



ONEYOUTH ONEHEART INITIATIVE.

ANNUAL REPORT 2017.

Word from One Youth One Heart Initiative:

On behalf of One Youth One Heart initiative partners, associates and colleagues, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has tremendously supported, assisted and guided the initiative in the year 2017. We served diligently and relentlessly our target beneficiaries (refugee and host community youth) in all our activities and projects. In 2017, we gladly achieved our target of impacting on 984 refugees and host community youth (nationals) with a special emphasis on girls and young mother in our programs. Furthermore, One Youth One Heart initiative would like to thank its working partner organizations the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), our philanthropists, Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), Inter Aid Uganda, Windle Trust Uganda, refugee community leaders, youth-led Ugandan organizations and the local councils for supporting and actively participating in the organizations consultations, activities and also enabling OneYouth OneHeart initiative achieve its milestones set out to achieve in the year 2017.

Our plan is to greatly continue impacting on refugees and host community (Nationals) in all spheres of their lives especially through technology, climate change, innovation, entrepreneurship and protecting their rights as according to our five year strategic plan 2016-2020. However this plan and strategies can only be achieved through establishing strong, mutual, productive, long lasting strategic partnerships with credible technical and funding organizations/agencies that have the same or similar priority areas of focus like OneYouth OneHeart initiative.

We are looking forward to a great 2018 with new innovations, ideas, projections and prospects. I sincerely want to wish you all a great new year full of great accomplishments and achievements.

Board Chairman,

OneYouth OneHeart initiative.



ABOUT ONE YOUTH ONE HEART INITIATIVE (OYOH)

One Youth One Heart is a youth-led initiative formed to bridge the gap between refugee youth and host community youth.

It is a Uganda's Innovation initiative that began in 2014 and gave birth to **OneYouth OneHeart Initiative** (OYOH) which comprises of professional youth from the refugee and host community(nationals) that work jointly to finding innovative solutions to community challenges.

One Youth One Heart initiative is a working partner of Windle Trust Uganda, Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) and UNHCR. It also works with refugee youth led and host community organizations (nationals), public sector institutions and corporate companies.

VISION

OneYouth OneHeart initiative nurtures a generation of youth that goes beyond. The generation will go beyond any possible barriers, limits, themselves, frontiers, cultures, nation boundaries, dreams and imaginations.

MISSION

One Youth One Heart Initiative co-creates a platform where youth can **dream, inspire, and change.**

CORE VALUES.

We believe in treating our beneficiaries with respect and faith. We grow through creativity and innovation.

We highly value Honesty, Integrity, Transparency, Equity, Accountability, Equality and professional conduct in all aspects of our daily activity operations.

OBJECTIVES:

Co-create a platform where:

1. Youth freely express their views, opinions, dreams and aspirations in order to give them a voice.
2. Youth build knowledge and leadership skills in order to enhance their creative confidence.
3. Youth build partnerships and become peace builders to bridge the divide among them and create opportunities by, with and for youth.
4. Youth co-create an innovative space and activities and initiative to jointly solve their challenges.

5. Build productive partnerships to create opportunities and linkages by, with and for youth.

APPROACHES AND STRATEGIES:

1. Peer to peer.
2. Youth focused and youth driven.
3. Youth empowerment.
4. Holistic involvement of youth impacting society.
5. Project based learning and action oriented.

RECENT ENGAGEMENTS:

1. Cinema to Educate project.
2. Relief information inclusion platform.
3. Emerging Innovators Forum 2017.
4. U-Spark Hub Phase II.
5. Orphan and Vulnerable Children project.
6. Community consultation outreaches.

2017 UNDERTAKEN PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Cinema to Educate project:

• Brief description.

The cinema and production sessions give a platform to refugees and host community youth (nationals) to learn from inspirational, motivational, productive and developmental videos e.g., films, short video skits and documentaries, be equipped with knowledge, enhance their skills to be creative towards their society challenges, enhance their self-esteem and creative confidence.

The cinema sessions took place in Kampala at OneYouth OneHeart innovation community center located at our offices in Nsambya.

• Participants/Beneficiaries.

