



2023

*Our Year in Review
Mbare Network of Young People
Living with HIV/AIDS - MNYPA
Annual Report*

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MESSAGE FROM BOARD CHAIR.

Dear MNYPA Partners,

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I address you today. The past year has been a testament to the collective dedication and unwavering spirit that defines the Mbale Network of Young People Living with HIV.

Our shared vision of ensuring quality lives for young people living with and affected by HIV has been the guiding light in all our endeavors. The mission to create safe environments for their meaningful participation in life-improving programs is at the core of every decision and initiative. Together, we have achieved significant milestones. The impact of our programs, driven by a commitment to education, advocacy, and inclusivity, resonates deeply. It is heartening to witness the positive transformation in the lives of young individuals affected by HIV.

The strength of our organization lies in its unity. Our volunteers, staff, and partners have shown remarkable resilience in the face of challenges. The collaboration and shared commitment to our cause have been inspiring.

As we look to the future, your continued support remains pivotal. Your involvement, whether through advocacy, time, or resources, plays a crucial role in sustaining and expanding our impact. Together, we can shape a future where every young person living with or affected by HIV experiences a life of dignity and opportunity.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each member of our community. Your dedication to our cause has been instrumental in propelling the Mbale Network forward. Together, we are not just an organization; we are a family bound by a common goal.

As we continue this journey, let us face the future with optimism and determination. Our collective efforts have the power to create lasting change and improve the lives of young individuals in profound ways.

Thank you for your commitment to the Mbale Network of Young People Living with HIV. Together, let's build a future filled with hope, opportunity, and quality for all.



Mubeenzzi Yona
Board Chair



Mweru Peter
Executive
Director

Message from the Executive Director

Dear MNYPA Family,

Reflecting on the past year, it's clear that our collective pursuit of quality lives for young people living with and affected by HIV has fueled meaningful progress. Our mission, to create a safe environment where these young individuals can actively participate in programs enhancing their lives, remains the guiding force behind every endeavor.

Together, we've made strides toward realizing our vision. From fostering educational opportunities to advocating for inclusivity, each program has been a step closer to providing a better quality of life. The unwavering commitment of our community, volunteers, and partners has been instrumental in this journey.

Our commitment to creating safe spaces has ensured that young people affected by HIV can engage meaningfully in programs designed to uplift them. These safe environments have become catalysts for empowerment, resilience, and positive transformation.

As we envision even brighter tomorrows, your ongoing support is paramount. Whether through advocacy, volunteering, or contributions, your involvement propels us forward. Each one of you plays a vital role in shaping a future where the lives of these young individuals are marked by dignity, opportunity, and fulfillment.

In the face of challenges, our unity has been our strength. We are not just an organization; we are a family bound by a common purpose. Your belief in our mission fuels our determination to create lasting impact.

I express my deepest gratitude to each member of our family and the broader community. Thank you for being part of the Mbale Network of Young People Living with HIV. As we continue this journey, let's remain steadfast in our commitment to making a positive impact and building a future where every young person, regardless of their HIV status, experiences a life of quality.

Meet our Management Team



Mweru Peter
Executive Director



Nangoli Derick
Finance Manager



Naluwooza Phiona
Serwanga
Support Staff



Nabuzale Teddy Kevin
Psychosocial
Counselor



Mugide Divine Hop
Ass Program



Suuna Derick Ali
Assistant ICT



Isiko Ivan
ICT and Innovation
Officer



Mubendo Joseph
Programs Manager



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Human Resource

OUR CORPORATE 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.

CORE VALUES

- Integrity
 - Transparency and accountability
 - Collective responsibility
 - Team work
 - Confidentiality
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OUR FIVE BOLD STEPS TO BE VIBRANT, RESOURCEFUL AND CONNECTED

YOUNG PEOPLE

Make Young people our most valued asset.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Triple our income

VISIBILITY

Scale-up MNYPA's presence on the District map

QUALITY

Total quality management.

AGILITY

Establish fit-for-purpose Structures, systems, and processes.

