



*The first of its kind*  
**SMART CLUB  
 CHILDREN'S  
 SUMMIT/CAMP**

**What a memorable  
 experience it was!**

**U**ganda Youth Development Link in Partnership with Smart international organized an annual children's summit that took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at Nyumbani Hotel-Kikoni. The children's summit aimed at creating awareness among children about the dangers of alcohol drugs and crime,

developing life skills to reduce the risks of crime,

Violence and drug use through protective factors such as knowledge, positive attitudes and life skills development, among others.

Over 60 Smart prevention club leaders from different primary schools gathered at Nyumbani Hotel for the 2days summit. The summit majorly helped children appreciate the beauty and fun in living **DRUG-FREE** lifestyles and making better decisions in their lives.

The children were involved in Drug-free fun activities that included water challenges, painting, poems, music, dance, drama, talk shows among others. Great thanks to the funders the Swedish forumCiv through

Smart international, Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL)

and other organizations

like CAYEL, My

Self Uganda

and



KYDA Uganda.

For more details and please follow the Links:- <https://www.facebook.com/InternSmart> and <https://www.facebook.com/100003256222520/posts/3920886758029826/?d=n>

*"I wish I can come for camp every weekend because it was so much fun and educative"* said one of the participants.

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# Embracing The UNODC Line-Up Live- Up Sports Programme For Slum Youth

*By Kinobi Moses - Social Worker.*

Following a successful pilot test of the Line Up Live Up programme in 2018 – 2019, UYDEL through the Ministry of Education and Sports received support from the UNODC in 2021 to expand and scale up the implementation of the programme in Uganda, including by delivering a new training of trainers and support implementation of the Line Up Live Up programme in Uganda reaching out to over 6.000 vulnerable youth. UNODC through partnerships with UYDEL is currently implementing some activities and these include:- Organizing and delivering of a four-day Line up Live Up Training of Trainers (ToT), with the participation of 41 trainees. This took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2021 at Shimoni Teacher Training College with active engagement and support of Ministry of Education and Sports Providing mentorship and support to the trained trainers to implement/roll out the Line up Live Up Programme with approximately 6,000 youth after

the ToT in Kampala, in various settings selected, doing consultations with the Ministry of Education and Sport, including those youth in Remand Homes, Juvenile and Rehabilitation centers to help them build life skills and resilience and support their rehabilitation process.

Monitoring and evaluation of Programme activities, including the analysis and reporting on data collected on the impact.



## Restoring Hope through Football for Girls

*(Recovering from Sexual Trauma  
and Drug Dependency)*



Healing from any form of sexual violence takes a while, and the restorative process can be painful. This is even worse for girls living in slum communities that continuously expose them to more risks of further abuse. Sexual violence is shamefully common in our society and this partly contributes to the youth's involvement in high risk behaviors like engaging in drug abuse and transactional sex.

Regardless of age or gender, the impact of sexual violence goes far beyond any physical injuries. The trauma of being raped or sexually assaulted can be devastating, leaving one feeling fearful, embarrassed, and alone or overwhelmed by flashbacks.



### ADDRESSING SEXUAL TRAUMA AND DRUG DEPENDENCY THROUGH FOOTBALL

The training sessions are always exciting and enjoyable to the girls. Throughout the sessions, the girls get to learn on field techniques like dribbling, juggling and passing the ball.

These are game based drills that help the girls to exercise, compete and enjoy the game. After every the day's session, we have a catch up moment for girls to share experiences, do thumb checks and shout outs.

It is during this time that girls know when to seek help, talk about challenges and set goals. This has helped them to regain a sense of control, rebuild their self-worth, and learn to heal from any sort of trauma as well as making right and informed choices like staying away from drugs and other substances to be able to stay sober and play the game well.

