

Schools HIV/AIDS Awareness Project

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In Mukono district, cases of defilement, incest and sex coercion are common and therefore the children need to be equipped with all the necessary life skills to empower and liberate them. Besides, adolescents are known to make moral decisions based on peer loyalty and conformity, most of which are in most cases driven by emotions and badly desires. This has increased risky sex among the youths. With absolute poverty facing our population, some children will go into sex as a way of earning a living. Where they abstain it is passive but they really lack the will skill and determination to do so. FINIDP, in collaboration with teachers, pupils and parents has proposed to spearhead a 12-months youth sensitisation and life skill-training Programme in 15 selected schools in Mukono district. The goal of this project is to reduce the HIV/AIDS prevalence among children in school through equipping them with necessary life skills. The specific objectives of the project are increasing HIV/AIDS awareness among the school children, by disseminating knowledge and experiences regarding its cause transmission and control, equipping the school children in Nabbaale with life skills that will empower them to fight HIV/AIDS, increasing the risk perception of catching HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections among school children in Nabbaale subcounty and enabling the parents, guardians and teachers realize the need to freely talk to their children about sexually transmitted diseases especially the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

The timing of the project is such that many pupils will be at school and hence a large coverage will be achieved. Day schools will mainly be targeted so that there is an immediate multiplier effect that will be ensured through the take home messages by children. The activities will also be monitored jointly with all stakeholders. The estimated project cost is approximately \$5,000. The proposed project activities will include planning meetings with teachers, parents and pupils' representatives to identify learning needs and design a training Programme, conducting awareness and sensitisation seminars for parents and children, conducting school HIV/AIDS talks, drama and educative film shows in HIV/AIDS themes, organizing HIV/AIDS clubs in schools to coordinate and monitor AIDS control activities in school, training of peer educators to continue educating school children in school and organizing inter-school HIV/AIDS competitions (debates, music and poems).

If you are interested in making a contribution towards this project, [Contact Us](#) for details.