

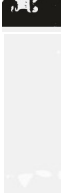
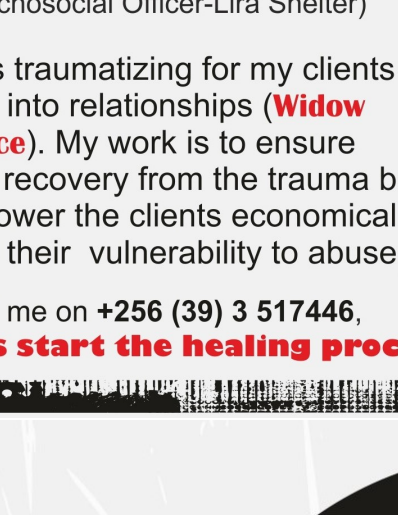
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Meet some of our GBV Shelter staff....



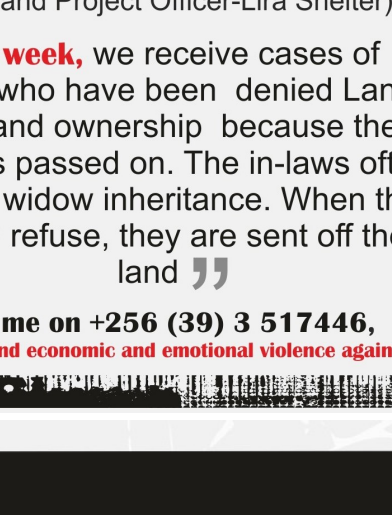
STOP GBV

Nancy Akidi

(Psychosocial Officer-Lira Shelter)

Its always traumatizing for my clients to be forced into relationships (**Widow inheritance**). My work is to ensure complete recovery from the trauma but also empower the clients economically to reduce their vulnerability to abuse”

Call me on **+256 (39) 3 517446**, **and let us start the healing process**



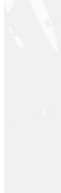
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Annett Lamwaka

(Legal and Project Officer-Lira Shelter)

“ **Every week**, we receive cases of women who have been denied Land access and ownership because their husbands passed on. The in-laws often propose widow inheritance. When the Women refuse, they are sent off the land ”

Call me on **+256 (39) 3 517446**, **either, we can end economic and emotional violence against women**



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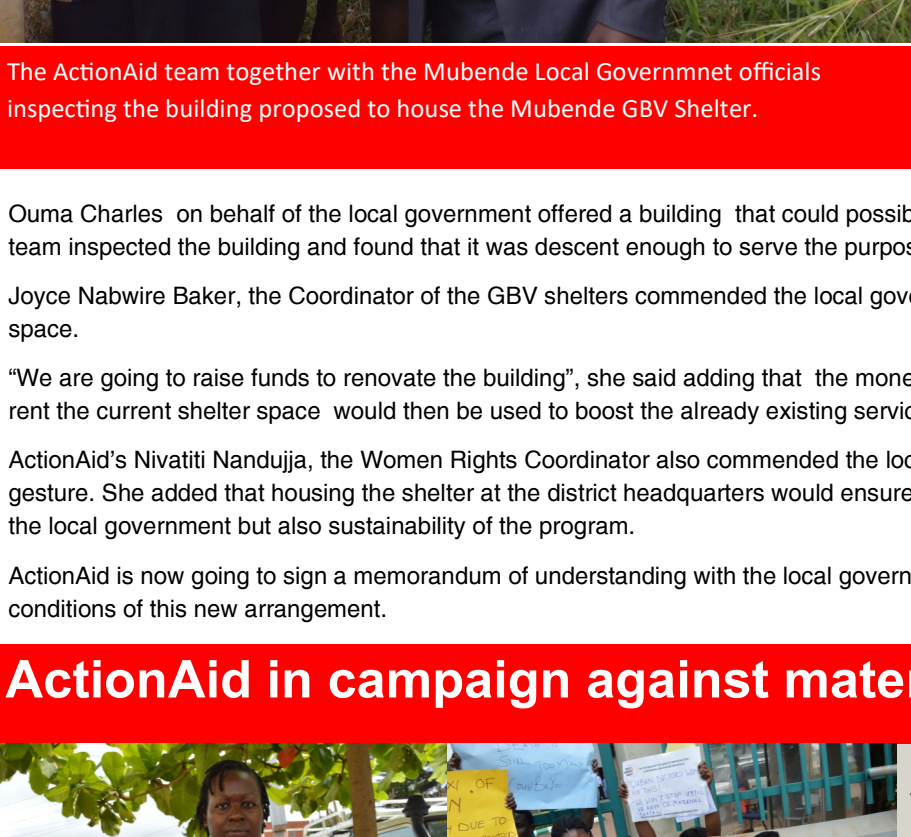
Catherine Tusiime

