

New Approach - YEM 2.0

The proposed new initiative, YEM 2.0 will integrate YEM and UpAccelerate. Under YEM 2.0 young people in enterprise including the most vulnerable refugee youth at different levels (blue and white collar) will be supported with skills building, business training, mentorship, health services and information, incubation, financing and resourcing to respond to development challenges.

The programme will target young people at all levels including the out of school, secondary school graduates and those from tertiary institutions. Successful young people from the previous programme (YEM and UpAccelerate) will be supported to provide mentorship and coaching to young innovators in both the formal and informal sector. The programme will be modular and can be modified to suit different challenge areas that are affecting young people in different regions of the country. This flexibility will allow for innovative solutions from youth entrepreneurs to be sourced to address context specific challenges that young people in Uganda face that may vary from region to region. This will foster sustainable growth, securing jobs and increasing competitive abilities for young people.



For scale up this model intends to integrate into the Government led youth livelihood initiatives like youth livelihood fund (Ministry of Gender Labor and Social Development) and Innovation Fund (Ministry of ICT) and national incubators such as Uganda Investment Authority (UIA), FinAfrica, Enterprise Uganda and others.

The approach will explore opportunities of working with academia to institutionalize the model.

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Youth Enterprise Model (YEM) 2.0

The Youth Enterprise Model (YEM) 2.0 leverages on Government of Uganda established initiatives to support youth livelihoods and innovation to ensure integration of health information and services. Young people, including the most vulnerable refugee youth at different levels will be supported with skills building, business training, mentorship, health services and information, financing and resourcing to respond to development challenges.

Background

According to the 2014 National Housing and Population Census about 78% of Uganda's population is made up of young people aged less than 30 years. In this large population of young people also lies opportunities for a demographic bonus, but only if appropriate social and economic investments are made in them now.

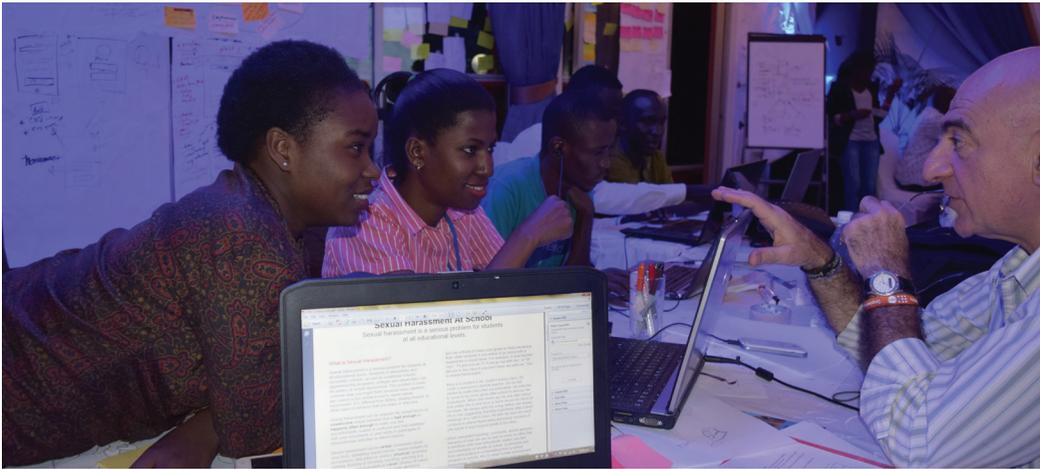
UNFPA Uganda is supporting the government of Uganda through local governments and civil society organizations to strengthen integration of sexual and reproductive health (SRH) information and services in youth enterprises

and promotion of livelihoods for out of school young people. UNFPA's contribution is premised on the fact that sexual and reproductive health is a major facilitator for economic empowerment. Innovation and creativity at UNFPA has been a corporate priority since 2014.

For the last five years UNFPA has been implementing the "Youth Enterprise Model" (YEM) and the "UpAccelerate" programme that focuses on young people. The "Youth Enterprise Model" is a programme by UNFPA where young people in business are targeted with health information and services to improve their well being while "UpAccelerate" supports young entrepreneurs with mentorship, training and seed funding to establish functional enterprises addressing health related challenges.

To strengthen the model of working with young people in enterprise, UNFPA proposes a new initiative that builds on the successes of YEM and UpAccelerate by integrating the target areas, methodologies and focus of the two models while taking advantage of other support mechanisms for young people in the country.



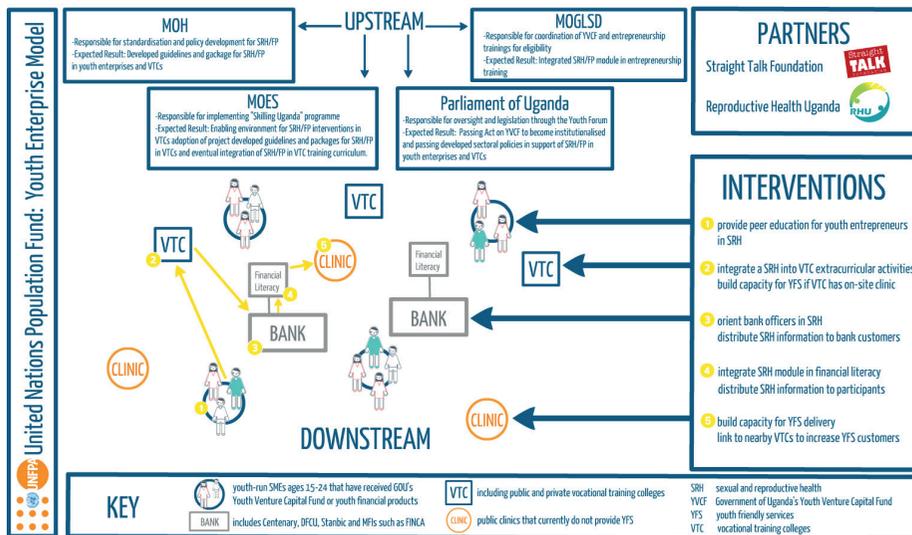


YEM Phase I

Under the current YEM programme, young people in Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and Vocational Training Institutions (VTI) are targeted with sexual and reproductive health information and services through institutions such as vocational training centers, financial organizations where young people access financial services and health facilities near youth

enterprises. YEM has seen over 70,000 young people reached with, health related information and services including HIV/STI prevention and prevention of teenage pregnancy. The programme has also overseen training of instructors in vocational training institutes and health workers from facilities near youth enterprises.

Youth Enterprise Model



UpAccelerate Phase I

The UpAccelerate programme sources innovative solutions to UNFPA related population and socio-economic challenges by tapping into networks of young entrepreneurs providing them with seed funding, mentorship and technical support to develop scalable and sustainable solutions during an acceleration cycle. The programme has involved close to 1000 young people and working with several regional universities in Uganda as well as different stakeholders including government Ministry of Information Communication Technology (ICT) who endorsed the UpAccelerate programme. The first cohort of youth enterprises (4) have successfully graduated from the programme during the first cycle and an additional cohort of youth enterprises (4) are due to graduate from the programme in September 2017.

Both YEM and UpAccelerate offer interesting learning and opportunities for adoption for replication in other areas in Uganda.

Innovation Accelerator- UpAccelerate



UpAccelerate: Sourced innovative solutions from young people focused on two areas namely:

- Logistics and supply chain - Improving demand and access to essential maternal health medicines & supplies in Uganda.
- Data - Improving the use of data in health care planning, monitoring, and delivery.