Program Profile

2 Projects on-going

10 Beneficiary Sub counties and Divisions in Mbale.

09 Dedicated Staffs and Volunteers

25,734 Beneficiaries

\$25,037

Total Direct Program Budget

MNYPA PROGRAM FOCUS



HIV prevention, care, support and Treatment services



Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) Water, Sanitation and Hygiene



Adolescent and Youth Sexual Reproductive Health



Advocacy



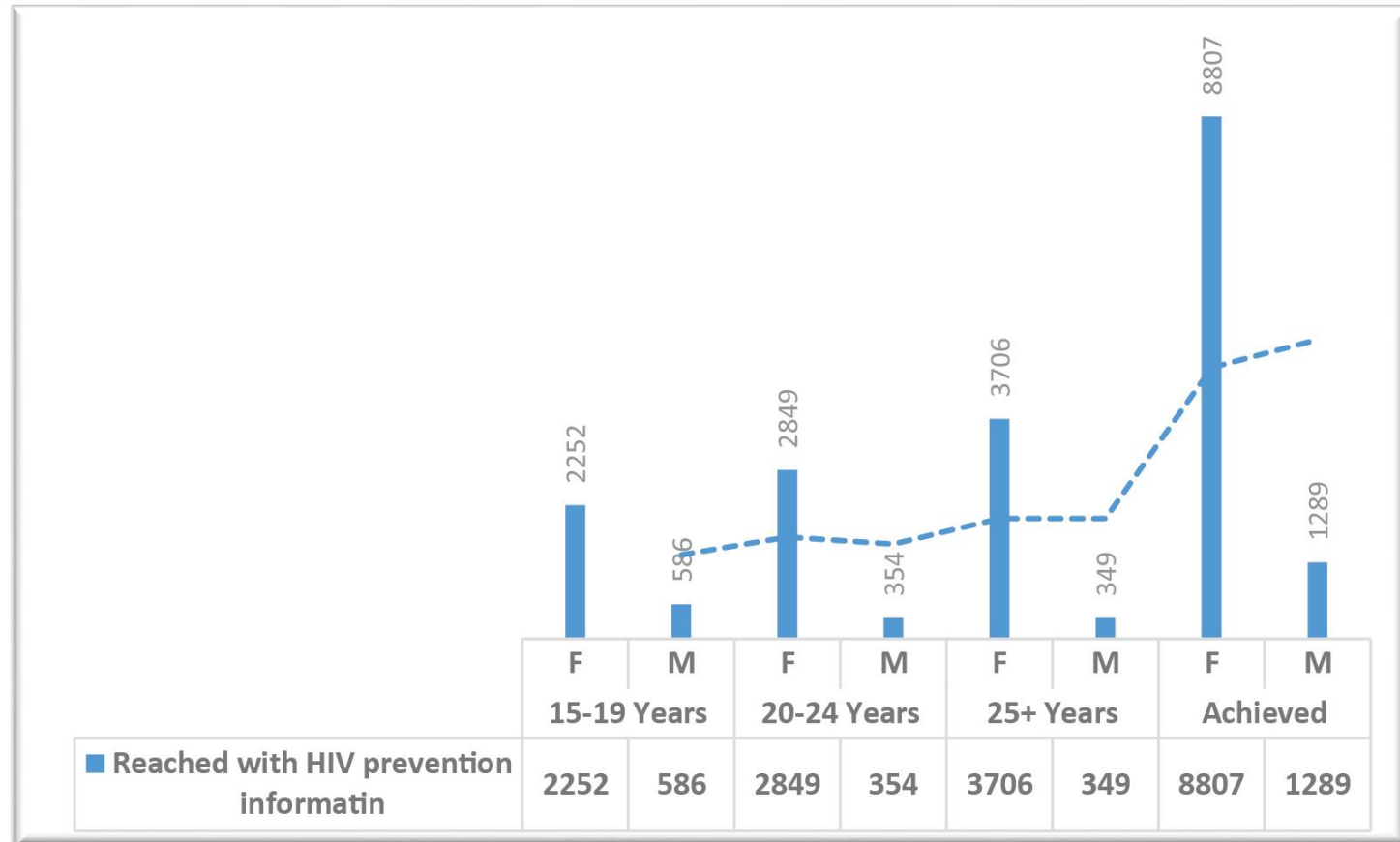
Mental Health

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1.0 HIV prevention, care, support and Treatment services

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Focus 2:

2.0 MATERNAL, NEWBORN AND CHILD HEALTH (MNCH) WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE 2.1 Young Mothers Forums to Advance safe Motherhood and Child Health

Conducted quarterly Intersection Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYWs) Young Mothers Forums both at health facilities and community level, with support from the District Health office and esteemed partners.

