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About YPPN

Youth Plus Policy Network Uganda (YPPN) is a youth-led national non-governmental organisation committed to building healthier, educated and more resilient communities through innovative and sustainable community systems.

The organisation works across three interconnected areas:

- Community Health.
- Basic Education.
- Youth Leadership and Community Advocacy.

YPPN delivers its mission through two flagship programme platforms:

DEEPROOTS

Building Community Systems for Health

and

LIFT Education Programme

Learning, Inclusion and Futures Transformation for Children from Low-Resourced Communities

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Cover Theme

Building Community Systems

The cover of this report reflects YPPN's commitment to strengthening communities through integrated investments in health, education and youth leadership.

DEEPROOTS

Building Community Systems for Health

LIFT Education Programme

Learning, Inclusion and Futures Transformation for Children from Low-Resourced Communities

YPPN

Building Healthier Communities and Brighter Futures Through Health, Education and Youth Leadership

ABOUT THIS REPORT

Building Healthier Communities and Brighter Futures Through Health, Education and Youth Leadership

The 2025 Annual Report of Youth Plus Policy Network Uganda (YPPN) presents the organisation's programmes, achievements, growth and impact during the period from 1 January to 31 December 2025.

The report captures a landmark year in which YPPN strengthened its role as a community-driven organisation working at the intersection of health, education and youth leadership.

During the year, the organisation attained registration as a National Non-Governmental Organisation, strengthened the DEEPROOTS Community Health Programme, implemented DEEPROOTS-AGYW, launched and expanded DEEPROOTS Got You Bro, introduced the DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line and entered the education sector through the establishment of the LIFT Education Programme and Honeywell School.

This report has been prepared to provide communities, partners, government institutions, supporters and the general public with an overview of the organisation's work and the progress made toward its mission of strengthening community systems.

The report highlights not only programme outputs and achievements, but also the stories, partnerships and local leadership that make sustainable community transformation possible.

REPORTING PERIOD

1 January 2025 – 31 December 2025

WHAT THIS REPORT COVERS

This report provides information on:

- The history and evolution of YPPN.
- The organisation's vision, mission and values.
- The Theory of Change that guides our work.
- Institutional milestones achieved during 2025.
- The DEEPROOTS Community Health Programme.
- DEEPROOTS-AGYW.
- DEEPROOTS Got You Bro.
- The LIFT Education Programme.
- Honeywell School.
- The Community Micro Campus vision.
- Community advocacy and youth leadership.
- Partnerships and organisational development.
- Financial stewardship and resource mobilisation.
- Strategic priorities for 2026 and beyond.

OUR APPROACH TO IMPACT

YPPN believes that lasting change happens when communities become active participants in shaping their own future.

For this reason, the impact presented throughout this report extends beyond statistics and programme outputs.

It reflects stronger community systems, increased local leadership, expanded educational opportunity and improved access to trusted health information and services.

The stories and achievements shared within these pages represent the collective efforts of communities, young people, volunteers, staff, partners and supporters working together to create positive and sustainable change.

REPORTING PRINCIPLES

In preparing this report, YPPN has been guided by the principles of:

Accountability

Being transparent about the organisation's work and use of resources.

Integrity

Presenting information honestly and responsibly.

Community Ownership

Recognising the role of communities as partners and leaders in development.

Learning

Reflecting on both achievements and opportunities for future growth.

Partnership

Acknowledging that meaningful impact is built through collaboration.

A NOTE ON TERMINOLOGY

Throughout this report, Youth Plus Policy Network Uganda is referred to by its acronym, YPPN.

The organisation's two flagship programme platforms are:

DEEPROOTS

Building Community Systems for Health

and

LIFT Education Programme

Learning, Inclusion and Futures Transformation for Children from Low-Resourced Communities

Together, these platforms reflect YPPN's commitment to building healthier, educated and more resilient communities across Uganda.

This report is dedicated to the communities, children and young people whose resilience, leadership and hope continue to inspire the work of YPPN every day.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Stewardship, Growth and Community Impact

It is with great pride and gratitude that I present the 2025 Annual Report of Youth Plus Policy Network Uganda (YPPN).

The year 2025 marked a defining moment in the history of our organisation. It was a year in which YPPN strengthened its role as a trusted community partner while also achieving an important institutional milestone through its registration as a National Non-Governmental Organisation with a mandate to operate throughout Uganda.

This achievement reflects the dedication of our staff, volunteers, Peer Community Advisors, partners and the many communities that continue to place their trust in our work.

As a Board, we firmly believe that sustainable development is achieved when communities themselves become active participants in creating solutions. Throughout the year, we have witnessed this philosophy come to life through the continued growth of the DEEPROOTS Community Health Programme and the establishment of the LIFT Education Programme.

The DEEPROOTS model has continued to demonstrate the value of trusted community spaces, peer leadership and local ownership in strengthening HIV prevention and improving access to health information and services.

At the same time, the launch of Honeywell School and the LIFT Education Programme reflects our conviction that stronger education systems are essential for building healthier and more resilient communities.

The Board is particularly encouraged by the organisation's long-term vision for Community Micro Campuses, which seeks to make affordable and technology-enabled education more accessible to children from low-resourced communities across Uganda.

We are equally proud of the organisation's commitment to good governance, accountability and responsible stewardship of resources.

During 2025, YPPN continued strengthening its institutional systems while mobilising significant financial and in-kind support that enabled the organisation to expand its impact and invest in long-term community solutions.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend our sincere appreciation to the Government of Uganda, our development partners, local governments, community

leaders, volunteers and the many children, young people and families who have worked alongside us throughout this journey.

Most importantly, I wish to thank the communities we serve.

Your resilience, leadership and belief in the power of collective action continue to inspire our work.

As we look toward the future, we remain committed to supporting innovative, community-owned approaches that strengthen health, education and youth leadership across Uganda.

Together, we are building healthier communities and brighter futures.



Doreen Naiga Kamoga

Chairperson, Board of Directors

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Building Healthier Communities and Brighter Futures

As I reflect on the journey of 2025, I am filled with gratitude, humility and an even stronger sense of purpose.

This year marked a defining chapter in the evolution of Youth Plus Policy Network Uganda (YPPN). What began as a community-driven initiative has continued to grow into a national organisation committed to strengthening community systems for health, education and youth leadership.

Our registration as a National Non-Governmental Organisation was more than an institutional milestone. It was a recognition of the power of communities to create and sustain solutions that improve lives. It reaffirmed our belief that development is strongest when it is rooted within the communities it seeks to serve.

Throughout the year, we continued strengthening the DEEPROOTS Community Health Programme, our flagship platform for building community systems for health. Across our programme communities, Community HIV Information Kiosks remained trusted spaces where young people and families could access accurate information, prevention services and confidential support.

The implementation of DEEPROOTS-AGYW reinforced our commitment to adolescent girls and young women, while the launch and rapid expansion of DEEPROOTS Got You Bro reflected our belief that boys and young men must also be engaged as partners in building healthier and more equitable communities.

Innovation remained at the centre of our work. The launch of the DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line created a new opportunity for communities to access trusted information beyond physical spaces, extending the reach of our community-based approach through digital technology.

At the same time, 2025 marked YPPN's entry into the education sector through the launch of the LIFT Education Programme.

For many years, our work in communities has shown us that health and education cannot be separated. Children who are healthy are better able to learn, and children who receive quality education are better equipped to make informed choices and build resilient futures.

The establishment of Honeywell School, our flagship implementation project under LIFT, represents our contribution to Uganda's national goal of Education for All. By the close of the year, the school had enrolled eighty children, including children from refugee communities, demonstrating our commitment to ensuring that vulnerable children are not left behind.

We are equally excited by the long-term vision that emerged during 2025 through the development of the Community Micro Campus model. We believe that quality education should be affordable, innovative and available within the communities where children live. Honeywell School will serve as the demonstration and innovation hub for this future network of neighbourhood learning centres.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the people who stand behind this organisation.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our Board of Directors for their leadership and guidance, to our staff and volunteers for their dedication, to our Peer Community Advisors who continue to serve as trusted leaders within their communities, and to our partners whose confidence and support continue to strengthen our work.

Most importantly, I thank the communities we serve.

Your resilience, your ideas and your willingness to work alongside us have shaped the organisation that YPPN is today. Every Community HIV Information Kiosk, every child enrolled at Honeywell School and every young person empowered through our programmes is a reflection of what communities can achieve when they are trusted and supported to lead.

As we look toward the future, our ambition is not simply to grow as an organisation.

Our ambition is to help build a Uganda where every child has access to quality education, every young person has access to trusted information, and every community has the opportunity to shape its own future.

The work ahead remains significant, but so too is our optimism.

Together, we will continue building healthier communities and brighter futures through health, education and youth leadership.



Colline Saabwe

2025 AT A GLANCE

Building Healthier Communities and Brighter Futures Through Health, Education and Youth Leadership

The year 2025 marked a transformational chapter for Youth Plus Policy Network Uganda (YPPN).

The organisation expanded its community footprint, strengthened HIV prevention systems, entered the education sector and attained registration as a National Non-Governmental Organisation with a mandate to operate across Uganda.

A YEAR OF MAJOR MILESTONES

- *Registered as a National Non-Governmental Organisation.*
- *Countrywide operational mandate attained.*
- *DEEPROOTS Community Health Programme strengthened.*
- *DEEPROOTS-AGYW successfully implemented.*
- *DEEPROOTS Got You Bro launched and expanded.*
- *DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line launched.*
- *LIFT Education Programme established.*
- *Honeywell School established.*
- *Community Micro Campus model developed.*

DEEPROOTS IMPACT

Building Community Systems for Health

9,688

People reached with HIV prevention information.

7,899

Individuals supported to access HIV prevention services.

6,576

Individuals supported to test for HIV.

892

Individuals linked to prevention care.

85

Individuals linked to HIV treatment services.

5

Community HIV Information Kiosks operating daily.

15

Peer Community Advisors leading change within their communities.

DEEPROOTS-AGYW

Empowering Adolescent Girls and Young Women

4,000

People reached through Community HIV Information Kiosks.

3,200

Girls and young women reached through peer education and outreach.

1,750

Girls and young women received structured HIV prevention education.

2,320

HIV self-test kits utilized.

25,000+

Condoms distributed.

232

Anonymous questions answered.

DEEPROOTS GOT YOU BRO

Boys and Young Men as Partners for Change

2025

Programme launched.

20

Communities reached across the Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area.

1

Shared vision for promoting positive masculinity, healthy relationships and youth leadership.

LIFT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Learning, Inclusion and Futures Transformation for Children from Low-Resourced Communities

Affordable. Innovative. Technology-Enabled.

2025

Programme launched.

1

Flagship implementation project established.

1

Community Micro Campus model developed.

HONEYWELL SCHOOL

The Flagship Implementation Project of LIFT

80

Children enrolled.

Including children from refugee communities.

Mission:

Contributing to Uganda's national goal of Education for All through affordable, inclusive and innovative learning.

OUR GROWING FOOTPRINT

Communities reached through DEEPROOTS Got You Bro

Katabi Town Council

Kasenyi • Kawuku

Kajjansi Town Council

Kajjansi Line Cell • Nakawuka

Kasanje Town Council

Buvvi • Kasanje Trading Centre • Bussi

Kyengera Town Council

Kasenge

Rubaga Division

Kosovo • Nakulabye • Kitebi

Makindye Division

Kitooro-Katwe

Makindye-Ssabagabo Municipality

Masajja • Kanyanya • Busabala

Kawempe Division

Bwaise

Wakiso Town Council

Kisimbiri

Nansana Municipality

Kibwa

Entebbe Municipality

Nakiwogo • Kigungu

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

DEEPROOTS

Building Community Systems for Health.

LIFT Education Programme

Learning, Inclusion and Futures Transformation for Children from Low-Resourced Communities.

Honeywell School

The flagship implementation project for affordable, community-based education.

Community Micro Campuses

A future network of neighbourhood learning centres bringing quality education closer to children.

2025 IN ONE SENTENCE

A year in which YPPN evolved from a growing community initiative into a nationally recognised organisation building integrated systems for health, education and youth leadership across Uganda**.**

"Together, we are building healthier communities and brighter futures through health, education and youth leadership."



CHAPTER ONE

OUR STORY

From Community Action to National Impact

The story of YPPN Policy Network Uganda is a story of communities, young people and the belief that sustainable development begins at the local level.

Across Uganda, many communities continue to face interconnected challenges that affect the wellbeing and future of children and young people. Limited access to trusted health information, unequal educational opportunities, unemployment, poverty and social exclusion continue to prevent many young people from reaching their full potential.

While many development initiatives provide important services, lasting transformation requires more than short-term interventions. It requires strong local systems, trusted relationships and communities that are empowered to become active participants in shaping their own future.

Youth Plus Policy Network Uganda was founded on this simple but powerful idea.

The organisation was established as a youth-led initiative committed to strengthening communities through innovative, practical and sustainable solutions that improve health, education and youth development outcomes.

From its earliest days, YPPN recognised that communities themselves hold the knowledge, energy and leadership needed to solve many of the challenges they face. The role of the organisation, therefore, is not simply to deliver services, but to help communities build the systems, partnerships and opportunities that enable lasting change.

This philosophy of community ownership has shaped every stage of the organisation's growth.

Building Community Systems

YPPN believes that stronger communities are built when people have access to three essential foundations:

- Trusted information.
- Quality education.

- Opportunities for meaningful participation and leadership.

These foundations enable individuals and families to make informed decisions, improve their wellbeing and create opportunities for future generations.

Rather than viewing health, education and youth empowerment as separate sectors, YPPN sees them as interconnected parts of a broader community system.

A healthier child learns better.

A well-educated young person becomes a stronger community leader.

A community that invests in its young people becomes more resilient and better prepared for the future.

This systems-thinking approach has become the defining characteristic of the organisation

The Birth of DEEPROOTS

As YPPN worked alongside communities, it became increasingly clear that many adolescents and young people lacked access to trusted, confidential and youth-friendly HIV prevention information and services.

Traditional health systems often struggled to reach young people because of distance, stigma, fear and limited opportunities for open discussion.

In response, YPPN developed the **DEEPROOTS Community Health Programme**, an innovative model that brings trusted information and prevention services directly into communities through Community HIV Information Kiosks, Peer Community Advisors and digital support systems.

DEEPROOTS was designed not simply as a project, but as a community-owned health system where young people could access information, ask questions anonymously and receive support from trained peers within safe and welcoming spaces.

Over time, DEEPROOTS evolved into an integrated platform combining physical community access points with digital innovation through DEEPROOTS Care and, in 2025, the launch of the DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line.

Today, DEEPROOTS stands as the flagship community health programme of YPPN Policy Network Uganda and reflects the organisation's belief that sustainable health outcomes begin with empowered communities.

Expanding into Education

As the organisation's work deepened, another important reality became increasingly clear.

Many of the same communities facing health challenges were also struggling with limited access to affordable, quality education. Children living in low-resourced urban communities often faced overcrowded classrooms, financial barriers and limited access to educational technology and learning resources.

YPPN recognised that healthier communities cannot be built without stronger education systems.

This understanding inspired the creation of the **LIFT Education Programme**.

LIFT, which stands for **Learning, Inclusion and Futures Transformation for Children from Low-Resourced Communities**, was launched in 2025 to contribute to Uganda's national goal of Education for All.

The programme seeks to develop affordable, innovative and technology-enabled learning opportunities that ensure every child, regardless of circumstance, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

The establishment of Honeywell School during 2025 marked the first major implementation project under the LIFT Education Programme and demonstrated the organisation's commitment to educational innovation and inclusion.

The programme's long-term vision extends beyond a single school and includes the development of Community Micro Campuses that bring quality education closer to underserved communities.

A Transformational Year

The year 2025 marked a defining chapter in the history of YPPN Policy Network Uganda.

During the year, the organisation attained registration as a National Non-Governmental Organisation with a mandate to operate throughout Uganda.

This achievement represented more than a legal milestone. It was recognition of the organisation's growth, credibility and commitment to serving communities through innovative and sustainable approaches.

The year also saw the successful implementation of DEEPROOTS-AGYW, the expansion of DEEPROOTS Got You Bro into twenty communities across the Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area, the launch of the DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information

Line, the establishment of Honeywell School and the creation of the LIFT Education Programme.

Together, these milestones signalled the emergence of YPPN as a national organisation building integrated community systems for health, education and youth leadership.

Looking to the Future

As YPPN looks to the future, its vision remains firmly rooted in the belief that communities themselves are the foundation of lasting change.

Through DEEPROOTS and the LIFT Education Programme, the organisation will continue to develop practical, affordable and scalable solutions that strengthen community systems and expand opportunities for children and young people across Uganda.

The journey that began as a local initiative has evolved into a national movement dedicated to building healthier communities and brighter futures.

