

# EMPOWER WOMEN TO SHARE AND EXPRESS THEMSELVES TO INCREASE DEVELOPMENT

YOUTH CARE GROUP AND NETWORK INTERNATIONAL (YCGNI)

# Kampala, UGANDA

### **Background**

Youth Care Group and Network International (YCGNI) is an apolitical, nonprofit organisation founded by a collective of Ugandan youth (men and women). The organisation focuses on positive culture, leadership development, and advocating for the rights of women and children. It was founded with the aim of supporting and empowering disadvantaged youth, particularly women and orphaned children. YCGNI utilises community-based engagement as a tool to collaborate with communities in order to identify and act on areas where intervention is required.

The Gender Responsive Resilience & Intersectionality in Policy & Practice (GRRIPP) project implementor for YCGNI is Vincent Nyero, who serves the organisation as Assistant Director and Team Leader. He holds a Master in Education Administration and Human Resource Development, and has vast experience in social sciences and project planning.

## **Objectives**

YCGNI seeks to encourage and mobilise women to share ideas and practices for decolonial leadership development, health advocacy, crafts, and sustainable agriculture. They view their role as being community convenors that enable women to express themselves openly, without fear of discrimination or being targeted. Furthermore, they create spaces where women share ideas and practices of income generation for small businesses or for recreational purposes.



Members of Youth Care Group and Network International, alongside a number of beneficiary partners outside their office in Kampala, Uganda. Credit: Vincent Nyero (YCGNI) Location: Kampala, Uganda

#### Lines of action

- Hosted three (3) workshops with 240 women participants. The activity focused on the design of products and support services to assist women in developing entrepreneurial skills.
- Conducted three (3) Social Enterprise Development workshops, with 240 women in attendance.
- Held (3) Young Women's Employment Skills Workshop with 240 participants, targeting the needs and limitations experienced by young women (age 18-28 years). This extended to assisting them in developing practical job seeking skills.
- Documentary Production Training was held over a nine-day period sharing skills in communication, acting and documentary production. Fifteen (15) women participated.
- Produced a documentary that highlights local issues experienced by women in Uganda, such as domestic abuse, forced marriages, and harmful cultural practices.

#### **Impact**

Throughout the project, YCGNI reached a total of 480 women in rural areas and 255 young women in urban areas, across the country's seven regions. This is part of efforts to bolster development.

From the 15 women trained in skills to perform drama, a select group later gained employment in local movie industries.

A crucial aspect of our milestones is the impact on men, with 30 local leaders who participated in the workshops becoming advocates of women's empowerment in the local community.



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