These forums were conducted by senior midwives, focused on providing basic information to young mothers aged 13-24 years on safe motherhood and child health, encompassing topics such as Family Planning, importance of attending antenatal clinics, breastfeeding, immunization, nutrition, and more. These informative sessions took place at Namatala HCIV, Nakaloke HCIII in Mbale City, and Jewa HCIII in Mbale district.

The initiative not only empowered these girls and women to make informed decisions about their reproductive health but also contributed to improved health outcomes for both themselves and their children. Additionally, there was an evident enhancement in the understanding of safe motherhood and child health services, leading to increased demand and utilization of these services in the selected health facilities we collaborated with as the QTR 4 DHIS2 data.

Young Mothers reached Per Sub county

Namatala 138

Nakaloke 37

Jewa TC 100



2.2. SINOVUYO Caring Family Program and Family Health Groups

Utilizing trained community-based peer facilitators on SINOVUYO caring family parents and teens, families are experiencing improved relationships with their teenagers, aiming to reduce the risk of child abuse both within and outside the home and promote a safer environment for adolescents.

Additionally, under the Family Health Groups initiative, community facilitators have persistently mobilized and sensitized women aged 15-49 on maternal health care, ANC services, nutrition, breastfeeding, personal hygiene, and family planning, including post-abortion care (PAC) across the program sub-counties .

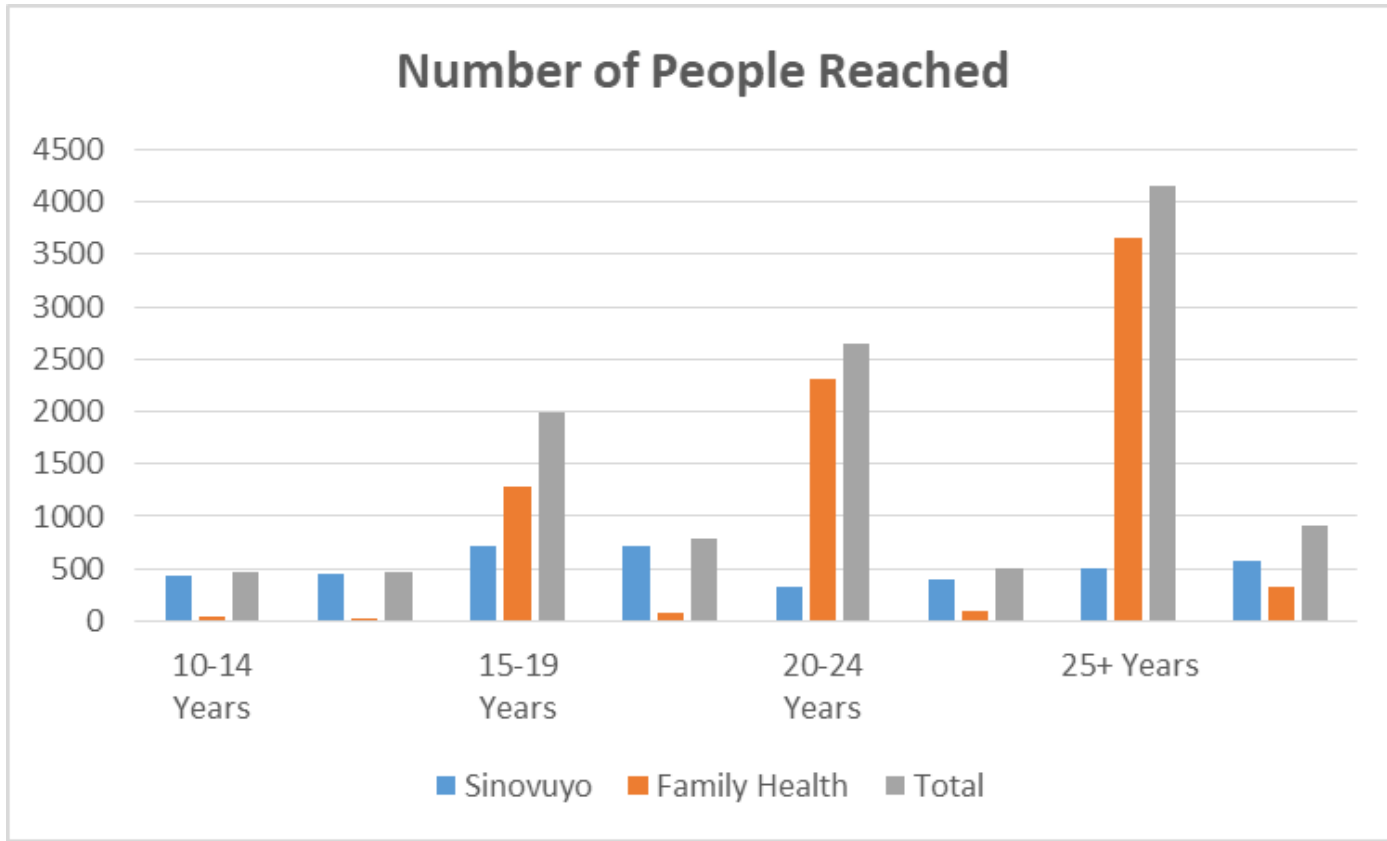
SINOVUYO peer facilitator in session at Bukende HCIII

