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REPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN`S DAY HELD ON 8TH MARCH 2013 AT KAMYOKYA, CENTRAL KAMPALA.

Sicklecell Association of Uganda (S.A.U) is implementing a Maternal Health Project (MHP) In Mubende district that is funded by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) under the coalition of Voices for Health rights (VHR). Sicklecell Association of Uganda together with other members of VHR such as Mental Health Uganda (MHU), Uganda National Health Consumers Organisation (UNHCO), Action Group for Health Rights and HIV/AIDS (AGHA), Traditional and Modern Health Care Providers Against HIV/AIDS and Other Diseases (THETA), Epilepsy Support Association Uganda (ESAU), Health Action Group (HAG), Joyce Fertility Support Organisation (JFSC) and Reproductive Health Uganda (RHU) participated in the above celebrations that place at Kamyokya Christian Caring Centre Advocacy Office in Kamyokya Slum. S.A.U was represented by Ms.Nakanyike Annet and the whole event was coordinated by RHU and AGHA.

The activities held on that day included

- a) A march from Kamyokya Market down to the venue.
- b) Press conference

- c) Exhibition by VHR partners
- d) Health Education

S.A.U's participation in advocating for the rights of women in the community as evidenced in the photographs below;



Nakanyike Annet from Sickle cell Association Uganda, in a purple blouse and black skirt on the extreme right, Claire in white T-shirt from AGHA, Nancy in navy blue from Joyce fertility center, Syliveria UNHCO and lastly Allen on the extreme left in a green sweater from HAG.



Nakanyike Annet in the purple blouse during the press conference held on International Women`s Day. The main purpose was the calling upon government to invest in health so as to connect grassroots women to development.

The service providers included

Sicklecell Association of Uganda (SAU) exhibited materials on sickle cell disease in an effort to promote awareness of the disease. The materials included brochures of questions and answers about the inheritance of sicklecell disease in both Luganda and English Languages (a donation from East African Breweries Limited) and Brochures on sicklecell management in Luganda and English (developed with funds from the Institute of Optimising Health Outcome, Canada) together with books on sickle cell disease among others.

Counselling services were offered to some of the parents and patients of sickle cell disease.

Health education on sickle cell disease was given to participants that visited the SAU stall.

Reproductive Health Uganda (RHU) who provided family planning services and methods, Breast and Cervical Cancer and Infertility management.

Uganda Health Marketing Group (UHMG) provided voluntary HIV counselling and testing.

Nakasero Blood Bank conducted the blood donation exercise.

Achievements for SAU

SAU was able to take the service nearer to the people in the community instead of the community members having to look for them.

Eight (8) people received counselling services concerning sickle cell disease.

Thirty three (33) people received health education concerning Sickle cell disease during the exhibition.

Challenges

It rained heavily on that day and the event was a little destructed.

The turn up at the Association table was minimal as a result of the rain.

In conclusion it is very important in this era to bring services nearer to the people and hopefully in future Sickle cell Association will be able to offer screening services in communities concerning Sickle cell disease.

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