



AMANI INITIATIVE 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

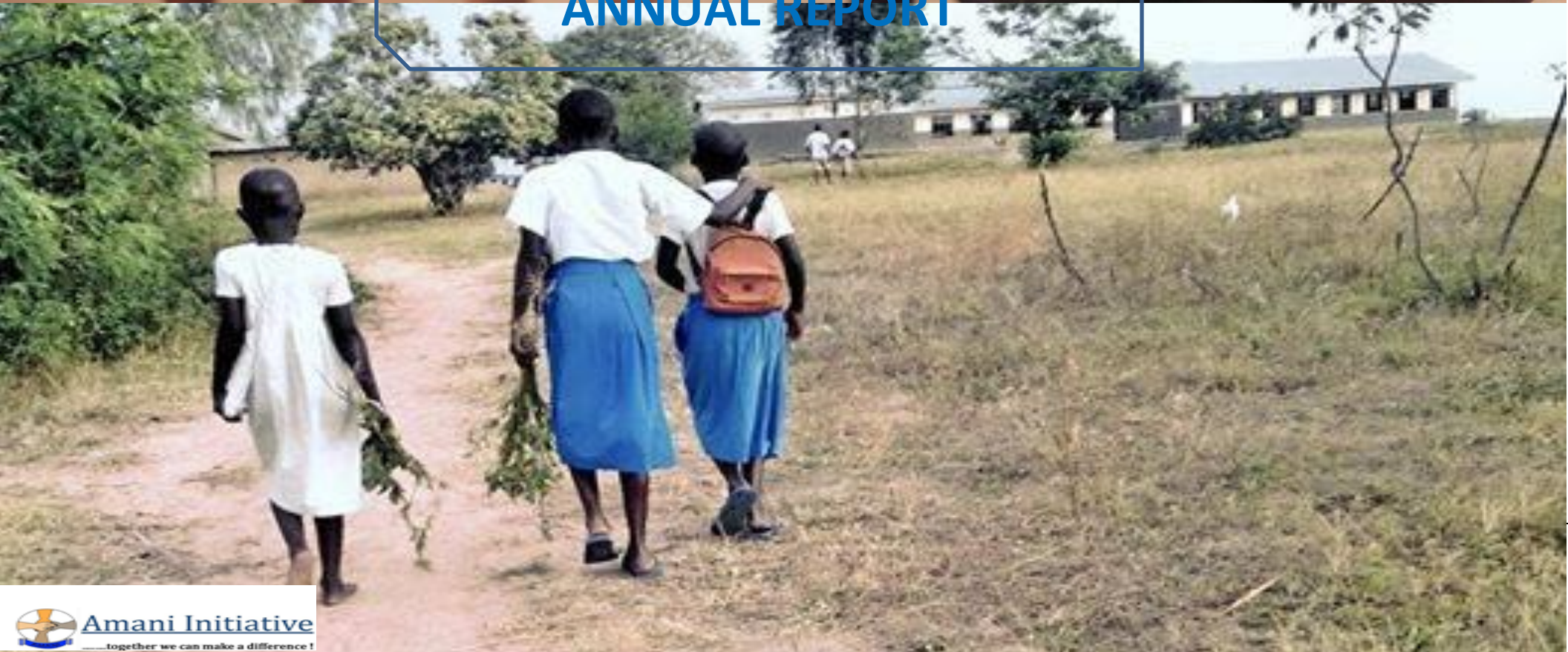


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Word from the Team Leader



Dear friend of Amani Initiative,

In 2011 a group of young ladies and gentlemen came up with a vision of a community whereby every child has an equal opportunity to a fulfilling life without the impact of teenage pregnancy and child marriage. This was mainly because of the direct impact that teenage pregnancy had on people close to their lives but also the fact that Uganda has one of the highest rates of teenage pregnancy at 24%.

2014 was an amazing year towards the achievement of this vision; the year provided the organization with an opportunity to formulate the organization's theory which aims at creating realistic and sustainable solutions to teenage pregnancy and early marriage. This theory of change guides the organization to operate under four thematic areas (Child Protection & Advocacy, Education, Adolescent Sexual & Reproductive Health, and Livelihoods Development & Youth Entrepreneurship Development).

In 2014 Amani Initiative also joined Global Memberships such as Girls Not Brides, SAHU and also continued to take part in the World Women Summit 19 Days Advocacy against child/youth abuse. More programs were implemented in 2014 reaching out to more than 20,000 beneficiaries.

I would specifically want to recognize and appreciate the Ministry of Health (Adolescent Reproductive Department), the Private Education Development Network (PEDN), Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE), Girls Not Brides, The Global Shapers Community-Kampala Hub, Reach a Hand Uganda (RAHU), Society of Adolescent Health in Uganda, Maracha District Local Government, Arua District Local Government, Justice Mike Chibita, Dr. Sabrina Bakeera Kitaka, Ms. Candiru Night Stella, Mr. Asuma Steven, Dr. Betsy Pfefffer (University of Columbia), all our partner schools, Advisors, Founder Members, Amani Initiative staff, amazing team of volunteers and most especially God. 2014 could not have been an amazing year without your advice, time, financial support and opportunities you created.

As we mark our achievements and lessons in this year's annual report let them inspire each of us to even greater action to ensure that our vision of a community whereby every child has an equal opportunity to a fulfilling life without the impact of teenage pregnancy and child marriage become a reality with the support of the Amani Initiative (2015-2020) Theory of Change.