Total Female Reached

9258

Total Male Reached

2651

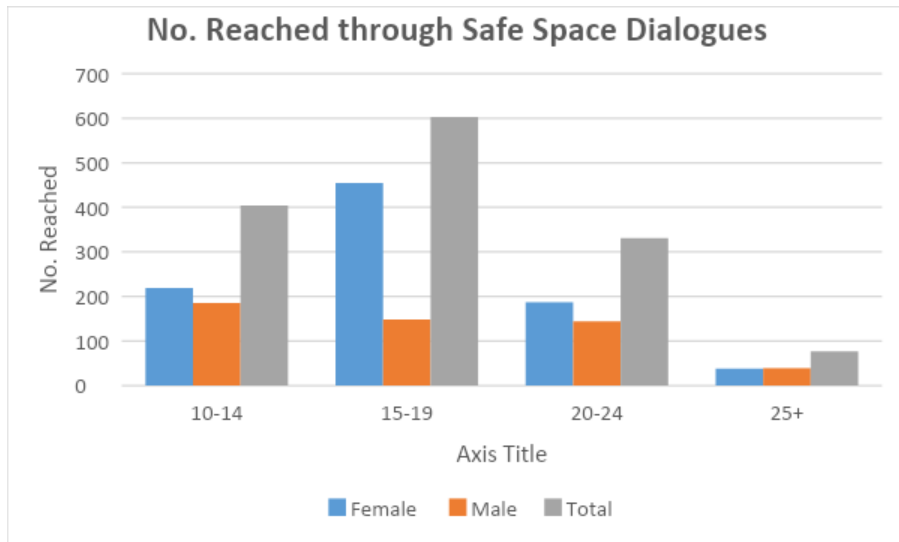


Focus 3:

3.0 Adolescent and Youth Sexual Reproductive Health

3.1 Safe Space Dialogues in schools.

During the reporting period, targeted curriculum-based safe space dialogues on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH), HIV, and Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) were successfully conducted in hard-to-reach sub-counties of Bufumbo, Wanale, Jewa, Bukiende, and Busiu in Mbale District, including Industria Division. Engaging schools like Bufumbo SS, Wanale SS, Bubentsye SS, Kama P/S, Jewa P/S, and others, these safe space dialogues provided age-appropriate SRH information to learners, fostering an improved understanding of Adolescent and Youth SRH services. Notably, each school, including those in Bukiende, Busiu, and Industrial Division, addressed challenges faced by young adolescents in accessing sexual reproductive health services through the development of issue papers. The commitment of key stakeholders, including Head teachers, Health facility in-charges, political leaders, and student leaders, underscores a collaborative effort to effectively respond to the identified issues, ensuring a comprehensive and impactful approach to our shared goals.



