

Promoting HIV/AIDS awareness and sensitization among orphans and vulnerable children

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Abstract

Studies on the spread of HIV/AIDS in Kapchorwa especially among youths have shown that they have poor knowledge on sexuality issues. Most young people become sexually active at a very young age when they have little or no information on their sexuality. These situations expose them to careless and casual sexual behaviors, unwanted pregnancies, which increase their risk of contracting HIV/AIDS. Worse still, is the culture of silence, which have created information gap between youths, parents, elders and health providers. Adults feel uncomfortable and unwilling to discuss sexuality education with youths because they feel that discussing with them will expose the youths to early sex.

Biography:

Vicent Lwanga hold degree in Social Work and Social Administration; work with the Elderly Widows Orphans Family Support as an Organization Director for two years. He secured legal registration of the organization as a Community Based Organization and got 20 children: 11girls and 9boys individual education sponsors. Introduced several programs that support orphans such as community counselors who follow up children at home to provide them with emotional support. School drama clubs which sensitize children about HIV/AIDS, football competitions during public holidays that bring youth together for entertainment ad talent development

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