At the heart of this journey remains one simple belief:

Communities thrive when every child can learn, every young person can lead and every family can access trusted information and opportunity.

CHAPTER TWO

WHO WE ARE

Building Community Systems for Health, Education and Youth Leadership

YPPN Policy Network Uganda is a youth-led national non-governmental organisation committed to building healthier, educated and more resilient communities through innovative, community-driven solutions.

The organisation works at the intersection of health, education and youth leadership, recognizing that sustainable development is not achieved through isolated projects, but through strong community systems that empower people to shape their own future.

At YPPN, we believe that when communities have access to trusted information, quality education and opportunities for meaningful participation, they become better equipped to overcome challenges, protect vulnerable populations and create lasting social and economic progress.

Rather than simply delivering services, YPPN works alongside communities to strengthen local leadership, build partnerships and create practical solutions that can be sustained and expanded over time.

This philosophy of community ownership remains the foundation upon which all our work is built.

OUR VISION

Healthy, educated and resilient communities where every child and young person has the opportunity to thrive.

Our vision reflects a future in which every child is able to access quality education, every young person has the knowledge and confidence to make informed decisions, and every community possesses the capacity to shape its own development.

We believe that healthier communities and stronger education systems are inseparable and that lasting transformation occurs when both are strengthened together.

OUR MISSION

To strengthen community systems through innovative, inclusive and sustainable programmes that improve health, education and youth development outcomes.

YPPN delivers its mission by developing practical models that place communities at the centre of change.

Our programmes are designed not only to address immediate needs, but also to build local capacity, strengthen institutions and create opportunities that continue long after individual projects have ended.

OUR CORE VALUES

Community Ownership

We believe sustainable development begins when communities become active owners and drivers of change. Communities are not passive beneficiaries of development but equal partners in designing and implementing solutions.

Youth Leadership

Young people are powerful agents of positive change. YPPN invests in their leadership, creativity and innovation, enabling them to become active contributors to healthier and more resilient communities.

Inclusion and Equity

We believe that every individual deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential regardless of age, gender, disability, nationality or social background.

Our work deliberately seeks to include vulnerable populations, including adolescent girls and young women, children from low-resourced communities and refugee populations.

Innovation

Complex challenges require creative solutions.

YPPN embraces innovation, technology and continuous learning to develop practical approaches that improve community wellbeing and educational opportunity.

Integrity and Accountability

We are committed to transparency, ethical leadership and responsible stewardship of the resources entrusted to us.

We believe that accountability to communities, partners and supporters is essential for building trust and long-term impact.

Partnership

We recognize that sustainable change cannot be achieved alone.

Collaboration with communities, government institutions, civil society organisations, development partners and the private sector strengthens our collective ability to create lasting impact.

Excellence

We strive for excellence in programme implementation, organisational management and service delivery.

Through continuous improvement and learning, we seek to provide high-quality programmes that create meaningful and measurable change.

OUR APPROACH

Building Community Systems

YPPN believes that stronger communities are built upon three interconnected foundations:

Trusted Information

Access to accurate, timely and confidential information empowers individuals and families to make informed decisions about their health, education and future.

Quality Education

Education creates opportunity, strengthens resilience and enables communities to break cycles of poverty and exclusion.

Meaningful Participation

Communities become stronger when people are actively involved in shaping solutions and leading change within their own environments.

Together, these foundations create stronger community systems that improve wellbeing and build resilience.

This approach guides every programme implemented by YPPN.

OUR PROGRAMME PLATFORMS

YPPN delivers its mission through two flagship programme platforms supported by a cross-cutting advocacy and youth leadership agenda.

DEEPROOTS

Building Community Systems for Health

DEEPROOTS is the flagship community health programme of YPPN Policy Network Uganda.

The programme was established to improve community access to HIV prevention information and services through trusted, youth-friendly and community-owned systems.

DEEPROOTS combines physical community access points with digital innovation through:

- Community HIV Information Kiosks.
- Peer Community Advisors.
- DEEPROOTS Care.
- DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line.
- DEEPROOTS-AGYW.
- DEEPROOTS Got You Bro.

Together, these components create an integrated community health ecosystem that places information and services closer to the people who need them most.

LIFT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Learning, Inclusion and Futures Transformation for Children from Low-Resourced Communities

Affordable. Innovative. Technology-Enabled.

Launched in 2025, the LIFT Education Programme represents YPPN' commitment to contributing to Uganda's national goal of Education for All.

The programme seeks to develop affordable, inclusive and technology-enabled learning opportunities that improve educational access and outcomes for children from low-resourced communities.

LIFT focuses on:

- Affordable Learning.
- Accelerated Learning.
- Technology-Enabled Learning.
- Teacher Professional Development.
- Learning Resource Development.
- Community and Parental Engagement.
- Education Advocacy.

Honeywell School serves as the flagship implementation project under the programme while also functioning as a demonstration centre for educational innovation and future Community Micro Campuses.

COMMUNITY ADVOCACY AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Advocacy and youth participation are embedded across all YPPN programmes.

The organisation works to strengthen:

- HIV prevention advocacy.
- Sexual and reproductive health awareness.
- Positive masculinity.
- Youth participation.
- Education for All.

- Community ownership.
- Strategic partnerships.
- Policy dialogue.

YPPN believes that communities become stronger when young people are equipped not only with information but also with the confidence and opportunity to become leaders.

WHERE WE WORK

During 2025, YPPN implemented programmes across communities in the Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area, including Wakiso District, Kampala Capital City and Entebbe Municipality.

Programme implementation reached communities including:

- Kasenyi.
- Kawuku.
- Kajjansi Line Cell.
- Nakawuka.
- Buvvi.
- Kasanje Trading Centre.
- Bussi.
- Kasenge.
- Kosovo.
- Nakulabye.
- Kitebi.
- Kitooro-Katwe.
- Masajja.
- Kanyanya.
- Busabala.
- Bwaise.
- Kisimbiri.
- Kibwa.

- Nakiwogo.
- Kigungu.

Following its registration as a National NGO, YPPN is preparing for gradual expansion to communities across Uganda.

OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

YPPN believes that sustainable development begins when communities themselves become owners of solutions.

When communities have access to trusted information, quality education and opportunities for meaningful participation, they become healthier, more resilient and better equipped to shape their own future.

This vision is implemented through three interconnected pillars:

DEEPROOTS

Building Community Systems for Health.

LIFT

Building Community Systems for Education.

Community Advocacy and Youth Leadership

Building Community Systems for Participation and Local Action.

Together, these platforms contribute to YPPN' long-term vision of building healthier communities and brighter futures through health, education and youth leadership.

"Communities thrive when every child can learn, every young person can lead and every family can access trusted information and opportunity."

CHAPTER THREE

OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

Building Community Systems That Last

At YPPN Policy Network Uganda, we believe that sustainable development is achieved not simply by delivering services, but by strengthening the systems that allow communities to solve their own challenges and sustain progress over time.

Our experience working alongside communities has shown that health challenges, educational inequality and limited opportunities for young people are deeply interconnected. These issues cannot be effectively addressed through isolated interventions.

A child who lacks access to education is often more vulnerable to poverty and poor health outcomes.

A young person without trusted information may struggle to make informed decisions about their health and future.

Communities that lack opportunities for participation and leadership often remain dependent on external support.

For this reason, YPPN has adopted a systems approach to development.

We believe that when communities have access to trusted information, quality education and opportunities for meaningful participation, they become healthier, more resilient and better equipped to shape their own future.

OUR BELIEF

Communities are not passive beneficiaries.

Communities are partners.

Communities are leaders.

Communities are the foundation of lasting change.

YPPN exists to help communities strengthen the systems that enable this change to happen.

OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

YPPN believes that:

When communities have access to trusted information, quality education and opportunities for meaningful participation, they become healthier, more resilient and better equipped to shape their own future.

This belief is implemented through three interconnected programme platforms that reinforce one another.

PILLAR ONE

DEEPROOTS

Building Community Systems for Health

Good health is the foundation upon which individuals, families and communities thrive.

Yet many young people continue to face barriers to accessing accurate health information and youth-friendly services. Distance from health facilities, stigma, misinformation and fear often prevent people from seeking support.

The DEEPROOTS Community Health Programme was established to bridge these gaps by bringing trusted information and prevention services directly into communities.

The programme combines:

- Community HIV Information Kiosks.
- Peer Community Advisors.
- DEEPROOTS Care.
- DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line.
- DEEPROOTS-AGYW.

- DEEPROOTS Got You Bro.

Together, these components create a community-owned ecosystem that strengthens HIV prevention, promotes wellbeing and improves access to essential services.

Rather than waiting for communities to come to services, DEEPROOTS takes services closer to communities.

PILLAR TWO

LIFT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Building Community Systems for Education

Education is one of the most powerful tools for transforming lives and breaking cycles of poverty.

However, many children from low-resourced communities continue to face barriers that limit their ability to learn and succeed.

YPPN believes that quality education should not be determined by where a child is born or the economic status of their family.

The LIFT Education Programme was established to contribute to Uganda's national goal of Education for All by developing affordable, innovative and technology-enabled learning opportunities.

LIFT promotes:

- Affordable Learning.
- Accelerated Learning.
- Technology-Enabled Learning.
- Teacher Professional Development.
- Learning Resource Development.
- Community and Parental Engagement.
- Education Advocacy.

Honeywell School serves as the flagship implementation project under the programme, while the planned Community Micro Campus Network represents the organisation's long-term vision for expanding educational opportunity across underserved communities.

PILLAR THREE

COMMUNITY ADVOCACY AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Building Community Systems for Participation and Local Action

YPPN believes that communities become stronger when people are not simply recipients of services, but active participants in creating solutions.

Young people possess the creativity, energy and leadership needed to transform their communities when given opportunities and support.

For this reason, advocacy and youth leadership are embedded across all YPPN programmes.

The organisation works to strengthen:

- HIV prevention advocacy.
- Sexual and reproductive health awareness.
- Positive masculinity.
- Youth participation.
- Education for All.
- Community ownership.
- Policy dialogue.
- Strategic partnerships.

Programmes such as DEEPROOTS Got You Bro and the Peer Community Advisor model demonstrate the organisation's commitment to developing local leaders who continue creating impact within their own communities.

HOW CHANGE HAPPENS

YPPN understands that meaningful change occurs through a gradual and interconnected process.

Step One:

Communities gain access to trusted information.

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Step Two:

Individuals develop knowledge, confidence and practical skills**.**

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Step Three:

Communities strengthen local leadership and participation.

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Step Four:

Access to health services and quality education improves.

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Step Five:

Communities become healthier, more resilient and better able to shape their own future.

This process creates sustainable impact because communities themselves become the drivers of change.

BUILDING SYSTEMS, NOT PROJECTS

Many development programmes are designed around short-term activities.

YPPN takes a different approach.

Rather than focusing only on individual projects, the organisation seeks to establish long-term systems that continue creating value beyond a single funding cycle.

Community HIV Information Kiosks are designed to become trusted local institutions.

Peer Community Advisors become long-term community leaders.

Honeywell School serves as an innovation hub for future Community Micro Campuses.

The DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line expands access to trusted information regardless of physical location.

Each initiative strengthens the others, creating an integrated ecosystem that supports community wellbeing.

OUR LONG-TERM VISION

YPPN envisions a future where every community has access to:

Trusted Information.

Quality Education.

Local Leadership.

Strong Partnerships.

Opportunities for Participation.

By strengthening these foundations, communities become more capable of addressing their own challenges, protecting vulnerable populations and creating brighter futures for the next generation.

This vision guides every programme, every partnership and every investment made by YPPN Policy Network Uganda.

OUR THEORY OF CHANGE IN PRACTICE

TRUSTED INFORMATION

Through DEEPROOTS.

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QUALITY EDUCATION

Through LIFT.

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YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Through Advocacy and Community Participation.

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STRONGER COMMUNITY SYSTEMS

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HEALTHIER, EDUCATED AND MORE RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

"We believe that lasting change happens when communities themselves become the architects of their own future."

CHAPTER FOUR

2025: A LANDMARK YEAR

A Year of Transformation, Growth and New Beginnings

The year 2025 marked one of the most significant periods in the history of YPPN Policy Network Uganda.

It was a year of transformation that saw the organisation evolve from a growing community-based initiative into a nationally registered institution with an expanded vision and a stronger commitment to building community systems for health, education and youth leadership.

Throughout the year, YPPN strengthened existing programmes, launched new innovations, expanded its geographical footprint and built new partnerships that will shape the organisation's future for years to come.

At the heart of these achievements remained a simple but powerful belief:

Communities themselves are the foundation of lasting change.

Becoming a National Organisation

Perhaps the most significant milestone of the year was the successful registration of YPPN Policy Network Uganda as a National Non-Governmental Organisation.

This achievement represented the culmination of years of community engagement, programme implementation and institutional growth.

National registration provides the organisation with a mandate to operate throughout Uganda and reflects the confidence that government, partners and communities have placed in the YPPN model.

For the organisation, this milestone was not simply an administrative accomplishment.

It symbolized the evolution of a locally rooted initiative into a national movement committed to strengthening community systems that improve the lives of children and young people.

The registration also positions YPPN to expand innovative models such as DEEPROOTS and LIFT to new communities across the country.

Strengthening DEEPROOTS

Throughout 2025, the DEEPROOTS Community Health Programme continued to demonstrate the effectiveness of community-led approaches to HIV prevention and health promotion.

The programme strengthened community-based HIV prevention, peer-led engagement and stakeholder collaboration across Wakiso District, focusing primarily on:

- Kigungu.
- Nakiwogo.
- Kasenyi.
- Katabi.
- Kajjansi.
- Buvvi.

Five DEEPROOTS Community HIV Information Kiosks operated daily under trained Peer Community Advisors.

These kiosks functioned as youth-friendly safe spaces where community members could access:

- HIV prevention information.
- HIV self-test kits.
- Condom distribution.
- PrEP and PEP information.
- Peer counselling.
- Anonymous question services.
- Referral support.

Over the course of the year, the DEEPROOTS model continued to strengthen trust between communities and health systems by making services more accessible, confidential and youth-friendly.

DEEPROOTS Impact in Numbers

The programme reached thousands of individuals during the reporting period.

2025 Impact Snapshot

- 9,688 people reached with HIV prevention information.
- 7,899 individuals supported to access HIV prevention services.
- 6,576 individuals supported to test for HIV.
- 892 people linked to prevention care.
- 85 people linked to HIV treatment services.
- Five Community HIV Information Kiosks operational.
- Fifteen Peer Community Advisors trained and supported.
- More than 10,000 prevention commodities distributed.

Behind each of these figures is a story of a young person who gained access to trusted information, a family that received support or a community that became stronger through local leadership.

Launch of the DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line

Innovation remained central to the YPPN approach throughout 2025.

Recognizing that many young people require confidential and convenient access to health information, the organisation launched the **DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line**.

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The service was established to complement the Community HIV Information Kiosk model by extending access to trusted information beyond physical community spaces.

The toll-free line enables individuals to receive confidential guidance, ask questions anonymously and obtain referrals to appropriate services regardless of their location.

Together with DEEPROOTS Care and the Community HIV Information Kiosks, the service forms part of an integrated community and digital health ecosystem.

Advancing HIV Prevention for Adolescent Girls and Young Women

During 2025, YPPN implemented **DEEPROOTS-AGYW**, a programme designed to strengthen HIV prevention and wellbeing among adolescent girls and young women.

The programme combined structured learning, peer support and safe spaces to provide accurate and age-appropriate information that empowers girls and young women to make informed decisions about their health and future.

A significant achievement during the year was the translation of the DEEPROOTS Wellness Toolkit into Luganda, improving accessibility and enabling wider community engagement.

The programme also concluded the year with the DEEPROOTS AGYW Learning Circle, bringing together Peer Community Advisors to reflect on lessons learned, strengthen sustainability planning and develop community continuity strategies.

Engaging Boys and Young Men

One of the organisation's most important innovations during 2025 was the launch and expansion of **DEEPROOTS Got You Bro**.

The programme was established in recognition of the important role that boys and young men play in building healthier and more equitable communities.

By promoting positive masculinity, peer support and youth leadership, the initiative seeks to engage boys and young men as active partners in HIV prevention, gender equality and community development.

During its first year, DEEPROOTS Got You Bro expanded into twenty communities across the Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area, significantly increasing YPPN' community footprint.

The programme represents an important shift toward more inclusive and community-wide approaches to health promotion and social change.

Entering the Education Sector

While YPPN has historically focused on health and youth development, 2025 marked the beginning of a new chapter through the launch of the **LIFT Education Programme**.

LIFT, which stands for **Learning, Inclusion and Futures Transformation for Children from Low-Resourced Communities**, was established to contribute to Uganda's national goal of Education for All.

