



MENGO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT LINK (MYDEL)

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**Mengo Youth Development Link Vocational Training Centre currently operating
in Kinonya Masanafu in Lubaga Division Kampala**

“STAY SAFE”

Introduction of MYDEL

Mengo Youth Development Link (MYDEL) is a Non-Governmental Organization, located in Mengo Parish, Central Division- Kampala District-Uganda and legally registered by the Ministry of Internal Affairs through the NGO Board with registration number S.5914/5142. It is a community led targeting vulnerable Children, Women and Youth in rural and urban areas.

To date MYDEL has reached out to over 50,000 beneficiaries with various services ranging from Skills development to out of school youths, Educational support to in-schools, Talent development through MYDEL sports Academy and Music, dance and Drama, Sexual and reproductive Health education , HIV/Aids mitigation, sanitation and Hygiene program through routine slum clean up exercise.


New Development for MYDEL Vocational training centre in Masanafu Kinonya Lubaga Division


Mengo Youth development Link Vocational training centre invites all the youths, women and the entire community to come and register for the skilling program at the centre located in Kinonya Masanafu in Lubyia parish Lubaga Division we still have vacancies both Day and Boarding section.

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MENGO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT LINK (MYDEL) VOCATIONAL CENTER

- Tailoring Fashion & Design
- Computer Training Skills
- Hairdressing
- Bakery
- Crafts
- Carpentry & Wood Curving
- Catering
- Language programmes
- Carpet making
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Mengo Youth Development Link Vocational training centre

In preparation for the upcoming skilling program supported by Latek Stay Alliance Uganda, MYDEL received training materials, T-shirts, phones and materials for beneficiaries at Grand Global hotel. MYDEL was among the four organizations selected in Uganda by the donor to implement the vocational skills training program. This Vocational program is being currently implemented jointly with Rubaga Division KCCA.



The Hunger Project/ Movement for Community Led Development delegation visit to Mengo Youth development Link

The delegation from Hunger Project and Movement for Community Led Development in Uganda visited MYDEL project to assess the progress of the Right to Grow R2G project. The ten men delegation consisted of donors from Netherlands and Uganda country Office. MYDEL was delighted to represent the other implementing partners of the project. MYDEL was represented

by board members and entire staff and volunteers. The exercise started with a slum walk where visitors got the feel of the dire need of wash and nutrition components. To round up the visit, a joint de briefing session was conducted at Mengo parish hall in Musajja Alumbwa where MYDEL team unpacked the progress of the project and future prospect. In their own words the visiting team was over whelmed with how MYDEL used so little to attain so much. They pledged continuity of the program for the next five years



Planning meeting for MYDEL Vocational training skills program

In attendance were, training instructors for the tailoring, computer skills, bakery, hair dressing and crafts section and Germany volunteers to undertake both the computer and language programs majoring in Spanish, German, French and English MYDEL director and Staff. The meeting agreed on the program launch and recruitments of learners. MYDEL Vocational training centre is located in Masanafu Kinonya opposite Cleanex petrol station.



Commissioning of Mengo Youth Development Link Vocational training centre

Commissioning of the MYDEL Vocational training centre in Masanafu, Rubaga Division with an enrollment of 123 students. Among these, 24 students will receive the startup capital in hair dressing and tailoring under the funding from Latek Stay Alliance Uganda. MYDEL targets 420 students by the end of 2022 in different disciplines including tailoring and design, wood curving, bakery and home baking, crafts, carpentry, hair dressing, computer studies and carpet making. Life skills, entrepreneurship training and language studies have also been included as cross cutting disciplines.



Mengo Youth development Link R2G program

MYDEL trained about 143 girls and boys in MYDEL Soccer Academy to become R2G Ambassadors in the community as a way of promoting good Nutrition and WASH practices in the homes. They were given posters and stickers to stick on shops and everywhere in the community.



MYDEL Football Club season preparations

MYDEL FC hosted Proline FC in a friendly game where both teams played out a goalless draw. The game did attract a reasonable crowd that included director Mujib Kasule of Proline FC plus other prominent coaches at the pitch. The game was to prepare boys ahead of the 5th Division competitions under Kampala Central District football Association under FUFA program.



