

Hello Dearest Reader,

Welcome to the second quarter edition of the SRHR Spotlight Newsletter!

This quarter has been marked by renewed commitment, impactful collaborations, and bold steps toward advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) for all, especially the most vulnerable populations.

From community outreaches and youth engagement to policy advocacy and service delivery, RHU has continued to champion access, equity, and dignity across Uganda.

In this issue, we highlight key milestones achieved between April and June 2025, showcase stories from the communities we serve, global advocacy stages we have conquered, engagements we have been part of, and the events we are excited about.

As always, we are grateful to our stakeholders, donors, and dedicated staff whose fireless efforts make this progress possible.

Together, we remain steadfast in our vision of a Uganda where everyone enjoys their SRHR.

Enjoy the read and thank you for walking this journey with us.



The Unfinished Business

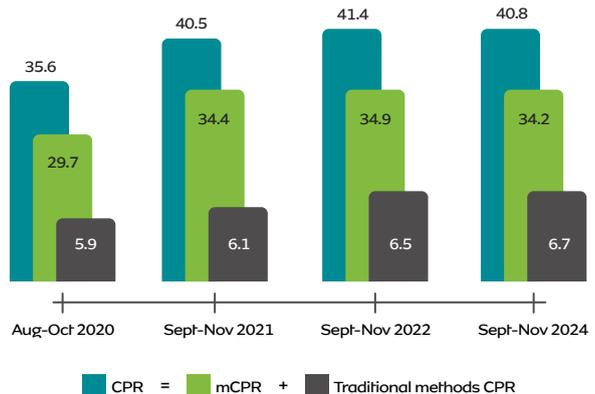
As we commemorate World Population Day, we need to draw back and contemplate. Borrowing from the global theme, "Investing in Girls' Education and Empowerment," have we done enough?

We know that Women's empowerment and reproductive rights play a key role to economic growth, prosperity and sustainable practices.

Flash back, in 2021, the Pearl of Africa embarked on a new journey. A journey to increase the modern contraceptive prevalence rate (mCPR) for all women from the then **30.4%** to **39.6%** by 2025 (or for married women from **38.7%** in 2020 to **46.6%** in 2024); with the goal of reducing teenage pregnancy from 25% in 2020 to 14% by 2024, among others.

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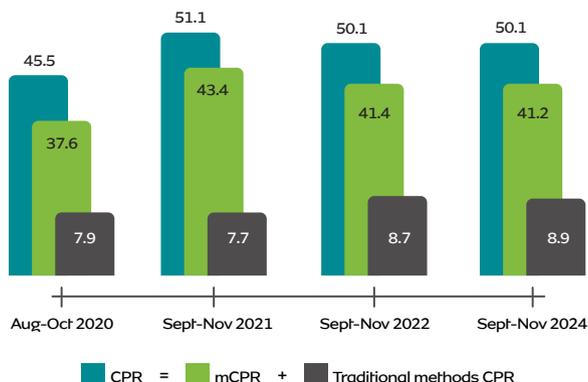
It's 2025. And the backbreaking question, have we done enough or how are we faring?

At the beginning of the quarter, in April, Uganda's Makerere University School of Public Health in collaboration with the Ministry of Health released the Performance Monitoring for Action (PMA) National Family Planning Survey findings.

The survey, conducted in September to November 2024 indicates that we have registered a snail-pace progress in the country's family planning indicators in the last four years. The mCPR for married women is below the target at 41.2% compared to the target of 46.6% by 2025. And mCPR for all women is at 34.2% compared to the target of 39.6%. The numbers are worse for adolescents ages 15 – 19 years, at 13.9%.