The programme seeks to strengthen educational opportunity through affordable, innovative and technology-enabled learning models that respond to the realities faced by underserved communities.

The launch of LIFT reflects the organisation's belief that healthier communities cannot be built without stronger education systems.

Honeywell School

As part of the LIFT Education Programme, YPPN established **Honeywell School**, the programme's flagship implementation project.

The school was created to improve access to quality education for children from low-resourced urban communities.

By the end of the year, Honeywell School had enrolled eighty children, including children from refugee communities.

Beyond providing education, the school serves as a demonstration centre for educational innovation, teacher development and community engagement.

Investing in the Future: Community Micro Campuses

During 2025, YPPN also developed the concept for the **LIFT Community Micro Campus Network**.

The model seeks to establish small, high-quality neighbourhood learning centres that bring affordable and technology-enabled education closer to underserved communities.

Honeywell School will serve as the demonstration and innovation hub for this approach while supporting the future growth of Community Micro Campuses across Uganda.

The initiative reflects the organisation's long-term commitment to building sustainable community education systems.

Partnerships that Strengthen Communities

The achievements recorded during 2025 were made possible through strong collaboration with communities, local governments and development partners.

Throughout the year, YPPN strengthened relationships with institutions including:

- Uganda AIDS Commission.
- Ministry of Health.
- AHF Uganda Cares.
- Joint Clinical Research Centre.
- Uganda Virus Research Institute.
- Mildmay Uganda.
- TASO Entebbe.
- Oxfam Uganda.
- ActionAid Uganda.
- United Nations agencies.

The organisation also acknowledges the important support provided through the **Tony Elumelu Entrepreneurship Programme (TEEP)**, which helped catalyse the development of the LIFT Education Programme.

Strengthening the Institution

Alongside programme growth, YPPN invested in strengthening its own organisational systems.

The year saw improvements in governance, programme management, strategic partnerships and digital innovation.

The organisation also continued building the capacity of Peer Community Advisors, staff members and volunteers, recognizing that strong institutions are built by investing in people.

Mobilising Resources for Impact

During 2025, YPPN mobilised approximately **UGX 1.4 billion** in financial and in-kind resources to support its mission.

These resources enabled the organisation to strengthen community health systems, expand educational opportunities and invest in institutional growth.

The organisation remains committed to transparency, accountability and responsible stewardship of the resources entrusted to it.

A Foundation for the Future

The achievements of 2025 represent far more than a collection of successful activities.

They mark the emergence of YPPN Policy Network Uganda as a national organisation committed to building integrated community systems that improve health, expand educational opportunity and empower young people to become leaders of positive change.

As the organisation looks toward the future, the lessons and milestones of 2025 provide a strong foundation for continued growth and national impact.

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

1
National NGO Registration Achieved

5
Community HIV Information Kiosks

15
Peer Community Advisors

9,688
People Reached

6,576
Individuals Supported to Test for HIV

7,899
People Supported to Access Prevention Services

892
Individuals Linked to Prevention Care

85
Individuals Linked to HIV Treatment

20
Communities Reached through DEEPROOTS Got You Bro

80
Children Enrolled at Honeywell School

1
LIFT Education Programme Launched

UGX 1.4 Billion
Resources Mobilised

"The year 2025 was not simply a year of growth. It was the year YPPN began building the foundations of a national movement for healthier communities and brighter futures."

PART TWO

BUILDING COMMUNITY SYSTEMS FOR HEALTH

CHAPTER FIVE

DEEPROOTS COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMME

Building Trusted Community Systems for HIV Prevention and Wellbeing

The DEEPROOTS Community Health Programme is the flagship health initiative of YPPN Policy Network Uganda.

The programme was established on a simple observation: despite significant progress in Uganda's HIV response, many adolescents and young people continue to face barriers that prevent them from accessing timely, accurate and confidential information about their health.

Distance from health facilities, stigma, misinformation, fear of judgment and limited youth-friendly services often leave young people without the support they need to make informed decisions.

For many adolescents, particularly those living in low-resourced urban and fishing communities, the first barrier is not the availability of services but access to trusted information.

YPPN believes that communities themselves are the first line of prevention.

When communities have access to accurate information, local leadership and trusted support systems, they become better equipped to protect the health and wellbeing of their young people.

It is from this belief that DEEPROOTS was born.

Rather than asking communities to travel long distances to seek information and services, DEEPROOTS brings those services directly into the communities where people live.

The programme creates safe, welcoming and youth-friendly spaces where individuals can ask questions without fear, receive confidential support and access appropriate referrals.

Today, DEEPROOTS represents far more than a health project.

It is a community-owned system that combines local leadership, digital innovation and strategic partnerships to strengthen HIV prevention and community wellbeing.

WHY DEEPROOTS?

The HIV epidemic continues to disproportionately affect adolescents and young people, particularly adolescent girls and young women.

Although health facilities provide essential services, many young people remain hesitant to seek support because of:

- Fear of stigma and discrimination.
- Limited confidentiality.
- Lack of youth-friendly spaces.
- Distance to services.
- Misinformation and myths.
- Cultural and social barriers.
- Limited opportunities for open discussion.

YPPN recognised that effective HIV prevention requires trusted local spaces where communities can access information without judgment.

DEEPROOTS was therefore designed to bridge the gap between communities and formal health systems.

The programme strengthens prevention by making services more accessible, more approachable and more responsive to community realities.

THE DEEPROOTS MODEL

The DEEPROOTS Community Health Programme is built around four interconnected pillars that work together to create an integrated community health ecosystem.

Community HIV Information Kiosks

Peer Community Advisors

DEEPROOTS Care

DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line

Each component strengthens the others, ensuring that individuals can access information and support through multiple pathways.

COMMUNITY HIV INFORMATION KIOSKS

Bringing Trusted Information Closer to Communities

The Community HIV Information Kiosk is the heart of the DEEPROOTS model.

The kiosks were developed to serve as trusted, youth-friendly community spaces where individuals can receive accurate HIV prevention information and access essential prevention services.

Unlike traditional health facilities, the kiosks are designed to feel approachable and welcoming.

Young people can visit freely, ask questions confidentially and receive support from trained Peer Community Advisors who understand the realities of their own communities.

The kiosks provide:

- HIV prevention information.
- HIV self-test kits.
- Condom distribution.
- Information on PrEP and PEP.
- Peer counselling.
- Referrals to health facilities.
- Anonymous question services.
- Community dialogue sessions.

The anonymous question mechanism has become one of the programme's most innovative features.

Community members can submit sensitive questions without revealing their identity, creating opportunities for open discussion around topics that might otherwise remain hidden.

Throughout 2025, five Community HIV Information Kiosks operated daily across project communities.

Together, they served as trusted entry points for thousands of adolescents and young people seeking information and support.

PEER COMMUNITY ADVISORS

Young People Leading Change

YPPN believes that young people are not simply beneficiaries of development programmes.

They are leaders.

Peer Community Advisors (PCAs) form the backbone of the DEEPROOTS model.

Selected from within the communities they serve, PCAs receive training, mentorship and ongoing supervision to strengthen their technical knowledge and facilitation skills.

Because they are trusted members of their own communities, PCAs are often better positioned than formal institutions to engage adolescents and young people in honest conversations about HIV prevention and wellbeing.

Their work includes:

- One-on-one peer support.
- Small group dialogues.
- Community outreach.
- Health education sessions.
- Referral support.
- Kiosk management.
- Community mobilisation.

During 2025, fifteen Peer Community Advisors received refresher training and mentorship.

Together, they directly reached thousands of adolescent girls and young women across programme communities.

Beyond programme implementation, PCAs represent YPPN' long-term investment in community leadership and sustainability.

DEEPROOTS CARE

Extending Community Support Through Digital Innovation

As digital technology becomes increasingly important, YPPN continues exploring new ways of connecting communities to trusted information.

DEEPROOTS Care serves as the programme's digital engagement platform, extending the reach of Community HIV Information Kiosks beyond physical locations.

The platform supports information sharing, referrals and confidential engagement while complementing the broader DEEPROOTS ecosystem.

DEEPROOTS Care reflects the organisation's belief that technology should strengthen, rather than replace, community relationships.

THE DEEPROOTS TOLL-FREE INFORMATION LINE

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One of the most important milestones of 2025 was the launch of the DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line.

The service was established to ensure that individuals who cannot easily access a Community HIV Information Kiosk can still obtain trusted information and support.

The toll-free line provides confidential access to:

- HIV prevention information.
- HIV self-testing guidance.
- PrEP and PEP information.

- Sexual and reproductive health information.
- Referral services.
- Anonymous questions.

The launch of the service reflects YPPN' commitment to expanding access through both community-based and digital solutions.

Together, the kiosks, Peer Community Advisors, DEEPROOTS Care and the Toll-Free Information Line create an integrated community health system that brings services closer to the people who need them.

BUILDING TRUST

Perhaps the greatest achievement of DEEPROOTS is not measured by statistics alone.

It is measured by trust.

Communities trust the kiosks because they are located within their own neighbourhoods.

Young people trust the Peer Community Advisors because they are their peers.

Families trust the programme because it provides accurate information without judgment.

Health facilities trust the referral system because it strengthens linkages to care.

Over time, DEEPROOTS has become more than a programme.

It has become part of the community itself.

DEEPROOTS IN 2025

Throughout the year, DEEPROOTS strengthened community-based HIV prevention, peer-led engagement and stakeholder collaboration across Wakiso District, focusing on Kigungu, Nakiwogo, Kasenyi, Katabi, Kajjansi and Buvvi.

Five DEEPROOTS Community HIV Information Kiosks operated daily under trained Peer Community Advisors.

Across the reporting period, the programme:

- Reached 9,688 people with HIV prevention information.

- Supported 6,576 individuals to test for HIV.
- Supported 7,899 people to access HIV prevention services.
- Linked 892 individuals to prevention care.
- Linked 85 individuals to HIV treatment services.

These figures represent thousands of conversations, acts of courage and opportunities created for young people to make informed decisions about their health and future.

Looking Ahead

YPPN believes that the future of HIV prevention lies in stronger community systems.

In the years ahead, the organisation will continue strengthening Community HIV Information Kiosks, investing in Peer Community Advisors, expanding digital innovation through DEEPROOTS Care and growing the reach of the DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line.

By building trusted community systems, YPPN hopes to ensure that every young person has access to the information, support and opportunities they need to live healthy and productive lives.

"Communities protect themselves best when they have access to trusted information, local leadership and the confidence to act."

CHAPTER SIX

DEEPROOTS-AGYW

Empowering Adolescent Girls and Young Women to Lead Healthier Lives

Adolescent girls and young women remain at the centre of Uganda's HIV prevention response.

Despite significant national progress, girls and young women continue to face multiple social, economic and structural barriers that increase their vulnerability to HIV infection and other sexual and reproductive health challenges.

Limited access to accurate information, unequal power relationships, poverty, stigma and gender inequality often prevent young women from making informed decisions about their health and future.

YPPN Policy Network Uganda believes that effective HIV prevention goes beyond simply providing services. It requires creating environments where girls and young women feel safe, respected and empowered to ask questions, access information and become leaders within their communities.

It is this belief that shaped the DEEPROOTS-AGYW programme.

The programme seeks to strengthen community-based HIV prevention by creating trusted spaces where adolescent girls and young women can build knowledge, confidence and supportive peer networks.

Rather than treating girls and young women as passive recipients of services, DEEPROOTS-AGYW recognises them as active partners in strengthening community health systems.

A COMMUNITY-LED APPROACH

The DEEPROOTS-AGYW programme is built around the principle that communities themselves are best positioned to support and protect their young people.

The programme combines:

- Peer education.
- Safe spaces.
- Structured learning.
- One-on-one mentorship.
- Community dialogues.
- Referral systems.
- Local leadership development.

Through these approaches, girls and young women are able to access trusted information while building the confidence needed to make healthy and informed decisions.

SAFE SPACES FOR LEARNING AND GROWTH

One of the defining features of DEEPROOTS-AGYW is the creation of youth-friendly safe spaces.

These spaces provide opportunities for adolescent girls and young women to meet regularly, share experiences and discuss issues affecting their lives without fear of judgment.

Within these spaces, participants explore topics including:

- HIV prevention.
- Sexual and reproductive health.
- Relationships and communication.
- Self-esteem and confidence.
- Goal setting and future planning.
- Gender equality.
- Accessing health services.

The safe space approach helps reduce stigma and isolation while strengthening peer support networks that continue beyond formal programme activities.

THE DEEPROOTS WELLNESS TOOLKIT

Structured learning is guided by the DEEPROOTS Wellness Toolkit.

The toolkit was developed to provide accurate, age-appropriate and community-relevant information that can be delivered consistently across programme communities.

Recognising the importance of accessibility, YPPN translated the Wellness Toolkit into Luganda during 2025.

This milestone significantly expanded the programme's ability to engage participants in their preferred language while strengthening understanding and participation.

The translation also reflects the organisation's commitment to ensuring that quality health information is accessible to the communities it serves.

THE ROLE OF PEER COMMUNITY ADVISORS

Peer Community Advisors play a central role in the success of DEEPROOTS-AGYW.

Selected from the communities they serve, PCAs understand local realities and are able to build trusting relationships with participants.

Their work extends beyond delivering information.

They provide mentorship, facilitate discussions, support referrals and help create environments where girls and young women feel heard and valued.

Throughout 2025, fifteen Peer Community Advisors received refresher training, mentorship and supportive supervision to strengthen their technical knowledge and facilitation skills.

These investments contribute to the long-term sustainability of the programme by building local leadership capacity.

IMPLEMENTING DEEPROOTS-AGYW IN 2025

During the reporting period, DEEPROOTS-AGYW strengthened community-based HIV prevention, peer-led engagement and stakeholder collaboration across programme communities in Wakiso District.

Implementation focused primarily on:

- Kigungu.
- Nakiwogo.
- Kasenyi.
- Katabi.
- Kajjansi.
- Buvvi.

The programme was implemented through Community HIV Information Kiosks, Peer Community Advisors and structured community engagement activities.

Peer education sessions, small group discussions and one-on-one outreach activities enabled the programme to reach adolescent girls and young women where they live, learn and interact.

PROGRAMME RESULTS.

Over the course of the year, the DEEPROOTS-AGYW programme achieved significant results.

Five DEEPROOTS Community HIV Information Kiosks operated daily under trained Peer Community Advisors, providing youth-friendly safe spaces for information, support and referrals.

Across the reporting period:

- Four thousand individuals were reached through the kiosks.
- Three thousand and fifty-three individuals received HIV prevention services.
- Three hundred and forty-seven individuals were linked to prevention care.
- Two thousand nine hundred and forty-four people tested for HIV.
- Forty-one individuals were successfully linked to HIV treatment services.
- One thousand five hundred and eighty adolescent girls and young women were reached through kiosk services.
- Two thousand three hundred and twenty HIV self-test kits were utilized.
- More than twenty-five thousand condoms were distributed.
- Two hundred and thirty-two anonymous questions were received and addressed.

In addition, fifteen Peer Community Advisors directly reached three thousand two hundred adolescent girls and young women through peer education sessions, small group dialogues and one-on-one community outreach.

The DEEPROOTS curriculum guided structured learning activities, resulting in one thousand seven hundred and fifty girls and young women receiving accurate and age-appropriate HIV prevention information.

These figures reflect not only service delivery but also the strengthening of trust, confidence and community ownership.

BUILDING STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS

YPPN recognises that sustainable HIV prevention requires collaboration across communities, health systems and institutions.

Throughout 2025, Wakiso District Multi-Stakeholder Platform meetings were held at sub-county level in Kajjansi, Katabi and Entebbe Municipality.

These meetings strengthened coordination and referral pathways among:

- Health officials.
- Community leaders.
- Civil society organisations.
- Youth representatives.

A total of forty-two stakeholders participated across these engagements.

Knowledge exchange meetings further strengthened collaboration with national and district actors including:

- Uganda AIDS Commission.
- Ministry of Health.
- AHF Uganda Cares.
- Joint Clinical Research Centre.
- Uganda Virus Research Institute.
- Mildmay Uganda.
- TASO Entebbe.

- Oxfam Uganda.
- ActionAid Uganda.
- United Nations agencies.
- Local Council III leaders.

In total, one hundred and fifteen stakeholders participated in these knowledge-sharing engagements.

A National Stakeholders Meeting held in Kampala on 16 October 2025 brought together forty-five participants from government, NGOs, INGOs, youth-led organisations and local communities to review progress and identify opportunities for strengthening community-based HIV prevention.

LEARNING FOR SUSTAINABILITY

As the programme progressed, YPPN placed increasing emphasis on learning, reflection and sustainability.

On 8 November 2025, a dissemination workshop was held in Kigungu to share programme achievements, lessons learned and future recommendations.