Ochatre Nixon

Team Leader (Amani Initiative)



Members of Amani Initiative during one of the 2014

2014 IN NUMBERS



More than 1500 youth empowered under social and financial education

20,000 people reached through our 2014 events with special themes

4 major projects undertaken (#LetsTalkAboutSEXUALITY, Keep Me In School, Aflateen Social & Financial Education, 19 Days of Activism, CODES)

50 schools and 20 partner organizations directly engaged in the various activities

More than 100 community leaders engaged in advocating for the fight against infant mortality rate.

Connecting youth incomes, savings and education

Through fighting against poverty, this program cuts one of the catalysts which lead to parents marrying off their daughters at an early age for dowry; it also empowers our beneficiaries to be occupied in more productive activities.

In 2014, Amani Initiative partnered with the Private Education Development Network (PEDN) to scale up the Aflateen Social & Financial Education Program in Maracha and Arua Districts.

This program reached out to more than 2,000 youths during the live in school activities which involved connecting youth incomes, savings and education



Arua Program Coordinator facilitating an Aflateen Session about saving at Anyafio Role Model S.S

On the 3/09/2014, Amani Initiative and the Private Education Development Network(PEDN) signed a Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) with an overall objective of scaling up the 2014/2015 Aflateen Social & Financial Education Program to 30 secondary schools in Maracha & Arua District running from 1st/09/2014 to 31st/08/2015 with an optional of renewal. Under the MoU, The Private Education Development Network was to provide technical support on social and financial education by organizing capacity building trainings on the concept and the curriculum under the 2014/2015 Aflateen Social & Financial Education Program. PEDN is also tasked with carrying out the Monitoring & Evaluation activities in regard to the implementation of the program in Maracha & Arua Districts.

Amani Initiative has a mandate of integrating the Aflateen Social & Financial Education Program to its existing Community Livelihoods Development & Youth Entrepreneurship Skills Development Thematic area through carrying out live in school sessions in 30 secondary schools and targeting 3,000 youth. Amani Initiative was also expected to act as a link between PEDN and the Local Government and Communities of Arua and Maracha Districts.



Mr. Aci Marino the District Education Officer of Arua District talking with teachers who participated in a stakeholder’s workshop about Aflateen Social & Financial Education

The Aflateen Social & Financial Education Program was introduced to the Office of the Chief Executive Officer-Arua District who recommended the District Education Officer(Mr. Aci Marino) and the Municipal Inspector of Schools(Mr. Mr. Obiayi Raymond) to support Amani Initiative and PEDN for the smooth implementation of the project in the district

“Many times teachers come to my office asking for loans to pay school fees for their children in nursery school. Most of them are not aware that such loans will just make them poorer since they are not productive and cannot easily be paid back,” Mr. Obiayi Raymond the Municipality Inspector of schools after the teachers financial literacy training after the Aflateen Social & Financial Workshop held at the Arua Social Center on the 1st November 2014

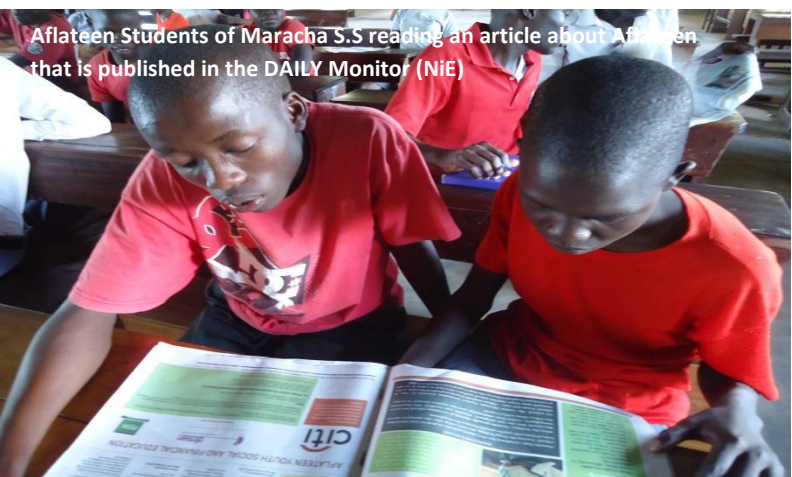
The Maracha Program was introduced to the District Planner (Mr. Anguzu Richard) who was standing in for the Chief Administrative Officer. Mr. Anguzu Richard convened a stakeholder’s meeting which comprised of the Chief Administrative Officer, the District Inspector of Schools, Community Development Officer and the District Secretary where the Aflateen Program was discussed and endorsed in Maracha District.

The Aflateen program also organized training workshops for 30 secondary school teachers from the program partner schools. These teachers from Arua and Maracha Districts were trained/sensitized under financial literacy and child centered teaching models.

