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Word from Executive Director



Mr. Muhabuzi Lauben
Executive Director-
MPADV

I bring you warm greetings from MPADV. Since our inception in 2014, MPADV has continued to enjoy a growing clientele and has expanded its operations to different parts of the country. In the same period, our interventions have yielded remarkable success in the field of promoting family stability, male involvement and eradication of GBV. Over the past few years we have lived up to our commitment of being an efficient and effective family stabilizing Organization, visualizing innovative and impactful ways in how effective civil society can deliver to the grass root population. I am glad to mention that this year has been a turning point in realizing our long term dream.

This year, compliance levels in

the held projects increased by 48%. This is highly attributed to our transparent practices in working with other organizations and this has driven a rising level of publicity of our organization in Uganda. For example, we noticed an increasing number of men changing their lives positively and contributing to our theory of change of involving men to become active parents, more equitable partners and agents of positive change in their lives. Our pride this year is the optimization of results from all our projects. We have seen many more stories of change in the lives of men, through our held projects this year than all

the previous years of our implementation.

All of these achievements are underpinned by an amazing team of people – the staff, volunteers, and the board. Highly qualified and very passionate, the team works together under a common vision, united by a strong set of values. I am so thankful for all of them. Finally, thank you to our partners, donors and all our stakeholders. Each of these partnerships have been vital in increasing our capacity towards the realization of our vision of building an indigenous civil society contributing to a violent free generation.

Remarks from Chairperson Board of Directors



Mr. Byabagambi Placid
BOD Chairperson

2016/2017 has been a watershed year for MPADV. This year, we have seen delivery of programs surpassing all the set targets by 70%.

I am proud of the significant changes we have made in the lives of men and their families at large. We count each step of our success as a great mile stone but there are mixed feelings. Our theory of change which is promoting male involvement to become active parents, more equitable partners and agents of positive change in their lives has really worked.

Of course there are success stories, with accounts of transformed lives.

That's where we have a collective responsibility as CSO's working to end GBV, we will continue to tailor our interventions to the real challenges which hinder the program to reach all its aims, in order to create a sustainable change.

Allow me also to thank the management and staff at the secretariat who have labored on a day basis to outstandingly contribute to our strategic objective. The pro-

gress we have made in this last year is proof of their hard work and men's commitment to work towards a world without injustice .

Together, I believe that we will make a big difference in the lives of the people we are serving.

MPADV Background

Promoting
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Men's Protection Against Domestic Violence (MPADV) is fully registered Non-Governmental Organization formed in March 2014 under registration **No. 10592**; it was founded by **Muhabuzi**

Lauben. Our major aim is to minimize Gender Based Violence (GBV) through reviving the honor and nobility of the family institution, putting major emphasis in promoting male involvement to become active parents, more equitable partners and agents of positive change in their lives. In doing so, MPADV use a strategy of working with men in groups like Male Action Groups where different categories are formed on the ground and the champions of these groups are taken as "Male Champions" who act as agents of positive change.

In order to promote male involvement to become active parent's fathers groups are also formed where model fathers are recognised and also become agents of positive change.

Integral to our activities is to mark International Men's Day on 19th November and National Father's Day on 21 June every year. MPADV organized the launch of National Father's day in Uganda in 2016 at Bat Valley theatre in Kampala and this day was officially inaugurated by the prime minister of Uganda Dr. Ruhakana Ruganda.

The reason behind recognizing and celebrating these two events is to appreciate men and fathers from all corners

and also emphasize on promoting male involvement to become agents of positive change in their lives.

Men's Protection Against Domestic Violence has a comprehensive strategy of engaging men and boys in ending Gender Based Violence, in most cases men are the main perpetrators of GBV therefore working with them in the struggle of fighting against Gender Based Violence (GBV) is the only way to end this problem.

MPADV also encourage and support men suffering domestic violence quietly to come out and speak.

MPADV ACHIEVEMENTS



Community Dialogue meeting in Iganga Nakalama Sub-County

The financial year 2016-2017 has been fruitful for MPADV, almost 90% of the annual work plan has been achieved, include;

Men's Protection Against Domestic Violence has successfully managed to form Male Action

Groups of different categories in different parts of

the country. Members in these groups elect their own leaders under the following posts; Chairperson, Vice chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Mobilizer. The members of the group are trained on different issues focusing on gender based violence prevention and the need of men to spearhead

the struggle of ending GBV.

Different categories of people are identified, mobilized and sensitized according to their age group. The following are the different categories of Male Action Groups which MPADV has formed;

Formation of Men Action Group

This is for men between the age of 35 and above. They are identified from their communities, mobilized and sensitized. They go through training and after, announced as MPADV Male Action Group. These groups are evaluated annually and the best performing groups are taken as Male champions who act as agents of positive change. 07 groups have been formed so far in different parts of Uganda like in

Kampala (03), Wakiso (02) and Mukono (02). Each group contains a maximum of 30 members.

Members who perform very well upgrade to "Male Champions" who act as agents of positive change"

Male Youth Action Group



These are young men between the age of 18-35 years. They are identified from schools and communities, mobilized and sensitized. They go through the training later on become

MPADV Male Action Group. They are evaluated annually and the best performing groups are awarded and become champions of positive change. So far 03 groups have been formed in Makerere University.

Young Male Action Groups



Some of the members of young Male Action Groups of Hope Comprehensive school Masaka

Where young boys between the age of 12-18 years are engaged in their schools, sensitized on the need of gender equality. The best performers are identified and awarded on International Men's Day every 19th November. 03 groups have been formed so far in Kampala 3 groups at Mild Care Primary School.

