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Ford Foundation Full of Praises for AAU



(Right) Hillary flips through a publication at AAU Offices

P4C Develops on line induction course



Okuku(2nd left) in Arusha.

Robert Okuku, LRP Coordinator of Masindi was in Arusha last week to support in the development of an online induction course for People 4 change partners. The workshop was organised by People 4 Change in collaboration with MS TCDC.

During the recently concluded evaluation of the P4C program, it was observed that the lack of an induction course for host partners was affecting the efficiency and effectiveness of the program. Since its inception in 2010, over 383 Inspirators and 86 advisors have been placed in about 28 countries. These have immensely contributed to the capacity development of host partners and people living in poverty. However, the greatest setbacks have been unmatched expectations in terms of roles and objectives, inadequate information and communication among others.

Robert Okuku reports that the course was successfully developed and will be shared soon.

“With this induction course, partners will be able to effectively support People4change program and personnel in their placements for greater impact.”

Welcome back Robert



Further interaction with the team.

The Vice President of Ford Foundation has applauded ActionAid Uganda for the bold step taken in confronting poor governance in an effort to promote a fair and just world.

With a 10 man delegation from Nairobi, Ms. Hillary Pennington, while reacting to a presentation by the Country Director Arthur Larok, asked how ActionAid is able to work with Government despite the very sensitive Governance areas it tackles.

“That takes art, skill and a wide range of expertise which is exhibited through your staff. This is impressive!” she expressed.

Mr Larok in his response confirmed that AAU engages Government, but does oppose them. He confirmed that success is also achieved because AAU employees are passionate about what they do, experienced and exhibit high levels of humility at all times.

“We work hard but we remain humble. We have supported organizations that have turned out bigger than ActionAid, and this is what makes us proud, that we have contributed to a better world for many,” he said.

FORD Foundation is on an East African regional visit to its partners to assess the impact of the work they support. AAU hosted the delegation yesterday at its head office. FORD is the seed donor to the Oil in Uganda project.

Office Without Women



The ladies exchanged gifts to cement the girl power bond.

Last week, all ActionAid Uganda Women employees and interns were out of office for the Women’s Forum. To understand the women’s contribution to the men in the workplace, we spoke to the men who remained in office.

Denis Semwanga, the Finance officer described the days as silent and boring.

“We really missed the ladies. They enrich us. I am always consulting them on work related matters. I had no one to consult. And yes, their presence motivates us to work harder. There was no motivation while they were away”

Mathias Nyombi stood in for Jane Mbabazi, the administration officer, also in charge of the front desk. Speaking to the Weekly, he expressed respect for the hard work of women.

“I sat on that desk for only two days. The phone would ring after every two minutes; I had to handle visitors coming in and other administration issues. I still wonder how Jane has managed, because its real hard work”, he said.

The men took off time to have a mini men’s forum on politics but admit that it was lacking in quality and substance, because the women were missing.

Now, you all know, the strength of a woman.

Girl Power at the AAU Women’s Forum



AAU Women were taught how to make soap

It was laughter, dance, beauty and girlish melodies at Ridar Hotel in Seeta last week. Over 60 women staff and interns of ActionAid Uganda had convened for the second and bigger Women’s Forum.

The women were taken through the Feminism ideology, career development, skills on how to tackle work life challenges such as sexual harassment, demotivation, poor performance, among others. The attention and seriousness awarded to all sessions was a clear indication of the Women’s determination to excel both in the public and private spheres. And that was not all. The women attained beauty and make up skills, Business skills and inspiration to indeed aim for the sky.

Scholar Cherukut, a program officer from Kapchorwa described the Forum as fun, Educative and refreshing.

“I loved the beauty and business sessions and of course the career fashionista event. Am determined to excel, not only in my career but also in my social life. Thanks for this golden opportunity”.

Zaituna Fuambe, the administrative secretary in the office of the country Director was crowned as the first Runner up in the career Fashionista contest, that was won by Saida Bogere. When the Weekly contacted her for a comment, she described the Forum as great and enriching.

“I got to understand Feminism, and more importantly, I attained skills in soap production. It’s a skill I will use in my home, but also pass on to other people.”

The Forum also saw the election of Hope Wambi as the new Chairperson of the Women’s Forum deputized by Kevin Aciro.

The AAU women extend their appreciation to the AAU management for providing such a space, that is not found in so many organizations out there. Thank you and thank you.



When the girl in them was revealed.

ActionAid in the news

No week passes by without ActionAid making news, for the good reasons.

- The Women Rights in Agriculture project, being implemented in Kapchorwa made it to NTV’s Weekly feature, on the Farm and its luganda version, Lima,Lunda, Gagawala. If you missed the broadcast, capture it [here](#)
- In The Observer’s Money and Business feature last week, it was also all about The Women Rights in Agriculture project. [Click](#)
- As we continue to come to terms with the news of the creation on new constituencies, read the AAU’s country Director’s comment [here](#)
- Visit the AAU Youtube page [Here](#) and Soud Cloud channel [here](#) for all the video and aual media clips that you might have missed.



More 200 pupils to be sponsored

The Pallisa community was thrown into excitement following a call for over 200 new profiles of children for potential sponsorship. These profiles are usually collected and marketed by the ActionAid international sponsorship office. The exercise was rolled out in Buseta, Katiryoo and Gogonyo. 260 children were registered.

When the Weekly contacted a parent for a comment, she spoke with gratitude about the strong linkages through the networks of friends as a result of ActionAid linking their children to friends all over the world.

The Pallisa LRP Coordinator, Job used the same platform to sensitize the community on the essence of the child sponsorship program.

“When children are linked to supporters, the entire community benefits! The supporters help to give a child a better livelihood and an education through community empowering programs and provision of scholastic material, he said.

Flumera Nambubi, 7 is in Primary One at Highway Nursery and Primary school in Buseta. She said that her dream of becoming a teacher will be realized once she attains sponsorship. She is keeping her fingers crossed.