AN EXPERIENCE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENTS

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ABOUT SIGNHEALTH UGANDA

I. Status:
Registered NGO in Uganda, Started in 2009

I. Vision:
A Society where people who are Deaf, Deaf blind and their families have equal rights and opportunities.

I. Mission:
To promote equitable access to social services and opportunities for Deaf, Deaf blind persons and their families in Uganda through advocacy, cost effective and sustainable services.
THE SU – UKAID SUPPORTED EFFORTS

• Deaf peoples Health and education rights project in WestNile & greater Masaka – with Signal UK

• Prototyping on Sexual reproductive health rights information DYP- with IDEO- DCW & UNAD
PROJECT INTERVENTIONS

DEAF PEOPLES HEALTH AND EDUCATION RIGHTS PROJECT

Rights Awareness & Training of Peer Leaders

FACT: Family Awareness and training

TACT: Teachers Awareness
Communication training, including appropriate methodologies for working with HICs

HECAT: Health workers awareness and communication training, towards friendly health facilities

CAT: Awareness & Communication training for community leaders and other duty bearers

THE IDEO-DYP PROTOTYPE ON SRHR

Guerrilla/Silent Theatre: Using drama to mobilise communities & families

DEAF MEETING POINTS:

• Mobilising of DYP in groups
• Using peer leaders to provoke SRHR discussions at business (saloon, rolex), sports & other meeting points
• Debates and quiz moments
• Peer support & follow-up of needy children and Young People
CHANGES IN LIVES OF DC/YP

Increased awareness & access to services

- Over 80% of children in project areas retained in school
- 48 (F23 DYP, M25) trained as peer educators
- 929 (F352, M577) deaf boys and girls too part in peer led rights training
- 718 Family members received basic deaf awareness & communication training
- 228 Teachers trained deafness and managing HICs
- 274 Health workers received basic communication training
- Increased community ownership & Leadership

Increased peer support & Reduced vulnerability to HIV/AIDS:

- 12 peer support groups for DYP formed in 4 districts
- 1171 (F721, M450) Were involved in the SRHR & HIV awareness programme
- 549 (M175, F 374) DC/YP were able to identify at least causes & ways of preventing HIV/AIDS
KEY POLICY/PLANNING ISSUES

- Reaching DYP in rural enclaves
- Promoting & Sustaining SL communication without a policy guide
- Building economic capacities of families to support DC/YP
- Catering for a deaf child in the current inclusive education setting
- Child protection & addressing the alarming SGBV among families of DC/YP
- Promoting Early intervention for Deaf Children
- Data: need to be counted to count