

NEWSLETTER UPDATES

CIRCUS ZAMBIA

During the month of February, the Youth Task force members attended a 5-day Capacity Building Workshop on SDG 3-Good Health and Well Being. The Workshop was facilitated by Serenity Harm Reduction Program Zambia. Good Health and Well Being is a serious topic of concern in the communities we work with . Hence, this workshop resonated with most of the participants.



SHARPZ is a community based, not for profit alcohol & drug programme committed to and founded upon the principles of harm reduction. Working with individuals, groups, and communities we aim to empower them with the knowledge & skills necessary to address the harm caused by problematic alcohol & drug use through counselling, education, advocacy and community outreach.



Topical areas of focus were Prevention and Sensitization of Substance Abuse, Mental Health and well-being, and SRHR Education with a primary focus on HIV. The Workshop also opened discussions on the access to Good Health Services in our communities and the youth's role as change makers. The kids will use this information to create a Circus Show that will be performed during the Community Entry Dialogue session.



THE COMMUNITY AWARENESS SDG EVENTS IN KAMPALA DISTRICT

Community Awareness SDG events

SDGs Awareness-raising is at the core of all our programming. Awareness-raising and dissemination of information about the SDGs is critical to creating an enabling environment for accountability, promoting participatory and inclusive processes for follow-up and review, and ownership of the 2030 Agenda. The awareness of the SDGs and associated SDG targets is necessary in order to activate active citizens with the tools to hold their leader's government accountable for the 2030 Agenda. The center conducted 3 SDG awareness activities in communities in Kampala both virtually and through online engagements. The overall objective of the SDG awareness events was to create awareness, and facilitate understanding of roles of young people(both male and female) students, young people living with disability and youth leaders in regard to the realization of the SDGs.

Youth Health Gala at the Nsambya Playground-SDG awareness

The 1st SDG awareness activity took place on the at the Nsambya Playground in Kampala district and converged 33 participants in total. The SDG awareness event was hosted by the community task force members led by Mr. Kigozi Badru from the Youth Equality Centre, a local non-profit organization within Kampala. During the event, young people had the opportunity to participate in health awareness campaigns where they were participated in HIV/AIDS testing, screening for sexually transmitted diseases, and further received condoms to curb the spread of the disease.

During the health gala, the center participated in health awareness campaigns that reinforced the goal of SDG 3 (quality health) for young people through structured health talks on a range of sexual and reproductive health issues. Youth in their broad diversities were able to receive and access health information and services through locally established youth corners for sexual and reproductive health services including voluntary HIV/AIDS counseling and testing, and screening for other.

Youth in Sports festival-Community SDG Awareness Engagement

Open Space and youth leaders from the Community Task force jointly organized a Sports festival for 35 young people in Kampala district at Nasere Ganda Football ground. This festival was organized in alignment with young people's aspirations and desire to have more engagement in line with their talents and passion for sports as highlighted in Uganda's 2021-2026 National Youth Manifesto that was launched on the 12th of December 2020. The sports festival converged a total of 35 young people (both male and female) and their leaders as well as young people living with a disability. During the event, young people were educated on the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly on SDGs 1, 3, and 8 emphasized the role of sports in ensuring quality health and as a potential source of employment and income for many unemployed youths in Uganda and as well curb the incidence of crime due to idleness.

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CRS-YOUTH RADIO STUDIO TRACKING PROGRAMS

Figure 1 1st Studio-tracking program of Coastal TV



20 out of our 21 Community Radio and Tv station Youth Focal teams (YFPs) across the country, held radio studio tracking programs at their various radio stations after their first Community Youth Forums (1st CYFs) on the localizing the SDGs throughout this February.

The YFPs together with their CYTTs and Reference Group members, held these special live radio talk programs as part of their ongoing radio production and broadcast activities, to further engage listeners and the wider community on their evaluation of the process of the 1st CYF and the matters arising from it. Listeners had the opportunity to phone during these studio tracking programs to feedback on their takeaways from the program and to report on any emerging issues and impacts within their communities since the 1st CYF.

As part of the conscientious efforts that are being made to empower the youth, the CYTTs get to be hosts of these live studio tracking programs under the training and guidance of the CRSs YFPS. They host their fellow CYTTs and other youth on the radio program. Therefore unearthing talents and building capacities of youth to become role models, who represent and present the voices of the youth on air.

Each CRs featured at least 3 CYTTs and 1 RG member, directly featuring about 63 CYTTs as a total average of CYTTs featured, additionally, these radio programs are believed to have reached an uncountable number of radio listeners across 8 regions of Ghana. There will be a series of such on-air studio tracking programs throughout the project.

Equation 1 1st Studio-tracking Program-Radio Peace



2ND COMMUNITY YOUTH FORA

The second round of Community Youth Fora (CYFs) was held by our CYTTs under the guidance and support of the YFPs of the various CRSs and RG members of all the focal communities also in February.

In the 2nd round of CYFs, the Community Youth Mobilized themselves into various age groups and sexes to deliberate on specific issues regarding their most prioritized and burning SDGs. They also proposed workable solutions to these SDG challenges identified. These ideas were presented in the form of debate by the various age groups and gender. These debates were moderated by various panels set up by the CYTTs and CRSs teams. In the usual democratic and all-inclusive participatory method, the foundation for developing their Community Level Mini Projects was set.

The Youth present in this forum, after all the presentations and vetting of ideas, were balloted to select the best project for further validation of the entire community during the community engagement dialogue in the next phase of the community engagement series.

The youth also maintained the rest of the generated project ideas as community youth action points for future reference.

Figure 2 DEBATE SESSION ON 2ND CYF-RADIO for Peace And Development (PAD)



CO-CREATION DEMO WORKSHOP ON CED

The first Community Engagement Dialogue (CED), which is the next activity on localizing the SDGs Community Engagement series by GCRN's CRSs, was successfully piloted after an intensive co-creation workshop at Radio AFram-Plains in Donkorkrom From 31st January to 2nd February.

In a 3-day intensive workshop session integrated with field work and practice, the RAP Fm team hosted 2 CYTT representatives From their focal community, Odumase, 2 RG members, and the CR-L-SDGs project Coordinating Team who were there to support the co-development and testing of the guide for carrying out the 1st CED.

The Co-creation process was done in 3 steps. The first was an intensive workshop session to outline the strategy and steps to adopt in the process. The team next had a review of the process with the Odumase CYTT in Odumase, where the CYTT has the process to be part of the co-creation process, by reviewing the guide and rehearsing their shared roles in preparation for the "Big Event", their first CED in their community. The third and final part was the CED activity. It was coordinated and facilitated by the Odumase CYTT to the admiration of the community members and all present.

Figure 3 DEMO-WORKSHOP AT RADIO AFRAM PLAINS_ DAY 1

