

ACTIVITY REPORT

DISTRICT: BUGIRI

ORGANISATION: Nankoma Youth Association (NAYA)
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Location: Masita road Nankoma Town Board.

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ACTIVITY DATES AND SITE: Wangobo primary school, Nabukalu sub/c
Bugiri District.
Friday 22nd /November/2013.

NATURE OF ACTIVITY: Child Health Day Event.

NAME OF PARTICIPANTS: Ministry of Health, Malaria and child hood Illnesses (MACIS), SDA,
Strides for family Health, other stake holders and General communities.

NAYA INTRODUCTION:

NAYA Is Nankoma Youth Association. A community Based organization set up to support the communities by building their capacities in order to deal with Health, Economic and Education challenges around them. And works through children, Youth and members of the communities to achieve their Objectives.

ACTIVITY OBJECTIVE:

To Improve Health status of mothers, stake holders and community.

METHODOLOGY:

During the implementation, NAYA Engaged with ministry of Healthy (DHO'S OFFICES), partners such as Malaria and child Hood Illnesses (MACIS), strides for family health, Local leaders, civil servants, NAYA social mobilizes (Volunteers), Village Health Teams, Health Workers, Media, Entertainers, and son to make the activity succeed.

Monitoring and Surveillance were highly done by the District health teams, Immunization champions and invited guests From Malaria and child hood illnesses(MACIS), and so on as the effective tool for achieving results and that provided an appropriate feed back.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Hard to reach areas were reached.

High turn up of the general community. People were really mobilized through out the District most especially of Nabukalu Sub/c through different means that is to say Public Address system, social mobilizes, Village Health teams, media (radio announcements during radio talk shows), Local leaders, and general community such as conversations and so on.

Majority of the turn up accessed a number of services that was Exhibited such as

Health Education/Messages, Immunization ,Nutrition, Health counseling and testing(HCT), Family Planning ,malaria screening and testing, weighing of children, Shoes distribution, ,reading materials, Hygiene and sanitation, Entertainment to mention but a few.

The event enabled the team like NAYA, Ministry of Health, malaria and child hood illnesses (MACIS), SDA, Strides for family health, Local leaders and other sake holders as well as general community to appreciate the opportunities and hence developed much Hope and Optimism for A health tomorrow.

CHALLENGES:

Indeed hard to reach areas are practical's NOT theory. The two roads that we used to and from, were very poor and yet the distance was long from Bugiri town council to the site

Boarder - Boarder motorcyclists increased the costs due to poor roads and long Distances and we had no provision of ours.

Time resources were consumed during the journey to the site due to poor roads.

Some invited guests got manageable accidents like the guest from MACIS, her shoe entered in a motorcycle wheel and hence its breakage.

Low decision making by mothers/care takers due to low male involvement.

Civil society organization Engagement was low due to limited resources to support there participation likes transportation, Exhibitions and so on.

Data collected and stored in soft copies are insecure because DIC lack a computer and computers used are public that even some times to delay of sending reports and un effective communication as concerned No access to internet services, we have to travel office (Nankoma town Board) to Bugiri town council. and we have put expenses traveling in different communities; health facilities attend District meetings, social mobilization and so on

Data collected, misses out some attachments that may be very relevant as Evidences, self explanatory reports which is photographs, video clips and so on due to lack of a digital a camera .

Communication was not very effective.

SOLUTIONS:

Advocacy for Districts road maintenance like from Bugiri town council to Nabukalu sub/c.

DIC should be supported with motorcycle ,asset of computer plus internet modem, and A digital camera.

Train/ orient male champions and actively support them to sensitize there fellow men.

Always to plan for CSO's Engagement.

Health workers to be supported with mega phones and VHTs Bicycles.

CONCLUSION:

“Really together we can have a healthy tomorrow”!

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