(Psychosocial Officer-Mubende GBV Shelter)

“ In the **Mubende Shelter**, we receive at least three cases of women who have been physically beaten by their partners, and yet many shy away from reporting this Abuse.”

Talk to us on **+256 (39) 2767740**, **BREAK THE SILENCE !!!**

Mubende District Donates GBV Shelter space



The ActionAid team together with the Mubende Local Government officials inspecting the building proposed to house the Mubende GBV Shelter.

Last week, the ActionAid Women Rights team joined Mubende District Local Government officials to discuss ways of ensuring sustainability of the Mubende GBV Shelter.

According to Esther Kisembo, The Legal and Project officer at the shelter, ActionAid has been giving GBV prevention and response services to the Mubende community for the last 10 years.

“We have since been lobbying for shelter space from the local government to ensure that there is sustainability of the project even when the project span comes to an end” she said.

The lobbying has indeed yielded results. During the meeting, the Mubende Deputy CAO, Mr

Ouma Charles on behalf of the local government offered a building that could possibly house the shelter. The team inspected the building and found that it was descent enough to serve the purpose

Joyce Nabwire Baker, the Coordinator of the GBV shelters commended the local government for the shelter space.

“We are going to raise funds to renovate the building”, she said adding that the money that has been used to rent the current shelter space would then be used to boost the already existing services at the shelter.

ActionAid’s Nivattiti Nandujja, the Women Rights Coordinator also commended the local government for the gesture. She added that housing the shelter at the district headquarters would ensure a smooth handover to the local government but also sustainability of the program.

ActionAid is now going to sign a memorandum of understanding with the local government to set the terms and conditions of this new arrangement.

ActionAid in campaign against maternal Deaths



Last Tuesday, ActionAid together with the Movement to End Maternal Deaths in Uganda addressed the media and held a demonstration demanding for urgent intervention by government to end the deaths of mothers and new-borns during pregnancy, childbirth and the immediate period after birth.

The demand and actions follow the continued deaths of mothers at various health facilities across the country and most recently, the death of a women rights advocate, Ms Nuliat Nambazira at International Hospital Kampala.

“Several women across the country continue to die from preventable complications such as severe bleeding, high and low

