

Our fundamental achievements 2014

Reproductive and Child Health

ACODEV's efforts to meeting reproductive health needs for children and young adolescents successfully emerged from various plans of key interventions

It is well known that SRH challenges are exacerbated by the lack of reliable information on sexual and reproductive rights as codified by international law. Secondly, the sociocultural and political contexts are not conducive for young people, especially girls, to claim their sexual and reproductive rights, nor have they built skills to be able to do so; hence the need to strengthen and mainstream SRH programming into various sectors both public and private respectively.



“Young people should be encouraged to learn new updated information regarding their reproductive health and the best ways possible for them to handle challenges in regard to their general health”

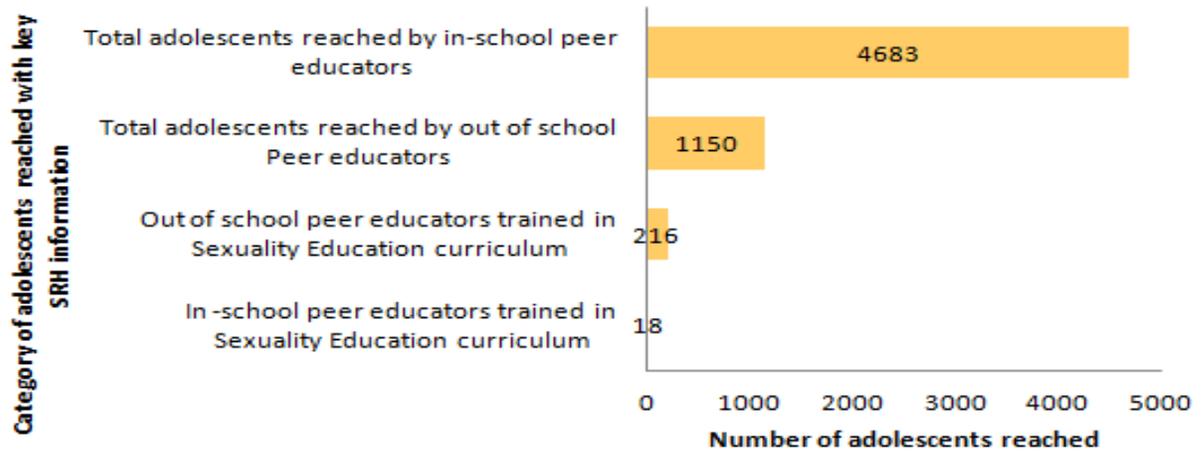
At ACODEV, we value and adopt the understanding by the World Health Organization that Reproductive Health implies that people are able to have a responsible, satisfying and safer sex life and that they have the capability to reproduce and the freedom to decide if, when and how often to do so. In our programming we have strengthened the access to appropriate health care services of sexual, reproductive medicine and implementation of health education programs to stress the importance of women to move safely during: (1. pregnancy and (2 childbirth; this is increasingly providing couples with the best chance of having a healthy infant.



“Direct involvement of young adolescents in understanding the approaches to accessing reproductive health information and other services is vital to sustaining their health lives.

a) Sexuality Education Interventions

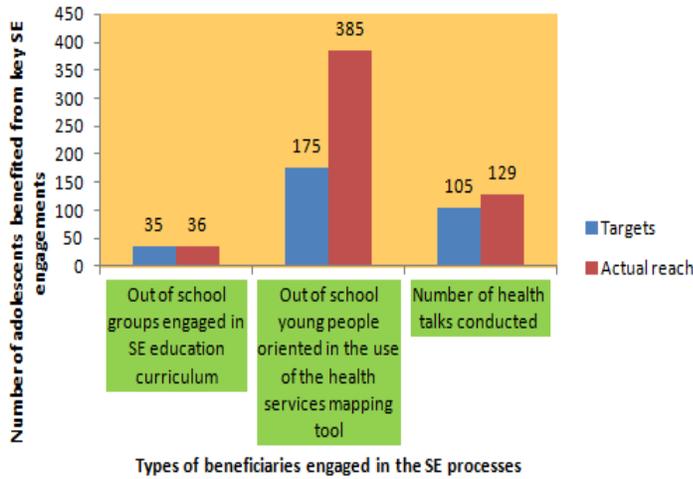
Our reach in Sexuality Education approach to reproductive health



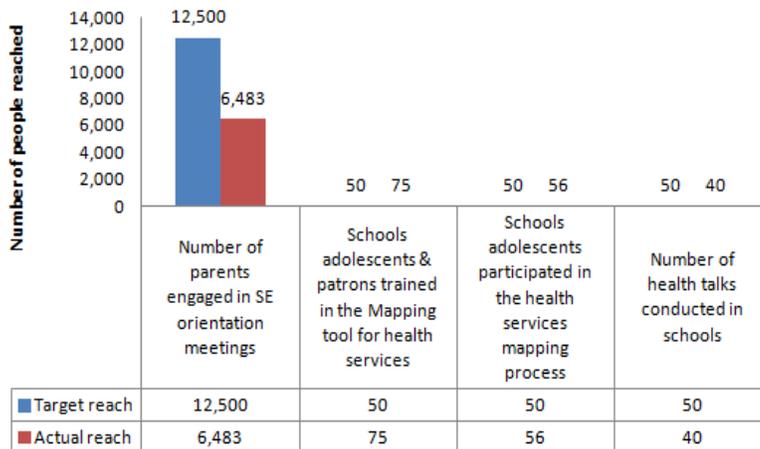
“Sexuality education is one of the key engagements where adolescents have been able to access reproductive health information; this is one of the strategies that ACODEV used in schools of Kampala where health workers’ expertise was effectively utilized to do health talks responding to key health needs of the youth people”