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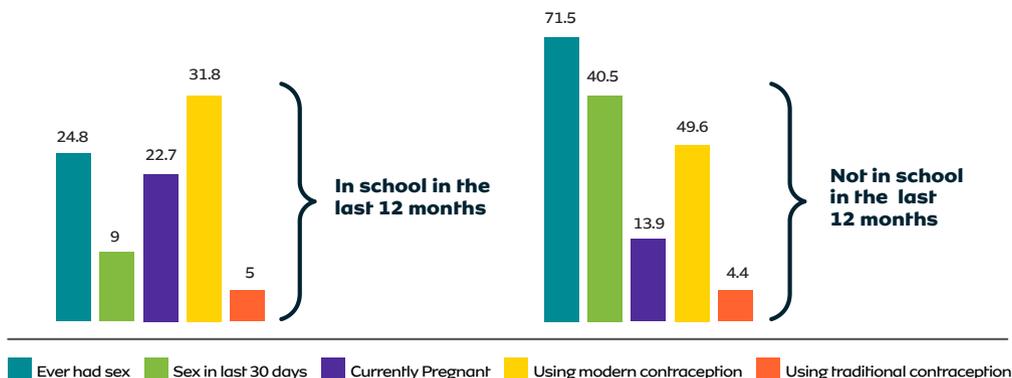


The survey indicates a gap in the quality of FP services received by clients. Only 45% of clients are told about side effects, what to do about side effects, of other methods, and possibility of switching methods. Adolescent users are most disadvantaged, with only 35.2% told about side effects, what to do about side effects, of other methods, and possibility of switching methods.

Talk of unintended pregnancy, again adolescents are more deprived. While as 41.6% of women in Uganda report having unintended pregnancy, it's almost 60% for adolescents aged 15 – 19 years.

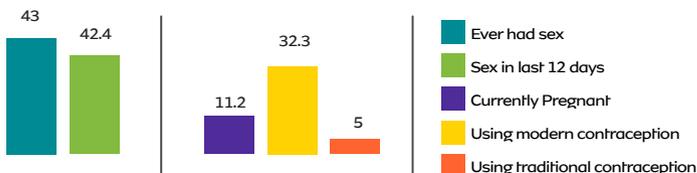
The sad fact is that 43% of adolescents are sexually active. Of the sexually active adolescents, only 32.3% are using a modern contraceptive.

PERCENT SEXUALLY ACTIVE AND CONTRACEPTIVE USE-ADOLESCENTS (15-19YRS): BY SCHOOLING STATUS, 2024



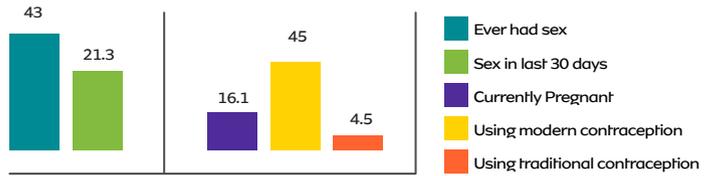
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And of the sexually active adolescent, 42.4% have had sex in the last 12 months, of which 11.2% are pregnant. And yet 21.3% of adolescents who have had sex in the last 30 days, 16.1% are pregnant.



PARCENT SEXUALLY ACTIVE AND CONTRACEPTIVE USE-ADOLESCENTS (15-19YRS): 2024

Out of school adolescents are more sexually active at 71.5% and 13.9% are pregnant, compared to only 24.8% of adolescents who are sexually active of those in school.



The survey indicates that stock outs are higher in 2024 than 2022, with 26% of facilities stocked out in 2024, compared to 16% in 2022. Main reason for stock-out in public facility is that 61.6% of facilities ordered commodities but did not receive them, and 11.6% ordered but did not receive the right quantities. Non-receipt of placed orders for contraceptive commodities was high in public at 62% compared to private facilities at 36%.

The fact that there is slow progress, despite increased investment, as we commemorate World Population Day 2025, we need to step back and reflect:

- 1 Why adolescent users of services received a low deal!
- 2 Why high number of adolescent users, 58.4%, have unintended pregnancies/births

- 3 Why worsening stock out of commodities over the years!
 - 4 Why more than 60% of public facilities place orders for commodities but receive not
- Subsequently, we need not to get weary of pointing out and/or prioritising and increasing investments to:

- 1 Empower women and enhance education of the girl-child
- 2 Address young people's specific needs and barriers
- 3 Address misconceptions, cultural barriers, and provider biases
- 4 Strengthen health systems and improving the quality and accessibility of services
- 5 Ensure access and availability of services, especially in rural areas

Strengthening Northern Uganda's Climate Change Resilience

A powerful wave of hope and determination is sweeping across Northern Uganda. In a region long scarred by climate shocks, displacement, and conflict, four frontline districts—Kitgum, Lamwo, Karenga, and Kaabong—have come together to launch the Strengthening Community-Based Climate Adaptation in Uganda and South Sudan (STRENGTH) Project. This initiative aims to rebuild resilience from the ground up, lighting a new path for communities on the frontlines of climate vulnerability.

