

ENHANCING THE USE OF ICT'S AMONG THE YOUTH IN NORTHERN UGANDA

FOUNDATION FOR INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT (FIRD)



YOUTH ADVOCACY ON SEXUAL PRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS (SRHR), AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE THROUGH THE USE OF ICT'S

THE IMPACT OF USING ICT'S AMONG THE YOUTH



The impact of using ICT's among the youth on awareness creation of SRHR and GBV related issues in post conflict communities in Northern Uganda in Lira district.

Foundation for Integrated Rural Development (FIRD) is a community Based Organization established in 2005 to promote the rights of women and girls in

post conflict communities in Northern Uganda.

Northern is a post conflict community where violence

GIRL'S EMPOWERMENT TO USE ICT'S TO VOICE OUT THEIR ISSUUS.



FIRD BELIEVES IN GIRLS EMPOWERMENT THROUGH TH USE OF ICT'S TO EMPOWER GIRLS WITH ANALYTICAL SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE TO VOICE OUT ISSUES RELATED TO GIRL CHILD HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE AND SRHR RELATED ISSUES

against women and children is still high and Gender Based Violence against women and girls which is a global health issue across the globe especially in sub-Saharan Africa and in Uganda in particular. As a transitioning community, the girl child's life is vulnerable to sexual abuse, early child marriages and pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, STI'S as a result of inadequate knowledge among the youths. Girls, boys, parents and the community at large.

Through the youth Project Code named "NI-YETU " A Swahili word which means it's ours, the youth are empowered through the use of ICT to promote **participatory peer to peer educative approach**, and mobilize the community in awareness creation of SRHR AND GBV at the grass root level through community drama Theater as shown below where various communities members Are targeted



Youth of Abunga Child Mothers Drama Group during a community staging.

The Youth also use the **ICT to document various issues on poor service delivery** which are tabled to the policy makers through the advocacy Network for improved

service delivery in schools and communities. Historically, the youth and children have been left out on issues of Democracy or freedom of speech and expression in post conflict communities and so through **NI-YETU** project the youth are empowered to use the various ICT'S to document issues of poor service delivery in the sector of health to enhance and promote youth friendly school facilities



One of the school toilets in need of repair.

The Youth have also embraced the use **of ICT's to document the good learnings and lessons** from the project implementation.



Capturing the session with the Mobile phone camera.

Community screening and dialogues through the use of ICT has also played a key role in the promotion of children's rights targeting children, parents, the communities and other stake

holders to ensure that children are protected through the **Violence Against Children Center Project**



Community screening on children's rights in Akia primary school.

FIRD through its various interventions seeks to mainstream the use of ICT's and empower the youth in northern Uganda to effectively use the ICT'S and establish ICT centers to further train the youth in the use of ICT to promote zero tolerance on violence against women, girls and children, create awareness on youth and children's health right, Promote voice



and freedom of expression among the youth through ICT's for effective positive social change.

Foundation for Integrated Rural Development has embraced the use of ICT tools such as Mobile Phones, Radios, Internet, Public address systems, as inclusive ICTS for engagement of all Youths and Children both in school and Out school to strengthen the peer to peer human rights education approach, empower the girls to speak against bad cultural practices that abuse the girls rights and also engage with the Local community leaders on issues of children and Youth sexual Reproductive Health Rights and Violence against children in the post conflict communities and also on issues of Service Delivery to advocate for local authorities and duty bearers to stimulate action for social change and children rights protection

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