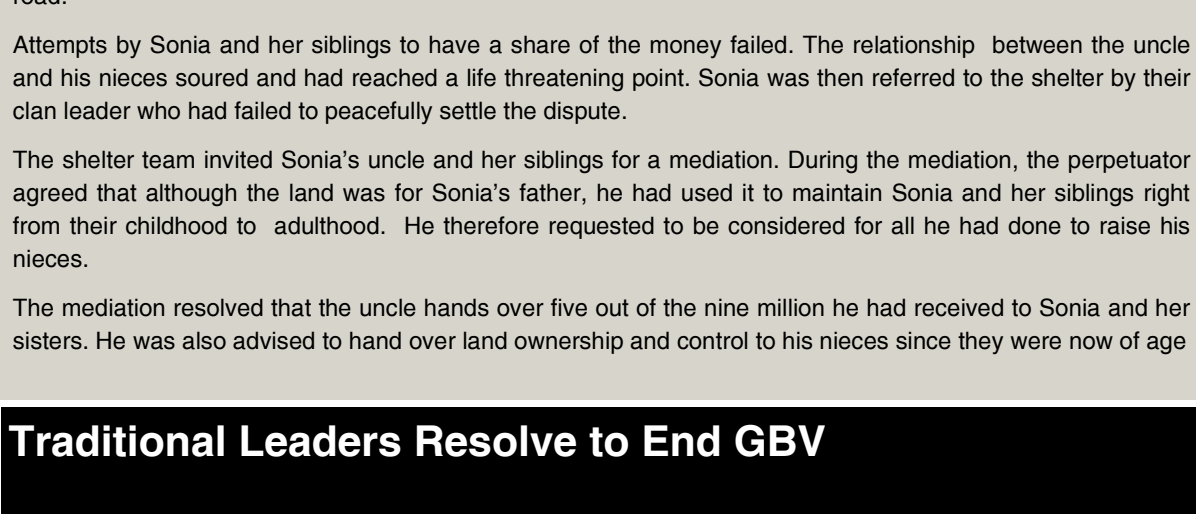
blood pressure, infections, obstructed labor, unsafe abortion, among others. Enough is enough, We do not need another maternal death!”, Exclaimed Ms Sheila Kawamala , the Executive Director of EASSI while reading the press statement.

ActionAid’s Nivattiti Nandujja also argued that the government through the Ministry of Health (MoH) is responsible for ensuring adherence to quality standards by both private and public health facilities. “The death of mothers and babies at health facilities, raise questions that government must address”, she said.

The Activists demanded that Institutions that are deliberately neglecting mothers by failing to provide them with the necessary services to survive pregnancy and child birth have got to be brought to book. “We there fore demand that Government conducts maternal death audits and publish reports on the same for accountability to the public. We also demand for the disciplining of negligent health workers by withdrawing practicing certificates from incompetent health practitioners that have caused deaths or maimed mothers out of negligence”, read part of the press statement.

After addressing the media at the Uganda National NGO offices, the activists holding placards such as **Not another women, I survived maternal death; others don’t, Cuban doctors wont fix this** walked to Kampala international hospital to demand that the facility accounts for the increasing deaths of mothers.

Penny Appeal Promises to cover Funding Gaps



Left :Milly from ActionAid UK, Richard and Harriet(second right) together with the Penny Appeal Officers after the exit meeting last Thursday

Last week, ActionAid hosted two donors for Penny Appeal Foundation. The guests where in the country to interact with the realities of the YESSEN project implementation away from the reports and online interactions.

Together with the Interim Fundraising Director, Richard Olong, the team visited Lira and interacted with the District Local Government officials and five youth groups supported under the Youth Empowerment for sustainable Self employment and National Development (YESSEN) project.

“It was a tiring but enjoyable trip”, stated one of the guests during the exit meeting, adding that they got a good “flavour” and experience of the challenges of project implementation especially where they had to wait for over one and a half hours to meet the District officials.

The Penny Appeal team also acknowledged the strong partnership that ActionAid enjoys with the local governments which was clearly seen on ground. The team was also impressed by the young people in the farming, garment making and motorcycle repair trainings that they met.

“The young people are very positive and enthusiastic about the project. That is very impressive”, they noted.

The team however identified several gaps in the project resource basket.

“Some of the young girls we interacted with in the garment making group indicated that they look forward to starting big business after the training. Unfortunately, the project does not cater for start-up capital. We are going to look into this and any other gaps and find ways of closing them”, they pledged.

The ActionAid team was tasked to come up with a thorough report indicating any other funding gaps for consideration by Penny Appeal.

The YESSEN project is being funded by the European Union in Uganda. The project however has a funding requirement that ActionAid Uganda meets up to 10% of the total project cost. ActionAid Uganda through its funding affiliate, ActionAid UK identified the Penny Appeal Foundation who accepted to cover the 10% because the project fits within their programme focus.

