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## A Report on the World AIDS day Held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at Kimooli UMEA primary school in Kangulumira Sub County

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### **2. Objective of the event**

1. To strengthen the dissemination of the combination prevention of HIV approaches.

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**Theme:** “Re-engaging leadership for effective HIV prevention”.

### **Introduction**

This report is part of the routine feedback arrangement under the project on Scaling up Comprehensive Evidence-based HIV Prevention Through Community Engagement in Kayunga District. The project targets behavioral change among youths out of school within the age bracket of 13 to 24, Commercial Sex Workers, Boda Boda cyclists, Fish folks, married couples. The project targets to strengthen the Combination Prevention of HIV strategies in 5 sub counties including Kangulumira, Busaana, Nasigo, Kayunga rural and Kayunga sub county.

The project targets to use Behavioral Change Communication (BCC) as one major strategy that will change and completely convert the individual conduct towards being very responsible in the fight against HIV the district. Joint Action for Health and HIV/AIDS (JAHH) is responsible for fostering this initiative in the five administrative areas of the project. The project is funded under the Civil Society Fund (CSF), through the JAHH for Kayunga area.

### **About the day**

The Kayunga District Health Office (DHO) on behalf of the Ministry of Health worked with JAHH and joined the rest of the world to mark the World AIDS

Day, held on 12<sup>th</sup>/12/2013. This day draws reflections on global commitments to the fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The day heightens awareness about the challenges of the epidemic and stimulates rethinking about the new strategies in the fight against the disease.

The day was held under the theme “Re-engaging leadership for effective HIV prevention”. This is a national theme coined in consideration of the global campaign on getting to zero in which zero HIV infections is a key focus.

**Location of the event:**

The day was celebrated in Kangulumira Sub County at Kimooli Village, Kimooli UMEA Primary School presided over by The Residential District Commissioner (RDC) of Kayunga district who represented LCV chairman.



**Photo 1:** World AIDS day banner

**Event Partners:**

In collaboration with the District Health Office, JAHH participated in the National HIV/AIDS days to strengthen the dissemination of the combination prevention of HIV approaches. This time JAHH celebrated the World AIDS day. JAHH worked on the National Theme of the day to ensure proper understanding of the reason for this health day.

**Impact of the event:**

A number of activities were lined up for the day including a national symposium, HIV testing and counseling, sensitization campaigns and many others. Among them include the following:-

**Child Health services:**

As a way of improving child health, children were immunized and other child health services were provided.



**Photo 2:** HCII workers at the Child Health services point waiting for the clientele

**ANC services:**

Women and mother were able to access ANC services.



**Photo 3:** An arrangement for the ANC services

## HCT:

A number of people were able to access and utilize HCT.



*Photo 4: HCT exercise*

## Edutainment

Information on HIV prevention strategies including HCT, Safe Male Circumcision, condom use, attending ANC, gender roles as a social cultural issue among others. Here, a drama team from JAHH was in place to entertain at the same time educate the audience through Poems, educative dances and songs about the Combination HIV prevention approaches.



**Photo 5:** JAHH Drama members making a forum theatre



**Photo 6:** JAHH Drama members making a forum theatre

### **Guest Presentation**

In their presentation before audience, different speakers encouraged community members to try and use a combination of different prevention approaches to try and prevent the epidemic. Among guest speakers included the Secretary for Health Kayunga district, LC I, Sub county councilors, Cultural leaders and the RDC who was the guest of honor and declared closure of the event. The event was modulated by the district HIV focal person, Dr. Senoga Mubanda.



**Photo 7:** Dr. Senoga the district HIV focal person modulated the event. At the right: Guest of honor, the RDC Kayunga District.

Pupils of Kimooli UMEA primary school mainly girls warned communities against taking lives for granted by drinking alcohol, pre-marital sex, among others. The symposium was organized by District Health office with partnership with the Joint Action for Health and HIV/AIDS (JAHH).



**Photo 8:** Pupils of Kimooli UMEA presenting an HIV prevention song.

“Dear parents, young people, please have a heart of self control and consideration for the new generation and our communities. Use all possible means to prevent the spread of HIV. True love can be useful,” 12-year-old Mariam Nakiyuka said.

### **In conclusion**

The World AIDS Day, organized by DHO and JAHH observed December 9<sup>th</sup> 2013, is dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection. It is common to hold memorials to honor persons who have died from HIV/AIDS on this day. Government and health officials also observe the event, often with speeches or forums on the AIDS topics. The government of Uganda have followed suit and issued similar announcements.