

# REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023 AT BUSABALA WAKISO DISTRICT



Theme: Digital Innovation & Technology for Gender Equity



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## BACKGROUND



### ACTION FOR COMMUNITY TREATMENT SERVICES

(ACTS) was founded in 2014 in Kalangala District and was registered as a company limited by guarantee without the share capital. ACTS is currently dedicated to innovations in mental health and scaling up solutions to improve access to-

mental health care. ACTS founder believes that mental health promotion can empower peoples' productivity and lift communities out of poverty. The vision of the organization grew from Diana Kibuuka - ACTS founder is experienced as a Ugandan citizen and having worked as a mental health professional in the USA. ACTS has implemented a number of programs with special focus on psychosocial support to teachers, learners, parents and the promotion of the most vulnerable girl's education in Uganda.

As one of enhancing women empowerment and prosperity, ACTS Fund with local leadership in Busabala organized activities as part of the celebration of International Women's Day and refresh their minds as well. The activities included; matching with a band, sports, and motivation talks by experienced team, dancing, and an open platform for collective participation. Therefore the report gives a brief of what transpired.



The function begun with a talk all around the three Local Councils of Busabala villages in Wakiso District. This was a milestone in the history of ACTS Fund since the public got to learn about the activities of the organization. Additionally the women appreciated the walk as it served as health exercise.



### OPENING REMARKS BY THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR- ENOCH KABUYE

The function was opened by the country director Enoch Kabuye who welcomed the guests and thanked them for turning up for the function and to honor the invitation from ACTS Fund. He assured them that, the organization has come to work with the communities to promote -



mental health and awareness which is currently a big challenge to the community especially the young people.

### REMARKS BY VICE CHAIRMAN BUSABALA CELL



He invited the Vice Chairman Busabala Cell who congratulated the women over their day noting that, this day is a very important day celebrated worldwide. He welcomed ACTS Fund to Busabala and thanked them for choosing to work within the community.



**REMARKS BY GEOFFREY KASANVU- ACTS FUND BOARD MEMBER**



*The Director ACTS invited Geoffrey Kasanvu- a member of the Board of ACTS Fund to address the guests. In his remarks he welcomed the guests and thanked them for having honored the invitation.*

- He gave the background of the organization and told them that, ACTS Fund has established its headquarters in Busabala.
- Geoffrey Kasanvu also told the guests that, Uganda as Pearl of Africa is gifted by nature and has everything for development except **PEOPLE'S MINDSETs**, Ugandans have put much focus on Territoriality & Tribalism, Religious and political lenses, corruption and poor work ethic. And it is for this reason that Mindset Change is one of the pillars of the Parish Development Model (PDM), thus with ACTS Fund programs, a lot shall be handled improving the mental health and wellness of our people.
- He told the guests about ACTS Fund and the activities of the organization with great emphasis on mental health and wellness.
- He also assured the participants that, ACTS Fund is very committed to work with them in improving their lives and other community members. He further reckoned the presence of leaders in big numbers noting that, with their involvement, community engagement will be simplified.



**SPORTS ACTIVITIES BY HILDA SAWA MIREMBE**



The sports activities were facilitated by Hilda Sawa Mirembe who not only guided women play the games, she also told them the importance of such activity and argued the women to adopt the culture of playing with their families. She told the women that when you play, you kill stress and mitigate a number of health issues including those that affect the mental wellbeing. "Play with dear ones the children, she added".



The first game was taking balloons from the basin and place them in the ring. This game aimed at physical commitment and resilience women go through in the world of work, implying that even if they come across challenges when executing certain tasks, they persist for success.

*Winners of the first game*



*The second game involved all women and they fully participated and enjoyed the game. The game emphasized cooperation among the team members who is a pertinent skill women need in their social interaction while living in their communities.*



*Women also danced, laughed and became themselves, while commenting about the dance, the facilitator noted that dancing is good for a health body, women were encouraged to always dance.*

Women should take their lead to teach their children before they take them to school because charity begins at home. A woman is naturally blessed and should keep her patience and integrity and should always dress properly and be proud of themselves, Hilda added..