Sonia Wins Land Dispute

Sonia and siblings recive the UGX5M as their uncle looks on

ActionAid Kween GBV shelter last week supported a GBV survivor and her siblings to recover UGX5 million.

Chekemboi Sonia, a mother of five and resident of Bininyi Town Council, Kween district registered a case of a land dispute against her paternal uncle.

Sonia alleged that her uncle had forcefully taken over her late father’s land under the guise of looking after her and her two siblings. However when Sonia and siblings grew up, their uncle still held onto the land and claimed that it belonged to him.

Their uncle went ahead to pocket UGX9 Million which he received from the Uganda National Roads Authority as compensation for availing part of the land in question for the construction of the Kapchorwa-Suam

road.

Attempts by Sonia and her siblings to have a share of the money failed. The relationship between the uncle and his nieces soured and had reached a life threatening point. Sonia was then referred to the shelter by their clan leader who had failed to peacefully settle the dispute.

The shelter team invited Sonia’s uncle and her siblings for a mediation. During the mediation, the perpetrator agreed that although the land was for Sonia’s father, he had used it to maintain Sonia and her siblings right from their childhood to adulthood. He therefore requested to be considered for all he had done to raise his nieces.

The mediation resolved that the uncle hands over five out of the nine million he had received to Sonia and her sisters. He was also advised to hand over land ownership and control to his nieces since they were now of age

Traditional Leaders Resolve to End GBV

Last week, traditional leaders admitted that certain cultural and social norms are breeding violence and that more interventions to challenge these should be rolled out to prevent violent behaviour. They said this during a training on social norm change, for religious and cultural leaders organised by ActionAid Kapchorwa.

Participants stated that the patriarchal set up of the Sabiny community was one of the biggest drivers of gender based violence in the region. Leaders also pointed to bride price which has continued to depict women as property bought off by the men hence often abusing them.

Mashandich David, one of the facilitators called on the cultural leaders to re-examine some of the cultural aspects of equality and inheritance norms. He asked that they find ways of discarding harmful practices like Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and continue with more positive ones like clan mediations.

The Resident State Attorney of Kapchorwa however called on the clan leaders to stop using their power to fuel GBV.

The cultural leaders on their part commended the steps that the courts were taking in the fight against GBV. They however appealed to the court system to reduce the delays in court rulings as these are killing the confidence of the women in the system.

The participants in their respective capacities pledged their commitment to working towards an end of GBV in the region. They promised to mobilize the young men to inculcate nonviolence among them so they can grow with the spirit of peace and respect for women and girls.

Farmers trained to boost productivity

The trained women preparing onion and cabbage seed beds

In a bid to boost agricultural productivity, ActionAid Kapchorwa leveraged on existing women farmers groups to develop their existing subsistence farming initiatives for commercial purposes.

Twenty women TOTs from Kapchorwa and Kween Districts were equipped with knowledge and skills on horticulture production and agribusiness. The women were also given tips on collective access to markets, development of business plans, access and application of pesticides, preparation and use of organic fertilizers among others.

Under horticulture concept, participants were taught that it was not only a source of nutritious food, but also a source of income, raw materials, source of decoration/ornamental products, as well as employment among others.

According to Donald Tafadzwa, The Digital Campaigns Inspirator based in

Kapchorwa, the training is expected to boost productivity and increase income for the women hence improved livelihoods.

The three day activity ended with a practical exercise to test the acquired skills. The participants prepared and planted Onion and Cabbage seed beds.

Moving forward, after setting up onion and cabbage nursery beds at the Kapteret Multi-purpose Farmers Group land, the women are expected to conduct follow up visits to monitor progress of nursery beds, set up demonstration gardens, train other farmers among others.

Week Ahead

- The ActionAid Governing Board in its meeting in November 2017 approved the Change Management plan which has a number of actions that the organisation must undertake in order to deliver the aspirations of the 5th Country strategy. One of those actions is an organisational review. The consultants undertaking this task start work this week and are expected to hand in their final report in a months time. We look forward to their recommendations