



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

YOUNG : EMPOWERED : THRIVING

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WHO WE ARE

We are a not for profit organisation working to transform the lives of rural youth through Health Care, Education, Agriculture and Financial Inclusion programs. Our approach integrates service provision, capacity building and advocacy strategies. We aim to reach the most vulnerable and at risk populations. We foster their resilience, build their capacity and provide them with resources to overcome barriers to better livelihoods.

MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends

It is the end of yet another challenging year, as Covid 19 continued to ravage several nations. This year, we innovatively stepped out of our comfortable way of program and project implementation to continue transforming the lives of rural people in Luwero District.

We are a small but mighty team that spends every day designing and implementing holistic programs and projects that equip young people with skills, resources and knowledge they need to thrive.

I am excited to share with you what we together accomplished in 2021 on the pages of this report. From supporting adolescent girls as schools kept closed through vocational and life skills; rebuilding youth businesses; supporting low-income households during total Covid 19 lockdown; campaigning against girls and women abuse to ensuring rural communities accessed and utilized quality health care among other activities.

We are daily motivated by the lives of young people we have transformed through our work and those we hope to touch as we continue growing as an organisation. We will stay committed to ensuring that rural lives thrive.

With gratitude and best wishes for 2022



OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Social inclusion

YETU ensures inclusive programs and projects which promote the participation of youth females, orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs) and other marginalized groups equitably.

Organizational Capacity Development

YETU ensures that all interventions embed an element of developing or strengthening organizational systems, structures, policies and skills to foster sustainability.

Partnerships and Networking

YETU makes deliberate efforts to work with other organizations at national, regional and district levels and government especially on programs and projects within its thematic focus. YETU also shares experiences with all stakeholders for purposes of learning, collaboration, adaptation and replication.



OUR VALUES

Accountability: YETU acknowledges and assumes responsibility for all her actions, interventions and decisions. We will be good stewards of all resources in our custody.

Community empowerment: YETU is determined to design and support interventions which empower communities. It's key for the communities to start and manage their own processes for sustainability and ownership.

Integrity: YETU is committed to honesty and honour without compromise.

Sustainability: YETU ensures the continuity and replication of all its programs in the community



PROGRAM IMPACT

UGX 100,679,000

Microcredit funds dedicated to restoring youth-led businesses that were lost or disrupted due to the effects of Covid 19.



Coordination meeting with VHTs

104

Youth who restarted received entrepreneurship and business education, coaching and mentorship and restarted their businesses when total Covid 19 lockdown was lifted



Life skills training for adolescent girls

120

Adolescent girls who received vocational and life skills training

40

Village Health Team (VHTs) members supported with Personal Protective Gear Equipment.



Community dialogue about sexual and gender-based violence

720

Men, women, adolescents, children received quality and affordable health services and education from our health centre.



Life skills training for adolescent girls

274

Low-income households (families headed by the elderly, families headed by children, those with HIV+ members, those with disabled persons etc) that received monthly financial support to meet their basic needs.



PPEs for village health teams (VHTs)

HEALTH PROGRAM

We strongly believe in health as a human right that must be enjoyed by all without any form of discrimination.

The Covid 19 pandemic exposed our health systems as weak and unable to meet the health needs of the majority of the population especially as resources both financial and human were geared towards curbing the spread of the virus and caring for Covid patients.

At YETU health centre, we continued to offer affordable and quality health care to especially the rural communities.

We innovated to take health services and education to households as public transport had been put under total lockdown. This was done through community outreaches and support to Village Health Teams.

YETU also worked tirelessly to contribute to reducing the number of adolescent girls who were marrying off and having unplanned pregnancies through human rights awareness campaigns, family planning services and education and supporting teen moms to receive appropriate care and immunise their babies.

163

Supported teen mothers



40

VHTs supported with PPEs



720

People who utilised our health centre services



6

Sexual and reproductive health community outreaches



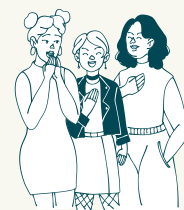
VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM



Adolescent girls attending a garment making vocational class

The Covid 19 pandemic has disrupted education and the outcomes so far are worse for girls than boys. Gender-based violence has predominantly affected girls and women in droves with over 3,000 cases registered by police between March-October 2020. The chances of girls who were in school before March 2020 going back have drastically reduced, and in the long run, their social, economic and political participation is compromised.

At YETU since last year, we have held 3 months (6 classes so far) long vocational and life skills classes to equip 200 adolescent girls both in and out of school with skills and knowledge to make informed decisions about their lives. Vocational skills included garment making and cosmetology. To date, 1120 girls have completed the courses and 27 girls have started micro-enterprises using the acquired skills. From the enterprises, the girls earn between Ugx 170,000-Ugx 300,000



120

trainees (adolescent girls)



27

Girls who started micro enterprises



Upto Ugx 300,000 monthly income per enterprise
Girl led micro enterprises

FINANCIAL INCLUSION PROGRAM

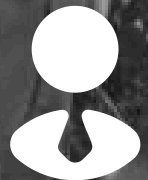
A youth farmer in their maize garden

In rural communities, young people especially women lack the collateral to access and utilise credit and financial institutions are concentrated in urban areas. This leaves out a big percentage of youths who are in rural communities. There are several other barriers for youths to access financial services including the perception that they (financial services) are expensive, illiteracy, long distances to financial service providers.