The workshop brought together community leaders, Peer Community Advisors and programme partners, with fifty-five participants in attendance.

On the same day, representatives from the Uganda AIDS Commission visited the DEEPROOTS Community HIV Information Kiosk in Kigungu to observe the model and engage directly with community members.

The visit reinforced growing recognition of Community HIV Information Kiosks as effective community-based access points for HIV prevention information and services.

To conclude the year, YPPN organised the DEEPROOTS AGYW Learning Circle on 18 and 19 December 2025.

The two-day event brought together all fifteen current Peer Community Advisors to reflect on programme experiences and share lessons from the ViiV Linking and Learning Convening.

Discussions focused on:

- Sustainability.
- Community ownership.
- Collaboration.

- Storytelling.
- Leadership.
- Continuity planning.

Participants developed community continuity and exit plans while reflecting on their experiences as community advocates.

The Learning Circle reinforced the programme's long-term commitment to building local leadership that continues creating impact beyond the life of individual projects.

LOOKING AHEAD

The experience of implementing DEEPROOTS-AGYW during 2025 reaffirmed YPPN' belief that adolescent girls and young women are not simply beneficiaries of development programmes.

They are leaders, educators and agents of change within their own communities.

Moving forward, YPPN will continue strengthening safe spaces, expanding peer leadership, deepening community partnerships and investing in sustainable community-owned systems that protect and empower girls and young women.

By placing girls and young women at the centre of HIV prevention efforts, the organisation believes stronger, healthier and more resilient communities can be built for generations to come.

"When girls and young women are informed, supported and empowered, entire communities become stronger."

CHAPTER SEVEN

DEEPROOTS GOT YOU BRO

Engaging Boys and Young Men as Partners for Healthier Communities

For many years, HIV prevention and gender programmes have rightly focused significant attention on the needs and vulnerabilities of adolescent girls and young women. However, YPPN Policy Network Uganda recognizes that lasting social change cannot be achieved without also engaging boys and young men as active partners in building healthier, safer and more equitable communities.

The choices, attitudes and behaviours of boys and young men have a profound influence on the health and wellbeing of families and communities. Positive relationships, responsible decision-making and mutual respect are essential foundations for reducing HIV vulnerability and promoting gender equality.

Yet many boys grow up with limited opportunities to openly discuss issues such as masculinity, relationships, peer pressure, mental wellbeing and sexual health. Social expectations often discourage vulnerability and open communication, leaving many young men without trusted spaces where they can seek guidance and support.

Recognizing this gap, YPPN launched DEEPROOTS Got You Bro in 2025.

The initiative was created as a community-led platform that empowers boys and young men to become positive agents of change, advocates for healthy relationships and champions of community wellbeing.

Rather than focusing only on risk reduction, the programme seeks to build a generation of young men who understand that leadership is rooted in responsibility, empathy and service to others.

WHY GOT YOU BRO?

YPPN believes that HIV prevention is most effective when entire communities are engaged.

While girls and young women require dedicated support, boys and young men also need opportunities to learn, reflect and grow.

The programme was developed around several key observations:

- Many boys lack access to trusted and accurate sexual and reproductive health information.
- Harmful gender stereotypes continue to shape attitudes and behaviours.
- Young men often have few opportunities to discuss mental wellbeing and emotional health.
- Communities become stronger when boys and girls are engaged together in creating solutions.

DEEPROOTS Got You Bro therefore seeks to promote a different model of masculinity, one that values respect, equality, responsibility and positive community leadership.

BUILDING POSITIVE MASCULINITY

At the heart of the programme is the concept of positive masculinity.

YPPN believes that strength is demonstrated not through dominance or control, but through compassion, accountability and the ability to protect and support others.

The programme encourages boys and young men to:

- Respect women and girls.
- Build healthy relationships.
- Make informed decisions about their health.
- Challenge harmful stereotypes.
- Support HIV prevention efforts.
- Become role models within their communities.
- Contribute positively to family and community life.

By creating opportunities for reflection and dialogue, the programme helps participants develop the confidence to become advocates for positive change.

A COMMUNITY-LED MODEL

DEEPROOTS Got You Bro builds upon the same community systems approach that underpins the wider DEEPROOTS programme.

Activities are delivered through trusted local structures and facilitated by Peer Community Advisors and community leaders who understand the realities facing young people.

The programme uses:

- Small group dialogues.
- Peer education sessions.
- Community discussions.
- Mentorship.
- One-on-one engagement.
- Leadership development activities.
- Community outreach events.

These approaches create safe spaces where boys and young men can ask questions openly, challenge misconceptions and learn from one another.

EXPANDING ACROSS THE GREATER KAMPALA METROPOLITAN AREA.

One of the most significant achievements of 2025 was the rapid expansion of DEEPROOTS Got You Bro.

During its first year, the programme grew from an idea into a community movement operating across twenty communities within the Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area.

The programme reached communities in Wakiso District, Kampala Capital City and Entebbe Municipality, strengthening YPPN' commitment to serving diverse urban and peri-urban populations.

Local Government Area	**Communities**
Katabi Town Council	Kasenyi, Kawuku
Kajjansi Town Council	Kajjansi Line Cell, Nakawuka
Kasanje Town Council	Buvvi, Kasanje Trading Centre, Bussi

Local Government Area	Communities
Kyengera Town Council	Kasenge
Rubaga Division	Kosovo, Nakulabye, Kitebi
Makindye Division	Kitooro-Katwe
Makindye-Ssabagabo Municipality	Masajja, Kanyanya, Busabala
Kawempe Division	Bwaise
Wakiso Town Council	Kisimbiri
Nansana Municipality	Kibwa
Entebbe Municipality	Nakiwogo, Kigungu

Together, these twenty communities represent a growing network of young people committed to building healthier and more resilient neighbourhoods.

The expansion also reflects YPPN' belief that community transformation begins locally and grows through trust, participation and shared ownership.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP

One of the distinguishing features of DEEPROOTS Got You Bro is its emphasis on local ownership.

The programme is not designed to create dependence on external actors. Instead, it seeks to strengthen local leadership and encourage participants to become champions for positive change within their own communities.

Boys and young men are encouraged to:

- Share accurate information with peers.
- Promote respectful relationships.
- Encourage HIV prevention behaviours.
- Support community initiatives.
- Mentor younger boys.
- Participate in local leadership and advocacy.

In this way, the programme contributes to a broader culture of responsibility and collective action.

COMPLEMENTING DEEPROOTS-AGYW

DEEPROOTS Got You Bro and DEEPROOTS-AGYW are designed to complement one another.

While DEEPROOTS-AGYW creates safe spaces for girls and young women, Got You Bro creates corresponding opportunities for boys and young men.

Together, these programmes help strengthen mutual understanding, promote healthier relationships and build more supportive communities.

By engaging both girls and boys, YPPN seeks to create lasting change that extends beyond individuals and influences entire communities.

LOOKING AHEAD

The successful expansion of DEEPROOTS Got You Bro during 2025 marks only the beginning of a longer journey.

YPPN envisions a future where every community has safe spaces that support boys and young men to become responsible leaders, informed decision-makers and positive role models.

As the organisation grows, the programme will continue strengthening peer leadership, expanding community engagement and promoting positive masculinity as an essential component of healthier and more resilient communities.

The experience of 2025 has reinforced a simple but important truth:

Communities become stronger when boys and young men are not viewed as part of the problem, but as essential partners in creating the solution.

2025 GOT YOU BRO AT A GLANCE

Programme Launched: 2025

Geographical Coverage: Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area

Communities Reached: 20

Approach:

- Positive Masculinity.
- Peer Leadership.
- Community Ownership.
- HIV Prevention Advocacy.
- Youth Empowerment.

Integrated with:

- DEEPROOTS Community Health Programme.
- DEEPROOTS-AGYW.
- Community HIV Information Kiosks.
- Peer Community Advisor Network.

"When boys and young men become champions for health, equality and community wellbeing, entire generations benefit."

CHAPTER EIGHT

DEEPROOTS IMPACT 2025

Transforming Communities Through Trusted Information and Local Leadership

The impact of the DEEPROOTS Community Health Programme extends far beyond numbers and statistics.

Every conversation held at a Community HIV Information Kiosk, every anonymous question submitted, every referral completed and every young person empowered with accurate information represents a step toward stronger and healthier communities.

YPPN believes that sustainable HIV prevention is built through trust.

When communities trust information, they seek services.

When communities trust local leaders, they ask difficult questions.

When communities trust systems, they become active participants in protecting their own health and wellbeing.

The DEEPROOTS model was designed to create that trust.

Throughout 2025, the programme continued to strengthen community-based HIV prevention through Community HIV Information Kiosks, Peer Community Advisors, digital engagement and strategic partnerships.

Working across Kigungu, Nakiwogo, Kasenyi, Katabi, Kajjansi and Buvvi, the programme demonstrated that community-owned systems can successfully bridge the gap between formal health services and the people who need them most.

IMPACT AT A GLANCE

Community Reach

9,688

People reached with HIV prevention information.

HIV Testing

6,576

Individuals supported to test for HIV.

Prevention Services

7,899

People supported to access HIV prevention services.

Prevention Care Linkages

892

Individuals linked to prevention care.

Treatment Linkages

85

Individuals successfully linked to HIV treatment services.

Community HIV Information Kiosks

5

Kiosks operating daily across programme communities.

Peer Community Advisors

15

Young leaders trained, mentored and actively serving their communities.

Communities Served

- Kigungu.
- Nakiwogo.
- Kasenyi.
- Katabi.
- Kajjansi.
- Buvvi.

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY HIV INFORMATION KIOSKS

The five Community HIV Information Kiosks remained at the centre of the DEEPROOTS model throughout 2025.

These kiosks provided trusted, youth-friendly and accessible spaces where individuals could seek information without fear of stigma or discrimination.

Services available at the kiosks included:

- HIV prevention information.
- HIV self-test kits.
- Condom distribution.
- Information on PrEP and PEP.
- One-on-one peer counselling.
- Anonymous questions and answers.
- Referrals to health facilities.

The kiosks have become much more than information centres.

They are now recognized by many community members as safe spaces where young people can speak openly, seek guidance and receive support.

STRENGTHENING ACCESS TO HIV PREVENTION

One of the major strengths of the DEEPROOTS approach is its emphasis on prevention.

Throughout the reporting period, the programme strengthened community understanding of HIV prevention options and helped increase access to essential prevention services.

The programme supported:

- Distribution of more than 25,000 condoms.
- Utilization of 2,320 HIV self-test kits.
- Access to information on PrEP and PEP.
- Referral pathways for prevention services.

By bringing these services closer to communities, YPPN reduced barriers associated with distance, stigma and limited access to information.

ANONYMOUS QUESTIONS:

GIVING COMMUNITIES A VOICE

Many young people struggle to ask questions about relationships, sexuality and HIV because of fear, embarrassment or social expectations.

The DEEPROOTS anonymous question mechanism was developed to address this challenge.

Community members are able to submit questions confidentially without revealing their identity.

During 2025:

232 anonymous questions were received and answered.

The mechanism has proven to be an effective way of encouraging open discussion while ensuring confidentiality and trust.

The questions received also provide valuable insight into the information needs of the communities served.

PEER COMMUNITY ADVISORS:

LEADERSHIP FROM WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

Peer Community Advisors remain one of the programme's greatest strengths.

Selected from the communities they serve, these young leaders provide education, mentorship and referral support while strengthening local ownership.

During 2025, fifteen Peer Community Advisors received refresher training, mentorship and supportive supervision.

Their work included:

- Community outreach.
- One-on-one peer engagement.
- Small group discussions.
- Safe space facilitation.
- Referral support.
- Community mobilisation.

By investing in local leadership, YPPN is helping communities build long-term capacity for health promotion and prevention.

STRENGTHENING LINKAGES TO HEALTH SERVICES

An important measure of programme effectiveness is not simply how many people receive information, but how many successfully access appropriate care.

Throughout the year, Community HIV Information Kiosks and Peer Community Advisors worked closely with health facilities to strengthen referral systems.

The programme successfully linked:

892 individuals to HIV prevention care.

85 individuals to HIV treatment services.

These linkages demonstrate the important role that community-based systems play in strengthening the broader health sector.

DIGITAL INNOVATION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH

The launch of the DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line represented one of the programme's most important innovations during 2025.

0800 323 111

The service extends access to trusted health information beyond physical community spaces.

Together with DEEPROOTS Care and Community HIV Information Kiosks, the Toll-Free Line forms part of an integrated community and digital health ecosystem.

This innovation reflects YPPN's commitment to ensuring that accurate information is available whenever and wherever it is needed.

BUILDING TRUST

Perhaps the most important outcome of DEEPROOTS cannot be fully measured through numbers.

The programme has strengthened trust.

Trust between young people and health systems.

Trust between communities and Peer Community Advisors.

Trust that information will be accurate.

Trust that questions can be asked without judgment.

Trust that support will be available when needed.

This trust forms the foundation upon which stronger community health systems are built.

BEYOND THE NUMBERS

The figures presented in this report represent more than programme outputs.

They represent:

A young girl who found the confidence to ask an important question.

A young man who chose to test for HIV for the first time.

A family that gained access to trusted information.

A Peer Community Advisor who became a leader within their own community.

A community that became stronger because people chose to care for one another.

The success of DEEPROOTS is not simply measured by the number of services delivered.

It is measured by the relationships built, the confidence restored and the hope created within the communities that YPPN serves.

LOOKING FORWARD

As YPPN prepares for the future, DEEPROOTS will continue evolving as a community-owned health system that combines trusted local leadership with digital innovation.

The organisation will continue investing in:

- Community HIV Information Kiosks.
- Peer Community Advisors.
- DEEPROOTS Care.
- The DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line.
- Community partnerships.
- Sustainable local leadership.

By strengthening these foundations, YPPN believes communities themselves will continue driving the next generation of HIV prevention and health promotion efforts across Uganda.

"The true impact of DEEPROOTS is not found only in the services delivered, but in the confidence, trust and hope that communities build together."

PART THREE

BUILDING COMMUNITY SYSTEMS FOR EDUCATION

CHAPTER NINE

LIFT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Learning, Inclusion and Futures Transformation for Children from Low-Resourced Communities

Affordable. Innovative. Technology-Enabled.

The year 2025 marked an important moment in the evolution of YPPN.

Having spent years working alongside communities to strengthen health systems and youth leadership, the organisation increasingly recognised another challenge that was deeply affecting the futures of children and families.

Across many low-resourced urban communities, quality education remains beyond the reach of many families.

Rapid urbanisation, poverty, overcrowded classrooms and unequal access to educational technology continue to create barriers that prevent many children from reaching their full potential.

Children from informal settlements and refugee communities are often among those most affected.

Many begin school without the strong foundations necessary for lifelong learning, while others face interruptions to their education because of financial hardship or displacement.

YPPN believes that communities cannot become fully healthy and resilient without strong education systems.

Health and education are deeply interconnected.

Children who are healthy are better able to learn.

Children who receive quality education are more likely to make informed decisions, contribute positively to society and become future leaders within their communities.

This understanding inspired the creation of the **LIFT Education Programme**.

WHY LIFT?

LIFT was established because YPPN believes that every child deserves the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive regardless of where they are born or the economic circumstances of their family.

The programme was designed to contribute to Uganda's national goal of Education for All by creating affordable, innovative and technology-enabled learning opportunities for children from low-resourced communities.

The name **LIFT** reflects the programme's mission:

Learning

Building strong educational foundations that prepare children for lifelong success.

Inclusion

Ensuring that vulnerable children, including refugee children and those from underserved communities, are not left behind.

Futures

Helping children develop the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to build brighter futures.

Transformation

Strengthening communities through education that creates lasting social change.

EDUCATION AS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

For YPPN, education is more than classroom instruction.

Education strengthens families.

Education builds confidence.

Education promotes health.

Education creates opportunity.

Education strengthens communities.

The organisation views education as one of the most effective long-term investments that can be made in community resilience.

By helping children develop foundational skills while supporting teachers, parents and communities, education becomes a catalyst for wider social and economic development.

This philosophy forms the foundation of the LIFT Education Programme.

THE LIFT FRAMEWORK

The programme is built around seven interconnected pillars that together create a holistic approach to improving educational opportunity.

Affordable Learning

Many families struggle to access quality education because of cost.

LIFT seeks to develop practical and sustainable models that make quality learning more accessible to children from low-resourced communities.

The programme explores innovative approaches that reduce barriers while maintaining high educational standards.

Accelerated Learning

Many children experience interruptions to learning because of poverty, displacement or social vulnerability.

LIFT promotes accelerated learning approaches that help children strengthen foundational skills and regain confidence in their educational journey.

The programme focuses on ensuring that every child has the opportunity to catch up and succeed.

