

ICT FOR YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY PROJECT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Kampabits has since 2010 implemented a youth empowerment project in Kampala with funding from TDH; stop child exploitation. The overall objective of the project is advance the sustainable employment of vulnerable youth through ICT, life skills training, employment mentoring and advocacy.

CONTEXT/BACKGROUND

80% of Uganda's population is below the age of 25 years. The estimated population growth rate is projected at 5.5% from 2012-2013. Uganda is therefore experiencing a youth 'bulge' as population growth rate remains high.

In 2013, 63% of Uganda's youth aged 15-30 years were reported to be unemployed. The causes of unemployment vary from lack of employable skills, lack of sufficient work experience, few jobs created in key economic sectors etc.



The consequences of a large number of unemployed youth has culminated into youth vulnerability, namely vulnerability to; HIV/AIDs, crime, and abuse of alcohol/drugs, unplanned and unwanted pregnancies etc.

Vulnerable youth from informal settlements around the city desire for a chance to learn a skill, find employment, make a living and become self-reliant. The IT sector in Uganda is ever growing, the demand for IT personals is nearly unlimited in the urban centers.

"By removing the obstacle of money, the project gives intelligent hard working youth an opportunity to learn skills to develop them into productive and responsible young adults." (2014 project evaluation)

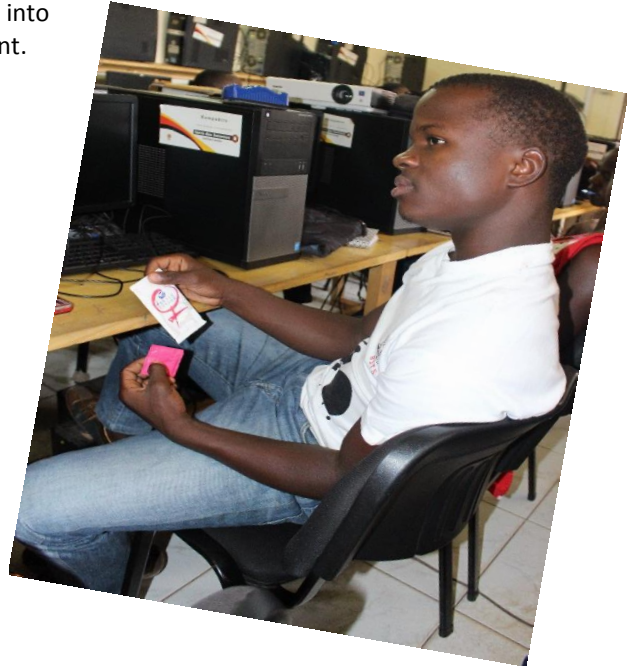
"The aim of training vulnerable young in new and marketable ICT technologies for self-reliance exceeded the self-declared 75% target". As one respondent put it, ***"The curriculum of the project was so unique and practical that we know more in ICT than many University students"***, another said ***"I went to some institutions and Universities to do a survey and realized Kampabits is much better; it is practical, it gives you skills."*** (2014 project evaluation)

Kampabits works with more than 10 Community based organizations from the 5 divisions of Kampala to identify and recommend vulnerable youth from their communities. The project assesses vulnerability and admits the most vulnerable.



Beneficiary are vulnerable youth aged 17-25 years old, who cannot access formal skills training, don't have employable skills. Beneficiary learn ICT skills; web design, web development, graphics and animation, life skill, Sexual reproductive health rights, and entrepreneurship training.

Beneficiary who complete the training and referred to businesses that require skills imparted by the project. Beneficiary work as interns, and Kampabits lobbies for the internship to be commuted into employment.



EXPECTED RESULTS

- 80 youth from informal settlements equipped with ICT and multi-media skills by December 2015.
- 80 youth from informal settlements have improved SRHR and life skills by December 2015.
- 20 youth from informal settlements have secure and paid employment
- 7 youth from informal settlement are self-employed, and sustained business for a period of 2 months by December 2015.

PARTNERS



Left-Right; Front Row. Board member, NFALYD, CDO KCCA Makindye, Kawempe Youth Center, St Elizabeth girls home, CDO KCCA Lubaga division, African youth peace initiative, KIFAD.

Left-Right; Back Row. Love a friend Mbuya, Kisenyi slum dwellers federation, Sketchers design, Mbogo Foundation, CDO KCCA Kawempe division, CDO KCCA Nakawa division

'Introductory partner workshop at Pope Paul VI Memorial Hotel; 4th March 2015'

Our partners include TDH, The Foundation, Community based organizations, businesses, and local government agency.

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