

# AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER



# A4HU-TASO JOIN HANDS IN NEW PARTNERSHIP TO END HIV BY 2030

Action 4 Health Uganda (A4HU) has launched a new partnership with The AIDS Support Organization (TASO) under the project “Supporting Uganda's HIV and TB Reduction Strategic Plans: TASO–A4HU Implementation Model.” The initiative, to be implemented in Buliisa and Kyankwanzi Districts of Uganda, targets 3,600 (1,800 per district) vulnerable Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) and Adolescent Boys and Young Men (ABYM).

Through profiling and enrolment, participants will benefit from life skills sessions covering HIV prevention, counselling, and mental health, before progressing into apprenticeships and soft-skills training to strengthen their income-generating capacity. To reach various communities, A4HU will deploy its innovative Youth Truck as a key mobilization tool for creating demand for AGYW and ABYM services in the two districts.

This milestone builds on A4HU's journey of growth and impact, made possible through the strong foundation laid by Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW). With DSW's support, A4HU has scaled new heights in inspiring young people to realize their full potential, and is now expanding this vision through new strategic partnerships.



*Group photo with Kyankwanzi District officials, TASO representatives and A4HU staff on August 21st 2025*



*Group photo with Buliisa District officials, TASO representatives, and A4HU staff on August 22nd 2025*



# Youth Champions participate in IYD dialogue

Article Link: <https://a4huganda.org/blogs/international-youth-day-commemoration-beyond-the-statistic-amplifying-young-ugandan-voices>



*International Youth Day commemoration debate in session*

On August 21, 2025, Twaweza East Africa, in partnership with Action 4 Health Uganda (A4HU) and others, hosted Uganda's International Youth Day at the Media Challenge Initiative Hub in Kampala under the theme "Beyond the Statistic: Amplifying Young Ugandan Voices."

Grounded in data from the Sauti za Wananchi survey, the event highlighted the concerns of youth, including unemployment, the cost of living, and health challenges. With 42.6% of youth aged 15–24 classified as NEET (Not in Education, Employment, or Training), the urgency was apparent.

Instead of panels, participants joined World Café Debates, tackling provocative questions around these issues and proposing solutions, including paid internships, skills training, youth cooperatives, mentorship, and mental health support.



*A4HU SRHR Advocacy Officer deliberates during the event*



*Youth Champions address the gathering at the debate event*

A4HU emphasized youth-friendly health services and, alongside Youth Champions from Mityana and Kassanda, led by the SRHR Advocacy Officer, showcased how young people can influence local governance. The event concluded with youth recommendations and policy commitments, underscoring that youth are not problems to be solved, but solutions to be embraced.

# POWER Cohort IV begins

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Action 4 Health Uganda (A4HU), in partnership with Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW) and funded by The Waterloo Foundation, has launched Cohort 4 of the POWER-UP SRH Women-led Business Accelerator Project. POWER—Providing Opportunities for Women in Entrepreneurship and Reproductive Health—is a 24-month program running from March 2025 to March 2027.



*POWER ladies during a presentation session*

This cohort brings together 20 young women health innovators for two years of intensive capacity building. The first year focuses on social entrepreneurship training through monthly boot camps and weekly virtual sessions, led by certified business coaches. Participants will develop solid business models, business plans, and pitching skills tailored to SRHR enterprises.

In the second year, participants will transition into technical assistance and investment financing through the multi-sectoral investment fund (MIF), refining their ventures with sustained mentorship. Cohort 4 builds on POWER's mission to strengthen SRH solutions, advance gender equality, create jobs, and connect women entrepreneurs through its growing alumni network.



*POWER ladies during group discussions*



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## EQUITY ACCELERATOR FUND

### Supervision visits conducted

The Equity Accelerator Fund, also known as the EAF project, continued to expand its reach across the districts of implementation in Mityana, Mubende, and Kassanda, holding meetings with various stakeholders to achieve zero dose in immunization and address the issue of under-immunization. The team held meetings with community leaders, youth leaders, and gender champions from Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and local networks in Makokoto, Bukuya, Mbirizi, and Kassanda sub-counties in Kassanda district. The meeting aimed to build the capacity of these champions to tackle gender-related barriers to immunization, ranging from cultural norms to caregiver hesitancy, and equip them with the advocacy and communication skills necessary to engage influential stakeholders, including religious, cultural, and political leaders, as well as parents and caregivers.

Together with facilitators from Kassanda District Health Team, these young changemakers shall lay the foundation for gender-responsive immunization strategies that leave no one behind in identifying and referring of both zero-dose and under-immunized children, who usually contribute to the continuous outbreaks of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (VPDs) in North Central Region of Buganda specifically in Mubende, Kassanda and Mityana Districts.



*Meeting with Kassanda District officials*



*Meeting with the youth leaders and gender champions in Kassanda District*




*Meeting with local community leaders in Mubende District*



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