



Summary Fact Sheet for Uganda

ASRH¹ Background²:

- Out of the 23.5 million people in Uganda, 20.2% are between the ages of 15-24.³
- High-risk sexual activity has resulted in 6-10% of the population being infected with HIV/AIDS; 46% of the cases are people 10-24 years of age.⁴
- Of those young people aged 10-24 years old, 34.9% of females and 43.8% of males have had sexual intercourse. The average age for a young man to experience his first sexual encounter is about age 15, for girls it is about age 16.
- In 2002, 4 out of 10 of sexually active adolescents reported having ever used a condom, yet by 2003, 50% of females and 62% of males were reporting the use of condoms at all times.
- 1 in 4 adolescents believe themselves to be at risk of contracting an STI due to practicing unsafe sex or a history of multiple partners.
- 97% of adolescents have heard about HIV/AIDS. 3 in every 4 youth are willing to take an HIV test, yet only 1 out of 10 have ever taken an HIV test.
- 1/3 of adolescent girls between the ages of 15-19 has given birth.

AYA in Uganda Program⁵:

- \$15.3 million⁶
- 20 districts
- 13 implementing partners

Program Achievements⁷ 2003:

- The Orthodox Church Leadership and The House of Bishops of the Anglican Church have signed declarations in support of ASRH interventions and advocacy. His Eminence, the Mufti of Uganda announced the agreement that Muslim couples should use condoms in marriage to prevent HIV/AIDS and other STIs. In addition, the royal families of Busoga and Buganda now advocate for girl child education within and outside of their kingdoms. The King of Bunyoro-Kitara Kingdom has made campaigning for the reproductive health rights of adolescent mothers a priority.
- AYA advocacy work through the school has also yielded results, with school debates on ASRH creating a platform to lobby school administrators to offer services in schools and bring teachers, parents and young people together to discuss ASRH.
- Through LPS⁸ education in 103 schools, AYA has reached over 12,000 young people. In addition, AYA has conducted 15 youth camps reaching 1,791 out-of-school young people and reaching an additional 17,754 young people at 201 community LPS workshops. Drama, puppet shows, and talk shows have reached another 200,000 youth across AYA's districts.
- 205 YFS⁹ providers, 446 peer educators, 143 community reproductive health workers, and 54 field supervisors have been trained to provide YFS. In addition, 45 health units and 5 drop-in centers are now offering youth-friendly services.
- Young people have made over 164,000 visits to youth-friendly clinics. Young women made an additional 191,303 visits, and men made 155,440 visits, to peer providers (community-based youth who have been trained in ASRH).
- Reporting practices improved with IP¹⁰ trainings in MIS¹¹ for data gathering and reporting. 65 IP staff members from 13 districts participated in management development workshops, which included training in financial management, payment and travel documentation, payroll and human resources.
- 9,113 newsletters on program experiences were distributed. National and lower-level institutions such as universities, research institutes, government ministries, civil society, and private sectors, received 60% of the newsletters to further advance and institutionalize AYA's program strategies.

¹ Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health

² AYA Baseline Survey on Sexual and Reproductive Health of Uganda (2003). Institute of Statistics and Applied Economics. Makerere University of Kampala: 2003.

³ "County Profiles on The Situation of Youth: Botswana." *Youth at the United Nations*. 6 July 2004. <<http://esa.un.org/socdev/nyin/countrys.asp?countrycode=bw>>

⁴ CDC, Lillian, NL., 1999 National HIV Prevention Conference. "Peer Education for HIV/AIDS Prevention Among Students in Higher Institutions of Learning in Uganda." Kampala, Uganda. 6 July 2004. <<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/conferences/hiv99/abstracts/510.pdf>>

⁵ Please refer to the AYA Information Folder for more details.

⁶ 2001-2005

⁷ African Youth Alliance. *Annual Report 2003*. New York, NY: African Youth Alliance, 2003

⁸ Life Planning Skills

⁹ Youth Friendly Services

¹⁰ Implementing Partners

¹¹ Management Information Systems