Spice Diana at Mengo Youth Development Link

Ugandan music artist Spice Diana teamed up with MYDEL and provided Christmas gifts to 255 mentally impaired children at the Missionaries of the Poor centres in Busega and Kisenyi. The activity was covered by over 19 media houses. Spice Diana turned up with an entourage of 40 persons. At Busega, the singer sung and danced with the children to the delight of the audience. Food items, sanitary ware, clothing and essentials like soap were donated by the singer. To round up the activity, the singer donated Christmas packages to the elderly and then visited MYDEL offices. Spice pledged continued partnership and support. In her own words, she was overwhelmed by the love she received.





MYDEL children's end of the year party

Mengo Youth Development Link children end of year party took place at Bunamwaya division Mayor Jacob Omutuze was the convenor in a function where 1000 children were served with eats and drinks. MYDEL drama crew provided the entertainment, with a friendly football competition between MYDEL soccer academy and Kiki Soccer academy. The function was preceded with a community clean up exercise where community members and notable personalities joined MYDEL team in cleaning up the area. 1000 children received clothing's, courtesy of Help Africa and Spreading Wings International and every child received a Christmas gift of some kind of Movit products. In addition 567 households received clothes during the outreach in Zana cell.



MYDEL Christmas pack for teenage mothers

Christmas came early for 70 teenage mothers who received food basket from the Miss Uganda Foundation and Yellow Card. MYDEL organized the event and identified the beneficiaries. Subsequently some of the teenage mothers will be enrolled in the MYDEL skilling program at MYDEL Vocational training centre in Masanafu Kinonya for specialized skills in tailoring and fashion design, hairdressing, baking, craft and wood works.

Great stuff Miss Uganda Foundation Great stuff Yellow Card



Makerere University Rotary Peace Centre visit to MYDEL

The peace fellows from Makerere University Rotary Peace centre visited MYDEL projects to understand the community based approach in peace building. The 23 fellows are taking post graduate studies in peace building and conflict transformation. They come from different

countries like USA, Denmark, Sierra Leone, Zambia, Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, Nigeria, UK, Netherlands, South Africa and Uganda. They had a very touching experience with the commercial sex workers in Kisenyi, street kids, street uncles. The exercise was rounded up with a debriefing session at Bukandula hotel where lecturers (professors and doctors) from Makerere University peace and human rights department were present. The entire MYDEL family was present including two board members. In principle, the delegation agreed to become MYDEL ambassadors in their countries and beyond.



MYDEL Soccer Academy sign an MOU with Pearl football club

MYDEL Soccer Academy and Pearl football club signed a memorandum of understanding that will ensure talent Development of the young talented soccer stars, fight drug abuse, violence teenage pregnancy, Nutrition and Hygiene plus other forms of crimes. Football will be used as a strategy for community mobilization and Mindset change, the two parties intend to use football as a cornerstone to empower the boys and girls in our local communities.



Mengo Youth Development Link and Pearl Football Club appearance in the New Vision Action more than just Sports.



MYDEL workshop on drugs among the pregnant mothers

Under the Right to Grow (R2G) project, MYDEL identified drug abuse as one of the causes of stunted growth on slum children. Mydel conducted a training workshop at Bukandula hotel for 25 pregnant mothers and 7 community leaders on the dangers of drug use during pregnancy vis a vis stunted growth. They were enrolled as peer to peer ambassadors for expectant mothers. MYDEL team appreciates MCLD and CLD for the perfect partnership





MYDEL Soccer Academy empowering the young kids through sports

MYDEL Soccer academy hosted Kazo kids Soccer Academy where they played several matches in different games categories U10 where Kazo kids won out little ones 2.4 U12 MYDEL Soccer academy were victors 3.0 and U 15 where it finished 3.1 with MYDEL Soccer Academy winning



Donations for MYDEL Children's end of year party

Mengo Youth development Link team received donations of 150 t- shirts, 100 jackets, paper scissors, glue, pens and pencils to be donated to the children and elderly during MYDEL 's children's end of year party which will target 300 children and the young people in Bunamwaya Division.



