

3RD UGANDA NATIONAL FATHER'S DAY REPORT



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National Father's Day Celebration 2018 Report # [003/18]

Project Name	National Father's Day Celebration 2018
Description	<p>National Father's Day is marked in honour of all Fathers for everything they do for their children and families. It is also an approach of awakening absent fathers to actively get involved in raising up children. This day provides a platform for Fathers to discuss their experiences in order to challenge all practices that hinder them from being good Fathers through community dialogues, media advocacy and other various activities organized towards the main celebrations.</p>
Executive Summary	<p>On June 21st 2018 Men's Forum Against Domestic Violence Uganda in partnership with ministry of Gender, Labour and social Development organized the 3rd National Father's Day celebrations at Makerere University Business School Nakawa in Kampala under the theme “Bringing Back the Fathers as an approach for family stability”.</p> <p>The event was open to the public and approximately 600 people were in attendance. The event started at 8:00am with marching from Shell Nakawa up to the venue. During the event, among the day's activities was a discussion panel, where panelists came up with resolutions on how fathers can actively get involved in responsible child upbringing.</p> <p>The keynote speaker was Hajat Hajarah Nalubega who represented the commissioner Family and Culture Department in the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development.</p> <p>The Guest of honour, Mr. Niles Cole who represented the American Ambassador in Uganda arrived at 12:45pm; in his speech he emphasized the need for father's involvement in raising up children as the only way to end Gender Based Violence and violence against children.</p> <p>The status of fathers report in Uganda compiled by Men's Forum Against Domestic Violence Uganda was read out and it indicated that the rate of fathers' involvement in raising up children is still very</p>



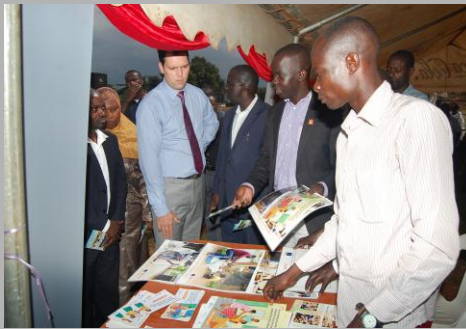
Matching from Shell Nakawa to the Venue



The guest of Honour Mr. Niles Cole giving his speech



Cutting the cake



The guest inspecting the exhibition

low in Uganda as shown below;

No	Father's category	Percentage
1.	Present fathers (Fathers who actively participate in child upbringing by providing basic needs, physical support and sharing child care)	10%
2.	ATM Fathers (These are fathers who provide all the economic basic needs but never present physically to provide child care.)	15%
3.	Absent fathers (These are fathers who produce children but never participate in any responsibility of care giving and financial support)	25%
4.	Fathers with more than 05 children in different mothers but actively provide basic needs.	10%
5.	Fathers with more than 05 children in different women but not taking up their responsibility of care giving and financial support.	40%

Among other activities was the exhibition, where different exhibitors participated. The guest of honour inspected the exhibition at 1:30pm. There was also cutting of a cake and awarding of certificates to the sponsors of the event and best fathers. The event ended at 2:00pm.

Year's Theme

National Father's Day 2018 was celebrated under the theme **"Bringing back the Fathers as an approach for family stability."**

Venue

Makerere University Business School Nakawa in Kampala

Date

21st June 2018

Project main organizers

Men's Forum Against Domestic Violence Uganda (MFADVU) in partnership with Ministry of Gender, Labour & Social Development

Sponsors

Care International, Save the Children, American Embassy, MenEngage Uganda, Multi Choice Uganda, Reproductive Health Uganda, M Products Ltd, Modest Associates Ltd, Akaboozi Fm and Makerere University Business School (MUBS) .

Discussion Panel

Among the day activities was a discussion panel which involved panelists from different organizations. These included; **Hassan Ssekajoolo** National Coordinator MenEngage Uganda, **Ronald Ogal** from Care International, **Harriet Katusiime** from Vi Agroforestry, **Tracy Mirembe** from Alma Family Centre and **Kawalya Morgan Aden** from Men's Forum Against Domestic Violence Uganda.



The panelist during the discussion

The discussion rotated around the theme **“Bringing Back the Fathers as an approach for family stability”**

The panelists unanimously resolved that;

- i. More efforts are still needed to sensitize fathers on responsible parenting.
- ii. Fathers should be economically empowered because one of the reasons why some of them fail to perform their roles is poverty.
- iii. Other stakeholders must come on board and integrate fatherhood programs in their programming.
- iv. There is a need to continuously lobby the government to support this initiative.