“I was able to realize the importance of saving from the workshop.” Participant, Arua District

Aflateen Social & Financial Education 2014 live in school activities in numbers

S/N			SESSION NAME							
	SCHOOL	Personal Understanding & Exploration	Rights & Responsibilities	Saving & Spending (Part One)	Saving & Spending (Part Two)	Planning & Budgeting (Part Two)	Planning & Budgeting (Part One)	Social & Financial Enterprises (Part One)	Social & Financial Enterprises (Part One)	Av. Attendance
1	Arua Academy S.S	80	74	73	71	72	73	70	73	73
2	Nile High School	141	122	114	118	115	99	100	122	117
3	Arua Secondary School	110	94	95	88	85	75	90	94	91
4	Najah Moslem School	100	114	114	114	114	114	113	112	112
5	Golden College Arua	91	82	83	84	73	61	80	81	79
6	Anyafio Role Model S.S	91	99	98	83	73	64	75	89	84
7	Arua Public S.S	100	104	92	90	86	86	80	100	92
8	Maracha S.S	89	89	87	68	11	72	80	80	72
9	Kijomoro S.S	56	25	45	57	56	56	45	45	48
10	Oleba Seed S.S	94	96	95	93	60	67	88	88	85
11	Nyadri Urban S.S	62	45	50	64	64	40	60	60	56
12	Otravu S.S	80	78	47	59	46	49	80	80	65
	TOTAL	1094	1022	993	989	855	856	961	1024	974



"Through Aflateen, I have not only been able to learn about financial education but also the newspapers have opened my eyes to what happens in other parts of the world." Aflateen Club member, Nyadri Urban S.S Maracha district

During the period 1st September, 2014-31st November, 2014 Daily Monitor under the News In Education (NiE) pullouts 1,944 newspapers were distributed to the seven program implementing schools

During September and November, 2014, 12 schools benefited from the Aflateen live in school activities reaching to an average of 974 youths within the period. The sessions implemented included activities under Personal Understanding & Exploration, Rights & Responsibilities, Saving & Spending, Planning & Budgeting and Social & Financial Enterprises. The live in school activities were supported by visits from officers from DFCU Bank-Arua Branch who sensitized the youths under the requirements of saving in a financial institution.

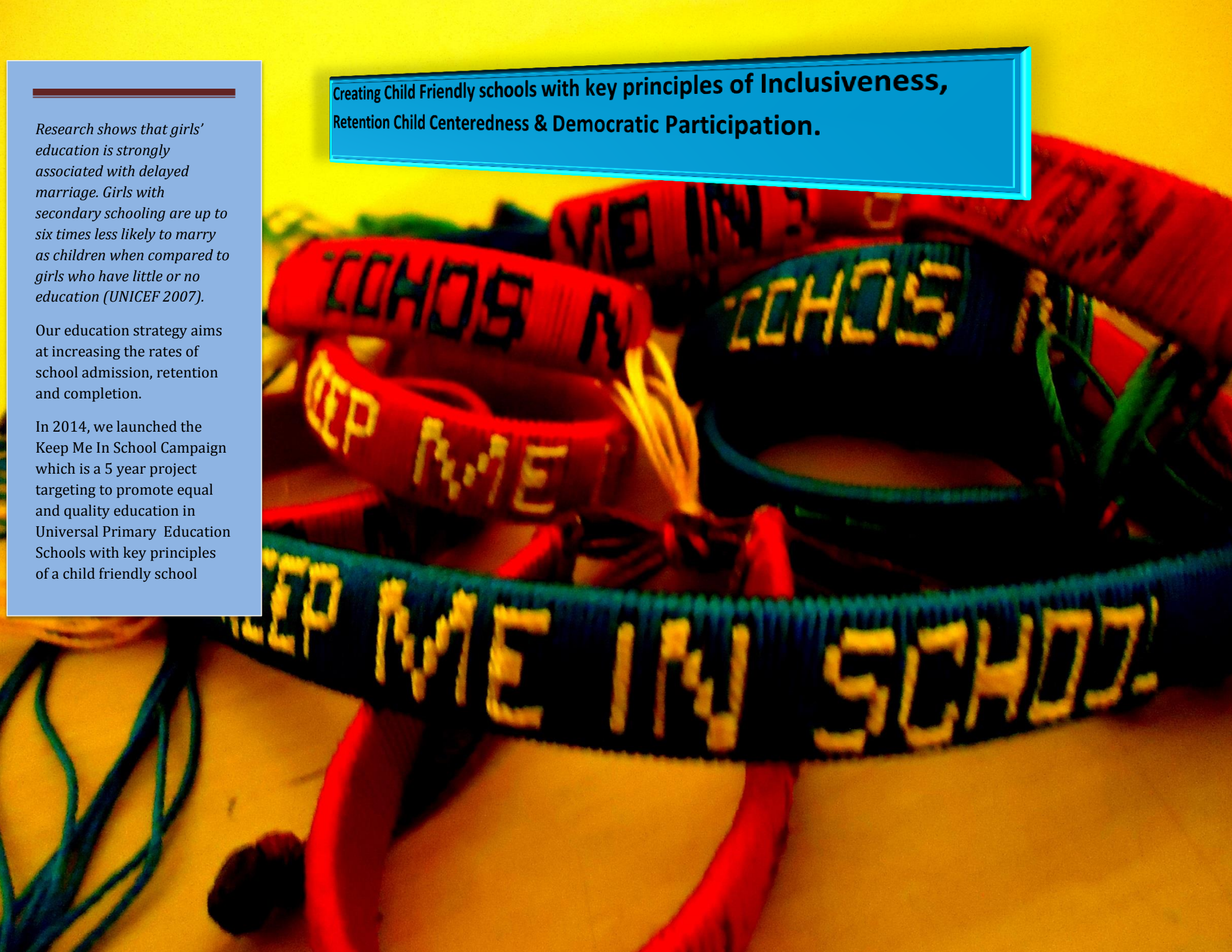
60 students were empowered to take up leadership roles both in the Aflateen Clubs and general school activities. All the 12 secondary schools in Maracha and Arua elected their leaders to fill the 5 positions of Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 mobilizers

**Creating Child Friendly schools with key principles of Inclusiveness,
Retention Child Centeredness & Democratic Participation.**

Research shows that girls' education is strongly associated with delayed marriage. Girls with secondary schooling are up to six times less likely to marry as children when compared to girls who have little or no education (UNICEF 2007).