Donations of MYDEL children's end of year party

Mengo Youth development Link team receiving the donation of clothes from Madam Unyuthuwun Resty and Rotarian Fred Nabbimba from Rotary Kla Sunset.



Mengo Youth development Link food and clothes donations in Masanafu

It was a blessing after blessing for the residents of Masanafu as Sophie Gombya donated food items to the needy households to 47 families. This took place at the newly commissioned Vocational training centre in Kinonya Masanafu Lubaga Division. In the pictures, Sophie is joined by local leaders in the distribution. MYDEL provides fertile ground for good Samaritans who wish to reach out to the most vulnerable



Mengo Youth development Link consultative meeting with the leaders from Lubaga Division.

Consultative meeting with 35 local councillors, community leaders and Mydel team on the way forward to the success of the vocational centre. This was at the new home of MYDEL Vocational training centre in Kinonya- Masanafu, Lubaga division the motto for the centre is " Making a difference face to face "



MYDEL Soccer Academy visiting Namasuba Youth Soccer Academy

Mengo Youth development Link director together with MYDEL volunteers visited Namasuba Youth Soccer Academy. Namasuba Youth Soccer Academy was formed by Kalule Deo who was a former defender of Mydel Soccer Academy for a period of 12 years from the time when he joined MYDEL at the age of 10 years old. Deo was also the head of MYDEL club house in Mengo. Currently Namasuba Youth Soccer Academy has a total number of 376 youth and children in the soccer program. Thanks Deo for the good work and above all MYDEL family for mentoring Deo.



Mengo youth development link donating pads

"THE GIRL CHILD PROGRAM"

With the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic, most adolescent girls could not easily find access to sanitary towels.

MYDEL in partnership with the African Empowerment Hub reached out to the girl child in Kisenyi III with 10000 pads and knickers. During this activity we emphasized the importance of good menstrual hygiene, created awareness on Sexual transmitted diseases and Urinary tract infections.

Each adolescent girl received at least 3 packets of pads and 5 knickers which helped to reduce on the need gap.



MYDEL team during experience sharing in Gulu Northern Uganda

Director MYDEL Pascal Lutaaya shared MYDEL s experience during the orientation workshop organized by Latek Stay Alliance in Gulu City targeting the new partners in Northern Uganda.



MYDEL team during experience sharing in Central Uganda

MYDEL director Pascal Lutaaya shared Mydels experience during orientation workshop organized by Latek Stay Alliance at Grand Global Hotel targeting new partners in Central Uganda



Girl child mentorship at the football pitch



Planning meeting with Mr. Matovu Joseph the Mayor Nansana

Mengo Youth Development Link director Pascal Lutaaya during the planning meeting with Mr. Matovu Joseph the Mayor Nansana Division focusing on the new Mydels upcoming programs in Nansana division



Mydel director meeting the Mayor Bunamwaya division

Director Mydel met Hon. Jacob Omutuze the Mayor Bunamwaya division while finalizing the plan for Mydels children's end of year party in Bunamwaya division. The function will include;



MYDEL team receiving the clothes donations from friends and Rotary fraternity

Mengo Youth development Link team receiving the donation of clothes from Madam Unyuthuwun Resty and Rtn Fred Nabbimba from Rotary Kla Sunset. The clothes were to be donated to the community during the upcoming MYDEL community outreach in the slums



Mengo Youth development Link TIKO program in Kampala Central Division

The Director Pascal Lutaaya chaired a meeting with the 10 group leaders that were selected to spearhead the "IN THEIR HANDS PROGRAM" in Kagugube, Kamwokya 1, 11, Bukesa, Old Kampala, Kisenyi 1,2,3, Mengo Parish at Mydel Offices. In the meeting, the group leaders came up with better strategic plans on how to roll out the TIKO program which was to officially kick off on 25th Oct 2021 in the various communities.



Mengo Youth development Link reproductive Health program

Rolling out the TIKO program, director Pascal Lutaaya met her lordship deputy mayor Kampala central Division Hajat Hanifa Nampungu at Hotel Africana to lobby for a training venue. TIKO is a joint program to be implemented with funding from Agha Khan Foundation. MYDEL was selected to handle Kampala central division where a total of 5000 adolescent girls and boys between 15-19 years and aims at providing free Reproductive Health Services from specific private clinics.