270 participants (refugee girls, women, young people and community members)

• Cinema session highlights:

- ✓ Youth learnt skills from the technology, education and design talks (TED) talks focused on innovation and critical thinking.
- ✓ Linkages, partnerships established and collaboration promoted among the youth and community members.
- ✓ Creative confidence, good leadership skills and critical thinking endorsed among girls and young mothers.
- ✓ Community leaders' mentorship, learnt technical skills from the documentaries and cinema productions.

- ✓ Guidance rendered to the youth especially the young mothers and girls through the cinema productions and engagements.
- ✓ Innovation, practical hand on skills, technical support and assistance in the area of technology and ICT promoted among youth.

2. Relief information inclusion platform:

• Brief description

The project aims to co-create a platform that is designed with and by the youth to coordinate updated information from all refugee and host community (national) support service providers to inform youth on all available services, events and protection information.

The project creates a multilingual web/mobile based system to provide refugees and nationals with updated information from respective national and refugee support organizations. It will build a firm sustainable and close relationship with the various organizations to ensure youth find timely and reliable information on this platform.

• Expected outcomes are:

- ✓ **Information sharing and transparency.**

Provide a coordinated system of sharing information on available relief, protection and support services offered by refugee and host community support organizations to refugees and Ugandans.

- ✓ **Ease of Access to reliable information.**

Provide refugees and nationals with a convenient, affordable, reliable, fast and easy to use way to access available relief information through online access and offline (mobile based application, television and radio access).

- ✓ **Cost effectiveness, efficiency and reliability.**

Refugees and nationals will have quick and affordable access to services through remote scheduling of appointments with these organizations which will help limit unnecessary movements of the client and enable better of service operations of the organizations.

- ✓ **Mitigate unnecessary migrations.**

It will provide statistical data on location, movement of refugees and nationals as well as disseminate relevant information to government supporting partners, host communities and refugee organizations.

✓ **Increase productivity and inclusion.**

Increase refugees and host counterpart participation, inclusion and their holistic involvement in targeted activities/programs through the social interactive platform.

• **Participants/Beneficiaries.**

100 youth trained on how to use the platform (**User training workshop**)

54 refugee youth under went through technology design and prototyping sessions.

86 refugee youth downloaded the platform.

User training and feedback session

• ***Questions and feedback from youth;***

1. Can the application work without social bundle?
2. Can youth chat on the platform?
3. What marketing strategies do we have in place to market the platform?
4. How would we convince the people that the app is secure and reliable?
5. How many organizations agreed to work with us?
6. Can we add email verifications?
7. Can the application have ability to add photos?
8. Is there a functionality on the platform that can shows people interested in different organization service on the platform?

• ***Suggestions from the youth on how to market the app;***

One Youth One Heart staff requested the participants to suggest solutions towards the questions and feedback asked as follows especially in the area on how to market and design the platform further;

- a) Use social media to promote awareness about the platform.
- b) Market the platform in communities.
- c) Make the app user friendly.
- d) Carry out newspaper, TV and radio adverts.
- e) Organizations should pay subscription fees.
- f) The platform should target not only refugees but also Ugandans.

• ***Information campaigns;***

Information campaigns and consultations were conducted in 4 areas with a high concentration of refugees and Ugandans in Makindye division specifically in Nsambya, Ndejja, Katwe and Rubaga suburbs (480 youth were reached during these information campaigns.).

Refugee led and host community Ugandan organizations were consulted, engaged to disseminate information about the information campaigns as well as host some of the project activities. The following organizations listed below participated in the project activities;

- I. Heshima Yetu located in Rubaga.
- II. Soccer without Borders located in Nsambya.
- III. People for peace and defense of Rights (PPDR) in Nsambya
- IV. United Association for Peace and Development, located in Katwe kinyoro
- V. Hope of Children & Women Victims of Violence (HOCW) located in Ndejje and
- VI. Refugee parliamentarians for peace; among other organizations, hosted the information campaigns.

During the campaigns, youth were sensitized, trained and mentored on how to use the application, its benefits and how they can download it.

