



Topic
Access to Water & Sanitation For Women & Girls - Kabarole

YOUTH SHARE THEIR YOUTH-LED RESEARCH FINDINGS IN THE PEOPLE'S PARLIAMENT

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Kabarole Research Center (KRC) Uganda, in partnership with GOAL Uganda and the Mastercard Foundation, supported young men and women under the Markets for Youth programme to conduct youth-led research, investigating key critical ideas that affect their meaningful participation in agricultural market systems.

The youth, in their youth farmer groups, had been trained in November 2022 on community conversation approaches which involved identifying and exploring key issues like access to clean and safe water for home use and agricultural activities. But for the youth to actively engage their leaders and find redress to the issues, they needed a deeper understanding of the issues.

In February 2023, KRC Uganda identified 30 youth champions for Kabarole and Fort Portal and trained them in the youth-led research approach, particularly on key research tools, methodologies, and the engagement of informants. In March, the youth champions collected data about the limited access to clean and safe water for domestic and agricultural use problem in Kabarole District.

In April 2023, the youth champions were trained in participatory data analysis and youth-centered advocacy approaches. From the data they had collected, they found that 64% of the people in Kabarole and Fort portal fetch water from flowing rivers that are contaminated, making the water unsafe for home consumption. This has made people sick and unable to be productive in their gardens. Furthermore, 41% walk more than a kilometer to fetch water, limiting their engagement in productive agriculture.

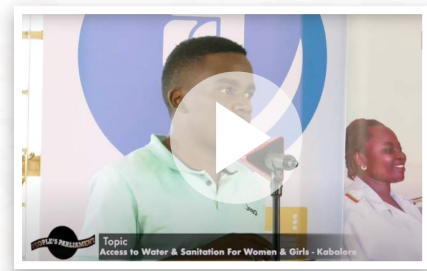
The youth champions also discovered that 22% of the people use watering cans for irrigation, which are ineffective for large production, while 78% don't use irrigation at all due to limited technology and finances to afford reliable irrigation kits.

After analyzing their data, the youth champions identified key allies and stakeholders to engage to find a lasting solution to their findings. The identified Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Local Council Five (LCV), Resident District Commissioners (RDCs) and the National Water and Sewage Corporation (NWSC) mid-western water umbrella were found to be key primary audiences while the media, Local Council 3, Civil Society Organizations, Local Council 1 and others were found to be secondary audiences.

The youth champions used all existing and available platforms/spaces like sub-county, district and regional dialogues in addition to NTV to share their findings and engage their audiences. Through their networks, they learned of the People's Parliament; a weekly show on NTV Uganda that would pre-record an episode in Kabarole District. They then approached the organizers and requested an opportunity to present their findings on the show.

On 27th April 2023, the youth champions participated in the pre-recorded episode, under the theme "Access to water and sanitation for women and girls in Kabarole". They presented their findings to local leaders, who were impressed by the research. The factual presentation of these findings triggered the leaders' commitment to have a separate meeting for the youth to present their findings, as well as locating funds for rehabilitation of boreholes and extension of water to their areas.

Watch the youth champions presenting the findings of their Youth-Led Research to the NTV People's Parliament in Kabarole [here](#).



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