2. Project Evaluation

Name	Description
Sponsorship	The sponsorship was obtained from the organizations as indicated above. Some items had to be left out of the days programme because of the limited funding.
Mobilizers	Judging from the turn-up, the mobilization wasn't very effective since the actual number of the participants was below the anticipated number. This could be attributed partially to limited funding.
Support from the Ministry of Gender	The Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development gave us technical support.
Service providers	Their performance was as expected.
Scheduling	The items of the event were executed as scheduled
Our Partners	Many partners and well-wishers came on board.
The coverage from the media	A number of media houses covered the event. These included TV stations such as Bukedde 1, NTV, NBS, UBC, Radio stations such as Akaboozi 87.9FM, CBS, Beat FM, Simba among others and Newspapers like Bukedde, New vision, Daily Monitor and Redpepper
Weather	Fine weather graced the event.
Accessibility of the Venue	The venue is well known around Kampala, therefore it was easy to access even to people from up country
Security	Adequately provided by the Uganda Police

General Participation	There was a moderate turn up of participants at the event in comparison to the previous years.
Certificate awards	Certificates of recognition were awarded to companies, organizations and individuals who had contributed to the event, as well as the individuals who had undergone MFADVU programmes during the course of the year and had displayed remarkable positive change.

Unexpected Events

Description	Impact	Actions Taken
Media confusion of USA Father's Day as being identical to ours in Uganda.	This affected our turn up because many people thought that the day had already passed.	More efforts were doubled in mobilization and publicity especially on the media.
Limited funds	This affected our proposed budget and some items in our initial budget were left out	We squeezed the budget to cover priority areas though some items were left out.
Some of the guest speakers failed to turn up without prior notice	This affected our program and the discussion flow	Support from MFADVU team was there to bridge the gap.

Lessons Learned

Description	Recommendation
Uganda's national Father's Day not yet gazetted by the government as a national public holiday as per the Prime Minister's pledge of 2016.	There is need to intensify the demand for fulfillment of this pledge by all the activists within MFADVU and other positive minded organizations and individuals
Need for early preparations in the next event to avoid inconveniences.	Identifying and reaching out to more partners ahead of time.
There is need for more innovations and creativity in the next event	Doing more consultations from different people to come up with new ideas on how Father's Day should be more effectively organized.
Emphasis on advocacy	There is a need for further government intervention, support from the media and other partners in order to reach out to more people.

Identifying and recognizing model fathers as a an approach to awakening non- performing fathers	Need to include a vote in the budget specifically to address this idea.
Suggestions from different participants to extend this event to other districts of Uganda.	Lobbying for more support from government and other partners in order to beat the expectations of our stakeholders.

Project Performance

<i>On Schedule</i>					
Planned Activity and Finish Date	Actual Finish Date	Variance (in days)	On Schedule	Ahead of Schedule	Behind Schedule
12th and 13th June 2018 Community mobilization & sensitization on father's involvement in child upbringing in Nakawa Division & Rubaga Division in Kampala	12 th and 13 th June 2018		✓		
14th, 15th & 16th, 18th, 19th, 20th June 2018 Media advocacy on promoting father's involvement in child upbringing. On Bukedde TV, Radio Akaboozi, CBS FM, Star Tv, Radio Simba, Top TV, Bukedde radio, New Vision Printing, UBC TV, Daily monitor, NTV, NBS TV and Bukedde Radio	14 th , 15 th & 16 th , 17 th , 18 th , 19 th & 20 th June 2018		✓		
21st June 2018 Main celebration at Makerere University Business School Nakawa Kampala (MUBS)	21 st June 2018		✓		

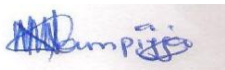
<i>On Budget</i>					
Approved Budget	Spent Budget	Variance (in \$)	On Budget	Under Budget	Over Budget
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- MenEngage Uganda
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- Kizza Deo Carpentry Workshop
- Makerere University Business School (MUBS), Nakawa
- Uganda Blood Transfusion Services
- Multi Choice Uganda
- Sapphire Hotel
- Alma Family Centre
- Buena Charity Services
- Dyna Group
- Vi Agroforestry
- Akaboozi Ku bbiri Fm
- Little Heroes Nursery and Primary School
- Hope Comprehensive High School Masaka
- Light for all High School
- The media fraternity
- All representatives of different institutions
- All the participants of the 3rd National Father's Day event

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