Backed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark and implemented by a consortium—including Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Denmark, Welthungerhilfe, the Danish Family Planning Association (DFPA), Reproductive Health Uganda (RHU), and ADRA Uganda—the STRENGTH Project will span from March 2025 to August 2027, anchoring its work in local solutions to global crises.

"This project is not just timely—it is essential. It will build lasting resilience among our people who are grappling with the harsh realities of climate change each day," said Arwai Walire, LCV Chairperson of Kitgum District at the launch of the project.



The STRENGTH Project is grounded in three outcomes including: equipping local authorities to anticipate and respond to climate and conflict risks; promoting climate-smart agriculture and sustainable resource management through supporting demonstration farms on thousands of hectares; and elevating voices of more than 4000 women, ensuring their access to services, leadership, and protection.

"This project is not only necessary. It comes at a time when our communities face pressure from and climate-related emphasised Odong LCV Chairperson District.

RHU Executive Jackson Chekweko other approaches



relevant—it is a time when our escalating displacement shocks," Madiki, Vice of Lamwo

Director added, "Unlike that focus solely

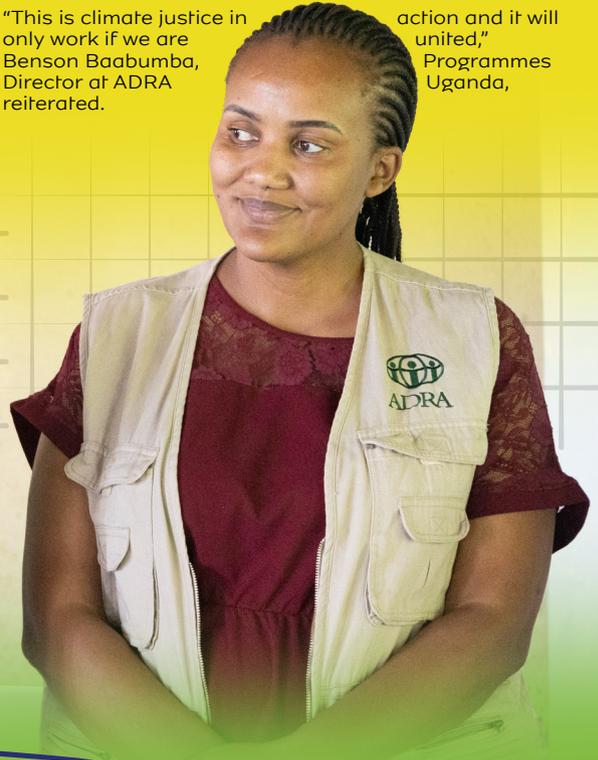
on emissions and conservation, RHU addresses the human face of climate change—how it directly affects health, particularly SRHR..."

In Kaabong district, a new theme took centre stage: ownership. In this rugged terrain of vast pastoral plains, district leaders made one thing clear—lasting change must be driven by the people, not for them.

"Projects may come and go—but their impact remains with the people. Let's take ownership," Francis Lomodo, District Speaker urged his fellow district leaders.

"This is climate justice in only work if we are Benson Baabumba, Director at ADRA reiterated.

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When Policy Meets the People

It wasn't just another diplomatic visit. It was a journey into the heart of Uganda's struggles, strength, and unspoken stories—a journey that peeled away policy papers and statistics to reveal real faces, real challenges, and real hope.

In a gesture of solidarity and shared commitment, a delegation from European Union Parliament traversed Uganda as part of a study tour, co-hosted by RHU and the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (EPF). Over the course of one week (mid-April), the delegates confronted a profound truth: access to sexual and reproductive health and rights can be the line between merely surviving and truly thriving.

At a stakeholders' dialogue in Kampala, Dr Jotham Musinguzi, RHU Board Member, called for steadfast advocacy saying, "Even when political winds shift, we must remember—investing in SRHR is investing in human dignity, equity, and development."

