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Give Her A Chance



COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN MULIMIRA ZONE



FAWE Uganda staff, alumni and well-wishers cleaning in Mulimira Zone, Bukoto Kampala On 20th August 2022

As part of the Silver Jubilee celebration, FAWE Uganda held a community outreach on 20th August 2022 in Mulimira Zone, Bukoto, Kampala to extend solidarity with the community and carried out a number of activities including general cleaning, donation of assorted items, raising awareness and rallying parents to support children to stay in school and complete their education. The local leadership including the Division Mayor, KCCA Employees, Councilors and the Local Council I and II committees) accepted to partner with FAWE Uganda to carry out the cleaning exercise as well as sensitisation of the community on issues of hygiene, environmental health, child protection and the need to support girls access, remain and complete their education.

The community outreach targeted all community members including; parents, children especially adolescents and young people, local leaders, religious leaders, and opinion leaders.

The guest of honour was the Mayor Nakawa Division Mr. Paul Mugambe and he urged parents to ensure that they support their children to stay in school but also endeavor to keep their environment clean. He committed to support the garbage collection processes so that it is easier on the community members.

The items given out included 1,872 pencils, 1,250 pens, 60 mathematical sets, 1,152 crayons, 2,100 A4 books, 30 pairs of gumboots, 4 wheel barrows, 10 hoes, 10 spades, 20 brooms, 10 rakes, 30 pairs of gloves, 363 packs of sanitary pads, soap and salt.

RWENZORI DISTRICT DIALOGUES



District Inspector of schools - Ms. Harriet Viira, Woman MP for Bundibugyo District - Hon. Josephine Bebona Babungi, FAWE Uganda Executive Director - Ms. Susan Opok Tumusiime marching in Bundibugyo district during the district dialogues to Address Defilement, Teenage Pregnancy, Child Marriage and Promote Positive Parenting

FAWE Uganda conducted district dialogues and awareness campaigns to address defilement, child marriage, teenage pregnancy and promote positive parenting. This was in line with the national campaign, “Protect the Girl, Save the Nation” launched by the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports on 3rd December 2021. The dialogues were held in Kasese, Bundibugyo and Ntoroko districts from 8th to 10th August 2022 through multi-stakeholder engagement to ensure that every girl is supported to develop and achieve her full potential.

The key activities included:

- Road drives to sensitize and mobilise the community.
- A procession marching in the towns of Kasese, Bundibugyo and Kasese led by a brass band, moving trucks, boda bodas and learners holding banners and placards.
- Integrated ASRHR services including STI, pregnancy screening, behaviour change communication and other services for the adolescents.

The dialogues were attended by a total of 1697 stakeholders (862 Male/835 Female) and these included children, parents, local leaders, religious and cultural institutions, district officials, CSOs and members of parliament. Commitments and recommendations to address defilement, child marriage, teenage pregnancies and promote positive parenting were made and signed by the stakeholders in the three districts.

The children presented petitions demanding for action to be taken against perpetrators of defilement, child marriage, teenage pregnancy as well as promoting positive parenting to the district leadership who promised to use the petitions to develop work plans and draft ordinances to address child protection concerns in the three districts.

One vulnerable girl at the verge of dropping out of school and two child mothers were awarded bursaries by FAWE Uganda to complete secondary and higher education.

TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON COMMUNITY MANAGED DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (CMDRR)



Community members in Kirindi Village, Bundibugyo district; drawing a social and resource map during a field practicum on 26th July 2022

FAWE Uganda conducted a training of trainers for 10 FAWE Uganda staff and 15 district disaster committees of Bundibugyo, Ntoroko and Kasese on Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR). The 7 day training took place from 25th to 30th July 2022 and the participants included the chairpersons District Disaster Committees, Senior Agricultural Officer, District Community Development Officer, District Communications Officer, Senior Community Development Officers and the District Statistician.

As a result of the training, strategies towards sustaining CMDRR in the community were established, a shared understanding of the concepts, principles and practices of disaster risk reduction especially the Four Minimums of CMDRR developed, the use of selected tools in facilitating the Four Minimums of the CMDRR process such as participatory disaster risk assessment (hazard, capacity and vulnerability assessment) and participatory planning, community organizing for CMDRR, monitoring, evaluation and learning demonstrated.

Participatory exercises on risk assessment and formulation of DRR measures at the community level were conducted and action plans of CMDRR at district level developed.