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The Fathers Groups



Some of the participants of Father's Day 2016

In order for MPADV to promote male involvement to become active parents and care givers, we work with fathers groups. Any man who is a father can voluntarily join, after mobilization and sensitization, later on form a group of 30 members. MPADV trains them and sensitize them on the role of fathers in a family. The best performing fathers are rec-

ognized as model fathers and awarded on father's day 21st June every year. So far 05 groups have been formed. In Kampala 02, Wakiso 02, and Mukono 01, Under fathers groups there is also a special group of single fathers, this is called a special group because these fathers perform all the duties without any support from wife for example some of these are widower, others separated with their wives. In most cases fathers have been absent in raising up children,

due to the cultural beliefs and norms & also the heavy work load fathers have of looking for money. Therefore very many single fathers fail to balance their work with raising up children. On this note that's why we give them special attention, like continuous sensitizations on positive parenthood, counseling and routine visiting of their homes. We have 1 group in Kampala.

Peer Groups

These are groups of people after identifying them we form from different categories, they groups and start working with them. These are given special attention compared to the rest of other group's continuous sensitizations and monitoring until when they totally change. But this takes some good time

because changing someone needs continuous sensitizations. Any member of that group who change is upgraded directly to male champion who act as agent of positive change. In Kampala we have 01 group so far.

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MPADV Community Outreaches



Some of the MPADV community outreaches, here at in Jinja district.

Under this Program MPADV goes down to the ground conducting community seminars in different communities sharing information with community members about Gender Based Violence prevention and other related issues.

With the support from members contribution MPADV managed to reach out and en-

gaged different communities on issues of Gender Based Violence Prevention. In district like Kampala, Wakiso, Mukono, Mpigi. Communities are engaged through mobilization and sensitizations campaigns, groups of men and boys are formed, Community Activists who acts as MPADV agents in their communities for both men and women groups are elected and many of them are actively performing.

Psycho-social support



MPADV Staff during counseling Session

MPADV attended to more than 104 men in the year 2015-2016, 27 women who reported cases of their husband's family responsibility negligence were helped and 41 children who were affected by domestic violence were attended to through psycho-socio support. 32 families were set-

Legal Support to GBV victims

MPADV provides the victims of GBV with pre-assessment and pre-counselling before any other intervention to determine whether there is a matter to

consider. Through their legal experts, the organisation provides legal advice, motivation, representation and referrals to the victims who are men, women and

children abused legally, sexually, physically, economically and financially.

A total of 23 cases, (both civil and criminal in nature) have been handled by our Legal team.

10 cases have been amicably while for the remaining 5 cases, clients have been advised to retract from further proceedings. 08 referrals have been made to different organisations we partner with.

Media Strategy



MPADV team in a radio talk show on Akaboozi Ku bbiri

MPADV developed a media strategy that intends to work towards the fulfilment of its objective to raise the profile of MPADV in Uganda and make their challenges known by decision-makers and other stakeholders.

MPADV led several radio talk shows on Radio One, radio Akaboozi, Top radio, Capital, Star

Fm, radio Sapientia, Impact radio, Family radio, Beat Fm, Dembe Fm, radio CBS, Voice of Africa, Namirembe Fm and TV news pieces on Bukedde TV.

MPADV also led talk shows on Bukedde TV, NBS, NTV Uganda, Delta TV, Star TV and Top TV. Several articles in Newspapers like “Men cry out as bully wives punch” by Lillian Namugambe of Daily Monitor on *Wednesday August 12 2015 among others.*

Spear heading the inauguration of Fathers' day celebrations in Uganda



Rt.Hon.Kirunda Kivejinja who represented the Rt.Hon.Dr.Ruhakana Ruganda on the Inauguration of Father's Day

In order to achieve its vision of reviving the honour and nobility of family institutions in Uganda and globally MPADV was equally successful in organising the First Father's day event in Uganda, which was held at Bat Valley Theatre on **Tue 21st June 2016** under the theme **“Do fathers still treasure in being Fathers?”** The reason for this day is to .

In his speech the Chief Guest, Deputy Prime Minister Hon. Kirunda Kivejinja decried the escalating of domestic related violence and commended the efforts MPADV in spearheading a new approach to the eradication of GBV. He promised government support to the initiatives of MPADV, and further promised that he was to table to cabinet the idea of gazet-ting Father's day as a public holiday in Uganda.

Door To Door Family Meetings



Family meeting at Kalagi Mukono district.

In MPADV outreaches there are also door to door family meetings. This works more in our clients families were

MPADV team go and share information with the rest of family members. In this program 30 families have been visited

so far and a follow ups are still going on

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VISION

A world of revived honour and nobility of family institutions.

OUR MISSION

To promote interactive communication for family stability and sustainable development of society by engaging men and boys as entry points.

OUR OBJECTIVES;

To advocate for the Promotion and protection of human rights

To empower men to be responsible to their families through mobilization campaigns, voluntary services and internship

To jointly empower men and women with Entrepreneurship skills for improved incomes and livelihood.

To sensitize men about the dangers of HIV and AIDS, prevention and empowering those infected with the disease to live positively.

To promote male involvement in Sexual Reproductive Health Rights protection.

To promote participatory decision making in families for harmonious and healthy communication in homes.

To provide a forum for exchange of ideas, technical skills and resources by professional Human Rights activists, Gender activists and Media practitioners.

To network with Government, CSOs and the private sector with similar objectives within and outside the Country to raise the status of families

MPADV Administration



Some of the MPADV team

