

# YOUTH PARTNERSHIP UGANDA (YPU)



**Mission:**  
To transform the communities through empowerment in health, human rights, entrepreneurship for sustainable development.

**Vision:** Empowering communities for sustainable development

## HISTORY

Youth Partnership Uganda (YPU) was established in 2009 by a group of 30 youth activists headed by Morrish Bwambale all from Kasese district out of the desire to protect and promote the basic rights of the marginalized group of people especially the youths, children, women and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and elders who are commonly deprived of their basic rights. Following the long period (from 1996) of Allied Democratic Force (ADF) rebels insurgency in the region, it left behind gaps in services accessibility by the above stated vulnerable groups of persons and Youth Partnership Uganda prioritized the full attainment of their rights through information dissemination in regard to their vulnerability after the war and post war issues like HIV/AIDS due to commercial sex out of desperations, environment, skills development among others. As such YPU was formed in recognition that lack of knowledge and information and clear strategies on human rights including reproductive health and HIV/AIDS among vulnerable groups.

## PROGRAMS

**Human Rights Education:** Educating the public and making them aware of their rights through civic education for human rights advocacy, legal understanding of the constitution, good governance and respect for human rights. Carries out research and provide updated information on human rights practices to ensure compliance with international human rights standards.



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**Environmental Awareness and Protection:** Initiates and implements community based natural resources management and conservation initiatives in hilly, mountainous and low lands of Kasese district. These initiatives includes; tree planting, protection of water catchment areas,, river bank management, garbage collection complemented by environment education and awareness creation

**Capacity Building FO Economic Empowerment:** Trains youths in small business development and management, conducts learning exchange programs for youths in vocational skills training and income generating activities, facilitates youths to initiates income generating projects and seek for funding for their projects.

**Sexual and Reproductive Health.**

**HIV/AIDS Awareness and Prevention:** Public awareness creation, prevention and stigmatization campaigns, care and support of vulnerable persons, promote positive living, public debates on HIV/AIDS issues, drama and theater plays on HIV/AIDS issues provision of information education communication materials and HIV/AIDS goodies like condoms provision

**Youths in Sports Mentoring.**

**Adolescent and Early Child hood Development**

## CHALLENGES

Limited competencies in resource and fundraising to sustain its staffing and programs

Limited competencies in networking, building partnership, networks and linkages

Limited competencies in establishing monitoring and evaluation frameworks and systems for its programs

Limited skills and knowledge in grants proposal writing

Staffs and volunteers lack skills in effective projects / small business development, monitoring and evaluation.

Limited computer skills among staffs, volunteers and board members

Lack of knowledge on financial management/ accountabilities on organizations activities and programs

## ACHIEVMENTS

Established an operational office for YPU

Established an active and functional board and an operational secretariat that run the day to day activities

Been able to motivate and maintain our staff members since its inception

Economically empowered 25 domestic violence survivors with sustainable livelihood options and legal support mechanisms for them to respond appropriately to violence against them.



Advocated for the implementation of the existing laws and formulate by-laws against domestic violence in the communities we work with

Networked with other several organizations both national and international

Trained over 35 community based child protection structures that are providing child friendly psychosocial support, protection of children against abuse and exploitation

Through the girl child education project YPU financially and psychologically supported 35 girls who had dropped out of school at Ihandiro secondary school to enrolled back to school.

Sstrengthened the capacities of children and the entire communities through awareness creation meetings and community dialogue meetings to engage child protection structures to protect and defend the rights of children in conflict with the law

Through community sensitization and education YPU increased the participation of children and their communities to challenge cultural, attitudes and beliefs that promote Child abuse and exploitation.

Mobilized schools and other community members to plant more trees