FAWE UGANDA OUTREACH TO SCHOOLS



Grace Nanyonga, a FAWE Uganda alumni with the students of Bukoto Primary School

FFAWE Uganda organized a school's outreach to carry out educational talks with primary and secondary school children on 2nd – 9th August 2022. The activity was spearheaded by the FAWE Uganda alumni and supported by staff. The aim of the educational talks was to raise awareness on critical life issues that affect the growth and development of children and to support them take appropriate decisions for improved retention and completion of the education cycle. The two-hour educational talks were learner-centered and targeted learners of adolescent age i.e. 10-19 years.

The schools visited included Kisuule Primary School, Bukoto, Trinity Primary School, Bukoto, Naalya SS, St. Peter's Naalya, Kitante Hill School, Ntinda Primary School and Bukoto Primary School. A total of 2147 children (397M & 817F) were reached and some of the lessons passed on included keeping disciplined, being obedient, working hard and keeping in school, helping one another, aiming for the highest, respecting teachers and non-teaching staff at school.

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE AWARENESS IN KYANKWANZI DISTRICT



Girls at Byerima Primary School Kyankwanzi District after receiving re-useable pads on 15th July 2022

FAWE Uganda partnered with a local CBO called Hope Awareness and Literacy Club (HALC) to create awareness on Menstrual Hygiene Management and donate re-usable sanitary pads to schools in Kyankwanzi district on 14th – 15th July 2022. With a team comprising of alumni, staff and Hope Awareness and Literacy Club members, menstrual hygiene awareness was carried out in 3 schools (2 secondary and 1 primary), distributed reusables sanitary AfriPads, knickers, menstrual hygiene management training manuals and guidelines on the roles and responsibilities of senior women and men teachers.

A radio talk show was held on Thursday 14th July 2022 on Voice of Kyankwanzi on Menstrual Hygiene Management awareness in the community to supplement what had been done in the schools. The radio station has a reach of over 500,000 people from 3 districts, Kyankwanzi, Kiboga and Hoima districts.

FAWE UGANDA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



L-R: Ms. Veronica Nakijoba, Ms. Florence Kyalimpa, Ms. Christine Apiot, Ms. Susan Opok Tumusiime, Ms. Margaret Mugeni, Dr. Christine Oryema and Mr. Patrick Onyait, current and former board members at Kati Kati restaurant at the FAWE Uganda Annual General Meeting on 2nd July 2022

The FAWE Uganda 23rd Annual General Meeting took place on Saturday 2nd July 2022 at Kati Kati restaurant. The meeting was attended by FAWE Uganda board of directors, members, alumni, staff and guests. Elections for a new Board of Directors were held and a new Board for the period July 2022 to June 2025 constituted. The following are the Directors;

THE NEWLY ELECTED FAWE UGANDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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| 1. Dr. Christine Oryema | Board Chairperson |
| 2. Ms. Christine Apiot Okudi | Vice Board Chairperson |
| 3. Mr. Brighton Barugahare | Director/ MoES Representative |
| 4. Ms. Deborah Basekanakyo Wesonga | Director |
| 5. Ms. Jackline Auma | Director/Alumni Representative |
| 6. Ms. Jacqueline Kaija | Director |
| 7. Mr. Patrick Onyait | Director/NUDIPU Representative |
| 8. Ms. Susan Muwanga Nassuna | Director/MGLSD Representative |
| 9. Ms. Veronica Nakijoba | Director |
| 10. Ms. Susan Opok Tumusiime | Executive Director |

FAWE UGANDA ALUMNI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The outgoing FABA committee hands over to the new FABA Committee. Right: The newly elected FABA Committee members July 2022 - 2025



The FAWE Uganda Alumni and Beneficiaries Association (FABA) held their Annual General Meeting on 6th August 2022 at Nob View Hotel, Ntinda. At the AGM, election of new leadership was undertaken and the handover by the old committee to the new committee. The new committee members pledged their full support to work together, mobilise the FAWE Uganda alma mater and steer the alumni association to the next level.

The newly elected FABA Committee members

1. Auma Jackline - Chairperson
2. Mathias Okongo - Vice Chairperson
3. Sarah Ayebale - General Secretary
4. Mr. Muranda Edward - Deputy Secretary
5. Ms. Emasu Maurine - Treasurer
6. Asaba Simbula - Regional Coordinator
7. Rebecca Mutonyi - Publicity Coordinator
8. Ms. Amuge Susan - Projects Coordinator

Profiles of the newly elected FABA Committee members

Ms. Auma Jackline

She is a chemist with a Bachelor of Science Technology Chemistry. She is a Managing Director at Bonilin Industrial Supplies Limited and Bonilin Engineering Company Limited.

