

ActionAid builds capacity of board members from partners



Board chairpersons and Treasures at the end of the three day training at Collin Hotel in Mukono

Last week, ActionAid conducted Board Governance training. The three-day training targeted Board chairpersons and Treasures from 25 ActionAid partner organisations. The group was taken through capacity developments in the fields of monitoring and evaluation, fundraising and resource mobilization, documentation, board governance among others.

The participants also had comprehensive sessions about the structure of the board and their respective roles, building relationships between the board and management, challenge management, the concept of power and how to conduct board self-assessments.

As one Board Chair Person put it; "I had never been inducted into my role as a Chairperson. I did not know that there was more to it apart from the ceremonial duties. This training is a sharpener. My organisation will never be the same," he said.

ActionAid will organize another training in May this year. This will target the rest of the Board members. ActionAid aims at building each partner organisation into a self-relying and sustainable entity.

"Will cross border resources be a source of unity or division"; Oil in Uganda team took part in this dialogue in Goma



Flavia Nalubega poses for a group photo in Goma, DRC

Oil in Uganda team attended the Minerals, Oil and Gas conference in Goma, Eastern DRC. The conference dubbed "Will cross border resources be a source of unity or division?," attracted delegates from Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda and DRC. These The panel discussion about Uganda that constituted our own Flavia Nalubega, Daily Monitor's Isaac Imaka and a researcher named Edward Ssekya discussed Uganda's journey in the oil sector till date, raising issues like the laws in place, promotion of local content and the political will. However they also raised the hiccups in the industry, notwithstanding the messy compensation process, the neglected locals and the secrecy exhibited by government as regards to information in the sector.

Welcome back Flavia!

Drama is opening up conversations on GBV in Pallisa, you can learn from them!



Dancing away GBV - The drama group puts up an energy filled show

Dust rose, feet stumped, bodies gyrated to the music rising from the African drums and songs of hope from the women. Their demand was simple and clear: an end to Gender based violence in their community

Pallisa LRP is now using drama to reach out to the community to fight gender based violence. Drama opens up conversation in topics that are sometimes considered taboo like violence in the home and the wider community - topics that women are culturally not allowed to discuss!

The community sensitisation on GBV is intended to disseminate information on the referral systems available for people who have fallen victim of this vice, to reiterate to the community that they are part of the solution in fighting GBV and to caution leaders to play their role without first asking for money.

Cementing the Marriage: AAU and EVAC implementing partners meet



Anti Clockwise-Project coordinator, project accountant and partners at the Friday meeting

On Friday, the first meeting for the Violence Against Children EC project and its partners was held at the ActionAid Uganda office. The meeting had representatives from FIDA, Uganda Society for Disabled Children and Uganda Children Rights NGO Network. The team reflected on progress, work plan and budgeting process, preparations for the District Level inception meetings and highlights into contract management and reporting as part of ensuring compliance. ActionAid shared with the partners the certificate of the insights that came out of the inception meeting. These included, VAT the partition Certificate for organisations, Human Resource issues like Addendums for the Project staff that have already been employed with the partners, ineligible vs eligible costs, program and financial reporting.

The team also planned for the district level inception meetings that are scheduled to take place in March 2014 with the participation of all national level partners and sub-grantees and Associates. It was agreed that the finance team from partners and AAU will be convening monthly meetings to support each other and review compliance to standards- committed David Ssewanyana the Project Accountant. According to Rebecca Kukundakwe, the Project Coordinator; this interface with partners aimed at rekindling the fire and preparing all stakeholders to get to the ground and start actual implementation with the Rights Holders. "We must get to the Children and communities in the month of March," she concluded..

ActionAid Set to Roll out Management Information System

Following the commitment to improve the impact of our work in our CSPIV under objective 12 and with the support of PPA, ActionAid Uganda approved the development of a Management Information system using the DHMIS software. The consultant committed to training a team of AAU staff (Knowledge Management Team) to support the rollout of the MIS as TOTs. The first training was delivered in December 2013. The second training was conducted on February 24-28, 2014 at Sports View Hotel in Kireka.

Staff were equipped with knowledge and skills on the functioning of MIS and were adequately prepared to rollout the system to ActionAid and its partners. We look forward to tapping from this wealth of knowledge.

For your reflection

https://treaties.un.org/pages/Overview.aspx?path=overview/glossary/page1_en.xml

http://www.actionaid.org/sites/files/actionaid/deaf_but_without_limits.pdf

Week Ahead

- Two Activistas, Paul Olesen (Kumi) and Gideon Gwebatala (Busiki) have been awarded scholarships to attend the Global Platform in Mt Kenya where they will participate in a four-month long citizenship course. This flagship foundation course is pitched towards young citizens who have a passion for social change, and covers a whole host of topics from citizen journalism to the use of theatre and arts in campaigning. We look forward to learning from them on their return
- Reflection Action Training for ActionAid Staff and Partners is taking place in Mbale this Week. This training is supported by PPA.
- The WPC team is locked up at Seren suits, conducting a project review.