Our education strategy aims at increasing the rates of school admission, retention and completion.

In 2014, we launched the Keep Me In School Campaign which is a 5 year project targeting to promote equal and quality education in Universal Primary Education Schools with key principles of a child friendly school



ADVOCATING FOR EQAUL & QUALITY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN

Amani Initiative education programs involved massive sensitization of the importance of equal and quality education to the future of the nation. This was through using radio, community dialogues, and social media advocacy.

This engagement involved more than 10,000 people through the various channels of communication. The Independence Day Celebrations in Maracha District were also used as an opportunity to advocate for an equal and quality education opportunity for all children in the district



Brian and Okoth of Amani Initiative who represented Amani Initiative at the MUBS Leadership Conference at the Sheraton hotel, June 2014

The Keep Me In School program is a 5 year (2014-2019) project by Amani Initiative which is aiming at making selected primary schools safe, child friendly and supportive to lead to increased retention.

Through radio communities are sensitized about the importance of educating their children, supporting the student leaders in the schools to directly taking part in school management, mobilizing for scholastic materials to keep children in school, the campaign is also using cartoons to sensitize children about menstruation which is one of the major causes which leave the girls out of school.

Keep me in school was officially launched at Cornerstone Children's Center with a tree planting activity which signifies a child friendly school environment.



Tree planting at the launch of the Keep Me In School project at Cornerstone Children's Center and a student watering the already grown seedling

The tree planting activity signified a child friendly school environment with shades for the students to rest/read their books and also enhance a social responsibility amongst students since they take turns to water the tree. Volunteers, and also members of the Global Shapers Community-Kampala Hub joined in teaching, playing and taking part in the normal activities of the day. The children were also provided with scholastic materials such as books, pens and colored pencils during the launch of the Keep Me In School project



Volunteers from the Global Shapers Community work taking part at an activity about Keep Me In School

Empowering adolescents to make informed sexual & reproductive health decisions

Through adopting youth's friendly means of conveying sexual & reproductive health information & services, our adolescent sexual & reproductive health programs empower the adolescents to be in position to make the right sexual & reproductive health decisions.

Key projects undertaken to support this objective included;

1. RAHU Youth Health Camp
2. My Decisions=My Actions=My Goals Snakes & Ladders Board Games Project
3. Community Sexual & Reproductive Health Outreaches at Nsangi Village
4. #LetsTalkAboutSEXUALITY project



#LetsTalkAboutSEXUALITY

Empowering adolescents to make informed decisions about SEXUALITY.

YOUR WAYS YOUTH HEALTH CAMP-2014

The custom YOUTH HEALTH CAMP 2014 organized by Reach a Hand Uganda (RAHU) was held between 27th April to 2nd May at Hana Mixed School with 523 young people (330 females and 193 males) at the camp. Amani Initiative, joined other organizations such as Reach a Hand Uganda, Uganda Youth Coordinating Self Entity., Reach the Youth Uganda, Uganda Youth Network, Kyuka Youth Outreach, Set Her Free, Miss Uganda Foundation, The Kibo Foundation, Reproductive Health Uganda, Makerere Joint Aids Program(MJAP), Events Warehouse, GIZ

At the camp Amani Initiative engaged the young people under the “My Decisions=My Actions=My Goals” a snakes and ladders board game that was facilitated to emphasize good decision making, giant chess and checkers and discussions on sex and sexuality. A key speaker who gave birth at 17 was invited to share her experience as a teenage parent and advice the young people to always abstain and use condoms in case they cannot so as not to fall in the same problems like she did. The youths were also sensitized about the dangers of negative peer influence

2013/2014 Miss Uganda (Stella Nantumbwe) taking part in a “My Decisions=My Actions=My Goals” a snakes and ladders board game with some young people at Hana Mixed –Nsangi

#LetsTalkAboutSEXUALITY Project



Youth who participated in a #LetsTalkAboutSexuality project at Yivu- Abea Village in Maracha District

“I have always felt ashamed to talk about my body changes with someone else but after talking to my friends, I have learnt that it’s normal and part of growth,” Ankot, 15 years, Maracha District

The #LetsTalkAboutSEXUALITY project gives a platform for adolescents to share their opinions about various topics about sexuality with the guidance of a professional adolescent reproductive health officer. This was after learning that at most cases learn more from each issues related to adolescent sexual and reproductive health since they are not comfortable to talk to their parents.

In 2014 the project worked with more than 500 adolescents from Yivu- Abea Village, Mulago Hospital and Greenhill Academy.

Advocating for the fight against defilement and child abuse

Strong advocacy was carried out in 2014 to spearhead the collective involvement in the fight against defilement and abuse against children.

The fight against defilement involved use of media especially television and radio. During these activities communities were sensitized about the dangers and laws against defilement.

