

NACWOLA

National Community of
Women Living with
HIV/AIDS in Uganda.



FACT SHEET

MISSION / GOAL

To improve the quality of life of
Women living with HIV/AIDS in
Uganda

**"WE SHOULD BE BOLD
AND SPEAK OUT
ON ISSUES THAT AFFECT US!"**

■ CATCHMENT AREA:

We are found in Aids Service Organisations. There exist active branches in the following districts:

Kampala District:-

Found in 9 centres i.e TASO Mulago, Mobile Home Care Clinic, Lubaga Home Care, Namirembe Day Care Center, THETA, Bappet, Old Kampala Muslim Supreme Council, Kamwokya Christian Community and AIDS information Center – Kisenyi.

Also in the following districts:

West Nile:-

Arua, Nebi, Moyo & Adjumani

Northern:-

Lira, Apach, Gulu & Kotido

North Eastern:-

Soroti, Katakwi, Moroto & Kumi

North Western:-

Mityana, Hoima, Masindi
Kiboga, Kibale & Mubende

Western:-

Mbarara, Kasese

Southern:-

Kisero, Rukungiri, Ntungamo

Eastern:-

Mbale, Pallisa, Bugiri, Kapcholwa, Tororo

Central Eastern JIK:-

Iganga, Jinja, Kamuli

Central:-

Kampala - Kamwokya, Bapet, Rubaga
Nsambya, Namirembe, Mulago

Mukono:-

Mpigi, Luwero, Kiboga, Entebbe

■ FUTURE PROSPECTS

SELF RELIANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY

NACWOLA has embarked on Heifer (Zero Grazing), rabbit Projects, Tailoring and hopes to start Mushroom growing and bee keeping. So far Group projects have been started but NACWOLA hopes in the course to reach the women at the household level.

SKILLS BUILDING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

NACWOLA will continue to impart skills in areas such as project planning and Management. Most NACWOLA members lack the basic skills in project proposal writing, planning and management.

It is also a priority recommendation that NACWOLA district coordinators are equipped with skills in counselling and communications so as to be able to address challenges and community issues that they continue to meet in their communities in order to help others better.

■ DIVERSIFICATION OF DONOR SUPPORT

As NACWOLA fights for self-sufficiency she will meanwhile try to diversify on her sources of donor support.

■ CHILDRENS MEMORY PROJECT

NACWOLA has started a Memory Project for children affected and infected by HIV/ AIDS.

The aim of the Memory Project is to help parents open up dialogue with their children about their sero-status so that, when they talk to their children the children will be supported to cope with future changes in case of their parents death. This project is in its pilot stage funded by SAVE THE CHILDREN UK but a National Initiative will take off with the availability of funds.

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■ OBJECTIVES

- To fight stigma and abuse to HIV positive Women in Uganda.
- To access information on HIV/AIDS so as to reduces fear and isolation among women living with HIV/AIDS.
- To empower women living with HIV/AIDS economically so as to reduce their vulnerability and dependency.
- To unite all women living with HIV/AIDS so as to act as one strong voice in the fight against AIDS.

■ ACTIVITIES/STRATEGIES

- Income Generation Activities (IGAs) (Rabbit, Heifer and Tailoring Project).
- IEC through drama, publications, testimonies, paper presentations, Speeches, media programmes etc.
- Net working by sharing information with PWAS organisations, NGOs both locally and internationally.
- Advocacy / Awareness raising on the rights of HIV positive women.
- Capacity Building through training.

■ MEMBERSHIP:

We have 3 types of membership.

- Beneficiary:

This is open to all women living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda The membership fee is 2,000, renewable annually.

- Subscribers:

These are individuals, institutions and organisations who are interested in the objectives and operations of NACWOLA. They pay a subscription of :

- Individuals - Shs 25,000.
- Institutions and Organisations Shs. 50,000.

This is renewed annually.

- Honorary:

This membership is acquired after an individual, institution or organisation has satisfied the executive committee through their support and commitment to the aspirations of NACWOLA.

To date NACWOLA has registered over 50,000 women living with HIV / AIDS.