport Trading As Enter trade name
Accountant's Report
For The Year Ended 31 March 2020**

In accordance with the engagement letter dated , we have prepared the accounts, which comprise the Profit and Loss account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes, from the accounting records, information and explanations provided to us.

This report is made to you in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken to enable us to prepare the accounts on your behalf and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than to you, the client, for our work or for this report.

You have approved and acknowledged your responsibility for these accounts.

We have not been instructed to complete an audit of the accounts. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records, information or explanations you have provided. Therefore we do not express any opinion on the accounts.

Signed

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21/01/2021

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Youth Sport Trading As Enter trade name
Profit and Loss Account
For The Year Ended 31 March 2020

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Sales		34,524		36,674
Other Income				
Bank interest receivable		11		6
		<u>34,535</u>		<u>36,680</u>
Expenditure				
Temporary staff	8,601		6,006	
Rent	12,960		12,960	
Rates	2,949		5,866	
Light and heat	1,291		930	
Cleaning	93		93	
Vehicle running costs	1,565		722	
Computer software, consumables and maintenance	598		508	
Repairs, renewals and maintenance	260		402	
Accountancy fees	450		700	
Bank charges	3		-	
Charitable donations, grants and projects	6,287		9,407	
Sundry expenses	238		260	
		<u>35,295</u>		<u>37,854</u>
		(760)		(1,174)
Depreciation				
Depreciation	88		117	
		<u>88</u>		<u>117</u>
NET LOSS		<u>(848)</u>		<u>(1,291)</u>

Youth Sport Trading As Enter trade name
Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2020

		2020		2019	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	2		264		352
CURRENT ASSETS					
Other debtors		-		3,240	
Cash at bank and in hand		9,435		7,206	
		<u>9,435</u>		<u>10,446</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Accruals and deferred income		450		700	
		<u>450</u>		<u>700</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>8,985</u>		<u>9,746</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>9,249</u>		<u>10,098</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>9,249</u>		<u>10,098</u>
CAPITAL ACCOUNT					
Balance at 1 April 2019			10,097		11,389
Profit/(Loss) for the period/year			<u>(848)</u>		<u>(1,291)</u>
Balance Carried Forward			<u>9,249</u>		<u>10,098</u>

Youth Sport Trading As Enter trade name
Notes to the Accounts
For The Year Ended 31 March 2020

1. Accounting Policy

These unaudited accounts have been completed in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice guidelines and provides sufficient and relevant information to enable completion of a tax return.

2. Tangible Assets

	Plant & Machinery
	£
Cost	
As at 1 April 2019	833
As at 31 March 2020	<u>833</u>
Depreciation	
As at 1 April 2019	481
Provided during the period	<u>88</u>
As at 31 March 2020	<u>569</u>
Net Book Value	
As at 31 March 2020	<u>264</u>
As at 1 April 2019	<u>352</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEE OF
YOUTH EDUCATION SPORT

I report on the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustee and examiner

Having been satisfied that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking explanations from you as trustee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name of principal: Nabiha Rahman
Name of firm: TaxAssist
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Dated: 25-01-2021