The 19 Days of Activism (1-19th, November) against violence and abuse against children also provided a platform to advocate for the rights of children with a focus on addiction and substance abuse. The 19 days involved working with 15 organizations and reaching out to more than 60,000 people

15 institutions join the 19 Days of Activism
30 secondary schools directly involved targeting 15,000 in school youth
More than 50,000 reached through radio, social media and television



Child Protection Officer from Amani Initiative taking part in a talk show at Uganda Broadcasting Corporation

GROUND ZERO TALK SHOW AT UBC TELEVISION

Amani Initiative joined other organizations at the Ground Zero Talk Show on Uganda Broadcasting Corporation where various topics concerning child abuse were discussed. Key areas of discussion included Education, Health and Defilement.

Amani Initiative was represented by Winter Sylvia a lawyer by profession and member of the Child Protection Department. In her message she discussed the role of parents, government and other institutions in the fight against defilement. She also discussed about the laws that seek to protect children from defilement

ADVOCATING FOR A COMBINED EFFORT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ADDICTION AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN OUR COMMUNITIES DURING THE 19 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

The 19 Days Campaign (1-19th November) Concept

*The World Report on Violence against Children demonstrates that violence against children is widespread in the world. Indeed, every year, hundreds of millions of children are victims of violence and exploitation worldwide. Violence against children takes many forms, takes place in various places, kills dreams, and shatters children's lives. The worst part is that more than 75 % of the cases are inflicted by the person that the victim knows and trusts cases that can be prevented. **Ochatre Nixon, Founder Amani Initiative.***

“Addiction & Substance Abuse” was the special theme selected for our 19 Days Campaign. **Addiction & Substance Abuse** is a very big social problem in Uganda which has resulted into increased rate of crime against children, deaths, mental illness, poor sexual behaviors leading to unintended pregnancies, HIV/AIDs and many other negative outcomes.

“Defilement is a criminal case that is only solved in the courts but unfortunately parents have decided to connive with perpetrators for selfish personal gains denying the victim an opportunity for justice.” Winter Sylvia-Lawyer, Child Protection Department, Amani Initiative



A snap shot from a television Talk Show held at NBS television dedicated to sensitizing young people that there is nothing cool with drugs

Amani Initiative directly engaged the Directorate of Public Prosecution, Uganda Police , UBC Funz Club (UBC TV), Uganda Lacrosse Team, Palz Crew (Music Group), Mix Up (Youths Show on NBS TV), Federation of Christian Athletes (FCA), Radio Pacis (Arua), Keele East African Society(Keele University-UK), Projek Queen- UK , NAIDA-Uganda, Secondary Schools (5 in Uganda)

The 19 Days of activism aimed at to advocate for a combined effort in the fight against addiction and substance abuse in our communities. This was h massive sensitization/advocacy and involving key stakeholders such as the police, schools, sports teams, media houses and the office of the Directorate of Public Prosecutions in the advocacy

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT DURING THE 19 DAYS OF ACTIVISM



Live in school sensitizations in 5 schools, school debates (2 schools), and university dialogue reaching more than 10,000 young people



Empowering teachers from 30 schools in West Nile Region to take lead in the fight against drugs in their schools.



Engaging with the police, partner organizations, Office of the Directorate of Public Prosecution, schools, Local Government and community leaders



Working with Radio & Television to share opinions and sensitize the community against the dangers of drugs



Engaging sportspersons and musicians under the tag line, "There is nothing cool about drug abuse"

Messages against drugs on Facebook and twitter reaching more than 5,000 people daily.



Launch of the Campaign to Prevent Teenage Pregnancy

Date: July 13th, 2014 at 9 am

Venue: Butaleja District Headquarters Boma Grounds

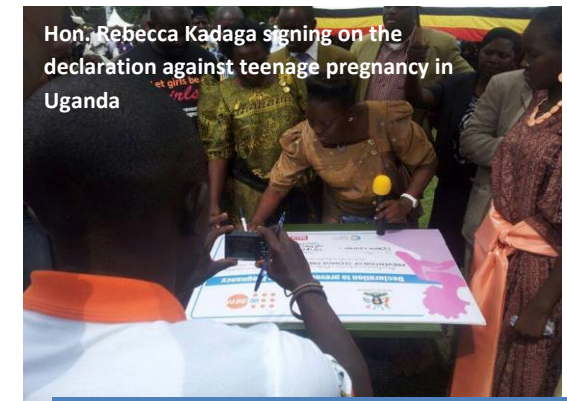
Childhood should never be derailed by motherhood!

Launch of the Campaign to prevent teenage pregnancy

6am on the 13th, 2014 a team from Amani Initiative headed by Nixon Ochatre (Founder) and Joan Nabbaka (Public Relations Officer) joined a team from the Ministry of Health Headquarters for a long journey to Butaleja District.

At Butaleja District Headquarters, the community members were joined by the local leaders, the parliamentarians led by Hon. Rebecca Kadaga (Speaker of Parliament-Uganda) , UNFPA Country Representative Ms Fundira Esperance and State Minister for Health Sarah Opendi.

The declaration of the fight against teenage pregnancy by Ugandan parliamentarians' led by Hon. Rebecca Kadaga aslo marked the launch of the **Let Girls Be Girls Campaign** aimed at involving families, schools, boys& girls, communities and leaders to join the prevention of teenage pregnancy



2014 was filled with various events which were used to advocate and sensitize the general public under the various themes.