That call was echoed by Kalorine Andrzejewska, EU Delegate to Uganda. "With three-quarters of the population under 30, the time to act is now. SRHR isn't just a health issue—it is the future," she said.

During the study tour, the delegates visited the different sites including: Bwaise, one of Kampala's largest and most overcrowded slum settlements, Tororo, Busia and Namayingo where they interacted with district leaders, community members who shared their stories of resilience.

Back in Kampala, at Kawala Health Centre IV, the delegation witnessed maternal health under pressure—30 births a day, over 200 women in line for antenatal care. And yet, what stood out wasn't the crisis—it was the courage.

"I would have died," said one mother, "but the nurse was ready. That is why I am still here—for my baby."



At RHU's Youth Corner in Kamwokya, the narrative flipped completely. Here, young people weren't beneficiaries—they were leaders. Running SRHR radio shows, managing toll-free information lines, advocating in real-time.

"These are not future leaders—they are leaders now," said Saskia Pfeiffer, EU Policy Officer at EPF.

As the EPF Study Tour drew to a close, Jackson Chekwoko, Executive Director of RHU, delivered a message that captured the essence of the journey:

"Advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights is not the work of one institution alone. It demands a united front—governments, civil society, communities, and development partners—walking hand in hand. When we engage diverse stakeholders, we build stronger systems, amplify voices, and deliver solutions that are rooted in reality and driven by shared responsibility."



Youth Voices Take Lead at the Anglophone Regional Linking and Learning Forum

It starts with a sound. Sharp. Sudden. Unapologetic. A whistle. Once the language of referees and traffic officers—now reborn as a call for solidarity. In some communities in Ethiopia, it hangs from the necks of women and girls like a pendant of power. When danger strikes, they blow—and with that breath, they break centuries of silence. The community comes running. A crowd becomes a shield.

This innovation—powerful in its simplicity—was just one of the many shared by different country teams during the Right Here Right Now (RHRN) Anglophone Regional Linking and Learning Forum, held in Kampala in May. But it captured the room. Not because of its volume, but because of its meaning.





The forum, themed “Beyond the Hustle: Celebrating Our Impact, Strengthening the Movement,” brought delegates from Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia and beyond.

During the forum, young people shared their experiences on how the programme has impacted them.

“This programme gave me the courage to speak. Now I train teachers across Ethiopia on comprehensive sexuality education,” shared Hanna Mulegeta, her voice steady and strong, and Hakiim Kayonga from Uganda added: “RHRN gave me confidence to engage policymakers. Before, I didn’t think they would listen. Now, I know they must.”

The RHRN programme is a strategic partnership established to ensure that young people, in all their diversity, fully enjoy their sexual and reproductive health and rights in inclusive, gender-just societies. The programme has worked for five years to strengthen civil society, shift public opinion, influence policy, and build the leadership of

young advocates to challenge exclusion, stigma, and injustice.

“We are not just participants anymore. We are the ones leading the programmes,” Umi Saidi from Kenya said.

Speaking on behalf of the RHRN Uganda secretariat, RHU Executive Director Jackson Chekweko, grounded the energy with a challenge: “We must move beyond donor dependency toward sustainable, community-led solutions. That is the legacy we must build.”

As the final session ended, a whisper turned to thunder. “Even if external support fades, we have the tools, networks, and determination to keep going,” said Rio Crescent Arroyo, Uganda’s Youth Advisory Committee member and the event’s guest of honour.



Boots on Ground

We jumpstarted the second quarter of 2025 by joining thousands of delegates from more than 190 states across the globe, at the hub for global cooperation and international diplomacy. We convened at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City for the Commission on Population and Development, fifty-eighth (CPD58) session, under the theme, “Ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages.”

