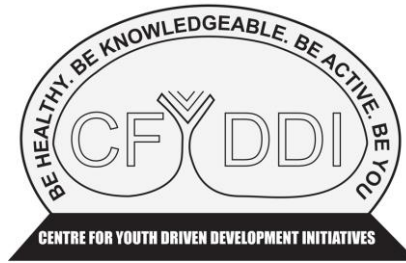


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## CENTRE FOR YOUTH DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

### Community embraces a reading and learning culture in rural Ndazabazadde Village!

Hello CFYDDI Development partners,

The community continues to appreciate your power to make a difference each time in the lives of rural community family lives through your contributions to CFYDDI program areas.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our rural communities most precious resource — our children — youth and mothers of this nation get started on the path to learning in the earliest years for the children and youth , even before they enter kindergarten for the children, means they are far more likely to succeed in school and life and for the youth they are able to start on a future while the mothers are able to start all again to help their own families.



Young people during the reading time doing homework throughout the holiday.

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As we promote the values of the community library in developing love for a reading and learning culture in the rural community, we have served a total of 926-library user's including children, youth men and women for the period of February- May 2015 and received 49 special visitors signed in our visitor's book. These include Medical students and doctors, teachers, researchers, government officials, development partners, members of various civil society organizations those we collaborate with and those seeking our partnership.

Just as we mention, we have seen the center hosting important discussions on health, entrepreneurship, modeling young leaders, hosting community events and trainings in business and computer as well as providing a very spacious and quite environment for students to have private reading and doing their homework and the center is a host venue to conduct lectures for David's discipleship ministry a one year course for students taking two hours every Sunday from 2:00pm- 4:00pm.

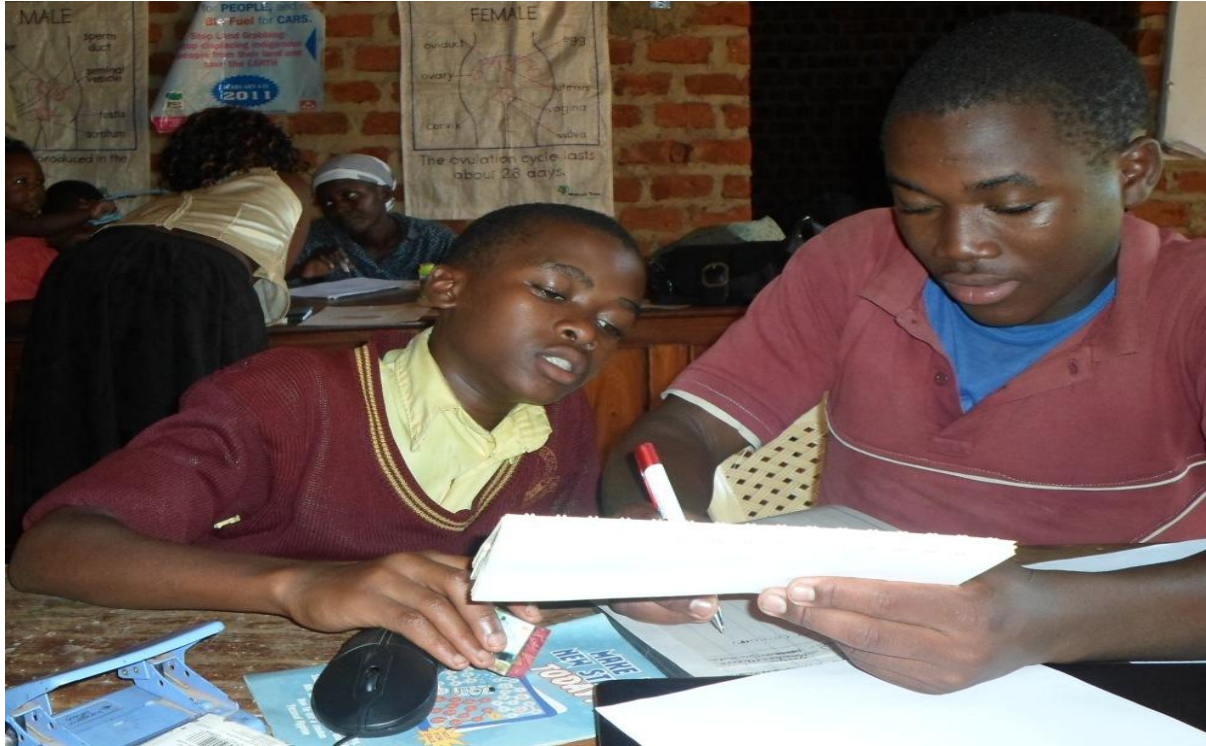


A computer instructor takes a learner through the computer training

For the first time the center has opened up a mentorship holiday programs for school going youth with real work life skills to provide practical and job related competences to students and the pioneer being Akampa victor Emmanuel a senior two student had all the reasons to be grateful and thankful to the centre for nurturing him. Akampa who was also the lead support mobilizer throughout the one month research by Ms. Anita from UK to investigate **“what are the cause of school absence amongst children aged (16-18) years in full time education in a semi-rural community in Uganda”** In his own words said, “the Centre for Youth Driven Development Initiative has given me an excellent opportunity in

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understanding how organizations operate. Attending weekly meeting, developing a work plan, writing minutes and reports, how to receive visitors and arrange books in order was challenging but helpful. I have been able to appreciate why it's said that time is money! Arriving and keeping time was key as each person had to sign in an arrival book. This kept me on my toes even when it rained I had to ensure I am on time. This place was totally different to school setting and as a young person I would wish for another chance AGAIN”



Akampa explains to a young person in the library.

**CFYDDI as a Global Giving partner, welcomed to the center GlobalGiving's East Africa Field Representative, Kelly Kurz.**

Kelly enjoyed the briefs from the respective department heads and in his own words; he said, “My visit to CFYDDI meet my expectations over and above”! He was particularly moved by how energetic the centre team was with a focused shared vision. His mention on SHARE/leadership program focus on youth health he said was key as he recognized that youth in Uganda have very limited opportunities and those in rural communities may not have a chance to find any”.

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Kelly posing for a picture with CFYDDI staff and Youth members

Going forward we are looking forward to the opportunity to have the center fully equipped to a modern resource center that will eventually serve the interests of every users and we appreciate all our development partners who have given the community a benefit to development.

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