Technology-Enabled Learning

Technology is rapidly transforming education around the world.

However, many underserved communities continue to have limited access to digital learning opportunities.

LIFT seeks to bridge this gap by promoting practical and affordable technology solutions that enhance teaching and learning.

The programme encourages the use of:

- Digital learning resources.
- Interactive educational technology.
- Low-cost educational devices.
- Technology-assisted teaching.
- Future digital learning hubs.

YPPN believes that children from low-resourced communities should not be left behind as education becomes increasingly digital.

Teacher Professional Development

Strong schools are built by strong teachers.

LIFT invests in teacher growth through:

- Professional development.
- Classroom coaching.
- Mentorship.
- Educational leadership support.
- Curriculum development.

The programme recognises that investing in teachers creates lasting benefits for generations of learners.

Learning Resource Development

The programme develops educational materials that strengthen both teaching and learning.

These include:

- Teacher guides.
- Assessment tools.
- Learning resources.
- Classroom materials.
- Programme manuals.

The development of locally relevant resources helps ensure that learning remains practical, engaging and responsive to community needs.

Community and Parental Engagement

Parents and communities are essential partners in education.

LIFT works to strengthen the relationship between schools, families and local communities by encouraging active participation in children's learning and development.

The programme recognises that educational success extends beyond the classroom.

Education Advocacy

YPPN believes that access to quality education is a fundamental right.

The organisation advocates for inclusive, affordable and equitable education systems that ensure every child has the opportunity to succeed.

Particular attention is given to children from low-resourced communities and refugee populations.

FOUNDING SUPPORT

The launch of the LIFT Education Programme was made possible through support received from the **Tony Elumelu Entrepreneurship Programme (TEEP).**

This early investment enabled YPPN to transform an innovative education idea into a practical community initiative.

The support provided through TEEP laid the foundation for the establishment of Honeywell School and the broader vision of expanding educational opportunity through innovative community-based models.

YPPN gratefully acknowledges the Tony Elumelu Foundation for helping catalyse this important milestone.

EDUCATION FOR ALL

The LIFT Education Programme contributes directly to Uganda's national commitment to Education for All.

The programme seeks to ensure that no child is excluded from learning because of poverty, geography or social circumstance.

By strengthening access to affordable and innovative education, investing in teachers and building stronger relationships between schools and communities, LIFT contributes to the broader goal of creating equitable educational opportunities for all children.

The inclusion of children from refugee communities within programme activities reflects YPPN's commitment to ensuring that the most vulnerable children are not left behind.

BUILDING THE FUTURE

The launch of the LIFT Education Programme during 2025 represents the beginning of a long-term journey.

YPPN does not view education as a standalone project.

It views education as a community system that can strengthen families, improve wellbeing and create opportunities for future generations.

The programme complements the DEEPROOTS Community Health Programme by recognising that healthier communities and stronger education systems develop together.

As YPPN continues to grow, LIFT will remain one of the organisation's primary platforms for building healthier, educated and more resilient communities across Uganda.

LIFT AT A GLANCE

Meaning

Learning, Inclusion and Futures Transformation for Children from Low-Resourced Communities

Tagline

Affordable. Innovative. Technology-Enabled.

Established

2025

Founding Support

Tony Elumelu Entrepreneurship Programme (TEEP)

Core Pillars

- Affordable Learning.
- Accelerated Learning.
- Technology-Enabled Learning.
- Teacher Professional Development.
- Learning Resource Development.
- Community and Parental Engagement.
- Education Advocacy.

Flagship Implementation Project

Honeywell School

Long-Term Vision

The LIFT Community Micro Campus Network

"Every child deserves the opportunity to learn, every family deserves hope, and every community deserves the chance to build a brighter future through education."

CHAPTER TEN

HONEYWELL SCHOOL

The Flagship Implementation Project of the LIFT Education Programme

The establishment of Honeywell School in 2025 marked one of the most important milestones in the growth of YPPN.

While the organisation had spent years strengthening community health systems through the DEEPROOTS programme, experience from working closely with families revealed another urgent challenge.

Many children living in low-resourced urban communities were entering school without adequate opportunities to learn, explore and develop their potential.

For some families, quality education was simply unaffordable.

For others, overcrowded classrooms, limited learning resources and unequal access to educational technology created significant barriers to success.

YPPN recognised that if communities were to become healthier and more resilient, investments in education had to begin early.

The organisation therefore established Honeywell School as the flagship implementation project under the LIFT Education Programme.

The school was founded not simply as another educational institution, but as a demonstration model for affordable, inclusive and innovative community-based education.

WHY HONEYWELL SCHOOL?

Honeywell School was established on the belief that every child deserves the opportunity to receive a quality education regardless of their social or economic circumstances.

The school seeks to contribute to Uganda's national goal of Education for All by providing accessible and child-centred learning opportunities for children from low-resourced urban communities.

The project recognises that education is one of the most powerful tools for breaking cycles of poverty and creating opportunities for future generations.

By investing in children during their earliest years, YPPN believes communities become stronger, healthier and more resilient.

A SCHOOL ROOTED IN COMMUNITY

Honeywell School was intentionally developed as a community-based learning environment.

The school works closely with parents, caregivers and the surrounding community to create an atmosphere where children feel safe, valued and encouraged to learn.

Rather than viewing education as the responsibility of schools alone, Honeywell embraces the idea that families and communities are active partners in children's development.

This approach strengthens relationships between teachers, parents and learners while creating a supportive environment that nurtures confidence, curiosity and creativity.

SERVING CHILDREN FROM LOW-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES.

At the heart of Honeywell School is a commitment to inclusion.

The school primarily serves children from low-resourced urban communities, ensuring that quality educational opportunities are available to families who might otherwise struggle to access them.

By the end of 2025, Honeywell School had enrolled:

80 CHILDREN

The learner population includes children from refugee communities, reflecting YPPN's belief that no child should be excluded from education because of displacement or social vulnerability.

The inclusion of refugee children enriches the learning environment while promoting values of diversity, acceptance and social cohesion.

A CHILD-CENTRED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Honeywell School seeks to create an environment where children are encouraged to explore, discover and develop a lifelong love for learning.

The school promotes learning experiences that support children's intellectual, social, emotional and physical development.

Teaching and learning activities encourage:

- Curiosity.
- Creativity.
- Communication.
- Collaboration.
- Confidence.

- Problem-solving.
- Respect for others.

The school aims to nurture well-rounded children who are prepared not only for academic success but also for active participation within their communities.

TECHNOLOGY-ENABLED LEARNING

As part of the LIFT Education Programme, Honeywell School embraces the responsible use of technology to strengthen learning.

YPPN recognises that digital literacy will play an increasingly important role in preparing children for the future.

The school therefore seeks to integrate practical and age-appropriate technology into the learning experience while ensuring that these innovations remain affordable and accessible.

The long-term vision includes expanding access to:

- Interactive learning technologies.
- Digital educational resources.
- Low-cost educational devices.
- Technology-assisted classroom instruction.
- Community digital learning hubs.

By introducing technology in practical and meaningful ways, Honeywell aims to ensure that children from low-resourced communities are not left behind in an increasingly digital world.

SUPPORTING TEACHERS

YPPN believes that quality education depends upon strong and motivated teachers.

Honeywell School therefore serves not only as a learning centre for children but also as a platform for teacher growth and professional development.

Through the LIFT Education Programme, the school contributes to:

- Teacher mentorship.
- Professional development.

- Curriculum innovation.
- Educational leadership.
- Sharing of good practice.

The long-term goal is to strengthen teaching capacity both within Honeywell School and across future LIFT Community Micro Campuses.

EDUCATION AS A COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Honeywell School reflects YPPN's belief that investing in education strengthens entire communities.

Children who receive quality education are more likely to become healthy, productive and engaged citizens.

Families benefit when children are supported to learn and thrive.

Communities benefit when future generations possess the skills and confidence to create positive change.

The school therefore represents more than an educational institution.

It is an investment in the future wellbeing and resilience of the communities YPPN serves.

A DEMONSTRATION CENTRE FOR INNOVATION

Honeywell School was never intended to remain an isolated project.

Instead, it was established as a demonstration and innovation hub where new approaches to affordable, inclusive and technology-enabled education can be developed, tested and refined.

The experiences and lessons emerging from Honeywell School will inform the future expansion of the LIFT Education Programme, particularly through the planned Community Micro Campus Network.

In this way, the impact of the school extends far beyond its own classrooms.

CONTRIBUTING TO EDUCATION FOR ALL

Uganda's commitment to achieving Education for All requires innovative approaches that reach underserved populations and strengthen local education systems.

Honeywell School contributes to this national vision by:

- Expanding access to quality education.
- Supporting children from low-resourced communities.
- Promoting inclusion of refugee children.
- Encouraging community participation.
- Advancing affordable education models.
- Exploring technology-enabled learning.
- Supporting teacher development.

The school demonstrates that quality education can be both accessible and sustainable when communities become active partners in the learning process.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE.

The establishment of Honeywell School during 2025 represents the first step in a much larger vision.

As the flagship implementation project of the LIFT Education Programme, the school will continue serving as a centre for educational innovation, teacher development and community engagement.

The lessons learned through Honeywell will guide the future development of Community Micro Campuses that bring affordable and technology-enabled learning opportunities closer to underserved communities across Uganda.

YPPN believes that every child deserves the opportunity to dream, to learn and to build a better future.

Through Honeywell School, that vision is already becoming a reality.

HONEYWELL SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

Established

2025

- Programme Platform
- LIFT Education Programme
- Role
- Flagship Implementation Project
- Learners Enrolled
- 80 Children
- Inclusion
- Children from Refugee Communities

Focus

- Affordable Learning.
- Community-Based Education.
- Technology-Enabled Learning.
- Teacher Development.
- Community Engagement.

Long-Term Vision

Innovation Hub for the LIFT Community Micro Campus Network

"The future of every community begins with the education of its children."

CHAPTER ELEVEN

LOOKING AHEAD

COMMUNITY MICRO CAMPUSES

Reimagining Affordable Education for Low-Resourced Communities

One of the most exciting developments emerging from the LIFT Education Programme is the planned establishment of **Community Micro Campuses** in low-resourced urban communities.

YPPN recognizes that many children remain excluded from quality education because schools are either too expensive, overcrowded or physically inaccessible. Families living in informal settlements and rapidly growing urban communities often

struggle to find affordable learning opportunities that provide children with a strong educational foundation.

For many children, the challenge is not simply enrolling in school.

The challenge is accessing a learning environment that is affordable, safe, inclusive and capable of preparing them for an increasingly digital world.

YPPN believes that quality education should not be determined by a child's postcode or family income.

Every community deserves access to a school that nurtures potential and creates opportunity.

It is from this belief that the Community Micro Campus model was developed.

A NEW APPROACH TO COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Traditional education systems often rely on large, centralized schools that require significant infrastructure investment and may be located far from the communities they serve.

While these schools remain important, they do not always provide practical solutions for rapidly growing urban settlements and underserved communities.

The Community Micro Campus model offers an alternative approach.

Rather than relying solely on large, centralized schools, the model seeks to establish small, high-quality neighbourhood learning centres that bring education closer to where children live.

These campuses are designed to operate within communities, reducing travel distances and creating safe and accessible learning environments.

The model is built around the principle that schools should be part of the community rather than separate from it.

By embedding education within neighbourhoods, stronger relationships can be built between schools, families and local leaders.

AFFORDABLE. INNOVATIVE. TECHNOLOGY-ENABLED.

The Community Micro Campus model combines affordable education with modern teaching approaches.

Each campus is designed to make use of low-cost educational technology and digital learning tools to improve learning outcomes while keeping operational costs manageable.

YPPN believes that technology should not be viewed as a luxury available only to elite schools.

Children from low-resourced communities should also have opportunities to develop the digital skills that will shape the future workforce.

Future Community Micro Campuses will therefore seek to integrate:

- Digital learning resources.
- Interactive educational technologies.
- Low-cost educational devices.
- Technology-assisted classroom instruction.
- Digital resource access for teachers and learners.

By embracing appropriate technology, the model seeks to create high-quality learning experiences without significantly increasing the cost of education.

STRENGTHENING LOCAL EDUCATION SYSTEMS

The Community Micro Campus model has been developed not simply as a school expansion strategy, but as a platform for strengthening local education systems.

Each campus will contribute to community development by integrating:

- Affordable community-based learning.
- Technology-enabled teaching and learning.

- Accelerated learning programmes.
- Teacher professional development and coaching.
- Parent and community engagement.
- Child wellbeing and safeguarding.
- Inclusive education for vulnerable and refugee children.

This integrated approach reflects YPPN's broader philosophy of building systems rather than isolated projects.

Education becomes stronger when schools, teachers, parents and communities work together.

HONEYWELL SCHOOL:

THE DEMONSTRATION AND INNOVATION HUB

Honeywell School occupies a special place within this vision.

The school was established not only to provide quality education for children from low-resourced communities but also to serve as a centre for educational innovation.

As the flagship implementation project of the LIFT Education Programme, Honeywell provides an environment where new ideas can be developed, tested and refined before being adapted for future Community Micro Campuses.

The school will support the growth of the network through:

- Curriculum development.

- Teacher training.
- Programme quality assurance.
- Educational innovation.
- Technology integration.
- Leadership development.

The experiences gained through Honeywell School will help ensure that future campuses maintain high standards while remaining affordable and community-focused.

A PLATFORM FOR TEACHER DEVELOPMENT

Strong schools require strong teachers.

One of the important functions of the Community Micro Campus Network will be to support the professional growth of educators working in low-resourced communities.

Future campuses will function not only as learning centres for children but also as spaces where teachers can access:

- Professional development.
- Classroom coaching.
- Mentorship.
- Educational leadership support.
- Digital learning resources.

By investing in teachers, YPPN hopes to strengthen educational quality across entire communities.

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

The Community Micro Campus model places particular emphasis on inclusion.

Many children remain excluded from education because of poverty, displacement or social vulnerability.

The model seeks to ensure that vulnerable populations, including refugee children, are welcomed into safe and supportive learning environments.

By promoting inclusion from the earliest years, YPPN believes communities become stronger, more cohesive and better prepared for the future.

EDUCATION CLOSER TO HOME

Many families in low-resourced urban communities face challenges associated with long travel distances and the costs of accessing quality schools.

Community Micro Campuses seek to address these barriers by bringing education closer to where children live.

Smaller neighbourhood learning centres can strengthen community ownership while reducing many of the logistical and financial burdens that prevent children from attending school regularly.

The model therefore supports both educational access and family wellbeing.

CONTRIBUTING TO EDUCATION FOR ALL

The long-term vision of the LIFT Education Programme is to create a network of Community Micro Campuses that expand educational opportunity for children from low-resourced communities across Uganda.

Through this model, YPPN hopes to contribute to Uganda's national goal of Education for All by demonstrating that quality education can be affordable, innovative and deeply rooted within the communities it serves.

The Community Micro Campus initiative represents more than an expansion strategy.

It is a vision for transforming how quality education is delivered to underserved children, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to learn, thrive and build a brighter future regardless of where they are born.

FUTURE VISION:

THE LIFT COMMUNITY MICRO CAMPUS NETWORK

Over the coming years, YPPN envisions the gradual development of a network of Community Micro Campuses operating under the LIFT Education Programme.

These centres will function as local hubs for:

✓ Early Childhood and Primary Education.

✓ Affordable Learning Solutions.

✓ Technology-Enabled Learning.

✓ Teacher Professional Development.

✓ Digital Learning Resource Access.

✓ Parent and Community Engagement.

✓ Inclusive Education for Vulnerable and Refugee Children.

✓ Community Innovation and Child Development.

By bringing education closer to communities, the LIFT Community Micro Campus model seeks to ensure that no child is left behind and that every community has the opportunity to build a stronger future through learning.

BUILDING THE FUTURE TOGETHER

The establishment of Community Micro Campuses represents YPPN's confidence in the power of communities to shape their own future.

Just as DEEPROOTS has demonstrated that communities can become active partners in strengthening health systems, LIFT seeks to demonstrate that communities can also become active partners in transforming education.

The organisation believes that lasting development happens when communities are equipped with the knowledge, tools and opportunities to lead their own progress.

The Community Micro Campus model is therefore not simply about constructing schools.

It is about building stronger communities through learning.

It is about creating opportunities where they are needed most.

It is about ensuring that every child, regardless of circumstance, has the chance to dream, to learn and to succeed.

LIFT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Learning, Inclusion and Futures Transformation for Children from Low-Resourced Communities

Affordable. Innovative. Technology-Enabled.

Raising Children. Strengthening Communities.

"The Community Micro Campus initiative is more than a vision for expanding schools. It is a vision for transforming how opportunity reaches the children and communities that need it most."