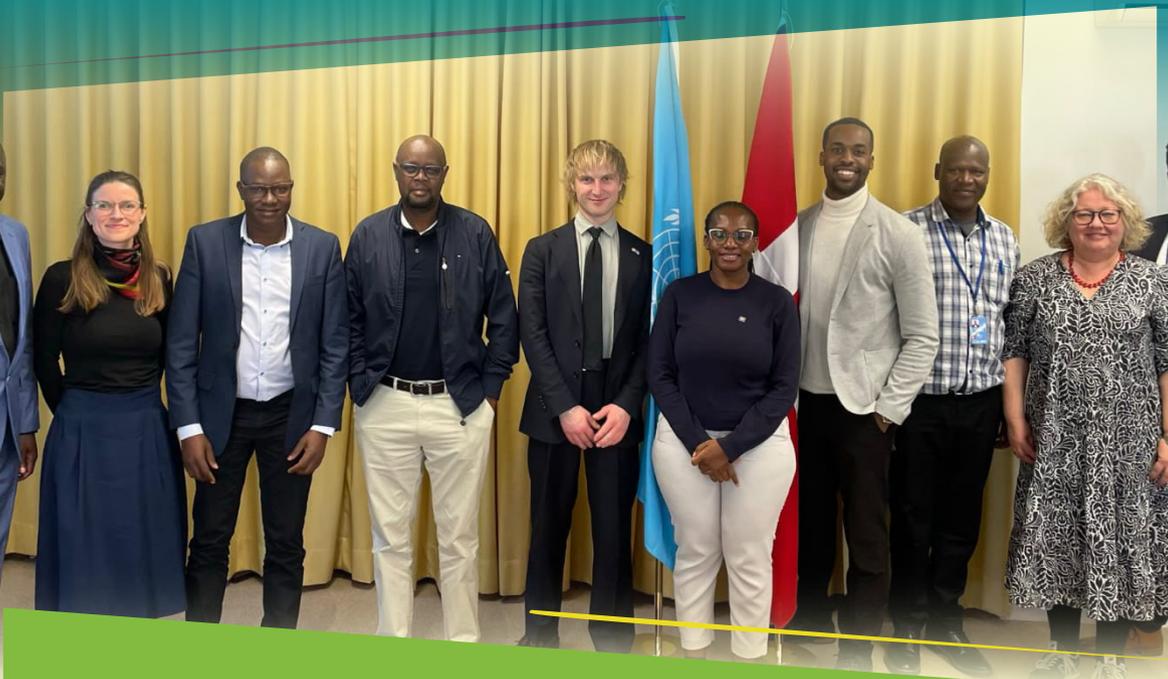
We listened. We made our voices heard. We reiterated our stand on SRHR and gender equality. We strategised. We made our contribution. This was through the several sessions, side events, meetings and yes, dinners happening in different corners of New York City.

Among the highlights! The closing remarks by Dr Natalia Kanem, the UNFPA Executive Director. She noted that the global community needed to do better to reduce inequalities in access to healthcare. She also stated her dismay on missing out on having a declaration, “How unfortunate then, that the Commission’s best efforts

could not translate into an action-oriented outcome this year.” Adding that, “And once again, it will be poor people who are cast aside, and as always, women and girls with the most vulnerability and the least access to health services who will bear the greatest burden of ill health and preventable deaths.” She implored the delegate to always strive to reach out for a compromise.

“It is my hope that these discussions continue to shape national policies, influence international agreements, and galvanize partnerships that make a real difference in people’s lives,” Dr Natalia concluded.

On her part, the CPD58 Chair Katja Lasseur, in her closing remarks noted that: “Participating in this forum and listening to the voices of civil society, health workers, women and youth really made it clear to me who we are fighting for: women and girls, often living in rural areas, sometimes in dangerous conflict settings, lacking access to basic health-care services, not having the basic necessities to live a life of dignity.”



Fresh from the electric streets and unyielding pulse of New York City where RHU had already carved its voice into the skyline of global advocacy, the flame didn't dim. It surged. Bold and unbreakable, the journey ascended to the mythic heights of Kathmandu, Nepal a city floating among the clouds, where ancient temples whisper resistance and the Himalayas rise like timeless guardians of courage.

In June, this sky-born city hosted the Right Here Right Now (RHRN) Global Festival under the theme: “Momentum and Movement”, celebrating five years of youth-led advocacy wins.

The RHRN Programme is a strategic partnership that fights for the sexual and reproductive health and rights of young people in all their diversity. Rooted in movement-building, mutual capacity strengthening, and fearless lobbying, it has shifted norms, redefined power, and turned silence into action.

