



NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Action 4 Health Uganda (A4HU) Wins 2025 Health & Social Care Social Enterprise of the Year



Hassan Waswa, the Social Entrepreneurship Manager at A4HU, received the award at the ceremony



Hassan Waswa with POWER Alumni Joan Atuheire at the award ceremony

On Thursday, 20th November 2025, Action 4 Health Uganda (A4HU) was awarded the 2025 Health and Social Care Social Enterprise of the Year by the Federation of Uganda Social Entrepreneurs (FUSE). The award was presented during the 2nd FUSE Awards Ceremony at the Sheraton Hotel Kampala, which coincided with this year's Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW). This recognition celebrates our organization's growing leadership in advancing community health, economic empowerment, and sustainable social enterprise models. In particular, the award highlighted the impact of our POWER Project-Providing Opportunities for Women in Entrepreneurship and Reproductive Health-which continues to equip young women with skills, dignified income opportunities, and pathways to improve sexual and reproductive health outcomes in their communities.

Launch of the Family Planning Budget Study Calls for Stronger Domestic Financing and Youth Inclusion



Stakeholders pose for a group photo at the FPBAG meeting held at the Sheraton Hotel Kampala, Uganda on 26th November 2025

On 26 November 2025, the Family Planning Budget Advocacy Group (FPBAG), the National Planning Authority (NPA), and Action 4 Health Uganda (A4HU) convened over 40 stakeholders at Sheraton Kampala Hotel to revitalize FPBAG coordination and launch the Family Planning Budget Analysis Study under the TeamUp Uganda program. The study revealed significant financing gaps in Uganda's FP/SRH landscape.

Despite Uganda's youthful population (73% under 30), donor funding for FP commodities has dropped sharply—from UGX 25.8B to UGX 10.7B in two years—while domestic allocations remain limited. Only UGX 5B of the Ministry of Health's reproductive health commodity budget is dedicated to family planning, and districts like Mityana and Kassanda continue to allocate minimal funds.



Speakers, including Dr. Hamis Mugendawala (NPA) and A4HU CEO Sarah Kintu, called for rights-based financing, stronger youth inclusion, and alignment with NDP IV. Youth Champions pushed for mandatory FP/SRH budgeting and formal youth participation.

Stakeholders resolved to hold quarterly FPBAG meetings, advocate for clear FP budget lines, support the National Health Insurance Bill, strengthen advocacy capacity, and establish a centralized FP data platform.

The meeting affirmed that sustainable family planning requires political will, predictable financing, and empowered youth engagement.

A4HU AND TASO-GLOBAL FUND FUNDING COMMITMENT FOR 2026



A4HU CEO, Sarah Kintu (left) with Ms. Katesi Jacqueline Kyambadde, Project Coordinator for the Global Fund Grants Management Unit,

Great News!

The AIDS Support Organisation (TASO) Uganda Ltd-Global Fund's ongoing committed to continue collaboration with Action 4 Health Uganda (A4HU) in 2026 in our mission to eradicate new HIV infections among Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) and Adolescent Boys and Young Men (ABYM) in Kyankwanzi and Buliisa Districts. We are thrilled about this continued partnership and believe that our mission shall surely be achieved; young people living out their full potential.



A4HU Staff pose for a photo with Ms. Katesi Jacqueline Kyambadde, Project Coordinator for the Global Fund Grants Management Unit,

When Youth Voices Became Policy: TeamUp Uganda's October–November Advocacy Milestones

Youth Champions under TeamUp Uganda are moving from awareness to real policy influence in Mityana and Kassanda Districts. Using Health Management Information System (HMIS), Youth Organizational Capacity Viability Assessment (YOCVA) and A4HU's Family Planning budget study, they submitted advocacy papers urging stronger SRHR services, improved menstrual hygiene, equitable outreach, and formal youth inclusion in local planning.



In Malangala, Youth Champions raised concerns over persistent FP stockouts at the HCIII serving 9,500+ young people. Leaders committed to increasing FP budget allocations, establishing a clear FP budget line, and supporting implementation of the district's unfunded FP Costed Implementation Plan.

In Ssekanyonyi, where poor menstrual hygiene causes girls to miss 24–60 school days annually, leaders pledged to budget for school incinerators, private changing spaces, and continuous menstrual health education, with follow-up led by Youth Champions, teachers, and CDOs.



In Kamuli, leaders agreed to adopt rotational, data-driven outreaches to underserved villages like Mannyogaseka and involve youth in mobilization and monitoring.

In Kalangaalo, commitments included expanding integrated SRH outreaches, providing temporary transport support, improving privacy equipment, prioritizing high-burden areas such as Kyamusisi, and reviving the Child Wellbeing Committee.



PEER LEARNING SESSIONS HELD FOR ADOLESCENT BOYS AND YOUNG MEN (ABYM)



Adolescent Boys and Young Men during their dialogue session in Buliisa District

Action 4 Health Uganda, in partnership with The AIDS Support Organisation (TASO) Uganda Ltd, is fostering meaningful dialogue with male sexual partners-Adolescent Boys and Young Men (ABYM)-of Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) in Kigwera Subcounty, Buliisa District. The engagement is part of the project “Supporting Uganda’s HIV and TB Reduction Strategic Plans,” implemented in both Buliisa and Kyankwanzi Districts.

The dialogues create a safe, confidential space where ABYM openly discuss the social and cultural norms, perceptions, and gender-related practices that heighten HIV vulnerability at individual, family, community, and societal levels.


By reflecting on real experiences and challenging long-standing harmful norms, the young men are gaining the knowledge and confidence to support positive behavior change within their relationships and communities.

These conversations are equipping ABYM to become active allies in reducing HIV risk, promoting healthier relationships, and advancing gender equality, key contributions to Uganda’s broader HIV and TB reduction goals.



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