PART FOUR

ADVOCACY, PARTNERSHIPS AND LEADERSHIP

CHAPTER TWELVE

COMMUNITY ADVOCACY AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Strengthening Community Voices for Lasting Change

At the heart of YPPN's work is the belief that sustainable development cannot be achieved by service delivery alone.

Communities must have the knowledge, confidence and opportunity to shape the decisions that affect their lives.

For this reason, advocacy and youth leadership are not separate programmes within the organisation. They are cross-cutting approaches that strengthen every aspect of YPPN's work.

Whether through DEEPROOTS Community HIV Information Kiosks, Peer Community Advisors, DEEPROOTS Got You Bro, the LIFT Education Programme or Honeywell School, the organisation seeks to ensure that communities are not merely beneficiaries of development interventions, but active participants and leaders in creating solutions.

YPPN believes that stronger communities emerge when local voices are heard, young people are empowered and partnerships are built around shared responsibility.

OUR ADVOCACY PHILOSOPHY

YPPN views advocacy as a process of strengthening community ownership.

Effective advocacy is not simply speaking on behalf of communities.

It is creating opportunities for communities to speak for themselves.

The organisation therefore works to amplify local voices while building the confidence and leadership skills necessary for meaningful participation in community development processes.

This approach ensures that programmes are informed by lived experience and that solutions reflect local realities.

OUR SIGNATURE ADVOCACY WORK

Throughout 2025, YPPN continued to strengthen community dialogue and awareness around several priority areas.

HIV Prevention Advocacy

Through DEEPROOTS, the organisation promoted increased awareness and understanding of HIV prevention options, including HIV self-testing, PrEP, PEP and early treatment linkages.

Community HIV Information Kiosks provided safe and trusted environments where difficult conversations could take place openly and without judgment.

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

YPPN continued promoting access to accurate and age-appropriate sexual and reproductive health information for adolescents and young people.

Through safe spaces, peer education and anonymous question mechanisms, communities were encouraged to discuss issues that often remain hidden because of stigma and social barriers.

The organisation believes that informed communities make healthier choices and create safer environments for young people.

Education for All

The launch of the LIFT Education Programme reflected YPPN's commitment to advancing Uganda's national goal of Education for All.

The organisation advocates for educational systems that are:

- Affordable.
- Inclusive.
- Community-based.
- Technology-enabled.
- Accessible to vulnerable populations.

Particular emphasis is placed on children from low-resourced communities and refugee populations who often face multiple barriers to learning.

Positive Masculinity

The establishment of DEEPROOTS Got You Bro introduced a new dimension to the organisation's advocacy work.

The programme promotes positive masculinity by encouraging boys and young men to become active partners in building healthier relationships and stronger communities.

YPPN believes that gender equality and HIV prevention require the participation of both girls and boys.

By creating spaces where young men can openly discuss identity, responsibility and leadership, the programme contributes to more inclusive community development.

Youth Participation and Leadership

Young people remain central to the YPPN model.

The organisation believes that youth should not simply participate in programmes but should actively shape them.

Peer Community Advisors demonstrate this philosophy in practice.

As trusted community members, they facilitate discussions, support referrals, mentor peers and strengthen local ownership of programme activities.

Their leadership ensures that solutions remain grounded in community realities.

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE AS A TOOL FOR CHANGE

Throughout 2025, YPPN continued using community dialogue as one of its most effective advocacy tools.

Safe spaces, peer group discussions, anonymous question mechanisms and stakeholder engagements created opportunities for open conversation around issues affecting children and young people.

These dialogues help:

- Reduce stigma.

- Correct misinformation.
- Strengthen community trust.
- Build local ownership.
- Encourage collective problem-solving.

The organisation believes that sustainable change begins with honest conversations.

STRENGTHENING LOCAL LEADERSHIP

YPPN recognises that lasting impact depends upon strong local leadership.

The organisation therefore invests in building the capacity of community members to become advocates and leaders within their own environments.

This includes supporting:

- Peer Community Advisors.
- Community volunteers.
- Youth champions.
- Parents and caregivers.
- Teachers and school leaders.
- Local government structures.

By strengthening leadership from within communities, YPPN helps ensure that progress continues beyond the life of individual projects.

ADVOCACY THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

The organisation understands that meaningful advocacy requires collaboration.

Throughout 2025, YPPN worked closely with government institutions, civil society organisations, local leaders and development partners to strengthen coordination and collective action.

Stakeholder meetings, knowledge exchange forums and dissemination events provided opportunities to share learning, identify challenges and build stronger referral and support systems.

These engagements contributed to greater recognition of community-led approaches as effective tools for improving health and educational outcomes.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP

Ultimately, the advocacy work of YPPN seeks to create a culture where communities view themselves as owners of development rather than recipients of assistance.

When communities have access to information, opportunities for participation and confidence in their own abilities, they become capable of shaping sustainable solutions.

This philosophy lies at the heart of every YPPN initiative.

Whether through a Community HIV Information Kiosk, a Peer Community Advisor, Honeywell School or the future Community Micro Campus Network, the organisation seeks to strengthen the ability of communities to lead their own transformation.

LOOKING AHEAD

As YPPN expands its national footprint, advocacy and youth leadership will remain central to the organisation's identity.

Future efforts will continue to strengthen:

- Community ownership.
- Youth participation.
- HIV prevention advocacy.
- Education advocacy.
- Positive masculinity.
- Strategic partnerships.
- Local leadership development.

The organisation believes that sustainable development happens when communities have both the opportunity and the confidence to shape their own future.

By investing in people, relationships and local leadership, YPPN is helping build stronger communities that can continue creating positive change for generations to come.

ADVOCACY AT A GLANCE

Core Focus Areas

- HIV Prevention.
- Sexual and Reproductive Health.
- Education for All.
- Positive Masculinity.
- Youth Leadership.
- Community Ownership.
- Policy Dialogue.

Advocacy Platforms

- DEEPROOTS Community HIV Information Kiosks.
- Peer Community Advisors.
- DEEPROOTS-AGYW.
- DEEPROOTS Got You Bro.
- LIFT Education Programme.
- Honeywell School.

Advocacy Philosophy

Building stronger communities by strengthening local voices.

"Real change happens when communities move from being consulted to becoming leaders of their own development."

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

PARTNERSHIPS FOR IMPACT

Working Together to Build Stronger Communities

YPPN believes that lasting community transformation cannot be achieved by one organisation working alone.

The challenges facing children, young people and communities are complex and interconnected. Improving health outcomes, expanding educational opportunity and strengthening youth leadership require collaboration across sectors and institutions.

Partnership is therefore one of the core values that guides the work of YPPN.

Throughout 2025, the organisation continued to strengthen relationships with government institutions, civil society organisations, development partners, local governments, community leaders and volunteers who share a common vision of building healthier, educated and more resilient communities.

These partnerships have helped expand the reach of programmes, strengthen referral pathways, improve accountability and create opportunities for learning and innovation.

Most importantly, they have reinforced the belief that sustainable development is strongest when communities and institutions work together.

PARTNERSHIPS ROOTED IN COMMUNITY

While national and international partnerships are important, YPPN believes that its most valuable partnerships begin within the communities it serves.

Community members are not simply recipients of services.

They are co-creators of solutions.

Parents, teachers, Peer Community Advisors, local leaders, volunteers and young people themselves contribute directly to programme implementation and growth.

This philosophy of shared ownership has helped create programmes that are trusted, relevant and responsive to local realities.

The success of DEEPROOTS Community HIV Information Kiosks and Honeywell School reflects the strength of these local partnerships.

WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT

Strong public systems are essential for sustainable development.

Throughout 2025, YPPN worked closely with government institutions to strengthen community health and education initiatives.

The organisation values the leadership and technical guidance provided by government partners and remains committed to supporting national priorities.

Key government partners included:

- Uganda AIDS Commission.
- Ministry of Health.
- Local Government Authorities.
- Entebbe Municipality.
- Wakiso District Local Government.
- Kajjansi Town Council.
- Katabi Town Council.
- Kasanje Town Council.
- Local Council III leadership structures.

These partnerships helped strengthen referral pathways, coordination mechanisms and community engagement.

STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL HIV RESPONSE

The DEEPROOTS programme benefited from collaboration with several institutions that play important roles within Uganda's HIV response.

Knowledge exchange meetings and stakeholder engagements created opportunities for shared learning and continuous improvement.

Throughout the year, YPPN collaborated with:

- Uganda AIDS Commission.
- Ministry of Health.
- AHF Uganda Cares.
- Joint Clinical Research Centre (JCRC).
- Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI).
- Mildmay Uganda.
- TASO Entebbe.

These engagements strengthened technical knowledge while reinforcing the value of community-based HIV prevention models.

The visit by the Uganda AIDS Commission to the DEEPROOTS Community HIV Information Kiosk in Kigungu during November 2025 further highlighted growing recognition of the kiosk model as an effective community-based access point for HIV prevention information and services.

COLLABORATING WITH CIVIL SOCIETY

YPPN recognises the important contribution that civil society organisations make toward building stronger and more inclusive communities.

Throughout 2025, the organisation strengthened relationships with local and international civil society partners committed to advancing health, education and youth empowerment.

These included:

- Oxfam Uganda.
- ActionAid Uganda.
- Youth-led organisations.
- Community-based organisations.
- Local non-governmental organisations.

Through collaboration and shared learning, these partnerships contributed to stronger advocacy, broader community engagement and improved programme quality.

ENGAGING DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

YPPN remains grateful for the confidence and support shown by development partners who invest in community-driven solutions.

Their support has enabled the organisation to strengthen existing programmes while also exploring new ideas and innovations.

A major milestone during 2025 was the continued implementation of the DEEPROOTS-AGYW programme, which strengthened community-based HIV prevention for adolescent girls and young women.

The organisation also acknowledges the support and learning opportunities provided through the ViiV Linking and Learning initiative, which informed the DEEPROOTS AGYW Learning Circle held in December 2025.

THE TONY ELUMELU FOUNDATION

One of the defining partnerships of 2025 was the support received through the **Tony Elumelu Entrepreneurship Programme (TEEP).**

This investment helped catalyse the development of the LIFT Education Programme and contributed to the establishment of Honeywell School.

Beyond financial support, the programme reinforced the belief that entrepreneurship and innovation can become powerful tools for addressing social challenges.

The partnership helped YPPN transform an educational vision into a practical community initiative that will continue creating opportunities for children from low-resourced communities.

THE POWER OF LOCAL LEADERSHIP

Community leaders remain among YPPN's strongest partners.

Religious leaders, Local Council officials, community elders and opinion leaders play an essential role in mobilising communities, building trust and supporting programme implementation.

Their engagement helps ensure that programmes remain locally owned and culturally responsive.

Throughout 2025, local leaders participated in stakeholder meetings, dissemination workshops and community dialogues that strengthened collaboration and accountability.

INVESTING IN YOUNG LEADERS

Perhaps the most important partnership cultivated by YPPN is its partnership with young people themselves.

Peer Community Advisors, youth volunteers and programme participants contribute not only their time and energy but also their ideas, experiences and leadership.

By investing in young people, YPPN is investing in the future capacity of communities to sustain positive change.

The organisation believes that today's programme participants are tomorrow's community leaders.

PARTNERSHIPS THAT BUILD SYSTEMS

YPPN does not view partnerships simply as funding relationships.

The organisation seeks partnerships that strengthen systems.

Strong partnerships help build:

- Better referral pathways.

- Better information sharing.
- Better educational opportunities.
- Better community engagement.
- Better local leadership.
- Better health outcomes.

By working together, organisations and communities are able to achieve far greater impact than any single institution could achieve alone.

LOOKING AHEAD

As YPPN expands its national presence, partnerships will remain central to the organisation's strategy for growth and sustainability.

The organisation will continue strengthening collaboration with:

- Government institutions.
- Development partners.
- Civil society organisations.
- Academic institutions.
- Community leaders.
- Private sector partners.
- Youth-led organisations.
- Local communities.

The future of YPPN will be built not only through its own efforts but through the collective commitment of all those who believe that stronger communities create brighter futures.

PARTNERSHIPS AT A GLANCE

Government

- Uganda AIDS Commission.
- Ministry of Health.
- Wakiso District Local Government.

- Entebbe Municipality.
- Local Governments and Town Councils.

Health Sector

- AHF Uganda Cares.
- JCRC.
- UVRI.
- Mildmay Uganda.
- TASO Entebbe.

Civil Society

- Oxfam Uganda.
- ActionAid Uganda.
- Community-Based Organisations.
- Youth-Led Organisations.

Education and Innovation

- Tony Elumelu Foundation.
- Tony Elumelu Entrepreneurship Programme (TEEP).

Community Partners

- Peer Community Advisors.
- Local Council Leaders.
- Community Volunteers.
- Parents and Caregivers.
- Teachers and School Leaders.

"Partnership is not simply about working together. It is about building together, learning together and creating a future that no single organisation could achieve alone."

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

BUILDING A NATIONAL INSTITUTION

Strengthening the Foundation for Sustainable Impact

While YPPN's programmes continued to grow throughout 2025, the year was equally significant for the strengthening of the institution itself.

Behind every Community HIV Information Kiosk, every Peer Community Advisor, every child enrolled at Honeywell School and every partnership established lies an organisation committed to excellence, accountability and continuous learning.

YPPN recognises that sustainable community transformation requires strong institutions.

Communities place their trust in organisations that are transparent, well governed and capable of delivering meaningful impact over the long term.

For this reason, institutional development remains a strategic priority.

The progress achieved during 2025 reflects years of deliberate investment in systems, leadership, partnerships and organisational capacity.

A HISTORIC MILESTONE

Registration as a National NGO

The most significant institutional achievement of 2025 was the successful registration of Youth Plus Policy Network Uganda as a National Non-Governmental Organisation.

This milestone marked the beginning of a new chapter in the organisation's history.

National registration provides YPPN with a mandate to operate throughout Uganda, creating opportunities to expand its innovative community models to new districts and regions.

The achievement also represents recognition of the organisation's commitment to accountability, sound governance and quality programme implementation.

For the Board, staff, volunteers and communities that have supported the organisation's journey, national registration stands as a testament to the belief that locally rooted ideas can grow into nationally significant institutions.

FROM PROJECTS TO SYSTEMS

Throughout its evolution, YPPN has sought to move beyond traditional project implementation.

Rather than establishing short-term interventions that end when funding concludes, the organisation focuses on building systems that communities can continue strengthening over time.

This philosophy is reflected across its programme platforms.

DEEPROOTS was designed as a community health system rather than a stand-alone HIV project.

LIFT was established as a community education platform rather than simply a school.

The organisation's investment in local leadership through Peer Community Advisors and teacher development further strengthens the sustainability of these systems.

This long-term approach allows YPPN to create impact that extends well beyond individual activities.

STRENGTHENING GOVERNANCE

Good governance is essential for organisational credibility and long-term success.

Throughout 2025, YPPN continued strengthening its governance structures to support its growing national role.

The organisation remains committed to:

- Ethical leadership.
- Transparency.
- Accountability.
- Responsible stewardship of resources.
- Compliance with national regulations.
- Continuous organisational learning.

Strong governance provides confidence to communities, partners and supporters that resources are being managed responsibly and effectively.

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INVESTING IN PEOPLE

The strength of YPPN lies in the people who bring its vision to life.

The organisation continued investing in the development of its staff, volunteers and community leaders throughout 2025.

Particular emphasis was placed on supporting:

- Peer Community Advisors.
- Teachers and education leaders.
- Programme staff.
- Community volunteers.
- Youth champions.

Training, mentorship and supportive supervision help ensure that individuals have the knowledge and confidence needed to create positive change within their communities.

By investing in people, YPPN strengthens the long-term sustainability of its programmes.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF LEARNING

YPPN believes that strong organisations continuously learn and adapt.

Monitoring, reflection and knowledge sharing are integrated into programme implementation to ensure that lessons emerging from communities inform future decision-making.

Throughout 2025, dissemination workshops, stakeholder meetings and learning circles created opportunities to reflect on achievements and challenges.

The DEEPROOTS AGYW Learning Circle, for example, provided Peer Community Advisors with an opportunity to exchange experiences and develop sustainability plans for continued community engagement.

This culture of learning enables YPPN to remain responsive, innovative and community-focused.

EMBRACING DIGITAL INNOVATION

Technology continues to play an increasingly important role in the organisation's growth.

The launch of the DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line during 2025 demonstrated YPPN's commitment to expanding access through digital innovation.

The organisation also continued strengthening DEEPROOTS Care while exploring the use of educational technology through the LIFT Education Programme.

Digital innovation is viewed not as a replacement for community engagement, but as a tool that strengthens connections between people and services.

As YPPN grows, technology will continue supporting programme quality, communication and community access.