*“Football helps me feel unique and important”*



*“For me it has helped not to think about my stresses”*

*“The games challenges help me became a better team player”*



*“Football is so much fun than I used to think”*



*“I found a loving family when I started playing football at UYDEL”*



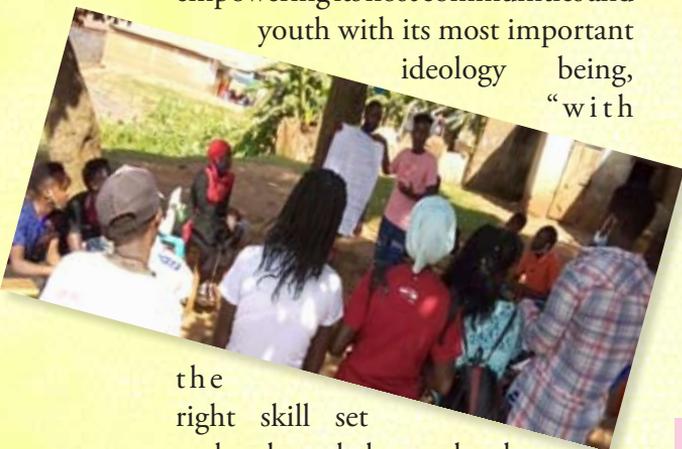
## ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

*By Kafuko Edwin - Lead Project Officer.*

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partnership with British Council Uganda through the Active Citizens Program is making its contribution towards changing the status quo of education in local communities by promoting access to education opportunities for out of school slum youth in Makindye. The Active Citizens social leadership program is empowering its host communities and youth with its most important ideology being, “with



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## **Economic Empowerment of Slum Youth through Vocational Skills**

Youth in Africa and more particularly in Uganda aged between 15 and 30 years are among those that were hit hardest by the economic consequences of the COVID-19 catastrophe. Previously before the existing pandemic, this group was threatened by the challenge of obtaining quality education and decent work.

Young people are statistically less likely to suffer severe symptoms of coronavirus, however, youth are highly affected by the pandemic, as their overrepresentation in low-paid, and less secure and less protected jobs makes them highly susceptible to joblessness and labor market vulnerabilities.

As UYDEL, We have smartly continued with vocational skilling for slum youth because it plays a potentially significant role in the COVID-19 response due to their shorter-term and practical approach. For example skills like Liquid soap making, baking and tailoring because with these skills our youth can earn a little money.

Great thanks to the funders who have enabled us to continue serving the youth and more thanks to the hotels, saloons and electrical shops that have accepted our youth to carry out internships even more acquiring jobs.



## UYDEL Staff capacity building on Child Safeguarding Policy and Child Safeguarding



On the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021 UYDEL organized a staff capacity building session on child safe guarding. 30 UYDEL social workers and M&Es were able to learn the key elements of a safe organization, roles and responsibilities of child safe guarding, UYDEL strategic plan and vision.

The training was led by Ms. Nassaka

Jacqueline the programs officer at UYDEL who encouraged the staff members to operationalize child safe guarding stressing that UYDEL has a draft child safe guarding policy. She noted that UYDEL has a national child safe guarding trainer Ms. Namatovu Catherine who will work closely with other staff to ensure that the policy is adhered to. The staff members were sensitized about many topics some of which included;

Child protection: which she defined as child welfare policies and initiatives designed to address the protection of children from abuse, neglect, exploitation, violence and to the fulfillment of children's rights and wellbeing as well as creating a protective environment for their positive development (*accredited national child protection curriculum*).

Child Safeguarding: defined as the responsibility that organizations have to ensure their staff, operations and programs "do no harm" to children

and that any concerns the organization has about children's safety within the communities in which they work are timely reported to the appropriate authorities.



General principles of child safeguarding include:-

- ◆ All children have equal rights to protection from harm.
- ◆ Everybody has a responsibility to support the protection of children.
- ◆ Organizations have a duty of care to children with whom they work.
- ◆ If organizations work with partners they have a responsibility to help

partners meet the minimum requirements on protection.

Ms. Nassaka advised the staff members to take all child safeguarding actions in the best interests of the child and also mentioned that everyone needs to carry out their respective roles on child safeguarding in order for the organization to be “safe whilst serving the vulnerable. (*More of the presentation can be found on the website*).

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