**SPEECH BY THE GUEST OF HONOR**



The guest of honor thanked the participants for accepting the invitation and welcomed ACTS Fund to Busabala noting that, their coming is timely and she will be ready to work with ACTS Fund to handle the current challenges that are affecting the community. She encouraged the participants to always turn up big numbers whenever invited for such programs. She officially closed the function leading the National Anthems.



**APPENDIX: A- PROGRAM FOR THE DAY**



**International Women's Day Celebrations 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Theme: Digital Innovation & Technology for Gender Equity**

TIME	ACTIVITY	INCHARGE
8: 30 – 9:30am	Arrival of Participants / Guests	ACTS / MC
	Flagging off the Matching parade	ACTS / MC
9: 30– 11:30am	Respect for the National Anthems; East Africa, Uganda and Buganda.	ACTS / MC
11: 45 – 11: 50am	Opening prayer	ACTS / MC
11:50 – 11:55am	Opening remarks from Busabala	LC I Chairperson
11:55 – 12: 00pm	Remarks from Kirinda	LC I Chairperson
12:00 – 12:20pm	Sports and activity	ACTS Sports Team
12: 20 – 12: 30pm	Remarks from Women Counselor	Women Representative
12: 30 – 12: 50pm	Remarks from Health Representative	ACTS FUND
12: 50 – 1:10pm	Sports activity	ACTS Sports Team
1:10 – 1:20pm	Remarks from Acts & Invited guest of Honor	Board Member
1:20 – 1: 35pm	Remarks from Guest of Honor	ACTS FUND
1:35 -2:00 pm	Closing	ACTS FUND



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### APPENIDX B: ATTENDANCE LIST

No.	Name	Position	Tel. Contact
1.	Sseguya Constantine	V/Chairman	0782119828
2.	Nandaula Hanifah	Publicity	0709960380
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4.	Namutebi Sylvia	Secretary	0701211059
5.	Mukasa Moses	Secretary LC I	0783505939
6.	Nabukeera Mary	LC I	0754695490
7.	Namakula Juliet	Secretary	0752599650
8.	Nassuna Claire	Counselor	0757496200
9.	Nasanje Annet	Secretary Production	0700410788
10.	Nalunkuuma Zaituni	Counselor	0755585421
11.	Mbakire Aisha	V/chairman	0759476797
12.	Kirumira John	Youth leader	0759703297
13.	Lugemwa Ernest	Member	0789373250
14.	Wandurwa Harriet	Participant	0753240190
15.	Nambooze Faridah	Participant	0753115967
16.	Nanziri Shamim	Participant	0788191162
17.	Nagujja Milly	Participant	0752887589
18.	Nayebare	Participant	0704693426
19.	Hasahya Claire	Participant	
20.	Kaudha Rose	Participant	0756454533

21.	Aisha	Participant	0708534734
22.	Nantongo Esther	Participant	0774546771
23.	Nakibuule Florence	Participant	0701277552
24.	Bukirwa Fridah	Participant	0708737479
25.	Nakakembo Ruth	Participant	0781733391
26.	Birungi Agnes	Participant	0759707504
27.	Nakaggwa Jane	Participant	0742252245
28.	Javeria	Participant	0754701515
29.	Namuhairwe Dianah	Participant	0753080954
30.	Bukirwa Faridah	Participant	0700737479
31.	Nambaziira Florence	Participant	0704505357
32.	Birungi Agnes	Participant	0759707504
33.	Nalwoga Mary	Participant	0750019139
34.	Nampijja Edith	Participant	0753123273
35.	Namulumba Halima	Participant	0788531700
36.	Nagawa Ruth	Participant	0701134459
37.	Nalukwago Hasifah	Participant	0705480246
38.	Nalwoga Jackie	Participant	0781468851
39.	Namale Costa	Participant	0709458062
40.	Nyamutarwa Sarah	Participant	0781492031
41.	Musoke Christine	Participant	0754992055
42.	Kayesu Beth	Participant	0751384078
43.	Nalunkuuma Daizy	Participant	