RESOURCE MOBILISATION FOR IMPACT

Building sustainable community systems requires sustainable investment.

Throughout 2025, YPPN successfully mobilised resources from grants, donations, earned income and in-kind support to strengthen its programmes and institutional capacity.

The organisation's diversified approach to resource mobilisation reflects its commitment to long-term sustainability and responsible financial management.

Support received during the year enabled YPPN to:

- Strengthen DEEPROOTS.
- Implement DEEPROOTS-AGYW.
- Launch DEEPROOTS Got You Bro.
- Establish Honeywell School.
- Launch the LIFT Education Programme.
- Invest in organisational growth.

These investments are helping build a stronger institution capable of serving communities across Uganda.

GROWING THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

Institutional growth has been made possible through collaboration with communities, government institutions, development partners and the private sector.

YPPN views these relationships as partnerships built on trust, shared values and a common commitment to improving lives.

The organisation remains grateful to every partner who has contributed knowledge, resources, technical support and encouragement throughout its journey.

Together, these partnerships have helped transform ideas into sustainable community systems.

PREPARING FOR NATIONAL EXPANSION

The attainment of National NGO status has created new opportunities and new responsibilities.

As YPPN prepares for gradual expansion across Uganda, the organisation remains committed to ensuring that growth is guided by quality, accountability and community ownership.

Future expansion will build upon the lessons learned through DEEPROOTS and LIFT while maintaining the values that have shaped the organisation since its founding.

The goal is not simply to reach more communities.

The goal is to strengthen more communities.

BUILDING AN INSTITUTION FOR THE FUTURE

The achievements of 2025 demonstrate that YPPN is no longer simply an emerging organisation.

It is becoming a national institution built upon community trust, innovation and a commitment to creating lasting social impact.

The organisation's long-term vision extends beyond individual programmes.

It seeks to become a platform through which communities, young people and partners work together to build healthier, educated and more resilient societies.

Every investment made in strengthening the institution today creates greater opportunities for communities tomorrow.

INSTITUTIONAL MILESTONES IN 2025

✓ Registered as a National Non-Governmental Organisation.

✓ Expanded operational mandate across Uganda.

✓ Strengthened governance and organisational systems.

✓ Launched the LIFT Education Programme.

✓ Established Honeywell School.

✓ Launched the DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line.

✓ Expanded DEEPROOTS Got You Bro to twenty communities.

✓ Strengthened digital innovation and community engagement.

✓ Mobilised significant financial and in-kind resources**.**

"Strong communities require strong institutions. By investing in systems, leadership and accountability, YPPN is building a foundation for lasting impact across Uganda."

PART FIVE

STEWARDSHIP AND THE FUTURE

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Investing in Communities. Building Lasting Impact.

At YPPN, financial stewardship is more than sound accounting and responsible budgeting.

It is a commitment to ensuring that every resource entrusted to the organisation contributes to stronger communities, healthier families and brighter futures for children and young people.

The organisation believes that accountability is fundamental to building trust with communities, partners, donors and government institutions.

Every investment made through YPPN represents an opportunity to strengthen community systems that continue creating impact long after individual projects have ended.

Throughout 2025, the organisation remained committed to transparency, responsible resource management and the efficient use of financial and in-kind support.

BUILDING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY SYSTEMS

The resources mobilised during 2025 supported YPPN's vision of building integrated community systems for health, education and youth leadership.

Rather than investing solely in short-term activities, the organisation prioritised investments that strengthen local capacity and create sustainable impact.

Financial resources supported:

- Community HIV Information Kiosks.
- Peer Community Advisor training and mentorship.
- DEEPROOTS-AGYW implementation.
- DEEPROOTS Got You Bro.
- Launch of the DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line.
- Establishment of Honeywell School.
- Development of the LIFT Education Programme.
- Organisational strengthening and governance.
- Community engagement and partnership building.

These investments reflect YPPN's belief that stronger systems create stronger communities.

RESOURCE MOBILISATION IN 2025

During the reporting period, YPPN successfully mobilised financial resources from grants, donations, earned income and philanthropic support.

The organisation also benefited from significant in-kind contributions that strengthened programme delivery and institutional development.

Financial Income

Source	Amount (£)
DEEPROOTS-AGYW Programme	47,900
Programme Grants and Partnerships	98,000
Honeywell School Income	14,400
Other Donor Support	50,000
Total Financial Income	**210,300**

In-Kind Contributions

YPPN also received approximately:

£70,000

in non-cash contributions through technical assistance, volunteer support, donated services, community contributions and strategic partnerships.

These contributions significantly strengthened programme implementation while reducing operational costs.

TOTAL RESOURCES LEVERAGED

Using an approximate average exchange rate applied during the reporting period, the organisation mobilised:

Category	UGX
Financial Income	1,051,500,000
In-Kind Contributions	350,000,000
Total Resources Leveraged	**1,401,500,000**

This represents a significant investment in community-driven development and reflects growing confidence in the YPPN model.

HOW RESOURCES WERE INVESTED

The organisation directed resources toward programmes and systems that generate long-term community value.

Major areas of investment included:

Community Health

Strengthening DEEPROOTS through Community HIV Information Kiosks, Peer Community Advisors, prevention services, referrals and digital innovation.

HIV Prevention for Adolescent Girls and Young Women

Implementation of DEEPROOTS-AGYW, including safe spaces, peer engagement, stakeholder collaboration and leadership development.

Boys and Young Men Engagement

Expansion of DEEPROOTS Got You Bro across twenty communities within the Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area.

Education

Establishment of Honeywell School and launch of the LIFT Education Programme.

Digital Innovation

Development of DEEPROOTS Care and launch of the DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line.

Organisational Development

Strengthening governance systems, programme management, staff development and institutional capacity.

VALUE BEYOND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

YPPN recognises that its greatest assets are not measured solely through financial statements.

The organisation's impact is strengthened every day through:

- Community volunteers.
- Peer Community Advisors.
- Parents and caregivers.
- Teachers.
- Community leaders.
- Strategic partners.
- Government institutions.
- Young people themselves.

These contributions represent thousands of hours of service, mentorship, leadership and community engagement that cannot easily be quantified.

The organisation is deeply grateful for this collective investment.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

YPPN remains committed to maintaining high standards of accountability and responsible stewardship.

The organisation seeks to ensure that resources are managed in ways that maximise community impact while maintaining compliance with regulatory and donor requirements.

Financial management systems are guided by principles of:

- Transparency.
- Integrity.
- Accountability.
- Value for money.
- Responsible governance.

The organisation believes that strong financial stewardship strengthens public trust and creates a foundation for sustainable growth.

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

The resources mobilised during 2025 have done more than support programme activities.

They have helped build the foundations of a national organisation committed to creating long-term social impact.

Investments made during the year contributed to:

✓ National NGO registration.

✓ Expansion of DEEPROOTS.

✓ Launch of DEEPROOTS Got You Bro.

✓ Launch of the DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line.

✓ Implementation of DEEPROOTS-AGYW.

✓ Establishment of Honeywell School.

✓ Launch of the LIFT Education Programme.

✓ Development of the Community Micro Campus vision.

Each of these milestones strengthens YPPN's ability to serve communities across Uganda.

LOOKING AHEAD

As the organisation continues to grow, YPPN remains committed to building a diversified and sustainable resource base that supports innovation, accountability and long-term impact.

Future investments will continue strengthening:

- Community health systems.
- Affordable education.
- Youth leadership.
- Digital innovation.
- Community ownership.
- National partnerships.

By investing responsibly today, YPPN is helping create healthier communities and brighter futures for generations to come.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 2025

- DEEPROOTS Community Health Programme.
- DEEPROOTS-AGYW.
- DEEPROOTS Got You Bro.
- Honeywell School.
- LIFT Education Programme.
- DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line.
- Organisational Strengthening.

"Every resource entrusted to YPPN is an investment in stronger communities, healthier lives and brighter futures."

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

2025 IMPACT AT A GLANCE

Building Healthier Communities and Brighter Futures

The year 2025 marked a defining chapter in the history of YPPN.

It was a year in which the organisation strengthened community health systems, entered the education sector, expanded its geographical footprint and attained registration as a National Non-Governmental Organisation with a mandate to operate throughout Uganda.

The achievements presented in this chapter represent more than programme outputs.

They reflect thousands of individual stories of hope, trust, opportunity and community leadership.

Together, they demonstrate the power of community-owned solutions to create lasting social change.

ORGANISATIONAL GROWTH

A Landmark Year

✓ Registered as a National NGO.

✓ Countrywide operational mandate attained.

✓ LIFT Education Programme launched.

✓ Honeywell School established.

✓ DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line launched.

✓ DEEPROOTS Got You Bro launched and expanded.

✓ Community Micro Campus model developed.

✓ Strengthened strategic partnerships.

DEEPROOTS COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMME

Community Reach

9,688

People reached with HIV prevention information.

HIV Testing

6,576

Individuals supported to test for HIV.

HIV Prevention Services

7,899

People supported to access HIV prevention services.

Prevention Care Linkages

892

Individuals linked to prevention care.

Treatment Linkages

85

Individuals linked to HIV treatment services.

Community HIV Information Kiosks

5

Kiosks operating daily across programme communities.

Peer Community Advisors

15

Community leaders trained, mentored and actively serving local communities.

DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line

0800 323 111

Launched during 2025 to strengthen access to trusted information and referral services.

DEEPROOTS-AGYW

Strengthening HIV Prevention for Adolescent Girls and Young Women

4,000

Individuals reached through Community HIV Information Kiosks.

3,053

Individuals received HIV prevention services.

347

Individuals linked to prevention care.

2,944

People tested for HIV.

41

Individuals linked to HIV treatment services.

1,580

Adolescent girls and young women reached.

3,200

Girls and young women reached through peer education and outreach.

1,750

Girls and young women received structured HIV prevention education.

2,320

HIV self-test kits utilized.

25,000+

Condoms distributed.

232

Anonymous questions received and answered.

DEEPROOTS GOT YOU BRO

Boys and Young Men as Partners for Change

Programme Launched

2025

Communities Reached

20

Geographic Coverage

Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area

Focus Areas

- Positive Masculinity.
- HIV Prevention.
- Youth Leadership.
- Community Ownership.
- Healthy Relationships.

LIFT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Learning, Inclusion and Futures Transformation for Children from Low-Resourced Communities

Programme Established

2025

Founding Support

Tony Elumelu Entrepreneurship Programme (TEEP)

Focus Areas

- Affordable Learning.
- Accelerated Learning.
- Technology-Enabled Learning.
- Teacher Development.

- Community Engagement.
- Education Advocacy.

HONEYWELL SCHOOL

The Flagship Implementation Project of the LIFT Education Programme

Learners Enrolled

80

Inclusion

Children from refugee communities.

Mission

Contributing to Uganda's national goal of Education for All through affordable, inclusive and innovative education.

COMMUNITY MICRO CAMPUSES

A Vision for the Future

Model Developed

2025

Long-Term Goal

A national network of affordable, community-based and technology-enabled learning centres.

Innovation Hub

Honeywell School.

ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP

Building Stronger Community Voices

Core Advocacy Areas

- HIV Prevention.
- Sexual and Reproductive Health.
- Education for All.
- Positive Masculinity.
- Youth Leadership.
- Community Ownership.

Community Leadership Platform

15 Peer Community Advisors.

PARTNERSHIPS FOR IMPACT

Working Together for Stronger Communities

Government Partners

- Uganda AIDS Commission.
- Ministry of Health.
- Wakiso District Local Government.
- Entebbe Municipality.

Health Partners

- AHF Uganda Cares.
- JCRC.
- UVRI.
- Mildmay Uganda.
- TASO Entebbe.

Civil Society Partners

- Oxfam Uganda.
- ActionAid Uganda.

- Community-Based Organisations.
- Youth-Led Organisations.

Education and Innovation

- Tony Elumelu Foundation.
- Tony Elumelu Entrepreneurship Programme.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

YOUTH PLUS POLICY NETWORK UGANDA (YPPN-U)

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

REVENUE:	**Notes**	**31-Dec-25 (UGX)**	**31-Dec-24 (UGX)**
Donations and Grants	9	1,405,000,000	1,320,365,000
Other Income	10	12,000,000	10,198,590
Total Revenue		**1,417,000,000**	**1,330,563,590**

EXPENDITURE:	**Notes**	**31-Dec-25 (UGX)**	**31-Dec-24 (UGX)**
Direct Project Expenses	11	820,000,000	1,124,749,391
Employee Expenses	12	122,500,000	108,328,000
Institutional Administration	13	97,121,155	94,143,557
Total Recurrent Expenditure		**1,039,621,155**	**1,327,220,948**

	31-Dec-25 (UGX)	31-Dec-24 (UGX)
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	**377,378,845**	**3,342,642**

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The results from operations of the organisation for the year ended 31st December 2025, as disclosed in the Statement of Income and Expenditure, are summarised below:

	31-Dec-25 (UGX)	**31-Dec-24 (UGX)**
Total Revenue	1,417,000,000	1,330,563,590
Total Recurrent Expenditure	(1,039,621,155)	(1,327,220,948)
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	**377,378,845**	**3,342,642**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Significant Movement in Year-End Surplus

The organisation recorded a surplus of **UGX 377,378,845** for the year ended 31st December 2025, compared to a surplus of **UGX 3,342,642** in the previous financial year.

The increase in the year-end surplus was principally attributable to funding received from ViiV Healthcare during October 2025 for the implementation of the DEEPROOTS – GOT YOU BRO project. The project implementation period extends from October 2025 to October 2026.

In accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and the organisation's accounting policies, a substantial portion of the funds had not yet been utilised as at 31st December 2025. The unspent balance represents resources committed to the continued implementation of project activities during the 2026 financial year.

The Board of Directors is satisfied that these funds are restricted for programme implementation purposes and that the organisation remains financially sound and adequately resourced to meet its ongoing obligations under the DEEPROOTS – GOT YOU BRO project and other strategic initiatives.

Major Investments

✓ DEEPROOTS Community Health Programme.

✓ DEEPROOTS-AGYW.

✓ DEEPROOTS Got You Bro.

✓ Honeywell School.

✓ LIFT Education Programme.

✓ DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line.

✓ Organisational Strengthening.

OUR GROWING FOOTPRINT

During 2025, YPPN implemented programmes across communities in the Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area, including:

Katabi Town Council

- Kasenyi.
- Kawuku.

Kajjansi Town Council

- Kajjansi Line Cell.
- Nakawuka.

Kasanje Town Council

- Buvvi.
- Kasanje Trading Centre.
- Bussi.

Kyengera Town Council

- Kasenge.

Rubaga Division

- Kosovo.
- Nakulabye.
- Kitebi.

Makindye Division

- Kitooro-Katwe.

Makindye-Ssabagabo Municipality

- Masajja.
- Kanyanya.
- Busabala.

Kawempe Division

- Bwaise.

Wakiso Town Council

- Kisimbiri.

Nansana Municipality

- Kibwa.

Entebbe Municipality

- Nakiwogo.
- Kigungu.

2025 IN ONE SENTENCE

A year in which YPPN evolved from a growing community initiative into a nationally recognised organisation building integrated systems for health, education and youth leadership.

"Our impact is measured not only by the numbers we report, but by the communities that are stronger because people chose to work together, learn together and build a better future together.

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

LOOKING TOWARD 2026

Building the Future, One Community at a Time

The year 2025 marked the beginning of a new chapter in the story of YPPN.

It was a year that demonstrated what is possible when communities, young people, government institutions and development partners work together toward a common purpose.

The organisation strengthened community health systems through DEEPROOTS, expanded opportunities for adolescent girls and young women through DEEPROOTS-AGYW, engaged boys and young men through DEEPROOTS Got You Bro, entered the education sector through the LIFT Education Programme and established Honeywell School as a platform for educational innovation.

Most significantly, YPPN attained registration as a National Non-Governmental Organisation, creating the foundation for a broader national contribution.

As the organisation looks ahead, it does so with optimism, humility and a deep commitment to the communities it serves.

The achievements of 2025 are not viewed as an end point.

They are the beginning of a much larger journey.

EXPANDING COMMUNITY SYSTEMS FOR HEALTH.

The experience of implementing DEEPROOTS has demonstrated that community-owned systems can play an important role in strengthening HIV prevention and improving access to trusted information.

In 2026 and beyond, YPPN will continue investing in the growth and sustainability of the DEEPROOTS model.

Priority areas will include:

- Strengthening Community HIV Information Kiosks.
- Expanding the Peer Community Advisor network.
- Increasing access to HIV prevention information.
- Strengthening referral pathways.
- Growing the DEEPROOTS Care digital platform.
- Expanding the DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line.
- Strengthening community ownership and local leadership.

The organisation believes that bringing services closer to communities remains one of the most effective ways of improving health outcomes.