Through using various forms such as social media, radio and live sensitizations, our event messages reached out to more than 30,000 people.

Events Included:

- International Women's Day on the 8th of March under the theme;
- Day of the African Child on the 16th of June under the theme
- World AIDS Day
- Day of the Girl Child on the 11th of October
- World Youth Day
- Independence Day on the 9th of October

2014 events



International Women Days Celebrations were held at St. Joseph Girls S.S Nsambya under the theme; INSPIRING CHANGE.

Inspiring Change is the 2014 theme Amani Initiative adopted for the 2014 International Women's Day theme encourages advocacy for women's advancement everywhere in every way. It calls for challenging the status quo for women's equality and vigilance inspiring positive change.

More than 700 girls attended the event and were directly involved in the activities which aimed at empowering them to be confident individuals with abilities to create positive social change in their communities.

DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD

On 16 June every year, the African Union celebrates the Day of the African Child (DAC), in commemoration of the 1976 protests by school children in Soweto, South Africa. The students protested against an education designed to further the purposes of the apartheid regime. In 1991, the African Union Assembly passed a resolution designating 16 June as a Day for the celebration of the African child.

The 2014 theme was **"A CHILD FRIENDLY, QUALITY, FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN IN AFRICA"**. Amani Initiative adopted a one month face book awareness campaign to advocate for inclusive education with the climax being held at Cornerstone Children's Center with the launch of the Keep Me In School Project. The Global Shapers Community-Kampala Hub joined the team during the climax.



Okoth Kenneth of Amani Initiative teaching students of Cornerstone Children's Center during the Day of the African Child



Pictorial of the various activities carried out during the 2014 International day of the Girls Child



In recognition of the importance of investing in and empowering girls during adolescence and preventing and eliminating the various forms of violence they experience, Amani Initiative organized activities between 6th -12th October under the theme; “ **Empowering Adolescent Girls: Ending the Cycle of Violence.**”

Activities included;

- Social Media sensitization and advocacy messages
- Radio Talk Shows under the event theme
- School Debates and dialogues engaging more than 2,000 youth

WORLD AIDS DAY

World AIDS Day 2014, 1 December, is an opportunity to harness the power of social change to put people first and close the access gap. Ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030 is possible, but only by closing the gap between people who have access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support services and people who are being left behind. Closing the gap means empowering and enabling all people, everywhere, to access the services they need. We engaged with our partners Reach a Hand Uganda for a street mob flash in Kisenyi slums dedicated to sensitize the community about the importance of use of condoms. Amani Initiative was represented by Dr. Anchil Geatan at the RAHU sky lounge focus group discussions under the theme, #IfItNotOnItsNotSafe



Dr. Anchil Geatan of Amani Initiative –Sexual & Reproductive Health Department showing his support for thr #IfItsNotOnItsNotSafe campaign by Reach a HAND Uganda at the Sky Lounge in Kampala

YOUTH'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Amani Initiative participated in the Maracha Youth's Day celebrations held on the 18th/9/2014 at Tara Sub-County. Officially invited to present the Aflateen Social & Financial Education to the youths in the district who would be attending the celebrations. During the celebrations, Amani Initiative was represented by Everline Inzikuru (Programs Manger-Arua District) and Dranimva Patrick (Programs Manger-Maracha District). The event was used to sensitize youth about the Aflateen Social & Financial Education Program with a focus on financial literacy and behaviors. This included saving and spending habits amongst young people.

"Thanks Amani for the good work you are doing to foster the campaign against child marriage and teenage pregnancies which is certainly one of the greatest problems in Ugandan villages. Parents as stakeholders can do a lot to prevent this by engaging the teenagers more and not being negligent." Victoria Okee Opata



Youth Day Celebrations held at Tara Sub-County in Maracha District

Under-five mortality in Uganda is decreasing at a modest but noticeable clip, according to recently released data from the 2011 Demographic and Health Survey. Just a few years back, in 2005, the country registered 137 under-five deaths per 1,000 live births (UBOS 2005/6).

By 2011, that statistic had dropped to just 90 deaths—still unacceptably high, but a precipitous decline nonetheless. These recent findings are good news not just for parents and children throughout the country, but for policy makers at the Ministry of Health, as well. Among other things, the Government of Uganda has committed itself to meeting the Millennium Development Goals by 2015, which, among other things, includes the fourth goal of reducing child mortality to just 56 deaths per thousand live births. While reaching this marker in the next couple years will require a public health feat, it certainly seems possible if the rate of change remains constant and ministry officials remain vigilant.

In early 2012, the Community and District Empowerment for Scale-up (or CODES) project was inaugurated as a way to help MOH achieve the target reductions in under-five mortality that the government has set for itself. CODES is a multi-year project that helps the Government of Uganda boost its own capacity to implement public policies and interventions that lead to a wide array of improvements in health outcomes—especially concerning the control of malaria, pneumonia, and diarrhea in children under five. Funded by the United States Fund for UNICEF as a grantee of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, CODES was developed jointly with Uganda's Ministry of Health, UNICEF, and the Karolinska Institute, in partnership with the Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment, Child Fund International, the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, and the Makerere University School of Public Health. The Commissioner of Health Services at the Ministry of Health, Dr Anthony Mbonye, chairs the project's steering committee.

