

PROJECT MAIN ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Train religious and cultural leaders in OVC protection.
- ◆ Conduct dialogue meetings with religious and cultural leaders to develop CAPs against harmful practices affecting children.
- ◆ Attend District council meetings and District management meetings to present and follow up children and youth agenda
- ◆ Lobby duty bearers for increased HIV outreach services among hard to reach and under-served areas targeting children and youth
- ◆ Facilitate children and youth to participate in district management committee meetings and budgeting processes
- ◆ Conduct periodic district and sub county budgetary analyses to lobby for funding priorities for children and youth
- ◆ Lobby district Council for a Byelaw/ordinance against children not attending school
- ◆ Community structures such as Health management committees, SOVCC, DOVCC are active
- ◆ Train members of SOVCC, DOVCC to lobby for child friendly laws and budgetary allocation for children and youth services.
- ◆ Facilitate quarterly planning and review meetings of SOVCC, DOVCC, and HUMCs

- ◆ Mobilize youths from BMUs and Youth out of school to form youth peer groups and train their leaders as behavior change promoters
- ◆ Form School rights clubs to spearhead behavior change promotion among school children and in the community
- ◆ Facilitate quarterly accountability meetings (*Barazas*) at sub-county to interface rights holders with duty bearers
- ◆ Train rights holders as community based monitors of quality prevention, care and support services and harmful practices.
- ◆ Facilitate community monitoring (fieldwork) activities in the project area.
- ◆ Support establishment of child Rights / life skills programs in schools
- ◆ Advocacy forums to discuss HIV/AIDS protection, Care and treatment services at sub county level

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HIV and AIDS community empowerment Project in Sub Counties of Lwamaggwa, Kagamba and Kacheera Rakai District



A- Highlights of RACOBABO

RACOBABO is an indigenous NGO that commenced operations in January 1998.

The Organisation is run by an independent Board headed by Dr. Margaret Nakakeeto, a medical practitioner in Mulago Hospital as the Chairperson of the Board. Other Board members include Rev. Christopher Mutsinzi, a Catholic priest, Mr. Luzze Fredrick a child social worker, and Mr. Tebyasa Ambrose, a Lawyer and Commissioner of Oaths. Others are Ms. Ruth Nannyonga and Ms. Jane Francis Nalubega; both Monitoring and Evaluation specialists.

RACOBABO is a national member of the ACT Alliance; Uganda Forum .

RACOBABO **Vision** is “a Uganda where all people enjoy their rights”

Mission : To Promote human rights of the most vulnerable people through Community empowerment, engaging duty bearers and Advocacy for Accountability and quality services in the targeted districts.

Thematic Areas:

- ◆ HIV prevention, Care and support
- ◆ Advocacy and human Rights protection
- ◆ Water and Sanitation
- ◆ Food and nutrition security
- ◆ Household and Community Economic Transformation
- ◆ Disaster Risk Reduction
- ◆ OVC support
- ◆ Quality Education

B- Name of the project: HIV and AIDS community empowerment Project

C- Project Goal:

To contribute to increased protection from HIV and its impact among the vulnerable rights holders, especially children and youth in Rakai district

D- The Specific Objectives:

- ◆ Duty bearers actions strengthened towards effective HIV service delivery and elimination of harmful practices that predispose children and youth to infection in Rakai district by 2019
- ◆ Rights holders, in particular children and youth empowered to claim for HIV prevention services and challenge harmful practices in Rakai district by 2019.
- ◆ Access to HIV and AIDS information; prevention, care and other support services increased among MARPS in particular children and youth in Rakai district by 2019.

E- The expected Results of the project:

- ◆ Duty bearers engaged in the campaign to protect children against early marriages and abduction for marriage.
- ◆ Increased District budget allocations for HIV/AIDS and OVC service delivery
- ◆ Community structures such as Health management committees, SOVCC, DOVCC are active
- ◆ Rights holders increasingly engaged in actions that challenge harmful practices
- ◆ Community members are confident and holding duty bearers accountable
- ◆ Increased adoption of safer sex practices that protect children, youths and their care givers from risk of catching HIV/AIDS.
- ◆ Communities report availability and utilization of HIV prevention, care and treatment services.

F- Project strategies

Capacity building: In order to achieve the technical sustainability of the action and improve program management, the project works with communities and district-level stakeholders to develop their understanding and skills as appropriate. The project also intends to build the capacity of the community members to enable them seek the services of likeminded organizations whether based or not based in their communities.

Establishing Linkages: The strength of the project lies in building linkages between the different service providers at community and district level for effective referrals.

Advocacy: Evidence gathered in the project is used by RACOBABO to lobby district and national level policy makers to ensure that policies and laws related to MARPS are formulated and implemented.

Research: This is used to generate knowledge and build evidence for policy formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

Networking: This is meant to ensure coordination and sharing of knowledge amongst relevant stakeholder at community, district and national level.

Visibility. It's very important that the project interventions are known and visible to the different stake holders in the community.

Action research: The project uses Action Research to engage stakeholders and encourage effective implementation through Search Conferences for stakeholders to assess and plan the project .