Meeting the LC 5 Lira District

Meeting with LC 5 chairman of Lira District Hon. RCM Okello Orik at the district head quarters during the recruitment of new member organizations in Northern Uganda under the umbrella of Latek Stay Alliance Uganda



MYDELS director Meeting Pual Saali

Mengo Youth Development Link director Pascal Lutaaya with Soccer Legendary Goalie Paul Ssali member of the 1978 Uganda cranes that reached the finals in Accra Ghana and one of the strong pillars of women's football in Uganda, who met at Wakiso district head quarters had a brief chat about football administration, youth foot ball programs and Mr. Paul Ssali promised to visit the Mydel soccer academy to see how best we can nature talents



Challenges faced by MYDEL team while implementing the Covid 19 phase 7 activities

During the Covid 19 Phase 7 MYDEL faced the following challenges during the implementation Phase:

1. Lack of enough sports Equipments
2. Break down of the economy due to Covid 19 which have greatly affected our beneficiaries
3. Less funding for our activities due to Covid 19
4. Domestic violence in families
5. Child abuse in the slums is the order of the day.
6. Increased use of drugs and substance abuse among the youth and the young people

7. Increased teenage mothers in the slums of Kampala and Wakiso Districts
8. Increased numbers of beneficiaries.
9. Lack of Positive parenting in the communities.

Solutions to the challenges while implementing MYDEL Covid 19 Phase 7 activities

1. MYDEL Vocational training centre with currently 123 students this have reduces idleness among the young people in the community
2. MYDEL Soccer Academy have created a room for both young boys and girls and this program have greatly impacted the young people instead of using drugs and other substance abuse
3. Under the Right to Grow program (R2R) MYDEL have trained the community on hand wash and nutrition through the community outreaches and trainings
4. MYDEL team is also trying to reach out to the elderly and People with Disabilities in the Slums MYDEL's way forward to change the lives of community during this Covid 19 Phase 3 periods
5. MYDEL team believes that impacting the Teenage Mothers, Street children, Drug Addicts and Slum Dwellers with the Hands on Vocational Skills is the way to go among the targeted population at Risk.
6. MYDEL have trained 25 Pregnant mother to become peer Educators in informing other community members on drug use when you are pregnant which was the great impact.
7. Training of the Communities about Positive Parenting by MYDEL Active Citizen team
8. MYDEL team tried to give Hope to the needy communities especially during the Covid 19 Situation
9. MYDEL team tried to counseling and guidance the drug users and also to provide them with the basic necessities for life
10. MYDEL Active Citizen team have started reaching out to the teenage mothers in order to provide them with counseling and guidance plus other necessities of Life like food and Sanitary pads.

11. MYDEL team together with the KCCA started planning on implementation of the street safety model initiatives
12. Increased Reproductive Health programs under the TIKO program.

Future Plans

- MYDEL Soccer Academy will be travelling to Tanzania for the soccer competition in April in Category under 12, 15 and 17 we intend to travel with 54 boys and girls plus the coaches for that tour in Tanzania.
- Mobiles new members joining MYDEL Community SACCO
- Building the capacity of newly MYDEL Soccer Academy Parents Committee greatly impact the Soccer program.
- To introduce other training skills program at MYDEL Vocational training centre
- Increase more partnership with other CSOs and Government programs
- To increase MYDEL innervations in Early pregnant crisis among children
- To Increase Advocacy in the Right to Grow programs (R2G)
- To officially launching MYDEL Vocational training programs in February

- Reduction of Domestic Violence in the community
- Look for more partners to support MYDELS increased programs
- Increase Mindset change programs among the local communities
- Empower our people with knowledge about modern urban farming to solve the issue of food insecurity in our community since with this kind of farming can be done the smallest space available.
- More outreach about Covid19 information to create more awareness to so as to achieve our goal of reducing the rate of COVID 19 pandemic infection in Uganda.
- MYDEL to support and participate fully in Parish Model programs

Appreciation

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May God Bless you