AMANI INITIATIVE PARTNERS WITH ACODE FOR THE CODES PROJECT IN MARACHA & ARUA DISTRICTS

On November 17th, 2014 Amani Initiative signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment to scale up the CODES project to Maracha District focusing on Oluvu Sub-County, Kijomoro Sub-County, Omugu Sub-County (Arua District), and Tara Sub-County. The Community Dialogues focusing on health for adolescents targeted Community leaders, local council one chairpersons, opinion leaders, religious leaders, parish chief, Elders, Herbalists, , drug shop operators



Involving community members in a community dialogue about health of infants in the community at Kijomoro Sub-County

In terms of formal objectives, the CODES project is structured around three main “pillars:-

- Improved targeting of interventions to match disease burden at the district level, Evidence-based management tools used to improve district health team performance
- Increased community oversight to strengthen demand and exact accountability

Through community dialogues sessions were covered under Immunizations, Pneumonia, Diarrhea and Malaria reaching more than 200 health practitioners in the four targeted sub-counties and the views and findings shared under the Citizen Report Card

ADVOCACY

2014 was an amazing year under advocacy activities. Issues under which Amani Initiative directly engaged its advocacy included teenage pregnancy, child marriage, education, infant mortality rate. This advocacy involved use of media, community dialogues, and open letters. Amani Initiative worked with local, national and International Stakeholders to facilitate most of the advocacy activities.

Taking part in a Girls Not Brides Uganda Stakeholders Workshop held at Hotel Triangle



Following Up the Government's Commitments to End Child Marriage

Amani Initiative has continued to follow up with the Government's commitment during the Girl Summit in London to end child marriage.

This has been through a close working relationship with the Girls Not Brides Ugandan Task Force led by Joy for Children

Following Up The Government's Commitment Stop End Child Marriage

On the 4th of July, 2014 Amani Initiative joined 142 organizations under the Girls Not Brides member organizations to urge the members of the post MDG Open Working Group to maintain ending child, early and forced marriage as a separate target under Goal 5 (gender equality, empower women and girls everywhere).

The letter aimed at ensuring that target 5.3 be strengthened to reflect the explicit need to end child, early and forced marriage, by stating "eliminate all harmful practices, especially child, early and forced marriage".

The CODES Citizens Report Card

"Many parents see immunization as something that wastes their time for other duties like farming, and other income generating activities, therefore making them not take their children for immunization." Community member, ANDENI VILLAGE, MICHU PARISH, OLUVU SUB COUNTY – MARACHA DISTRICT

"Some health workers are so abusive that they scare off care takers from taking their children for immunization because they think they will be abused each time they are together with health workers, Community Member, ORINZI VILLAGE, ANUFIRA PARISH, OMUGO SUB COUNTY –ARUA DISTRICT

" Health center is far from most parts of the parish, for instance the nearest health center to the parish is approximately four and half km from the host village of Andeni. This therefore makes mothers to at times delay as they keep looking for transport." Community Member, MICHU PARISH, OLUVU SUB COUNTY –MARACHA DISTRICT

" People also associate malaria or fever with some traditional practices, for instance if a child falls sick, people think it is because dowry of the child's mother were not fully paid and they therefore first seek guidance from the elders, and when there is no improvement, they then take the child for treatment in the government health facilities." Community Member, AZOKO VILLAGE, AMBIDRO PARISH, KIJOMORO SUB COUNTY –MARACHA DISTRICT

Many health facilities do not have enough staff to handle patients as the guideline spells out, and because the few have too many tasks, they tend to skip some of the procedures in attending to patients as required by the ministry of health. ORINZI VILLAGE, ANUFIRA PARISH, OMUGO SUB COUNTY –ARUA DISTRICT

Sharon Laurent appointed as Amani Initiative Global



Sharon Laurent from London, UK was appointed as the new Amani Initiative Global Ambassador (2014/15)

In her open remarks she said, *“Working with young people has been my privilege and remains my passion.*

I believe in their ability to excel, given the opportunity and social infrastructure proven to foster the growth of intrinsic creativity and positive community engagement. The empowerment of young people via holistic educational programs, designed to encourage self-reflection and debate are key, to know your worth as a young citizen and to have that worth validated by economic investment in Education, Sexual Health and Employment opportunity is a Global responsibility that we all share.”

Welcome Sharon!

Amani Initiative joins Girls Not Brides and Society for Adolescent Health in Uganda (SAHU)



Amani Initiative application to become a member of the 400 strong Global partnerships against child marriage was approved in 2014 and gave an opportunity to learn from other organizations with a similar mission

SAHU aims at having a collective solution to adolescent issues in Uganda through a collective engagement. SAHU has close links to the University of Columbia and Makerere University

Amani Initiative develops a 5 year (2015-2020) theory of Change against teenage pregnancy and child marriage

During the 2014 Annual General Meeting held on the 2nd of January, 2014 it was proposed that the best task of the organization was to come up with a working structure that it was to adopt for the next 5 years. This decision was approved by the members and a special steering committee created to design a theory of change dedicated to coming up with sustainable solutions to teenage pregnancy & child marriage. This committee comprised of;

- Ochatre Nixon (Team Leader)
- Musinguzi Brian (Livelihoods Development & Youth Empowerment)
- Fera Immaculate (Adolescent Sexual & Reproductive Health)
- Tisia Prisca (Education)
- Joanita Nabbaka (Public Relations)
- Winter Sylvia (Child Protection)
- Ampaire Gloria (Child Protection)

After 8 months of work and consultations the 2015-2020 Amani Initiative Theory of Change was launched with a vision, **“A community whereby each child has an equal opportunity to develop to full potential without the impact of teenage pregnancy & child marriage.”** Through adopting collective interventions under education, adolescent sexual & reproductive health, child protection and youth entrepreneurship.

