

### ActionAid engages Ministry in Youth Livelihood Program



The new Youth Livelihood Program is the Government's latest attempt to curb the unemployment crises that disproportionately affects the youth of Uganda. The Ministry of Gender asserts that at the heart of the programme's design is the empowerment of its key target beneficiaries – particularly marginalised and youth living in poverty. However, as the program is set to be implemented in July this year, there has been a lack of transparency around how it will be rolled out and how the youth can access it.

AAU along with the Uganda Youth Network and International Alert met with the Assistant Commissioner on Youth last Monday to seek further information on the new program and to air some key concerns, calling for the Ministry to prioritize information dissemination and to facilitate meaningful youth participation in the program. The commissioner in response assured ActionAid and others that the Ministry is counting on them (civil societies) for information dissemination and mobilization of the youth for the program. The commissioner added that the Ministry was open to advice and input from the Civil Society to realize a meaningful program for the youth. Youth Advisor Mishka Martin and Rebecca Kukundakwe, Project coordinator EC-VAC, represented ActionAid.

### IASL Unit Successfully Rolls out MIS



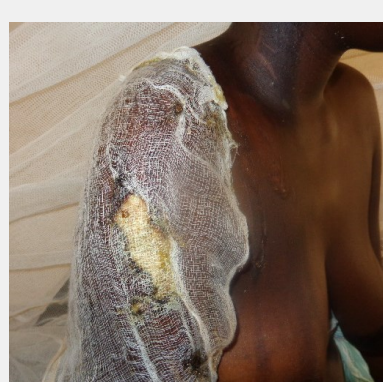
ActionAid Uganda now boasts of over 120 staff, both at LRP and head office with hands on skills in Web based Management information system. The training was concluded last week. This capacity development will enable staff capture performance results and indicators of people reached in our programming according to gender and age.

According to Simon Peter Wolumeli, the IASL Officer, the unit is now going to target staff from partner organizations. With funding from PPA (DFID), partner organizations will be capacitated to input data and exchange it with ease without the unit moving to collect it, as has been the norm.

"This is greatly going to reduce the unit workload, leaving us with ample time for quality assurance through validation and verification," he added.

Unfortunately, none of the CMT members attended the training. The unit therefore argues the junior staff that attended to find time off to orient their line managers.

### When Women inflict the greatest pain to fellow women and children



*The Mother and her 2 babies who were burned*

When Akullo Rebecca bid farewell to her mother two weeks ago to return to her marital home, little did she know that she was moving to some excruciating pain for her and her baby. She had been staying with her mother having moved there to give birth to her baby. When she got to her marital home, she settled at her mother-in-law's house with her two weeks old baby and three year old respectively.

The next morning, as Akullo enjoyed the morning breeze in her in-law's compound, her co-wife, and first wife to her husband walked to them with a source pan of steaming cooking oil, and for lack of a better word "roasted" Akullo and her two children. The three were rushed to Lira Medical Centre. The two weeks baby is by the time of this report in a very critical condition. Much as Akullo has been cohabiting with her husband for the last four years, she has not had any reported misunderstandings with the first wife, who has been in the home for the last nine years.

While the case has been reported to police and to the ActionAid Gender based Violence shelter, the entire community has found the perpetrator guilty of the crime. She has on previous occasions beat up her mother-in-law, broke her father-in-law's arm and hence it not surprising that she burned her co-wife and children.

The perpetrator has been arrested and still being held at Lira Central police station, while the victims are in the care of ActionAid GBV shelter in Lira.

As our Women Rights team strategizes for zero elimination of GBV, it's important to note that sometimes, it is women who cause the most gruesome abuses to fellow women, hence the need to target them in the advocacy drive..