



## Uganda Youth Development Network



### Stimulating Community Efforts to Contribute to Sustainable Development.

This is an innovative project to harness community ideals to spur development through mentorship, training in value addition and financial literacy.

#### Objective:

1. To improve local ideals that are geared at economic empowerment through mentorship, training in value addition and financial literacy to youth out of school and in school, women and people leaving with disabilities.

By doing this the project will enable youth in and out of school, women and PWDs acquire the needed skills and confidence to pursue their dreams to improve their economic livelihoods and use their financial literacy skills to do businesses and enterprises that will contribute to sustainable development.

2. To equip the target population with technical, financial literacy, enterprise and employability skills

To enhance youth, women and PWDs' leadership and life skills that will support their future dreams and aspirations

#### Problem Definition:

The major problem we have in our communities is the poor education system that teaches irrelevant content that is not required on the job market, it is not pro-PWDs and due to its complexity, a lot of students mainly girls drop out of school without completing the courses. All these issues are compounded and lead to high levels of poverty due to lack of financial literacy and entrepreneur skills together with life skills and knowledge on human rights.

The lack of relevant education system has led to the increased unemployment levels among the youth which stands at 84% as per the UNBS report on the National census (2015). In the same report, unemployment stands at 80% among women and 96% among People with disabilities.

Why the women among our target population? The poor education system affects worst the girls/women, just one-third of the girls who enrol in primary education

were still in school at age 18, compared with half of the boys (EMIS, 2008). Girls also constitute the largest proportion of out- of school youth (UBOS, 2010). The most critical causes of this school dropout are having an education system that does not fully empower girls and women.

#### Project Beneficiaries:

Youth both girls and boys out of school

Students

Women

People with Disabilities

#### Project Areas:

Nakifuma County, including Kimenyedde, Ntunda, Nabbaale, Kasawo and Seeta Namuganga Sub Counties.

#### Project Outcomes:

By providing knowledge, skills and positive behavioural practices through financial literacy, computer skills and enterprise education to youth both in and out of school, women and PWDs, we believe this will make education meaningful to youth in school and provide the needed skills and knowledge to the one that dropped out of school to be in position to contribute to the economic and social wellbeing of themselves as individuals, families and communities.

The project will enlighten women and the PWDS on their different rights to be empowered so as to contribute positively to their socio-economic life.

We also believe if youth, women and PWDs get mentorship and counselling from responsible business and social leaders, they will find hope, confidence to engage in economic activities.

#### Project Core Activities:

- Mapping
- Material Development
- Sensitisation Of Key Stakeholders
- Trainings Of The Target Populations In Groups
- Live In School Activities
- Monitoring And Evaluation
- Sustaining The Project

### Project Stakeholders:

- Sub County Leaders
- Schools
- Youth in and out of school
- Women
- PWDs

### Project Uniqueness:

- Specifically targets youth in and out of school
- It will empower the target population with financial skills, technical skills, life skills and rights education.
- While in schools, the project will use child-centred curriculum and learning methods that shift the paradigm of learning from the teacher to the learners.

### Project Benefits:

- Youth:
  - Develop life skills
  - Become financial literate
  - Start saving money for their business advancement
  - Start financial enterprises
  - Know their rights
  - Get computer knowledge
- Women:
  - Become empowered
  - Know their rights
  - Start income generating enterprises
  - Become environmentally conscious
- PWDs:
  - Know their rights in the current education system
  - Become socially accepted
  - Start income generating enterprises
  - Become financial literate
  - Start saving clubs

### Donors:

We appeal to donor organisations and individuals to donate this project.