Mr. Okongo Owilli Mathias

He is an accountant with a Bachelor of Business Administration and Management (Finance and

Accounting) and a Master of Business Administration. He is a Grants and Partnerships Manager at Transcultural Psychosocial Organisation..

Ms. Ayebale Sarah

Sarah is a registered nurse with a Diploma in Nursing. She works with METAJUA (U) LIMITED as a company nurse and as an office administrator.

Mr. Muranda Edward

He is a registered nurse with a diploma in Nursing. He works at St. Catherine's Hospital Kampala on Buganda Road.

Ms. Emasu Maurine

She is an Accountant by profession.

Mr. Asaba Simbula

He is a teacher by profession with a Bachelor's degree in Education English Language and Literature in English. He currently teaches at Jinja Secondary School.

Rebecca Mutonyi

She is a social scientist with a Bachelor's degree in Development Studies. She currently works at Savior High School in Kiboga.

Ms. Amuge Susan

She has a bachelor's degree in Counselling Psychology. She is a businesswoman dealing in food and beverages and managing an outside catering company.

MASTERCARD FOUNDATION TEAM VISIT TO FAWE UGANDA



FAWE Uganda Executive Director, staff, alumni, Mastercard Foundation Country Director and representatives at the FAWE Uganda head office during the Mastercard Foundation visit on 6th July 2022

A team from Mastercard Foundation visited FAWE Uganda head office on Tuesday 6th July 2022 and met with FAWE Uganda Executive Director, Senior Management Team, staff and Mastercard Foundation program participants. During the interaction, the FAWE Uganda team shared on the status of the Higher Education Access Program (HEAP), the FAWE Uganda alumni network and ways of strengthening it and how to strategically position FAWE Uganda's work so as to benefit from the Africa Works strategy by Mastercard Foundation.

Eleven (11) alumni that have gone through the Higher Education Access Program were present and shared experiences from the program and how they are positively impacting their communities.

Phionah Evening from Adjumani District, student at Gulu University is giving back and making impact in her district in the field of literacy. Together with a group of friends, while carrying out debates in schools noticed that there was no library in Adjumani District. On realizing the gap, they sourced for books from Book Aid, well-wishers and their personal books. They got free space from a kind priest and put together a library at Multipurpose Hotel Adjumani District. The library is now well stocked and open to the public.

SCHOOL TO WORK TRANSITION WORKSHOP



FAWE Uganda Mastercard Foundation Alumni carry out a group assignment at the school to work readiness workshop at Rest Gardens Bweyogerere

FAWE Uganda carried out the school-to-work transition workshop for the FAWE Uganda Mastercard alumni and students to prepare and equip them with skills to effectively compete in the area of work and labour market. The workshop was facilitated by Strategic Engagement, an HR Consult from Tuesday 6th-Friday 9th Sept 2022 at Rest Gardens in Bweyogerere. A total of 76 (44 Female and 32 Male) recently graduated students participated in the training.

Training objectives:

- To train the students on how to research for potential employers.
- To equip students with job retention skills.
- To equip the students with knowledge and skills in psychosocial support for personal mental wellbeing, adaptation and adoption during the competitive job research environment.

At the training, the participants were equipped with skills in effective job search parameters, interview management process, choosing the right career path, employability readiness, personal branding and management.

The workshop closed with a joint graduation ceremony for the recent graduates. The chief guest at the ceremony was the Director for HTVET at the Ministry of Education and Sports Dr. Jane Egau Okou and attended it was attended by the Academic Registrars from Busitema University, Medical Laboratory Training School Jinja and representatives from Mastercard Foundation, Makerere University MCF program & Kyambogo University.

The function was covered on UBC TV, Capital Radio and CBS Fm.

DROP EVERYTHING AND READ LAUNCH



Students of Success Integrated Nursery and Primary school at the Drop Everything and Read launch in Wakiso District on 1st July 2022

FAWE Uganda participated in the launch of the 'Drop Everything And Read' (DEAR) project by the Rotary Clubs of Nansana and Kampala at Success Integrated Nursery and Primary school in Wakiso district on 1st July 2022. The project aims at promoting early literacy and numeracy.

During the function, the team from the Rotary clubs of Nansana and Kampala recognized the efforts of FAWE Uganda in promoting girl child education in Uganda and following the DEAR launch, a meeting was held to discuss a partnership with FAWE Uganda.

The event was covered by the media houses of vision group, CBS Radio and Salt TV.

