

MENGO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT LINK ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2005-APRIL 2006

Mengo Youth Development Link is a Non Governmental Organization registration No. 5914/514 registered on the 10th 09 2004. MYDEL was formed in the year 2000 by the group of vulnerable Youth in Mengo Parish with the intention of lifting the standards of living a Mengo the vulnerable communities in our targeted population.

Target group

MYDEL is targeting the vulnerable groups and these include children, destitute, slum Youth, street kids, women elderly, and people living with AIDS. People with disabilities and prostitutes.

Our Mission.

MYDELS mission is to empower the less privileged communities with managerial and marketable skills which will help them in the formation of self sustainable projects and income generating projects.

Our Aims

Our Aim is to strengthen the community capacity in the fight against HIV/AIDS, Poverty, Ignorance, Drugs and Substance Abuse and to up lift the standards of Living among the Vulnerable Communities.

The following were the activities carried out by MYDEL plus the results

1. HIV/AIDS: MYDEL do operate in the slum areas where by disease infection as become the order of the day especially among young people between the age of 15-25 who actually engage in prom carious sex thus reading them to contract HIV/AIDS- we have initiated program to educate the community on HIV/AIDS through sensitization seminar and workshops, films shows, condoms distribution counseling and advance which in turn has lead a change in the following ways.

- Behavior change among Young people
- Reduction in the high rate of infection
- Open policy among the public on AIDS
- Reduction in stigma and discrimination
- Improved parental relationship with their children

2. Protecting the right of children:-

In order to fulfill our objective MYDEL has worked hard to with other stakeholders to improve and fight for the rights of the children in our local communities in the instance of child behaviors, children violence, and mistreatment MYDEL has come on the board to educate the communities on the above issues so as a result the fall we have managed to achieve the following.

- Improved relationship between the children and their parents
- Reduction in the child labor.
- Strengthen and educating the rights of children in our local communities
- Work hand in hand with the local leaders police and K.C.C. and other NGO who are in the field of children rights.

3. Provisional of support to the needy orphan's elderly and PLWA. In the area of supporting the needy people MYDEL as registered 470 orphans of which we have managed to help 77 orphans with scholastic materials food support and scholarships to support their education. Also 14 PLWA also benefits from our programs in the process they acquire basic needs such as food support counseling and referral program as a result.

- Many orphans health was improved
- The above support gives hope to the PLWA and the orphans
- Strengthen the government policy of UPE by supporting the orphans.
- Reduction in stigma among PLWA.
- Food security among the affected and infected group.

4. Vocational skills training under the support from Supply and Demand Uganda, Kampala city council AMICAAL and the Canadian Municipality we have

managed to acquire 7 sewing Machines of which two are electrical and 4 computers and a wooden structures which is used a class room for the training in both Tailoring and computer program as;

- Provide training to 83 orphans in Mengo
- The vocation training provides training to the youth through computer training skills.
- Reduction in idleness among the youth and young people.
- Increase in unity between the youth. Women and children this result into the development of new ideas

5. Youth and women empowerment MYDEL as played a big role in the process of empowering of the youth and women this as result into the up lift the standards of women and youth towards sustainable development as a result we have achieved the following.

- Gender mean streaming and equity women are no longer properties of men through MYDEL emphasis the voice and women's participation into development activities as been achieved especially in our slum areas.
- Gift circle exchange (charity) among the youth and women this has been achieved by empowering both the youth and women thus bringing up development in homes.
- Also through gift circles exchange exchanging of cash has also been achieved were by the 70 youth and women who participate in the activity get the small savings from the members group as a monthly package
- Girl child education in the process of empowering the Girl child education MYDEL has played a big role in our community in sensitizing the local communities about the importance of educating the girl child thus promoting the girl child education.

- Promotion of sports and Drummer among young people this has been initiated as some of the activities to help the young people to discover their talents and expose them here we targeted the orphans, Schools drop outs, young girls and boys street kids and the slum youth the result from sport and drama were:-

- The team of 18 orphans and 3 staff in April 2005 toured the region of Kagera for 2 weeks to sensitize the people of Tanzania on the dangers of HIV / AIDS. Children rights, testimonies, songs and role play both containing the message on HIV / AIDS and Children's Rights this was done under the sponsorship from Kagera Credit Development Trust Fund.
 - The sports teams of both netball and football have done a lot of initiative in uplifting the talents of young people especially those in the slum areas who are the most vulnerable thus has helped in the reduction of idleness among young people.
7. Peer education for life program as also been integrated in MYDEL activities and this program has two phases. The first one is Peer development activities this includes seminars and workshops for behavior change for in-school and out of school aged 12-35 years and adventure unlimited seminar for children aged 9-14 years.

The second phase is Peer sustainable activities these include

- i) Choose freedom seminar.
- ii) Debates and discussion
- iii) Sports and Gala
- iv) National and religion drama festivals.
- v) Film shows and critiquing
- vi) AIDS walk functions
- vii) Youth camps
- viii) Country life skills workshops.

The result of education for life program is to unit to youth together and sharing of knowledge for sustainable development.

Resource and support

In carrying out all these activities MYDEL has taken all its efforts to help its target population and first we would like to give credit and thanks to those who have supported us both local and international.

The list of our local funders includes:-

- The local communities
- The local leaders and councilors
- Office of the Vice President of Uganda
- National youth council
- Uganda Youth Development Link
- Women of Uganda Net work
- Kampala city council
- AMICAAL Uganda Chapter
- Kid in Need
- Supply and Demand Uganda
- Probation office Kampala Central Division
- Ministry of Gender
- Presidents office Youth Desk
- Youth out reach Uganda
- Member's contributions.

The list of International Funders (Scholarships)

- Vision for Africa
- Canadian Municipality for (orphans)
- Kagera Credit Development Trust Fund (orphan elderly youth and children.)
- International HIV/AIDS alliance (resource center HIV/AIDS)
- United National office of Drug control for (drugs and substance abuse)

Future Plans

Mengo Youth Development Link has for the last 5 years build capacity of the vulnerable communities and these include the youth, women, elderly and children we do look forward to strengthen our development capacity and to introduce the system of prosperity for all the among the poor communities so as to increase the incomes of the poor communities and to initiate self help projects to support the poor people in our areas of operation plus fighting against inequalities and violence and all types of disease in our targeted population as follows:-

- 1) Strengthen the micro-finance system to support both the rural and urban slum communities in our areas of operations.
- 2) Initiating Environmental programs with the aims of conserving the Environment in our local communities and planting a variety of trees in the community.
- 3) Strengthen Gender Equity and protecting the rights of widows and orphans against inheritance of properties.
- 4) Equip and renovation of our Youth resource with a variety of books, board games, computer facilities, access to internet services and chairs plus a 100 sitter tent.
- 5) To enhance education for life program for peer development and sustainability, peer educators program, leadership development Program and family education program has the positive change to improve the life of the young people.
- 6) To enhance Education for the Young people, Youth plus all the entire Community on the Dangers of Drugs and Substance Abuse.
- 7) To provide capacity building for CBOs and FBO which are involving in AIDS services and community welfare organizations to design and implement affective sustainability program so as to achieve their desired objectives.

- 8) To increase the vocational training programs so as to impart skills and knowledge to the disadvantages communities for self sustainable.
- 9) To solicit for more funds to support the increased number of orphans and support the PLWAs.
- 10) To Construct a Rehabilitation Centre for the Street Kid and the slum Youth.
- 11) To rehabilitate the Commercial Sex Workers