Safe Space Dialogue at Bubentsye Secondary School

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Dear friends at MNYP,

Masibo Zatiuna here, your head girl at Bubentsye Seed Secondary School, reaching out with gratitude from the heart. Our journey of transformation, guided by the Mbale Network of Young People living with HIV/AIDS (MNYP), has been nothing short of remarkable.

I can't help but reflect on the positive changes that have come in our community. The PTY program brought with it a renewed sense of empowerment. Lessons on Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH) and the creation of safe spaces became important moments in our collective growth.

Your collaboration with other partners like Wise Choices for Life and our school added practical skills, teaching us to make homemade sanitary pads. This not only addressed an immediate need but also empowered us with self-sufficiency—a gift that keeps on giving.

I want to express our deepest appreciation for the support provided by MNYP. Your involvement in our school has been transformative. The reduction in teenage pregnancy rates, the provision of menstrual sanitary pads to those in need, and the continued guidance within our safe spaces have made a tangible difference in our lives.

As the head girl, I witness the positive steps, the growing confidence, and the strengthened sense of community. Your contributions, hand in hand with the PTY program, have lit a path towards a brighter future for Bubentsye Seed Secondary School.

I extend our warmest thanks. Your commitment to our well-being and education is hope for us all.

Yours,
Masibo Zatiuna
Head Girl, Bubentsye Seed Secondary School.

3.2. Interschool Dialogues with societal Actors

Organized a compelling interschool dialogue in Mbale, involving young people both in and out of school, societal actors, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), and various Implementing local partners. This initiative aimed to advocate for meaningful inclusion in decisions concerning unintended pregnancies and Gender-Based Violence (GBV). The dialogue, which included political, religious, and cultural leaders, members of school management committees, and representatives from youth and women-led CSOs/CBOs, provided a platform to capture diverse opinions on the challenges associated with unintended pregnancies and GBV. The outcomes of the dialogue included securing commitments on various discussed issues.

A significant result of this engagement was the development of an issue paper addressing challenges related to unintended pregnancies and GBV. The issue paper outlined identified challenges, assigned responsible persons for addressing each challenge, and promoted inclusive decision-making involving all participants engaged in the dialogue.



**Head Girl
Bubestye SS**



REV: PATRICK WANZALA DURING THE INTERSCHOOL DIALOGUE

Youth Leaders Trained on SRH/HIV/GBV Service package for Adolescents and Youths



Wanyama Reagan- sharing experience during the youth fellowship

3.3 District level youth fellowships

Conducted Quarterly District Level Youth Leader's Fellowship on the Intersectional Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH), HIV and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Package for Adolescents and sub-counties of Bufumbo, Jewa TC, Wanale, and Bundwale in Mbale District. The fellowship involved the comprehensive training of youth leaders from the challenging terrains of Bufumbo, Budwale, Wanale, and Jewa Town Council on the intersectionality of SH, HIV, and GBV packages available for adolescents and young people. These equipped youth leaders are now proficient in making referrals for SH, HIV, and GBV services available at health facilities within their communities. The initiative has facilitated increased collaboration with sub-county and district stakeholders, establishing a concerted effort to address issues affecting young people both in and out of school.

