

# AN EXPERIENCE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE WITH HEARING IMPAIREMENTS

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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 West Nile & 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 took 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