• **Recommendations:**

The application version phase II to be released on Friday 1st September 2017. This version would have more functionality basing on the feedback from the user training. The One Youth One Heart initiative development team would continue working on the application according to the participants/users' feedback.

There is need for more information campaigns/ community outreaches to create more awareness about the application and working in collaboration with media houses e.g., radio and talk stations till 2017 November to promote awareness about the platform.

One Youth One Heart modify and develop further the web interface by October 2017. One Youth One Heart team will regularly carry out consultations in the different refugee serving organizations on a quarterly basis to officially inform them about the application and how they can subscribe and use it throughout and before 28th December 2017.

3. **Emerging Innovator's Forum:**

The Event gives a platform to refugees and host community youth to showcase their talents, innovations, be equipped with knowledge and enhance their skills.

The event took place in Kampala at National theatre in Uganda on the 7th of October 2017.

• **Participants/Beneficiaries.**

353 youth.

Participants from Kampala (urban refugees, host community (Ugandans) and community members).

• **Event highlights;**

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- I. Panel discussions, session on Sustainable Development Goal's case studies challenges and pitch sessions.
- II. Youth innovators show cased their innovations at the exhibitions during the event.
- III. Youth also showcased their musical talents during the event.
- IV. Collaboration promoted among youth entrepreneurs.
- V. Technical assistance, mentorship support and guidance offered to the youth.
- VI. Discussion on co-creating solutions through innovation problem framework solving
- VII. Innovation and technology fostered among youth.

• **Recommendations;**

One Youth One Heart initiative should scale up/replicate the event region wide in the south western and Eastern parts to involve the refugees and host community nationals to also participant in the events in 2018 before scaling it up to other regions.

One Youth One Heart initiative should engage more private and public sector institutions and organizations, academia, international agencies and Embassies to participant in the event in 2018 and 2019 and also focus on identifying key issues and topics affecting youth both nationals and refugees in country.

4. **U-Spark Hub phase II;**

It is a project that aims at enhancing youth social innovations and initiatives using technology.

Youth are trained to use the power of media and information technology for connecting youth innovators and entrepreneurs to peer support and mentorship, building their skills in marketing, networking and promoting a culture of social ventures and enterprises.

• **Outputs/Outcomes;**

- I. 45 youth engaged in refining and modifying of the online platform.
- II. 120 youth mentored at the community hub space in technology and business development.
- III. 50 youth trained on how to use available resources in the communities to develop technological products.
- IV. Community hub supported and strengthened in Nsambya, 158 youth engaged in entrepreneurship and innovation.
- V. 85 youth trained in Kampala on how to use and leverage the U-spark online platform.

ANNEX.

5. **One Youth One Heart community consultation outreaches;**

- **Community outreaches and sensitization;**

Throughout the year One Youth One Heart team has been engaging with refugee community leaders by involving itself in resolving their internal conflicts, training community based organizations, conducting sessions on capacity building in areas of community leadership, financial literacy and fundraising activities for refugee led organizations.

Furthermore, One Youth One Heart team was involved in restructuring and realigning the Congolese refugee community by offering its technical and experimental support by hosting the independent electoral commission at the community hub for potential Congolese community leaders.

Through meetings and partnerships the organization joined and stood with peers to advocate for the betterment of the refugee community as well in Uganda and elsewhere in the world. One Youth One Heart established an active Refugee Led Organizations Network (ReLON) in collaboration with other community led refugee and host community organizations.

