LET GIRLS BE GIRLS

UNFPA focuses on addressing the issues that disrupt the childhood of girls including gender-based violence (GBV), harmful social and cultural practices such as child marriage and female genital mutilation. We believe that all women and girls have the right to lead violence-free, dignified lives where they can be both in the pursuit of their aspirations.
- More than 1 in 5 women aged 15-49 have experienced violence at some point in their lives compared to men, with less than 1 in 10 (ODGJ 2014)

BOOKS BEFORE BABIES

UNFPA emphasizes keeping girls in school by addressing barriers to education and promoting access to appropriate education on reproductive health and rights to prevent teenage pregnancies and HIV. We empower young people and influence policy to ensure that they access quality education, age-appropriate sexual and reproductive health information and services.
- Ugandan teenage pregnancy rate is one of the highest in the world, stagnating between 24 and 25% in the last decade.
- Adolescent pregnancy contributes up to 20% of maternal deaths in Uganda (Ministry of Health, 2016)

WITH YOUTH

UNFPA works in young people in order to unlock their full potential, empowering them for innovation and social change. We support young people to become the most valuable refugee youth at different levels (local and white collar with skill-building, business training, mentoring, health services and information, creation of ideas, funding and resources to respond to development.
- Seventy-eight (78) percent of Uganda’s population are young people below 35 years.
- Young people, especially girls, are disproportionately affected by HIV—although it is prevalence among young people aged 15-24 years is 3.7 per cent, 5.9 times higher at 8.8 per cent among females aged 20-24 years

Impact

- 1,346 teachers trained on adolescent sexual and reproductive health
- Capacity of 271 health facilities was built to provide quality reproductive health services to young people.

In 2016, UNFPA supported the provision of family planning services generating over 50,000,000 occasions of protection, treating 3,000,000 unintended pregnancies.

In this year’s annual Global Barometer report, UNFPA has supported 360 girls to train as midwives. 226 have graduated, of which 247 have been recruited and are serving in health facilities.

GENERATION FOR GENERATION (G4G)

By bringing generations together, harnessing the wisdom of the elderly with the energies of the youth and tapping on the ingenuity of students with the diversity of views of decision-makers, UNFPA ensures that UNFPA policies that affect Uganda’s future.
- Uganda’s population has grown from 3.5 million in 1960 to 34.4 million in 2014. It is projected to reach 75 million by 2040.
- Children below 19 years constitute 50% of the population, contributing to a high dependency ratio of 52.3%.

Impact

- Supported the creation of three innovative mobile applications for young people to Kunyenyi Smith-Gold and The Zone, a funding platform for young social enterprises.
- A total of 14 young innovators have been supported with start-up investment to help scale their business concepts.
- Through the Youth Enterprise Development Program over 70,000 young people have been reached with health-related information and services including HIV and STI prevention.