RHRN is implemented in Bangladesh, Benin, Burundi, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Kenya, Morocco, Nepal, Tunisia, and Uganda supported by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

And at the heart of it all, Uganda roared. With RHU as secretariat, RHRN Uganda stood tall emerging as the winner, honoured for placing young people not at the periphery, but at the very core of governance and change. Under the RHRN Youth Advisory Committee young people have engaged the different organisational leaderships, cultural institutions and district leaders to influence prioritisation of SRHR needs for young people.



Then in June, we convened in the "City of a Thousand Hills,

in a country committed to improving access to affordable, youth-friendly SRHR services and strengthening legal and policy frameworks.

It was not about tourism. Nor was it about commerce. It was about the business of

The Eastern Africa Reproductive Health Network (EARHN). The 15th annual EARHN coordination meeting was held under the theme, "Re-positioning programmes for implementation of the unfinished ICPD agenda and attainment of Universal Health Coverage (UHC): South to South Sharing of Lessons and good practices".

Member countries shared progress and best practices on the implementation of the Africa Leadership Meeting Declaration that was adopted by member states at the AU summit in 2019. The declaration called upon member states to increase domestic investments in health and improve health financing systems.

The meeting was convened by Partners in Population and Development Africa Regional Office (PPD ARO).

In his closing remarks, the representative of the Rwanda Ministry of Health, Dr Francois Regis urged the delegates to invest in local solutions for local challenges. He noted, "The conversations we have been having here, let them be an engine of transforming our communities. We must focus on our home-grown resources and our home-grown solutions as we work for our people."



The Indian Ocean tides seemed to know we were here.

Waves blasting from shore to shore carried the message, the energies and aura engulfed the coast hence becoming a vibrant platform for action, where youth leaders, policymakers, healthcare professionals, civil society organizations, and international partners came together to unpack how challenges such as climate change, digital misinformation, shrinking civic spaces, and rising anti rights movements are reshaping the SRHR landscape for young people in Africa.

The 8th Reproductive Health Network Kenya (RHNK) Pan African Adolescent and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (AYSRRH) Conference took place in June 2025, drawing over a thousand delegates from across Africa to confront one of the most pressing issues of our time; ensuring young people have access to sexual and reproductive health services amidst growing global threats.

Held under the theme “Adolescent and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in a World of Emerging Threats and Opportunities,” the conference was more than just a meeting space.

The urgency of the moment was clear. The complex realities facing today’s youth demand innovative, youth-led, and evidence-based solutions. The need to not only protect but also expand young people’s rights and access to quality SRHR services was emphasized throughout the conference. Participants engaged in

intergenerational dialogues, scientific presentations, policy discussions, and interactive community sessions all designed to put young people at the forefront of change.

One of the standout features of the conference was its commitment to amplifying youth voices. Young people were not just present, they led conversations, challenged norms, and presented practical solutions backed by research and lived experiences. Their presentations and innovations inspired hope and called for concrete actions from governments and development partners.

The conference also provided a critical space to strengthen cross sector collaboration, recognizing that the threats facing youth SRHR today cannot be addressed in silos. Partnerships between health, education, technology, climate, and governance sectors were highlighted as essential to building resilient systems that can withstand emerging challenges.

For RHU, the conference was a powerful reminder of staying steadfast and grounded in youth led approaches and ensuring that our programs continue to respond to the realities young people face on the ground. The energy, the connections, and the shared commitment that emerged from this gathering will continue to fuel our work as we advocate for a safer, more inclusive future for adolescents and youth across Uganda and beyond.



CSO Star of the Quarter

The first quarter of the year is ordinarily tricky. Everyone is just getting ready to hit the road. Well, to our CSO Star of the Quarter, it has been hectic since day one of the year. They have been in different corners of the country. They have mobilised and convened CSOs from different fraternities, engaged the media, Parliament, ministries and the citizens. The agenda: influence Government decisions on resource utilisation through enabling effective participation by all, in setting national budget priorities.

At this moment we guess you now know who we are talking about! Join us to celebrate the Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group (CSBAG). The journey for the first year commenced at the ticking of 2025. CSBAG convened a retreat for CSOs, developed CSO position papers for the different Programmes/subsectors, in response to the National Budget Framework Paper (NBFP) FY2025/2026. The CSOs used these to share their perspectives on the national budget 2025/2026 and make recommendation to the different parliamentary committees.