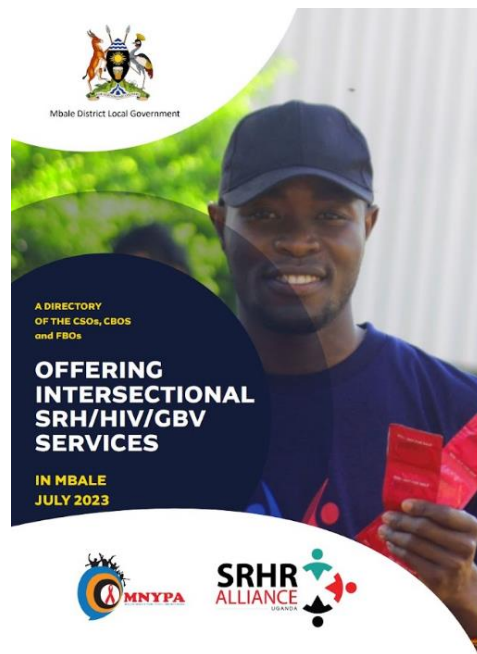


3.4 Mapping of CSOs, CBOs, and FBOs in Mbale District and Mbale City, providing friendly Adolescent and Youth Intersectional SRHR/HIV/GBV Services.

Conducted comprehensive mapping of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), and Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs) in Mbale District and Mbale City, providing accessible and friendly Adolescent and Youth Intersectional Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH), HIV, and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) services. This mapping initiative covered sub-counties including Bufumbo, Jewa TC, Wanale, Bundwale, Busano, Bukiende, Lukhonje, and Industrial and Northern City Divisions.

In this process, a total of 20 CSOs, CBOs, and FBOs were identified and mapped within the sub-counties of Bufumbo, Jewa, Budwale, Wanale, Busoba, Bukiende, Lukhonje, Bumasikeye, and Busano. These organizations play a crucial role in offering Intersectional SRH/HIV/GBV services specifically designed for young people in Mbale District.

As a result of this mapping initiative, a Referral Directory was developed and shared with the district and implementing partners to enhance the accessibility of services. You can access the Referral Directory here https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BYKX99U9sb_s8H_8lUEZxxxgwKmK1ZeY/view?usp=drive_link. This effort has contributed to improved coordination between partners implementing Intersectional SRH/HIV/GBV services and the Mbale District Local Government, fostering a collaborative approach to addressing the health needs of adolescents and youth in the region.



Referral Directory | FOCUS 4: 4.0 Advocacy Efforts

Mbale District Joint SMART Advocacy Family planning which increased budget allocation to SRH commodities upto 36M Uganda Shillings

Joint implementation of Advocacy events like Day of the African Child, Women Day, 16 days of Activism including World AIDS Day

Continuous presentation on District AIDS Committee, Human Rights, Child and wellbeing, Adolescent and Youth Health partners coordination committees.

Advocacy Moments

2023



Suuna Derrick Ali-Mr. Y+ Eastern Region Presenting statement on behalf of Young people during World AIDS Day



Patricia- YAPS from TASO Mbale Sharing her experience working with AGYWs during the Mbale District HIV Symposium.



Young People presenting issues affecting girls in school during Day of the African Child



Mbale District SMART Advocacy Team



Joseph Mubendo

Staff of the Year

We are delighted to recognize Joseph Mubendo as our Staff of the Year for his outstanding contributions to the success of MNYPA. Joseph played a pivotal role in the Programs Department, where his expertise and dedication were instrumental in implementing tools for effective reporting and tracking of MNYPA projects' impact. His commitment to enhancing efficiency and transparency has significantly contributed to the overall success of our initiatives. Joseph's innovative approach and tireless efforts exemplify the spirit of excellence we value at MNYPA.



To all our donors and Stakeholders

Thank you

*your support makes it possible
for Mbale Network of Young People Living with HIV/AIDS - MNYP
to achieve on its mandate*



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ABOUT US

Mbale Network of Young People Living with HIV/AIDS (MNYPA) is a regional network which exists to improve the quality of life for young people living with and affected by HIV in Eastern Uganda and it's driven by the needs of young people and implements an evidence based advocacy.

We are Located at Uganda Red Cross Mbale Branch, Plot 35/39 Maluku Drive, Mbale City Division, Mbale City. MNYPA was established in 2017 to respond to Sexual Reproductive Health Rights needs of young people living with and affected by HIV, Teenage Pregnancy, Gender inequality, Sexual Gender Based Violations and health problems against marginalized Groups of young people.

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