

World Day Against Child Labour report



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Introduction

Uganda Government is faced with the challenge of elimination of child labour in the country. Child labour contributes to a violation of the rights of children to education and protection and it is putting at risk the country's progress by limiting the potential of its work force in terms of education. Child labour has dire consequences on the quality of education of the victims since either they do not attend school or their schooling suffers long hours dedicated to work. The incidences of poverty, HIV/AIDS, orphanhood and armed conflicts have contributed immensely to child labour in the country.



The photo above shows one of the activities during the commemoration of the world day against Child labour at RYDA centre

Rubaga Youth Development Association (RYDA) with the support from **ILO/IPEC -Uganda** has managed to make new strides to improve the lives of children who were involved in hazardous working conditions and those who were at the verge of entering into child labour.

The pilot project which commenced in March 2010 has seen many activities done targeting RYDA beneficiaries through provision of scholastic materials, school uniforms and Income Generating Activities (IGA*s)

Many of these activities have started bearing fruits though many challenges faced by working children remain in the domain. There is still need to involve key stake holders to fully participate and make tangible decisions which leads to meaning full elimination and reduction of child labour indices in our communities and in the country.

Clarity on the already existing policies and coming up practical ordinance in the fight against child labour not forgetting the improvement of community services which addresses the children and family household needs. Poverty in many of our communities is still rampant, which leads to some of these households to surrender their children for cheap labour to meet their basic needs

As the result of the above mentioned problems there was a need to come together and commemorate the **World Day against Child Labour**. RYDA this year chose another sub theme which was “**Fighting Child Labour is our responsibility**” with an overall aim of targeting the local leaders at all levels to lobby and request them to come up with by-laws and ordinances to fight child labour at their communities.

This function attracted the Child labour committee members(**CCLC's**), chairpersons of **LC1, LCII LCIII**, Opinion leaders, Head teachers of partner schools and neighbouring schools where scream activities are being implemented



**The chairman LCV Wakiso District addressing the participants at the function
With him is the Director-RYDA and DCDO Wakiso District**

Programme day activities

The sun shining so bright in the skies, it provided a great weather that day. Entertainment was at it's at most, presentation from different participating schools made the celebration so vivid. However, besides the business and entertainment of the day, the day was characterised by the following activities;

In the early morning at 7:00 am, the ceremony started with the matching from Kalambi Junior School to the RYDA centre.

World Day against Child Labour is always celebrated on the 12th of June every year. But RYDA and all other three implementing agencies like **UYDEL, HUYSLINK, and KIN** under ILO/IPEC/SNAP Project decided to commemorate it on the 10th of June 2011. As we celebrated the **World Day against Child Labour** the theme of the day was **“Together we can Stop Hazardous Child Labour”**.

On that memorable day RYDA invited a number of guests like the District Program Assistant (DPA) Mr. Byagagaire Bernard, District Community Development Officer (DCDO) Mrs. Nakubulwa Zainah, L.CIII Vice chairperson Wakiso sub-county Justine Kanyike Nalongo, Head teachers, Community Child Labour Committee members (CCLC's) and our partner schools of Kyebando UMEA Primary School, Peace Primary School Nakedde, Gayaza Light Primary school Malangaata, Christian Focus Grammar Budaali, Gimbo primary school and Buloba C/U primary school.

Programme Activities of the Day

Time	Activity/Item	Responsible	Remarks
6-7am	Arrival of the invited schools	RYDA Project staff	
7-8am	Procession marching from Kalambi primary school	Police and RYDA team	
8-8.30am	Arrival of the invited guests (District, Sub-county Officials, teachers and parents)	RYDA Project staff	
9am	Arrival of the chief guest	RYDA Project staff	
9.05am	National anthem	RYDA Project staff	
9.07am	Buganda anthem	RYDA Project staff	
9.10am	Prayer	RYDA Project staff	
9.15am	Entertainment from schools	RYDA Project staff	
11.00am	Speech by schools representatives	Head teacher Gimbo	
11.30am	Speech by CDO	CDO Namayumba S/C	
12.00-1.30pm	Lunch	RYDA project Team	
2-3.30pm	Entertainment from schools	RYDA Project Team	
3.30pm-4pm	Speech by the child labour committee members (CCLCs)	ChairpersonCCLC Namayumba S/C	
4.05pm	Speech by the Executive Director RYDA	Project team	
4.10pm	Entertainment from schools	Project team	
4.30pm	Speech by ILO/IPEC officials, District officials, L.C. III representatives	Project team	
4.35pm	Speech by program Co-ordinator RYDA	Director-RYDA	
4.40pm	Entertainment from schools	Project coordinator	
5.00pm	Speech by chief guest	Director	
7.00pm	Departure	RYDA team	

Remarks from Invited Guests

Speech by the Vice chairperson of Wakiso sub-county, Wakiso District during the commemoration of the World Day against child labour

Ladies and gentlemen, invited Guests

Our dear Children Present

The chief Guest

On behalf of Wakiso sub-county, I wish to express Gratitude for inviting me and fellow councillors to participate in this memorable day.

Today, as we celebrate the World Day against Child Labour, we should consider the fact that globally about 115 million Children are involved in hazardous work.

This is work that by its nature in which it is carried out, is likely to harm children's health, safety or morals.

Hundreds of thousands of Ugandan girls and boys are engaged in work that deprives them of adequate education, health, leisure and basic freedoms, violating their rights.

Most of these children are exposed to the worst forms of child labour such as work in unsafe environments like waste collection, maids, and other forms of forced labour, illicit activities such as drug abuse and prostitution.