SOCIAL INITIATIVE DONOR VISIT



FAWE Uganda finance manager Mr. Felix Onama together with social initiative beneficiaries hand over a gift to the social initiative Program Manager Ms. Sarah Hilbert and Co-Founder Ms. Panilla during their visit at the FAWE Uganda head office on 13th September 2022



Sarah Hilbert- Program Manager at Social Initiatives during her visit at Jinja School of Nursing with some of the girls that Social Initiatives is supporting to pursue a certificate in health sciences on 12th September 2022

The Social Initiative team visited Jinja School of Nursing and Midwifery where Social Initiatives is supporting 27 girls pursuing a certificate in health sciences on 12th September 2022.

The meeting brought together FAWE Uganda program beneficiaries (Forberg 15, Social Initiatives 18) from Jinja School of Nursing and Midwifery and Medical Training School.

The visit provided an opportunity for experience sharing by the students on how the program impacted them, learnings from the Extended Oriented Program; entrepreneurship, leadership and other training skills. Students were able to share their success stories and how they plan to give back to their communities and upgrade the training academic skills.

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE MEETINGS IN TOORO KINGDOM



Representative from Kogere Foundation making a presentation during the Community Dialogue Meeting in Kiboha Parish Mugusu Town Council, Kabarole District

FAWE Uganda carried out community dialogue meetings in Kabarole, Kyenjojo, Fortportal City, Ntoroko, Bunyangabu, Kyegegwa, Kamwenge and Kitagwenda districts from 25th July 2022 to 5th August 2022. The dialogues were carried out by FAWE Uganda staff, facilitated by district officials, Tooro Kingdom officials and the community action platform committees.

The purpose of the meetings was to sensitize communities on the increasing cases of teenage pregnancies, facilitate discussions on issues affecting adolescent girls and young women that contribute to teenage pregnancies and early marriages within the communities and to orient the communities on the different referral pathways within their communities and to build consensus on key initiatives and resolutions to undertake to reduce on teenage pregnancies and early marriage and keep children in school.

800 (380 males and 420 female) were reached through the community dialogue meetings, participants understood issues affecting adolescent girls and young women that contribute to teenage pregnancies and early marriages with the communities and what needs to be done to reduce the vice. They further pledged to spread the information to other communities as well report cases of child marriage and teenage pregnancies to the relevant authorities for management.

Progressively, both men and women in the target districts have understood and appreciated the need to keep girls in school as a strategy to address childhood marriages and teenage pregnancies in their communities but also support the already pregnant adolescent girls get back to school and complete their education. 20 learners from Kiziba 1 and 2 were awarded half bursaries by the Head teacher of Kyabenda Secondary School as a way of motivating learners to join secondary school. This was a result of this community not having any child in secondary school.

AWARENESS TRAINING FOR PRO-SEVU PROJECT BENEFICIARIES



Girls trying out liquid soap making during the training from Kyenjojo district

FAWE Uganda carried out awareness training for the PRO-SEVU project beneficiaries, parents and other vulnerable girls from the eight districts of Tooro Kingdom to address the challenges associated with ASRHR and menstrual hygiene on 24th – 29th August 2022. The trainings were facilitated by the Kingdom representatives, community development officers, health assistants and the trainers of sanitary pads making and liquid soap making.

The purpose of the training was to;

1. Equip beneficiaries and other vulnerable girls with knowledge and skills on ASRHR and menstrual hygiene management.
2. Support in learning and practicing good menstrual hygiene management.
3. Provide a source of income for beneficiaries and other vulnerable girls to meet their nutritional, sanitary and other basic needs.

As a result of the training, both parents and children were equipped with knowledge and skills on ASRHR and menstrual hygiene management and are now able to manage menstrual issues confidently.

Participants were able to learn safe sex practices to avoid unwanted pregnancies and STIs/STD but most importantly they were encouraged to abstain from sex and stay in school to complete their education.

The beneficiaries were trained on how to make reusable sanitary pads for their own use so as to remain confident and be able to attend all lessons while at school.

Participants were trained and gained skills on how to make liquid soap as an economic activity that they can take on to supplement their incomes so as to meet their nutritional, sanitary and other basic needs.

ROAD DRIVE COMMUNITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS ON GOING BACK TO SCHOOL AND RE-ENTRY



Mr. Magezi Abdul the CDO Bulembia Division, Kasese municipality creating awareness on go back to school campaign through a radio road drive in Katiri Market on 20th August 2022. Photo credit: Kapuru Kenneth

FAWE Uganda held 15 road drive campaigns in Kasese, Bundibugyo and Ntoroko districts on 8th – 22nd August 2022. An estimated number of 306,928 (Adults: 145,615 Female/66,183 Male) and (Children: 63,410 Female/31,720 Male) were reached during the campaign.

