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Elation, hope and optimism could be seen in the eyes of the youth as they shared their success stories under TeamUp Uganda with the Mityana Local Government Technical teams.





“As a teacher in a private School, I was so much affected by the lock down. However, I got a chance and was called to be trained on how to make Liquid Soap. My husband did not like it but I went on. Later after trying, I had got skills and now I can easily make Liquid soap and sell. Although my husband abandoned me, I can earn a living,” Faridah Nalukenge from Malangala Sub County narrated.

Nalukenge was one of the Youth who gave positive testimonies at MakanHill hotel, during the ceremony for the closure of the three-year Pilot Project.

“Team up has become my family and I am happy,” she added. Nalukenge said she started with Fifty thousand shillings but has got more and is soon employing others, as her project is expanding.

For Ronald Nsubuga of Mpongo in Banda Sub County, his narration was cut short as he only asked the gathering to clap for team up.

“Team Up has contributed a lot to my life and the life of many other youth...” he said.

Through Team Up, youth have also received loans amounting to over One Hundred and thirty-Five million Shillings (Ug. Shs. 135M) which money is enabling them to engage in different income generating activities.

Andrew Eric, the loans coordinator explained that they had three loans coordinating committees through which they offered the money to the youth in particular communities.







“We first train them, follow them up and then give out the money. This helps to ensure that money is used well,” he says.

In this scheme, the youth are only given loans to engage in Businesses that are within the reach of these communities and of which they have enough knowledge and skills.



District Leaders are grateful also for the interventions of TeamUp Uganda, saying they have helped them to touch the lives of the Youth.

“Giving someone skills, guidance and even capital is very great. I pray that our beneficiaries put in practice what they are taught and make good use of what is given to them,” Sulait Mambo, the Chairperson of the Production Committee at the district said.

As the pilot phase of the intervention is coming to an end, the next few months, they will be emphasizing on Structure Strengthening for Sustainability.





2 Value addition facilities are soon completed and will be handed over to the youth for management who will form committees that make the decisions on services of the facility. The facilities will concentrate on maize value addition.

The low cost irrigation tools have been handed over to the youth, who are able to put them to so that they are not severely affected by the climate changes we are observing lately.







TeamUp is a new multi – sectoral approach to development cooperation initiated by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and managed as well as co-financed through the three foundations of Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW), Hanns R. Neumann Stiftung (HRNS) and Siemens Stiftung.

The program unites the expertise, networks and resources of three local organizations, namely; Action 4 Health Uganda (A4HU), Hanns R. Neumann Stiftung Africa (HRNS) and Whave Solutions implementing in the multi sectors of Health, Agriculture as well as Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH). Tackling the complexity of challenges faced by young people, TeamUp applies a holistic approach that integrates socio-economic, health, educational and infrastructural aspects to reach 50.000 in-school and out of school youth between the ages of 15-30 years and their families in Mityana District, Central Uganda. Specifically, in five sub counties of Bbanda, Bulera, Malangala, Kalangaalo and Maanyi.