And behold, in June, after reading of the National Budget, CSBAG convened the CSO post-budget dialogue under the theme, "Transforming Challenges into Opportunities: Budgeting for People Centred Economic Growth." The dialogue attracted different actors that included: CSOs, policymakers, private sector actors, and other stakeholders to share their perspectives on the FY2025/26 financing priorities and its implications to the economy as well as amplifying citizens' voices and participation in the budget.

In addition, to amplify the CSO voices on different budgetary issues, CSBAG has convened a couple of pressers, hosted online spaces and been on different media shows. Engagements with the media included capacity building of journalists, to empower them with skills to translate complex budget information into

accurate and informative reports that citizens can easily understand.

The engagements haven't been only in the Capital, Kampala. CSBAG collaborated with other partners and hosted community barazas where communities received and debated the FY2024/25 budget performance report, launched tools aimed at enhancing the interface between citizens and local governments, for greater transparency and accountability, including in the West Nile district of Arua.

In some of the engagements with the lawmakers CSBAG has urged them to curb unnecessary expenditure, called upon the government to prioritise effective service delivery and combat corruption in Uganda's budget; to redirect public funds to benefit the people; and to eliminate wasteful expenditure and corruption.

Indeed, we reiterate some of their spot-on observations: "To achieve sustainable and equitable development, Uganda must mainstream gender equality, climate change, governance, social inclusion, and human rights in planning and budgeting."

And, "Government must integrate GBV budget lines across human capital and social protection programmes to ensure systematic funding and prioritisation of prevention, support services and rehabilitation programmes, to enhance the resilience and well-being of affected individuals."

CSBAG, we take the singular honour to crown you the CSO Star of the Quarter, of the second quarter of 2025.... The SRHR Newsletter team congratulates you and cherishes your contribution!



The SRHR Star Advocate of the Quarter

When it comes to fighting for sexual and reproductive health rights, few people bring the fire quite like Jackie Katana. A powerhouse in advocacy, policy influence, and global financing, Jackie has rightfully earned the award of Star Advocate of the Quarter of our SRHR Spotlight Newsletter. This isn't just another award—it is a testament to the waves she has been making on both the national and global stages. With a relentless drive to secure funding, hold governments accountable, and push SRHR issues to the forefront, Jackie is proving that change happens when you refuse to take no for an answer!

Jackie is a certified project manager, health expert, and SMART Advocacy master trainer who wears many hats. She is the Founder and Executive Director of the Faith for Family Health Initiative (3FHI), an inter-faith NGO championing health and rights. Jackie also serves as the Chair of the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health + Nutrition and Healthy Ageing Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) Platform, and represents reproductive health CSOs on the Health Policy Advisory Committee at the Ministry of Health.

Beyond Uganda, she plays a major role in global governance, representing CSOs on the Global Financing Facility (GFF) investor Group, a World Bank-hosted global Health initiative that pools resources to support reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health (RMNCAH+N) worldwide.

This quarter, Jackie has continued to amplify the voices of women, children, and adolescents, ensuring that SRHR issues are front and centre on both the global and national agenda. From securing game-changing funding to strengthening social accountability, here is how she has been shaking things up in this quarter of 2025!

Jackie stormed into the year with her eyes set on something big: more funding for CSOs and youth-led initiatives. Sitting at the global table as the civil society representative on the GFF, together with fellow CSOs and youth representatives she faced off with decision-makers—big names from donor foundations, government and global health initiatives. Her mission? To push for an increase in CSO funding from a mere \$5 million to a whopping \$18 million! Guess what? She did it! That extra funding is now being designed for rollout by June 2025 and will support CSOs in 36 countries under the World Bank's Global Financing Facility.

Amid whispers and loud rants about donor fatigue, thanks to Donald Trump's funding freeze, Jackie wasn't about to sit back and watch CSOs struggle. Instead, she doubled down on domestic health financing leadership and fought for governments to see CSOs as legitimate partners, not just bystanders.

