



## **MNYPA PROFILE**

#### Who We Are

Mbale Network of Young People Living with HIV/AIDS (MNYPA) is a District Network of UNYPA which exists to improve the quality of life for young people living with and affected by HIV in Eastern Uganda and its driven by the needs of young people and implements an evidence based advocacy. MNYPA is located on plot 35/39 on Maluku Road, Red Cross Mbale Branch in Mbale City.

MNYPA has its secretariat in Mbale, Eastern region which was established in 2017 to respond to HIV/SRHR/GBV needs of young people living with and affected by HIV to reduce new HIV infections, HIV stigma and Discrimination, Teenage Pregnancies and Gender inequality

MNYPA has 6 programmatic areas namely; Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, HIV prevention related stigma and discrimination, Evidence based advocacy, Gender based Violence, ICT and socio- economic empowerment.



#### **Our Vision**

Quality life for young people living with and affected by HIV.

#### **Our Mission**

To create a safe environment for young people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS to facilitate meaningful participation in Programs that improve the quality of their lives.

## Objectives.

- To network and collaborate with key strategic partner, government, communities and individuals at district, national, regional and international level.
- To tackle HIV stigma and discrimination among young peopleliving with HIV through advocacy for representation and inclusions.
- To address HIV, SRHR and SGBV through a number of key proven community interventions including Comprehensive curriculum based SRHR/GBV/HIV sessions, MNYPA Youth Hub, MNYPA young mother's forums at community andhealth facility level, Community safe space dialogues among others.
- To empower Young People with economic skills for self- reliance through partnerships.
- To create awareness on human rights, SRHR and legal framework affecting marginalized groups of people.

#### **Core Values**

- Honesty
  - Integrity
  - Transparency and accountability
  - Collective responsibility
  - Team work
  - Confidentiality

### **Geographical Focus**

MNYPA has its secretariat in Mbale Eastern Region but its geographical focus is the whole Eastern Region.

### **Our Target Groups**

### **Experience:**

MNYPA has a distinguished history of implementing gender-transformative initiatives that challenge deeprooted social norms and practices. Our collaborative partnerships with esteemed organizations like Power to Youth and Make Way programs have amplified our reach and impact in Eastern Uganda.

Central to our work is the "Heroes for Gender Transformative Action" project, supported by Amref Health Africa, Cordaid, and MIFUMI. This groundbreaking initiative aims to dismantle gender inequalities and promote gender-transformative actions, with a keen focus on improving the well-being of individuals and communities affected by HIV/AIDS.

## SRHR/GBV/HIV Service integration

MNYPA is committed to a holistic approach to healthcare, recognizing that young people living with HIV require comprehensive support that addresses not only their medical needs but also their safety and wellbeing. To achieve this, we have integrated Gender-Based Violence (GBV) awareness and prevention into all our SRHR, TB, and HIV programs.

Integrating GBV awareness and prevention into all SRHR/HIV/TB and Socio-economic empowerment programs, MNYPA aims to provide young people with a safe and supportive environment where they can access essential healthcare services while addressing the complex issue of GBV. Our commitment to this integrated approach reflects our dedication to the holistic well-being of young people living with HIV.

#### **Achievements:**

Collaborated with Uganda Network of Young People Living with HIV for comprehensive GBV training programs.

Integrated GBV awareness into Youth Hub, community safe spaces, health facility safe spaces, school clubs activities, and community outreaches.

Active participation in key district committees, including District Adolescent and Youth, District AIDS, District Human Rights, and District Extended Health Team committees.

Successful partnerships with the District Community and Probation Office and the Ministry of Gender, Labor, and Social Development to improve screening and referral processes for GBV using standardized tools.

Improved Human Resource, Programmatic and Financial management systems of MNYPA to effectively manage both donor and MNYPA initiatives.

Mbale Network of Young People Living with HIV/AIDS targets the most vulnerable who include, young people living and affected HIV including AGYWs and ABYM.



# **MNYPA Address**

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