



AGRICULTURE, WATER, HEALTH

NEW PROSPECTS FOR RURAL YOUTH IN UGANDA

Uganda has one of the youngest populations in Africa, with an average age of less than 16 years. 80% of the unemployed are youth. The country faces significant challenges in meeting the needs of the youth. Especially in rural regions, young people have hardly any career prospects, little access to age-appropriate services and find weak infrastructures. The TeamUp program aims to demonstrate that a multisectoral approach can efficiently create attractive and healthy living conditions for young people in rural areas.

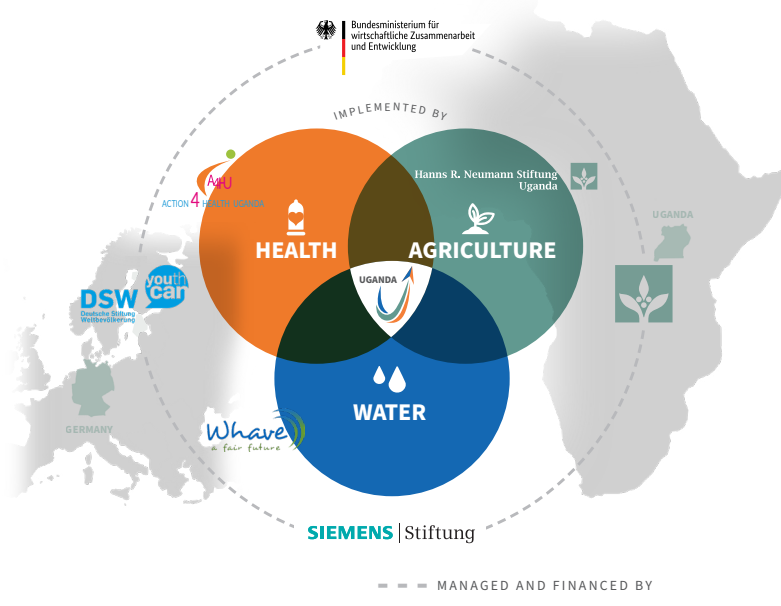
AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

TeamUp is an innovative approach to development cooperation to reach better, more sustainable results for more people. Together with the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the three German foundations Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW), Hanns R. Neumann Stiftung (HRNS) and Siemens Stiftung are collectively aiming at improving the prospects of youth in rural areas of East Africa. TeamUp integrates economic, social, sanitary, pedagogical and infrastructural components to address the complex challenges and needs of over 50.000 rural youths aged 15 to 30 years. On the ground the program is implemented by the three partner organizations Action 4 Health Uganda, Hanns R. Neumann Stiftung Uganda and Whave Solutions, focusing on the three key areas agriculture, water and health. TeamUp is implementing its first program phase 2018-21 in Mityana District, Uganda.

In Mityana 25% of the population is youth between 20-39 years, totaling in 83.000 young women and men. Due to Mityana's proximity to Kampala city, rural – urban migration is a major problem. This leads to missed development opportunities for both the youth and the district. Youth need to be equipped with the right skills in order to fulfil their potential in a rural context.



‘Health, water and agriculture is what sustains the living. If you abandon one, it means that there is something missing.’
 — THADDEUS BUGEMBE, 24 YEARS



HOW THIS IS DONE

Base of the work is a joint field office in Mityana shared by the three implementing partners. The work is coordinated by the PCU (Program Coordination Unit). From here, the different joint field activities are planned, coordinated, put into action and evaluated. This includes, among others, the setup and support of

Youth Empowerment Centers (YEC) in which young people come together to discuss and work on the different TeamUp topics.

'YECs have been perceived as positive by the different sides. Youth groups are no longer strictly divided by topics like health and agriculture and saving but are meshing.' – CEVAL MIDLINE STUDY, 2021

RESULTS (APRIL 2021)

Since the program started, it reached 50.000 youth

5.700+

OF THEM HAVE ACCESS TO ARABLE LAND

6.000+

YOUTH IN YOUTH FARMER FIELD SCHOOLS (40% FEMALE)

51.000+

YOUTH RECEIVED INFORMATIONS ABOUT SRH

21.000+

YOUTH TESTED ON HIV

150

HAND PUMP ATTENDANTS TRAINED (50% FEMALE)

88

COMMUNITIES NOW HAVE WORKING WATER SUPPLY



'In two years' time, I want to be an advocate that speaks out about the issues faced by the youth in my sub-county.'

— FATUMAH IMANET, 26 YEARS

FOCUS AREAS

HEALTH

Supporting young people's access to Sexual Reproductive Health services as well as advocating for a youth friendly agenda on decision making platforms.

AGRICULTURE

Improving young people's livelihoods through Agribusiness and supporting them to access financial services as well as gender mainstreaming.

TEAMUP RADIO HOUR DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit Uganda, daily life came to a standstill even here. The well-established cooperative network of TeamUp was able to react quickly to adapt to the new situation. Messenger connections or urgent field visits like for borehole maintenance and agronomic advice became key contact points. To increase the reach beyond that, within few weeks a weekly radio show was setup and produced remotely to continue to reach the youth with the TeamUp topics and to address their burning questions. Aired on the regional station Sun FM, the show reached even broader audiences than the usual TeamUp groups.

WATER

Supporting young people's access to clean and safe water with a short reliability as well as adoption of proper hygiene and sanitation practices.

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