For instance at Kiteezi collection site on Gayaza Road, go to the markets our children are there doing donkey (heavy) work, they eat badly and to make it worse many of them have nowhere to sleep (they sleep on the streets).

The International Labour Organisation with the help of Organisation like Rubaga Youth Development Association (RYDA) and others have targeted up to 2016 as period within which to eliminate risky work and other forms of child labour.

But this call for the urgent action that involve parents and everyone irrespective of your level to counter this challenge for the country to get rid of labour for it deprives us of future leaders.

I believe that the commemoration of World Day Against Child Labour for the year 2011 will provide us a spotlight on hazardous child labour, and call for urgent action to tackle the problem.

There is need for urgency in identifying and tackling child labour, as important means to make progress on the global goal of eliminating the worst forms of child labour; scaling up local level efforts against all forms of child labour through education, social protection and strategies to promote decent and productive work for youth and adults.

I want to ask my fellow parents to work towards setting good examples and guidance to the youngsters to appreciate need to grow into responsible and productive citizens.

I also wish to appeal to parents to make use and support the free government sponsorship programmes that are universal education programme which is now up to Advanced level and also at the University.

I wish to commend Rubaga Youth Development Association for the initiative to help out communities to sensitise our youngsters on life skills, as the sub-county council, we pledge to work hand in hand to give more support.

Teachers various school around the sub county we commend your great job but please work with RYDA to enhance the education level and let schools emulate RYDA's life skills development.

I thank you so much

For God and My Country

Justine Kanyike Nalongo.

Remarks from the Director of Rubaga Youth Development Association (RYDA)

Our guest of honour
Hon members of parliament
LC V Executive members and councillors
District technical staff
LC III Executive and councillors
Members and representatives of the NGO
Community
All invited guests
Ladies and gentlemen

We as the Rubaga Youth Development Association (RYDA) always rejoice your presence when you are called upon to attend our function. Indeed it is a pleasure to host you here today.

On behalf of RYDA Board, Staff, Students and community partners, I welcome you all here at RYDA Vocational Center to yet another commemoration of World Day against Child Labour for Wakiso District for the year 2011 as we are about to end the SNAP pilot project. This also gives an opportunity to Visit our Center establishments and critically analyze our strength and weakness. The feedback you give us after the visit gives us an opportunity to reflect on them and change for the better to serve our clients and community with better programs.

Also let me take this opportunity to extend and Congratulate our LCV chairman Wakiso District for successfully attaining this Office. As we commemorate this day in Wakiso District, we are proud to celebrate for the few developments and activities towards the elimination of child labour in Wakiso District .Indeed we have 4 implementing agencies namely; **RYDA, HUYSLINK, KIN and UYDEL** covering nine sub-counties of the Wakiso District were over 300 children are being targeted with direct support.

Our guest of honour, RYDA with the financial support from ILO/IPEC Uganda and technical support from Wakiso district technical support and local leaders at sub-county, parish and village levels, we have managed so far to target 500 children and 75 households with IGAS. Am proud to tell you that at least 85% of our expected out puts have been reached.

Since 2010, RYDA has managed to make new strides to improve the lives of those children working in hazardous conditions and those who were at the verge of entering into child labour. We have managed to change them by providing vocational skills training were 50 former child labourers have benefitted in differently. The so called impossible of the world into meaningful and potential citizens of the country. Our guest of honour, despite our intervention child labour still exists in Wakiso District, we now call upon Wakiso District leaders at all levels to come up with By-laws at all levels to prevent this problem. The intervention so far carried out is of pilot nature creates a dilemma. With the support we got from ILO/IPEC Uganda to pilot, some lessons have been learnt and there is need to strengthen our partnership with the District, sub-counties and parishes and to tap the available resources at these levels to see that the work so far done is continued.

We need to salute Wakiso District for the support they have given to our organization through the District Community Development office. With the District support RYDA secured hairdressing and electrical equipments/tools from PCY.

We are very grateful and we request the District to continue working with our institution to strengthen our center and community programmes in order to enhance a good life among our targeted communities in Wakiso District especially the youth and children. We want to assure you that we will always share experiences and be accountable to our supporters' partners and the community where we work.

I wish you all the best as we commemorate this day.

Shalom
Geoffrey Steven Kyeyune
Executive Director-RYDA

Remarks from the chairman LC V

The guest of honour extended special thanks to ILO/IPEC and civil society working in the District for supporting the Wakiso Community.

He also thanked the Rubaga Youth Development Association for the function and fully involving the target community, children and stake holders in the fight against child labour.

He promised his District's support in the coming up with ordinances and by-laws to help in fighting child labour. He also said that he is in the process of formulating the human right committee to address key issues highlighted by the speakers and the children.

Am impressed with the way children were expressing their needs and future aspiration these children need our support especially the leaders and parents he concluded.



Excitement was indeed necessary after a successful function the photo tells it all

Pictorial View of World day against Child Labour



Raining didn't stop the marching



The school choir leader had the best voice one could enjoy listening to



“Give me the opportunity and see what I can do best”



Dancing spiced the day



Children at end of the day had their chance to prove what they have in store

Conclusion

We want to extend our sincere appreciation to RYDA donors and partners for the support without which this function would not have been possible. We can't forget to thank the RYDA team for the function well organised. To our district leaders and technical staff your endless advice and technical input to our organisation is highly appreciated.

We also thank the Head teachers and the children for accepting your schools to participate in the function.