Through the road drive campaigns, parents and communities were sensitized on school re-entry for child mothers and pregnant girls, mobilized to promote school re-entry and to take all their children back to school and reminded on their roles and responsibilities towards their children's education.

The road drives further Intensified advocacy for girls' education and children at risk of dropping out of school and reinforced the need for protection of all children from all forms of abuse and re-echoed the referral pathways such as local councils, CDOs, Head teachers, Probation officers, Police and CRPs for support.

CDOs, the Project volunteer and Community Resource Persons further sensitized community members on the effects of COVID-19 pandemic which resulted into increased cases of teenage pregnancies (Bundibugyo District Health Department data: Cases of teenagers who accessed antenatal services in 2020 was 913 girls and in 2021 cases rose to 2,152 girls) , child marriages and school dropouts as a result of the prolonged lock down, therefore they sensitized parents on the importance of giving second chance to girls and boys who were affected during the lock down. Parents were also cautioned against conniving with perpetrators of child abuse cases like defilement, child marriages for it creates room for continuous abuse of children.

116 Ministry of Gender Child toll free line was given to parents to always utilize it in case of any child abuse case in the community.

BASELINE ASSESSMENT OF THE SKILLFUL PARENTING MODEL



FAWE Uganda field staff and the community resource persons introducing the purpose of the baseline assessment to the community members in Ntoroko District

FAWE Uganda carried out a baseline assessment of the skillful parenting model under the “Community Action to End Violence Against Children” in the Rwenzori sub-region project on 12th -16th September 2022.

The purpose of the activity was to assess the skillful parenting model, establish benchmarks that can be used to measure the level of parenting among the groups that were disrupted by the COVID 19 lockdown and the level of knowledge and practice of parenting in the three selected districts of the Rwenzori sub-region.

Respondents were from the three project districts and six sub-counties. KII’s were administered to the District Education Department, Community Services staff, and the CFPU staff of the Uganda police force. This was for each of the districts. While for the FGD’s, six old parenting groups and three other FGD’s were conducted. These consisted of members of the communities who did not belong to any VLSA Group as shown below;

Table 1. 1 Indicating the participants to be interviewed for evaluation.

	DEO/DIS	CDO	CFPU		No of FGD’s
Ntoroko Districts	1	1	1	Karugutu¹	2
				Rwebisengo (VLSAGroup) ²	1
Bundibujoyo District	1	1	1	Sindira¹	2
				Buganikere(VLSAGroup) ²	1
Kasese District	1	1	1	Karusandara¹	2
				Karambi(VLSAGroup) ²	1
	3	3	3	Total	9

Source: Primary data 2022

¹One group of skillful parenting group the other of community members who do not belong to the groups.

²Group of VLSA

FAWE UGANDA IN THE NEWS



Staff of Forum for African Women Educationalists, join Kampala Capital City Authority and councilors from Mulimira Zone in Bukoto, Kampala to clean during a community outreach organised by Forum for African Women Educationalists recently. PHOTO | ISAAC KASAMANI

BUNDIBUGYO

Parents blamed for increased teenage pregnancies

Poor parenting is responsible for the high cases of early marriages and teenage pregnancies in Bundibugyo district, youth councillor Thomas Mutegeki has said. According to Mutegeki, parents have neglected their cardinal role of nurturing, protecting and providing for their children. He said many parents leave their children to loiter around even during the late hours without any parental control. "The raising of children in homes has been left to only mothers, who are usually busy with other chores," Mutegeki said. He made the remarks recently during a function where the Forum for African Women Education launched a campaign aimed at protecting the girl-child through fighting defilement, teenage pregnancy, child marriages and promotion of positive parenting.



Ntoroko district registers a high rate of teenage pregnancies <https://youtu.be/ozijVijvrJg>

Keeping children in school: <https://youtu.be/z3BSJJXv9hk>

Ab'e Kasese batandise ku kaweeefube ow'okulwanyisa okukabasanya abaana <https://youtu.be/64t3VjWyaTU>

TEENAGE MOTHERS OVERWHELM DISTRICT HOSPITAL <https://youtu.be/EEIGAJe6v6U>

Agacencwire: Emanja z'okutoroboza, abazaire nibetomboita ahabwa pooriisi obutafayo omuri Bundibugyo.

<https://youtu.be/tDImyGXgqrg>



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