We aim to create communities where all people of working age have access to quality financial services, provided at affordable rates, in a convenient manner, and with dignity. In 2021, we raised over Ugx 100,000,000 to give business credit to youths whose businesses had been adversely affected by Covid 19. Youths also improved their business management and resilience skills through our entrepreneurship training and coaching & mentorship. 91 youth led business were re-established with this fund.

91

Youth led enterprises re-established



Ugx

100,679,000

Microcredit fund to support youth led enterprises



COVID 19 EMERGENCY PROGRAM

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE GEAR FOR VILLAGE HEALTH TEAMS (VHTS)

"We have written to several agencies since Covid 19 outbreak to support us with PPEs but we had not received any positive response. We are grateful to YETU for its support with PPEs. These resources will enable us to effectively continue serving families during the pandemic without fear for our lives"aid VHT coordinator. **40 VHTS** received PPEs including sanitiser, masks, boots, gloves etc. **On average a VHT makes upto 21 family visits per month and serves over 100 communities members.**

COMMUNITY DIALOGUES ABOUT ABUSE AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

"When families were locked up at home during the Covid 19 total lockdown measures, violence against women and girls was on the rise. In rural communities, more than 12,000 unplanned pregnancies were registered by public health facilities in 2020. These and many other challenges prompted YETU to organise community dialogues and human rights awareness to ensure women and girl children were protected and safeguarded. We designed and disseminated human rights information materials including **500** shirts, **1000** posters about the dangers of gender-based violence and conducted **3** dialogues in the last quarter of 2021 facilitated by health workers and local leaders. the dialogues and materials reached over 500 community members.



Community members attending a human rights awareness gathering

SUPPORT TO LOW INCOME FAMILIES

YETU with support from local leaders and other community structures mobilised **274 low-income households** (those who were struggling to get basic needs during Covid 19 total lockdown and supported them with a monthly financial grant of **Ugx 17163 per month** for a period of two months. Families were able to buy basic needs, medicine and take care of their family needs until the lockdown was lifted for them to resume work.

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

A beneficiary of low income household support

COVID 19 EMERGENCY SUPPORT TO LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

Mutebi is a 36-year-old man who lives in Bukusu Village, Butuntumula Sub-County, Luwero District. Mutebi has been crippled from birth. He lost a father at a tender age and he has since lived with his mother and two siblings. He currently lives in a family of seven including four grandchildren. Mutebi is mentally retarded and he has never been to school. He also struggles with communication, however, the family understands him and supports him.

Mutebi's mother along with siblings are farmers and that's how they ensure the wellbeing of the family. Every morning, Mutebi is taken out of the house and put on a mat in the house compound where he spends his entire day. He was identified for support under the low-income households by the local council leaders. According to the family, the major challenges they faced during Covid 19 total lockdown, were a lack of finances to purchase items like soap, sugar, salt. Several days the family went along without these necessities, although they had a garden where to get some food.

Each low-income families received Ugx 171063 for two months to take care of critical family needs as relief from the effects of Covid 19. The support was used to buy household items including, sugar, soap, salt, cooking and other food items especially for Mutebi because he needs special care. The items were utilised by the entire family.

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

Village Health Team member during one of the monthly meetings

KEEPING THE HEALTH WORKERS SAFE

Village Health Teams (VHTs) are a community based health structure established under the Ministry of Health. The role of VHTs is to provide basic health care and education to especially rural and communities who have limited or no access to public health facilities

Luwero District has over 120 VHTs with atleast each servicing between 5-10 households. When Covid 19 struck, one of the stringent measures emphasised by government to curb the spread of the virus was stopping public transport. In Uganda, public transport in rural communities is motorcycles also known as Boda Boda. Rural and remote families were totally cut off from health care access and left for VHTs. VHTs on the other hand were also struggling with lack of PPEs which meant they could not risk their lives serving the households.

with support from Children Rights and Violence Prevention Fund (CRVPF), YETU identified and supported 40 VHTs with PPEs including, masks, sanitiser, bags, books for records, gowns, gloves, boots. As result supported VHTs continue to offer basic health care to families in Butuntumula Sub-County

FINANCIAL REPORT



REVENUES

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GRANTS AND DONATIONS	Ugx 225,885,112
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SALES	Ugx 2,878,600
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INTEREST	Ugx 9,773,000
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EXPENSES

PROGRAMS	Ugx 148,455,459
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ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS	Ugx 64,355,757
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Adolescent girl attends a hair dressing classes

OUR PARTNERS

Thank you for being part of YETU's efforts to transform the lives of rural youth and families. We shall keep going.

- Children Rights and Violence Prevention Fund (CRVPF)
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