This theory of change is based on the fact that adolescent pregnancies, early marriages do not occur in a vacuum but are the consequence of inter-locking factors, such as widespread poverty, ignorance and inadequate efforts to keep children in school. This theory of change will also be targeting hard to reach communities in West Nile and some parts of Kayunga and Karamoja regions

Nixon Ochatre (Founder/Team Leader) makes it to top 3 in the prestigious Future Africa Awards-2014. The Future Africa Awards recognize Africans below 30 years who are transforming their communities, through business, entertainment, community action and leadership.

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Education



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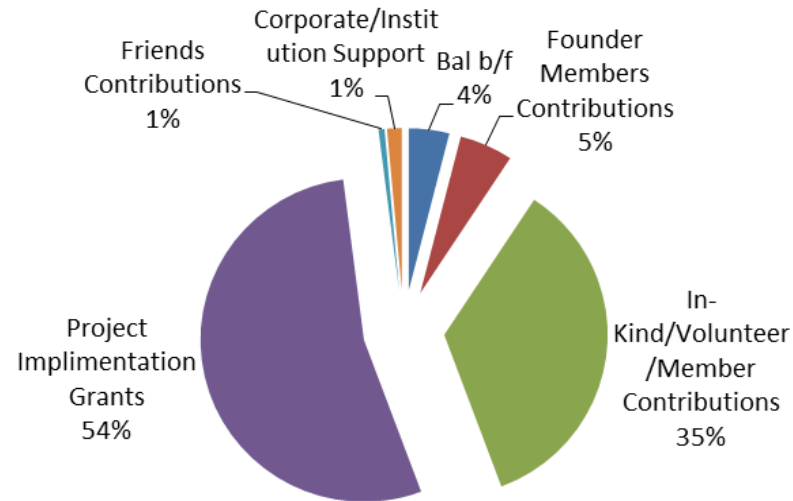
**The 2014 Amani Initiative
Income & Expenditure Account
For the period 1st/01/2014-31st/12/2014
Amount in Ugsh**

Incomes	
Bal b/f	808,000.00
Founder Members Contributions	1,065,000.00
In-Kind/Volunteer/Member Contributions	7,070,000.00
Project Implimentation Grants	10,830,000.00
Friends Contributions	120,000.00
Corporate/Institution Support	290,000.00
Total Incomes	20,183,000.00
Expenditure	
Events	879,500.00
Program Implimentation	13,428,000.00
Administration and Office Logistics	4,430,000.00
Advocacy	388,000.00
Total Expenditure	19,125,500.00
Bal c/d	1,057,500.00

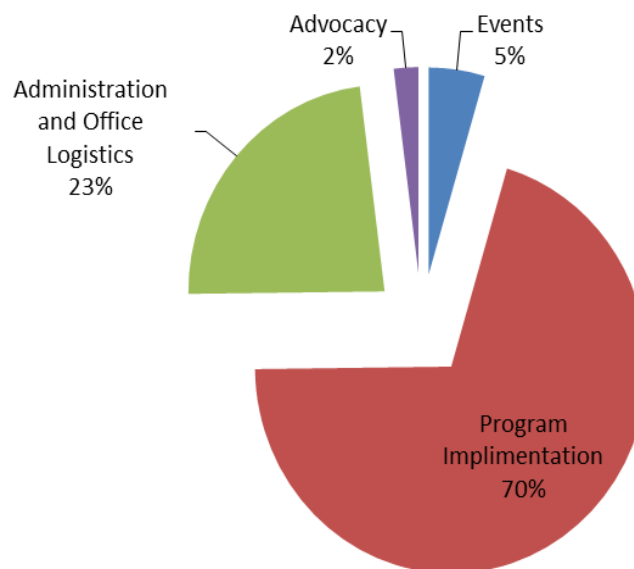
Please note that Amani Initiative is a volunteer based non-profit organization that bases its model on strengthening and empowering community structures to spearhead the fight against teenage pregnancy and child marriage. More than 77% of the resources generated annually are directed towards this model.

Amani Initiative also welcomes in-kind contributions as a form of resource to implement its activities.

Graphical Presentation of the Financial Statements



2014 Incomes



2014 Expenditures

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About Amani Initiative

Amani Initiative is a Ugandan NGO that was established in 2011 by a group of youths who were directly or indirectly affected by the pertinent issue of teenage pregnancy & early marriage. The organization is registered with the NGO Board under registration number 9539. Amani Initiative has been awarded by six child based organizations (ANPPCAN-Uganda, Child Fund Uganda, Compassion International, Save the Children in Uganda, UCRNN, World Vision Uganda and UNICEF for its efforts in the fight against teenage pregnancy & early marriage under the 2013 Tumaini Awards.

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Amani Initiative is a membership based organization made of professionals and individuals passionate about the fight against teenage pregnancy and child marriage pool their resources (financial, technical expertise, time) to foster and strengthen community structures to facilitate the fight against teenage pregnancy and child marriage