- **Participants/Beneficiaries.**

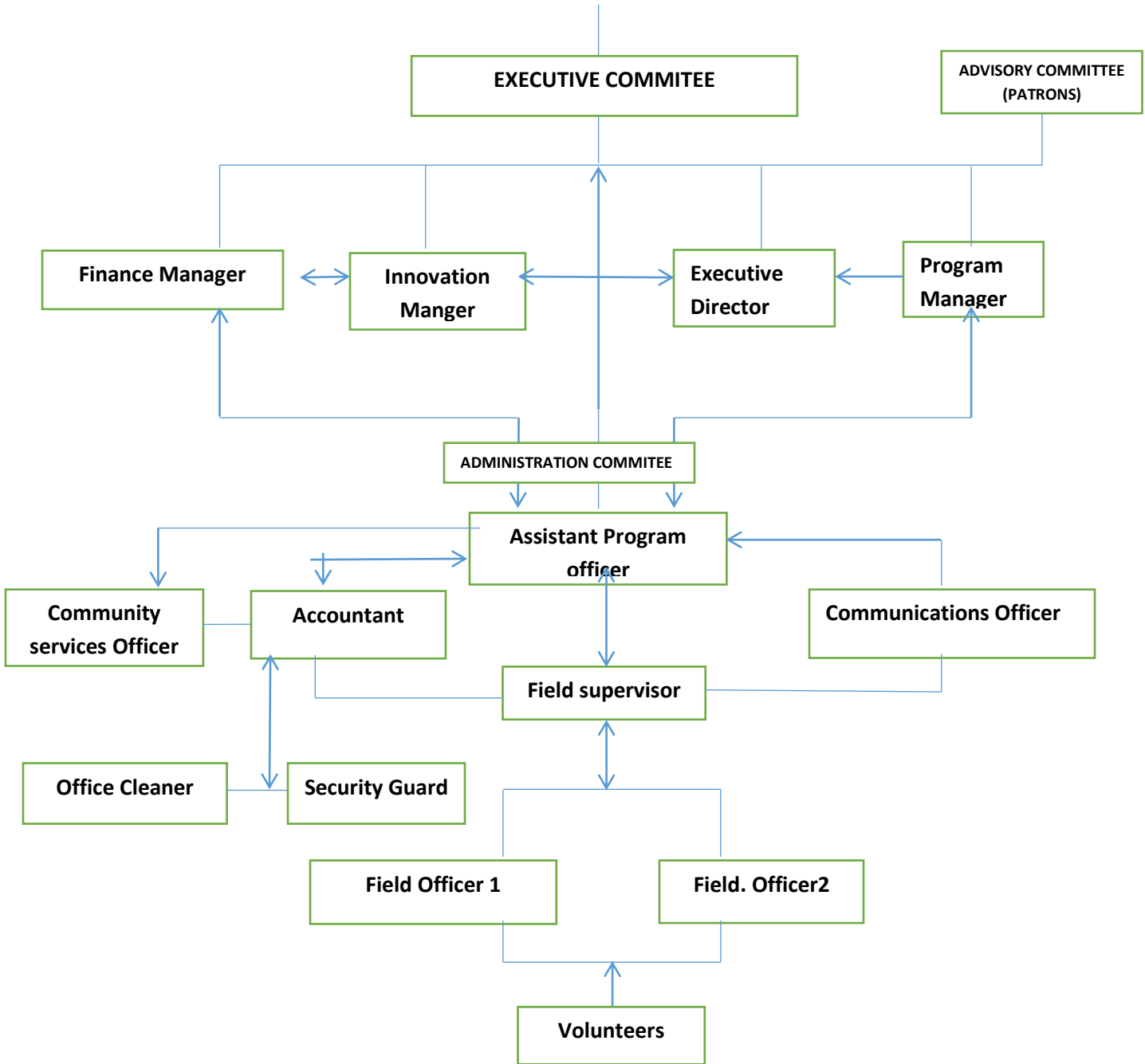
450 refugee youth and community leaders.

- **Activity highlights.**

- I. Organizing the Congolese electoral campaigns for the community leaders.
- II. Strengthening of the community hub space where campaigns and consultations are carried out.
- III. Youth were sensitized in communities on peace and internal conflict resolutions.
- IV. Elected community leaders encouraged to promote and advocate for the rights of community members.
- V. Team building and partnerships created among refugee and host community organizations through creating networks and consortiums.

ONE YOUTH ONE HEART INITIATIVE ORGANISATION STRUCTURE:

ORGANOGRAM OF OYOH



ONE YOUTH ONE HEART INITIATIVES STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES YEAR ENDED 2017

DONOR ORGANISATION	AMOUNT (U.GX)	AMOUNT (USD) 3700.
UNHCR	80,000,000.	21,622.00
Philanthropists	21,200,000	5,730.00
TOTAL AMOUNT	101,200,000	27,352.00

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