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CIVICUS YOUTH ACTION LAB REPORT

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ADDRESSING SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE, MENTAL HEALTH AND HIV WITH IN THE TRANS COMMUNITY IN WAKISO DISTRICT

This extraordinary project was supported by CIVICUS to solve the high prevalence of HIV brought through rape and other types of violence and the lack of essence of speed in regards to offering all services to transgender women rape survivors. As an entity, we want to promote accountability and justice for the survivors and help them become Sexual and Gender-based Violence champions.



THE IMPACT OF THIS PROJECT TO THE TRANS WOMEN COMMUNITY IN UGANDA

Throughout this project, we believe a lot of direct and indirect advocacy has been done at the grassroots and national levels through our poster distributions, the photo voice project, and the Transgender Day of Remembrance. Throughout these activities, we have been able to create awareness of trans women, help trans women embrace and celebrate their body diversities, help people understand the harsh lived realities of trans women through pictures, and create awareness of the critical importance of post-rape care services for transwomen. Furthermore, we have created mindset change within various health service centres and DICs, created partnerships and alliances and cross boarder learning through various partner meetings.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES

My time as a Youth Action Lab fellow has been the most encouraging journey that has helped me grow and better myself for my community and myself individually. Through this educational fellowship, my experience in implementation has grown. I have mastered the art of public speaking, donor negotiations, innovativeness, proposal writing, transformational leadership, networking skills and hard skill, which has been keeping time. Furthermore, I have learned to infuse feminism into various topics to help participants relate more and understand the ethics of teamwork and the importance of self-love and care to promote personal healing. But as these were all happening, challenges were also vividly negatively affecting us, we had Covid-19 with the laws and policies that were surrounding it, unreliable internet, complex verbal language and topics, unreliable CSO partners, mobilizing trans members to our convenings due to high transportation, All forms of violence and media refusing to document our events.



WHAT DO THE COMMUNITY THINK OF MY REPORT?



Esther Gibone (MENTOR)

What did you get out of my report?

“ I have learnt that mentoring young people in all their diversities is important to promote equal learning opportunities, so no one is left behind. All that is said because of Anna’s nice report that explains the current context of living, which totally explains the importance of such beautiful programmes to the lives of grassroots. I am glad she is now able to articulate issues this way

Did anything surprise you from what I shared?

I am surprised how you took the time to analyze almost everything in detail throughout your fellowship year.

Do you know others who have worked on this issue or tried something like this before that I should talk to work together?

I think you should engage more internationally to learn from the activists and individuals around the world to help you know what worked and didn't work for them, share experiences and use the knowledge and skills learned back home to grow and build the trans community and movement in general.

WHAT DO THE COMMUNITY THINK OF MY REPORT?



Nana Millers (Trans Activist and Feminist)

What did you get out of my report?

Through your report, I have learned that it's always important for us as a community to work together to create a better reasonable impact and vehemently take on educational opportunities to gain Knowledge on various issues like innovation. I have come to understand and appreciate more the importance of feminism in our work.

Did anything surprise you from what I shared?

All you have said isn't a surprise, but the articulation for people to understand what you saying is, I honestly love the report.

Do you know others who have worked on this issue or tried something like this before that I should talk to work together?

Not everyone is as innovative as you are, and your work is unique. I emphasize creating partnerships and alliances to build your networking and learning system to grow your expertise and professionalism.

Anything else?

It's very important to create awareness of the issues affecting trans people. I appreciate the measure you have taken to create awareness of the critical importance of post-rape care Services within the community for trans people.

WHAT DO THE COMMUNITY THINK OF MY REPORT?



Bob Bwana (Human Right Activist)

What did you get out of my report?

I have learned that the trans community is growing but needs more funding resources to solve all problems and challenges. Although it's growing steadily, it still needs more investment in mentorship and cross-border learning programs that are accessible at all levels. For everyone within the trans community.

Did anything surprise you from what I shared?

I am very surprised that truly no one has tackled the issue of post-rape care services for the trans community and even the LGBTIQ community in general. It's an important issue and idea to take on for me as an activist.