STRENGTHENING SUPPORT FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN

YPPN remains committed to ensuring that adolescent girls and young women have access to safe spaces, trusted information and supportive peer networks.

The lessons learned through DEEPROOTS-AGYW have reinforced the importance of community-led approaches that combine education, mentorship and local leadership.

Future efforts will focus on:

- Expanding safe spaces.
- Strengthening peer education.
- Deepening stakeholder collaboration.
- Supporting local sustainability mechanisms.
- Strengthening community ownership.

The organisation believes that investing in girls and young women is an investment in stronger families and stronger communities.

GROWING THE GOT YOU BRO MOVEMENT.

The successful launch of DEEPROOTS Got You Bro during 2025 highlighted the important role that boys and young men play in creating healthier and more equitable communities.

The programme will continue promoting positive masculinity, responsible leadership and healthy relationships while expanding opportunities for boys and young men to become active partners in HIV prevention and community development.

YPPN hopes to strengthen and gradually expand this movement while maintaining the community-led approach that has shaped its success.

ADVANCING THE LIFT EDUCATION PROGRAMME.

Education will remain one of YPPN's major strategic priorities.

The organisation believes that affordable, inclusive and technology-enabled learning opportunities are essential for building resilient communities and creating brighter futures for children.

The LIFT Education Programme will continue focusing on:

- Affordable learning solutions.
- Accelerated learning approaches.
- Technology-enabled education.
- Teacher professional development.
- Community engagement.
- Education advocacy.

Particular attention will continue to be given to children from low-resourced communities and refugee populations.

STRENGTHENING HONEYWELL SCHOOL

Honeywell School will continue serving as the flagship implementation project under the LIFT Education Programme.

Beyond providing quality education for its learners, the school will increasingly function as a centre for:

- Educational innovation.
- Teacher training.
- Curriculum development.
- Community engagement.
- Programme quality assurance.

The lessons emerging from Honeywell School will help shape future educational initiatives and strengthen the development of the Community Micro Campus model.

BUILDING THE COMMUNITY MICRO CAMPUS NETWORK

One of YPPN's most ambitious long-term goals is the establishment of a network of Community Micro Campuses across underserved communities.

The organisation believes that many families continue to face barriers to quality education because schools are either too expensive or too far away.

The Community Micro Campus model seeks to address these challenges by bringing affordable and technology-enabled education closer to where children live.

Over the coming years, YPPN hopes to gradually establish neighbourhood learning centres that strengthen:

- Educational access.
- Teacher development.
- Community participation.
- Inclusive education.
- Child wellbeing.
- Technology-enabled learning.

Honeywell School will continue serving as the innovation hub that supports the growth of this network.

INVESTING IN DIGITAL INNOVATION

Technology continues to create new opportunities for strengthening community systems.

YPPN believes that digital tools should complement and strengthen community engagement rather than replace it.

Future investments will therefore focus on expanding:

DEEPROOTS Care.

The DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line.

Technology-enabled learning.

Digital resource development.

Community information systems.

The organisation believes that practical and affordable digital innovation can help bridge gaps in access to both health and education.

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS

The future of YPPN will continue to be built through collaboration.

The organisation remains committed to strengthening relationships with:

- Communities.
- Government institutions.
- Development partners.
- Civil society organisations.
- Academic institutions.
- The private sector.
- Youth-led organisations.

These partnerships will continue supporting innovation, learning and sustainable growth.

GROWING AS A NATIONAL ORGANISATION

National NGO registration has created new opportunities for YPPN to contribute to development efforts across Uganda.

As the organisation grows, expansion will be guided by several core principles:

- **Community Ownership.**
- **Quality.**
- **Accountability.**
- **Innovation.**
- **Partnership.**
- **Sustainability.**

YPPN does not seek growth for its own sake.

It seeks growth that strengthens communities and creates lasting value.

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

YPPN envisions a Uganda where:

Every child has access to quality education.

Every young person has access to trusted information.

Every community has opportunities to develop local leadership.

Every family can build a healthier and more secure future.

Through DEEPROOTS and the LIFT Education Programme, the organisation hopes to contribute to a future where community systems become the foundation for sustainable national development.

A FINAL REFLECTION

The story of YPPN is ultimately the story of people.

It is the story of a young person who found the confidence to ask an important question.

It is the story of a Peer Community Advisor who became a trusted community leader.

It is the story of a child who gained access to education.

It is the story of parents, teachers, volunteers, government officials and partners who chose to work together to build something greater than themselves.

The achievements of 2025 belong to all of them.

As YPPN looks toward the future, it remains inspired by the resilience, creativity and determination of the communities it serves.

The organisation believes that lasting transformation begins locally but has the power to shape a nation.

Together, we are building healthier communities and brighter futures through health, education and youth leadership.

OUR COMMITMENT

- To strengthen community systems.
- To expand opportunity.
- To invest in young people.
- To champion innovation.
- To build partnerships.

- To leave no community behind.

"The future we seek is one where every child can learn, every young person can lead and every community has the power to shape its own destiny. That future begins today."

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Building Stronger Communities Together

The achievements presented in this report are the result of a collective effort by communities, young people, partners and institutions who share a common belief that healthier, educated and more resilient communities create a stronger nation.

YPPN extends its sincere appreciation to every individual and organisation that contributed to the growth and success of the organisation during 2025.

TO THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

We are deeply grateful to the communities of:

Your trust, openness and partnership have shaped every aspect of our work.

The success of DEEPROOTS and the LIFT Education Programme is a reflection of your resilience, leadership and willingness to work together to create positive change.

Community	Community	Community
• Kasenyi	• Kawuku	• Kajjansi Line Cell
• Nakawuka	• Buvvi	• Kasanje Trading Centre
• Bussi	• Kasenge	• Kosovo
• Nakulabye	• Kitebi	• Kitooro-Katwe
• Masajja	• Kanyanya	• Busabala
• Bwaise	• Kisimbiri	• Kibwa
• Nakiwogo	• Kigungu	•

OUR PEOPLE

Building Communities Through Leadership and Service

At Youth Plus Policy Network Uganda (YPPN), our greatest asset is our people.

Behind every child who enters a classroom, every young person who receives trusted health information and every community that finds hope through our programmes is a team of individuals who believe that lasting change begins with people.

YPPN was founded on the principle that communities themselves hold the knowledge, strength and leadership needed to transform their own futures. Our role is to nurture that leadership, create opportunities and build systems that enable people to thrive.

The success of the DEEPROOTS Community Health Programme, the implementation of DEEPROOTS-AGYW, the expansion of DEEPROOTS Got You Bro and the launch of the LIFT Education Programme would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of our Board of Directors, Management Team, Staff, Peer Community Advisors and Volunteers.

Together, they represent the heart and soul of our organisation.

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

Strengthening the Institution

The year 2025 marked an important milestone in the institutional development of YPPN with the successful transition to a new Board of Directors.

As the organisation attained National NGO status and expanded its programmes in health and education, strengthening governance became an important priority to support long-term growth and sustainability.

YPPN expresses its sincere appreciation to the outgoing Board members whose leadership and stewardship guided the organisation during its formative years and helped lay the foundation for the achievements celebrated in this report.

In October 2025, a new Board of Directors was constituted to provide strategic leadership and oversight as YPPN enters a new chapter of national growth.

The Board brings together diverse expertise in governance, community development, education, finance and youth leadership.

Board of Directors

Name	Position
Doreen Naiga Kamoga	Chairperson
Charles Makubuya	Vice Chairperson
Miriam Talwisa	Treasurer
Colline Saabwe	Ex Officio Secretary
Susan Namayega	Member
Samuel Mirembe	Member
Scovia Mugoya	Member

The Board provides strategic guidance while ensuring that the organisation remains accountable to its mission, values and the communities it serves.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Turning Vision into Action

The Management Team provides the operational leadership that transforms strategy into practical action.

Working closely with staff, volunteers, communities and partners, the team leads programme implementation, organisational development, financial stewardship and partnership building.

Name	Position
Colline Saabwe	Executive Director

Name	Position
Iris Nagudi	Programme Manager
Ritah Nsubuga Namirembe	Operations Manager
Allen Bright Tibihoire	Finance and Administration Manager
Joram Job Mulindwa	Learning Manager
Nathan Kiberu	Communications Officer
Hawa Nabagereka	Lead Creative – Act for What You Believe

Management Team

Together, they provide leadership across YPPN's growing portfolio of community health, education and youth development programmes.

OUR STAFF AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

The work of YPPN extends far beyond offices and boardrooms.

Our staff and Peer Community Advisors work directly within communities, building trust, strengthening local leadership and ensuring that services reach those who need them most.

Throughout 2025, our team worked alongside thousands of children, young people and families across the Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area, strengthening community systems through education, health promotion and youth leadership.

COMMUNITY HEALTH TEAM

The DEEPROOTS Community Health Team forms the frontline of YPPN's community engagement work. Operating across twenty communities in the Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area, the team works closely with adolescents, young people, families and local leaders to strengthen HIV prevention, promote healthy behaviours and connect communities to essential services.

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Community Health Team Members

Bukenya Joram	Kabuye Ashraf Kalule	Lubuurwa John Bosco
Nampala Jael Ssempiira	Nalutaaya Karen Maria	Ainomugisha Ritah
Nuwaha Donam	Kawuda Aisha	Ssengendo Joseph
Suzan Namayiga	Sheila Amumpeire	Shadia Namuganga
Pellan Nahwera	Shamim Nalugo	Doreen Mirembe
Caroline Mbabazi	Kayesu Tracy	Nyakato Joy Kansiime
Naava Shakira	Karuhanga Patience	Juuko Mark

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

One of YPPN's greatest strengths is its investment in local leadership.

Our Peer Community Advisors are more than programme staff. They are trusted members of the communities they serve. They provide information, mentorship, referrals and hope, demonstrating every day that sustainable development is strongest when it is led from within communities themselves.

Likewise, our teachers, volunteers, parents and community champions continue to demonstrate that collective action can transform lives and create opportunities for future generations.

ONE TEAM. ONE VISION.

Whether serving on the Board of Directors, leading programmes, teaching children, supporting communities or volunteering time and expertise, every member of the YPPN family contributes to a shared mission:

To strengthen community systems through innovative, inclusive and sustainable programmes that improve health, education and youth development outcomes.

As YPPN looks to the future, we remain inspired by the dedication of our people and the communities they serve.

Together, we are building healthier communities and brighter futures through education and youth leadership.

TO THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF HONEYWELL SCHOOL

Thank you for believing in a new vision for affordable, inclusive and community-based education.

The children who walk through the gates of Honeywell School every day remind us why our work matters and inspire us to continue building a future where every child has the opportunity to learn and thrive.

We are especially proud to stand alongside families from refugee and vulnerable communities as partners in creating brighter futures.

TO OUR PEER COMMUNITY ADVISORS

You are the heart of the DEEPROOTS model.

Your dedication, compassion and leadership have transformed Community HIV Information Kiosks into trusted spaces where young people can seek information, ask difficult questions and access support without fear.

You have demonstrated that young people are not simply beneficiaries of development but leaders capable of transforming their own communities.

Thank you for your commitment and service.

TO OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

We extend our deepest appreciation to every member of staff and every volunteer who dedicated their time, knowledge and energy to advancing the mission of YPPN.

Your professionalism, creativity and commitment have helped build an organisation that continues to grow in strength and impact.

The achievements of 2025 would not have been possible without your hard work and belief in the vision of community-led development.

TO OUR DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

YPPN sincerely appreciates the support and collaboration of our partners who continue to invest in stronger communities and brighter futures.

We acknowledge with gratitude the contributions and partnership of:

- Uganda AIDS Commission.
- Ministry of Health.
- AHF Uganda Cares.
- Joint Clinical Research Centre.
- Uganda Virus Research Institute.
- Mildmay Uganda.
- TASO Entebbe.
- Oxfam Uganda.
- ActionAid Uganda.
- United Nations Agencies.
- Tony Elumelu Foundation.
- Tony Elumelu Entrepreneurship Programme (TEEP).

Your support, technical guidance and shared commitment to innovation have strengthened our programmes and helped expand our impact.

TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

We are grateful to the district, municipal, town council and Local Council leadership structures that have welcomed, supported and guided our work.

Your leadership has strengthened community ownership, accountability and collaboration.

Together, we continue to demonstrate that sustainable development is built through partnership.

TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thank you for your strategic leadership, governance and stewardship.

Your guidance has helped shape the growth of YPPN and ensured that the organisation remains firmly committed to its values of integrity, accountability and excellence.

TO OUR SUPPORTERS AND FRIENDS

Many individuals and organisations have contributed to the work of YPPN through financial support, in-kind contributions, mentorship, advocacy and encouragement.

Although not every contribution can be individually acknowledged, each one has helped strengthen the communities we serve.

Thank you for believing in our mission.

Special Appreciation

YPPN extends its sincere gratitude to **ViiV Healthcare Positive Action** and the **Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)** for their generous technical and financial support toward the implementation and growth of the DEEPROOTS Community Health Programme.

Their partnership has been instrumental in strengthening community-led HIV prevention efforts and expanding access to trusted information, prevention services and referral pathways for young people and vulnerable communities across the Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area.

Through this support, YPPN has been able to establish and strengthen Community HIV Information Kiosks, train and mentor Peer Community Advisors, implement the DEEPROOTS-AGYW initiative, expand community engagement through DEEPROOTS Got You Bro, and launch the DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Information Line, extending access to life-saving information beyond physical community spaces.

Beyond financial investment, the technical guidance, learning opportunities and collaborative approach fostered through this partnership have significantly contributed to the continued evolution and sustainability of the DEEPROOTS model. The opportunity to engage with global and local partners, exchange knowledge and strengthen community-driven innovation has helped shape DEEPROOTS into a trusted platform for health promotion and youth leadership.

We are especially grateful for the shared belief that communities themselves are at the heart of sustainable solutions and that young people are not merely beneficiaries of development, but leaders and agents of change.

Together, **ViiV Healthcare Positive Action**, **Charities Aid Foundation**, and YPPN are demonstrating that locally rooted, community-led approaches can create lasting impact and contribute meaningfully to Uganda's efforts to end HIV as a public health threat.

We thank ViiV Healthcare Positive Action and the Charities Aid Foundation for believing in our vision and for walking this journey with us as we continue building healthier communities and brighter futures.

A SHARED ACHIEVEMENT

The story of YPPN is not the story of one organisation.

It is the story of communities choosing hope over despair.

It is the story of young people stepping forward as leaders.

It is the story of children gaining opportunities to learn and thrive.

It is the story of partnerships built on trust and a shared belief that a better future is possible.

The achievements of 2025 belong to all of us.

Together, we are building healthier communities and brighter futures through health, education and youth leadership.

"No lasting change is ever achieved alone. It is built through the collective efforts of communities, partners and people who choose to work together for a common good."

CORPORATE INFORMATION

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A National Non-Governmental Organisation

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Vision

Healthy, educated and resilient communities where every child and young person has the opportunity to thrive.

Mission

To strengthen community systems through innovative, inclusive and sustainable programmes that improve health, education and youth development outcomes.

Flagship Programmes

DEEPROOTS

Building Community Systems for Health.

LIFT Education Programme

Learning, Inclusion and Futures Transformation for Children from Low-Resourced Communities.

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Areas of Operation (2025)

Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area

With a national operational mandate across Uganda.

Programme Focus Areas

- Community Health.
- HIV Prevention.
- Sexual and Reproductive Health.
- Basic Education.
- Teacher Development.

- Technology-Enabled Learning.
- Youth Leadership.
- Community Advocacy.

2025 Highlights

✓ National NGO Registration.

✓ DEEPROOTS Strengthened.

✓ DEEPROOTS-AGYW Implemented.

✓ DEEPROOTS Got You Bro Expanded.

✓ DEEPROOTS Toll-Free Line Launched.

✓ LIFT Education Programme Established.

✓ Honeywell School Established.

✓ Community Micro Campus Model Developed.

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Building Community Systems for Health, Education and Youth Leadership

Communities are strongest when children have the opportunity to learn, young people have the confidence to lead and families have access to trusted information and support.

Throughout 2025, YPPN worked alongside communities to strengthen local systems that improve health, expand educational opportunity and empower the next generation of leaders.

From Community HIV Information Kiosks and Peer Community Advisors to Honeywell School and the LIFT Education Programme, every initiative is built upon a simple belief:

Lasting change begins within communities.

As YPPN looks toward the future, it remains committed to developing innovative, affordable and community-owned solutions that ensure no child, no young person and no community is left behind.

DEEPROOTS

Building Community Systems for Health

LIFT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

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Affordable. Innovative. Technology-Enabled.

Our Vision

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Communities thrive when every child can learn, every young person can lead and every family can access trusted information and opportunity.

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