As the Chair of the RMNCAH+N CSO Platform, she pulled off a major win—securing financial support from Uganda's Ministry of Health under the Uganda COVID Response Project (funded by the World Bank). Now, CSOs will have the resources to monitor and track the implementation of the RMNCAH+N Sharpen Plan/investment case across Uganda.

And here is the kicker—this kind of government-CSO partnership is rare in global financing facilities. Jackie just pulled off something that will set a precedent for other countries to follow! By June, most people would take a victory lap—but not Jackie. Instead, she was out there rallying stakeholders, strengthening social accountability, and making sure that CSOs are recognised as equal partners in health governance.

Jackie made sure the RMNCAH+N CSO Platform didn't just survive—it thrived.

She pulled stakeholders into critical conversations about how to fill the gaps left by funding cuts and continued providing leadership and visibility to the platform.

From securing millions in funding for CSOs, to boldly steering government support and solidifying multisectoral collaborations—Jackie Katana has done it all. But she didn't stop there. She shattered barriers by rallying non-traditional actors, especially interfaith religious leaders, transforming them into fearless champions of sexual and reproductive health across Uganda.

On global platforms, she is a force—keeping reproductive health at the top of the agenda and refusing to take "no" for an answer. Her advocacy is relentless, her impact undeniable. And for that, Jackie Katana is crowned the SRHR Spotlight Star Advocate of the Quarter—a title she wears not just with pride, but with purpose.



One Hour Fifty Minutes to the World Population Day Celebrations

So, let me ask you who is reading this, if given one hour and fifty minutes, how would you use this time? Well, this is how long it can take you from Kampala to Kayunga district where the annual world population day will be happening. You can be part of this celebration.

Flags will fly high. Cultural drums will echo across the fields. Tents will bloom like wildflowers across the grounds. But this isn't your typical national day event. It's an experience. Think of a space where health meets hope, and development dances with community pride. From the moment you arrive, you're pulled into a vibrant celebration of who we are, and where we're going as a country.

Government officials, local leaders, civil society, and development partners will all be there but more importantly, so will the people. Because World Population Day is not just about numbers. It's about people living healthier, more empowered lives.

Speaking of healthier lives, whenever there is a need for a health community you know Reproductive Health Uganda will be there offering free SRHR services during the celebratory week. Want to know your HIV status, understand everything about family planning, where we work, oh did I mention our services for the youth? Yes, all this and more you can learn at our exhibition stall in Kayunga.

Meanwhile, all this is under the theme "Promoting Population Health and Well-being Through the Parish Development Model."

So, I ask again, how would you use one hour and fifty

minutes?

We say: Use it to drive to Kayunga and witness a celebration that will stay with you long after the sun sets.

THEME PROMOTING POPULATION HEALTH AND WELL-BEING THROUGH THE PARISH DEVELOPMENT MODEL

WORLD POPULATION DAY

11TH JULY 2025 KAYUNGA DISTRICT, BUSAANA TOWN COUNCIL PLAY GROUND
#WPD2025Uganda

The countdown is on...

That day, the sun will rise over the bustling city of Kampala, casting golden rays over the vibrant banners and stages set at Ndere Cultural centre. And in unison we shall say, today is the day, the Regional Learning and Celebration Festival is upon us.

Picture this: giant festival banners fluttering in the wind, music pulsing through the air, bursts of color from every corner, and a crowd buzzing with energy. From the moment you walk in, the space is alive, interactive zones, photo booths, live graffiti walls, pictures hanging on the walls with smiles covering miles and youth performers taking the stage with raw talent and unstoppable energy! That's not all. Imagine carpets laid out for everyone to have their star moment on the red carpet. You walk in, you take on the red carpet.

Meanwhile, partners from across the globe will be jetting in for this festival. Donors, development partners, embassies, community based organisations, ministries, community members and many more will converge for the fest.

If you come through, come ready to enjoy, make merry, mingle, vibe with the energy of young people. Dancing, absolutely, dance fill you break your bones.

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REGIONAL LEARNING AND CELEBRATION Festival

21-22 AUGUST 2025
NDERE CULTURAL CENTER
Kampala Uganda

Theme: Our Journeys in SRHR, Gender and Youth Programming: Innovations, Insights and Impact Unleashed

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