“Strengthening in-school peers’ knowledge with updated information on Sexuality Education and skills on how to share similar information to fellow peers is a sustainable mechanism to reach bigger number, thus, ACODEV was able to take on the approach of training peer educators in the Sexuality Education curriculum”

Summary of Engagements in SE for out of school engagements



Schools engagements under Sexuality education



“Parents are an integral part in interventions directly affecting their children, it is thus a requirement to share with them information about such intervention to have their buy-in for its success, thus KIR’s approach of delivering SE sessions’ content to in-school adolescents brought on board an engagement of parents”

“There has been an understanding that when teachers who spent most of their time with the adolescents, should be trained in the SE curriculum in order to deliver its content to the adolescents with an aspect of integrating the delivery process into the daily schedules”. ACODEV dedicated part of her resources build capacities of teachers to this effect.

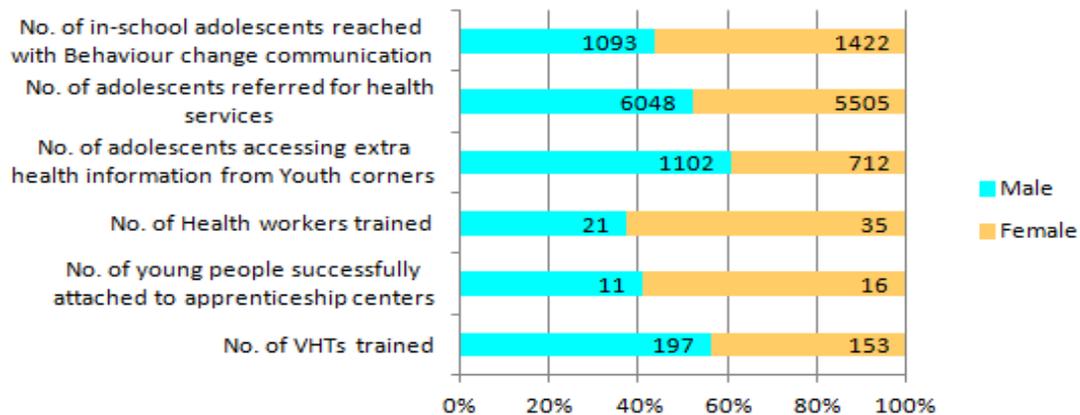


ACODEV engaged adolescents in the health services mapping exercises in order for them to understand deeper the dynamics in health facilities and having a wider knowledge of where to access which kind of services and when; the mapping of health centers with SRH services comes along in time when there is increase in reproductive health challenges among the youth.

b) Building sustainable Community Based Mechanisms supporting the delivery of ASRH services and livelihood amongst vulnerable young people.

ACODEV in partnership with Segal Family Foundation (SFF) successfully implemented a reproductive and child health program targeting adolescents in Kasese district. A summary of fundamental achievements to this effect are summarized graphically hereunder;

Key achievements made



One of the ways to sustain the most vulnerable young adolescents is through timely response and support of their dreams using the best approaches; ACODEV is proud to have supported 25 young people attached to apprenticeship centers to develop their talents in welding, carpentry, motor vehicle mechanics and hair dressing



ACODEV used a VHT model. To this end, 350 Village Health Teams (197 male & 153 female) were empowered with knowledge & skills in responding to ASRH issues through Behavior Change Communication, timely referrals and follow-ups to key cases related to SRH. They strongly have continued to act as Community Primary Health Care service providers and also served as a link between the community and health care system. VHTs also were engaged in group reflection meetings to assess their performance.

Wrap-up for ASRH services: Kasese district.

Key performance Indicators in Reproductive Health - Adolescents	Total reach
Section A: Health Services access	
Number of adolescents successfully served by the health facility (Adolescents)	2,493
Number of adolescents referred by Village Health Teams	1,764
Section B: Family Planning services	
Adolescents who accessed and used Hormonal method (Depo-Provera - Injection) for FP	106
Number of adolescents who in the last 12 months used implants	18
Adolescents who accessed & used Hormonal method (Oral -Pills) for Family Planning use	777
Adolescents who accessed Condoms for their utilization	1,806
Number of older adolescents who accessed & used IUD as an FP approach	44
Section C: Pregnancies & Delivery Management	
Number of pregnant adolescents who accessed Ante Natal Care services	139
Number of Pregnant adolescents who delivered at health facilities	78
Number of adolescents who delivered and accessed Post Natal Care services	11
Number of women who received Post Abortion Care	61
Section D: BCC & HIV & AIDS Services	
Number of adolescents who received Behavior Change Communication services	2,515
Number of young people who accessed HIV Counseling and Testing with testing results	2,003



ACODEV has continued building capacities of health service providers in areas of Leadership Development skills and knowledge to ably take on management responsibilities beyond their work routine but ensuring that the health system is youth friendly where adolescents feel more comfortable accessing the available services