

Profile: Kampala, Uganda – One Stop Youth Resource Centre

Location: Kampala, Uganda
Partners: City of Kampala, UN-HABITAT
Donors: Government of Norway
Theme: Youth Empowerment; Sustainable Urbanization

Introduction

● This presentation is an overview on the status of Kampala One Stop Youth Centre. It highlights what has been achieved, the role of partners and the implementation design of the project.

Areas of Intervention

- Empowerment through Entrepreneurship
- Reproductive Health
- Governance and Advocacy
- Information and Communication Technology
- Environment and Conservation
- Sports and Culture
- Research

Location



- The centre is located at Kabalagala near Kampala International University on a 2 acre piece of land that belongs to the youth of Kampala.
- KCC will construct a storey building to allow integrated services be accessed by young people.
- Construction process has started
- A container has been acquired, partitioned, windows and doors fixed.

Programme design

- The programme is designed based on the seven thematic areas and activities defined for each area of intervention.
- Implementation will be through committed partners
- The centre will act as the implementing tool.
- Some activities will be implemented at the centre whereas others outside but within the divisions of Kampala

Implementation Methodology

- A baseline survey from respective thematic areas will be conducted to identify the needs of young people.
- Based on the baseline status survey results, the project will design a proposed set of activities

to suit the needs of young people.

- Youth participation is emphasized at all levels

Activities so far

- Stakeholders' Planning Workshop – October 2006
- Regional Partners Planning Workshop – February 2007
- Recruitment of a UNV
- Development of the project document
- Drafting of the Memorandum of Understanding

Activities cont'd

- Baseline survey on entrepreneurship
- Dissemination workshop held August 2007
- Website development
- Procurement of office furniture and equipments
- Stakeholders mobilization (meetings with youth leaders and partners)

Activities cont'd

- Development and publishing of centre brochures
- Stakeholder mobilisation (meetings with youth leaders and partners)
- Development of a centre logo
- Acquisition of a computer

Partners

- KCC: 100,000,000 to construct KOSYC
- UN-HABITAT: US\$200,000
- UNIDO: Take up Empowerment through Entrepreneurship thematic area.
- UNFPA: Reproductive Health
- Schoolnet Uganda: 20 computers to establish a digital resource centre

Partners cont'd

- UYDEL: Reproductive health, drug and substance abuse prevention, entrepreneurship, sports and culture.
- National Youth Council: Governance and advocacy
- KKL: Sports and culture
- Youth Alive Uganda: Sports, music and drama.

Partners cont'd

- Kampala District Youth Leaders – mobilisation
- Rubaga Youth Development Association – entrepreneurship training
- PSFU: IEC and other resourceful materials, business plan competition.
- ACET- HIV/AIDS related services
- AIC – to conduct VCT once a month at the centre, and all other related services are free for young people.
- EASSI – Governance and advocacy

Progress registered

- Acquisition of land (permanent home) for the project
- Procurement of a container
- Fabrication and partitioning of a container
- Identification of a contractor to construct the centre building by KCC
- Development and publishing of brochures

Progress cont'n.

- Engagement of youth in the development of the centre logo.
- Partners commitments
- Successful planning process. Involvement of youth leaders/groups
- Creation of awareness among stakeholders
- More partners have come on board i.e Rubaga Youth Development Association, Youth Alive, Kampala Kids League

Opportunities

- Political will. The project has support from the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, especially from the Minister for Youth and Children Affairs
- Youth issues are now a priority in the country. (Existence of youth structures at national and district levels (NYC, Youth MPs, KDYC).
- Support and willingness/positive attitude of both the beneficiaries and the implementing partners about the project.
- The knowledge and skills among young people.

Challenges and constraints

- General delay of implementation
- High expectations from both partners and the beneficiaries.
- Delay in signing of MOU
- Failure of KCC to recognize project ownership.
- Limited resources from partners especially KCC, the major implementing partners

Funding gap

- Our budget has a gap US\$100,000

Centre users

- The centre is for young people between the age bracket of 15 – 30 years.
- All young people without discriminating shall have equal access to service regardless of their sex, origin and religion.

Staff training needs

- Project management
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- ICT skills
- Basic accounting skills

Work in progress

- Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between partners.

- Clearing/grading of the compound
- Construction of waterborne toilets
- Electricity connection
- Fencing of the land

Cont'n

- Development of the website
 - Launching of the centre
 - Kampala Kids League are developing a work plan for sports.
- Fabrication work in progress