



Sexual and Gender-Based Violence



History

Nyaka's Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) Program was created in 2015 in response to incidents of SGBV in the communities Nyaka serves. The SGBV Program currently operates four Healing Centers in Kanungu, southwestern Uganda, hosted by District Health Centers: Kambuga Hospital (opened Nov 2015), Kanungu Health Center IV (opened May 2019) and Kihhi Health Center IV and Nyamirama Health Center III (both opened December 2019). These Healing Centers provide survivors of sexual and gender-based violence access to psychosocial support and medical care. To date, Nyaka's SGBV Program has supported more than 600 girls, boys and women who have been sexually assaulted or experienced some form of domestic violence.

Justice and Community engagement

Nyaka's SGBV Program is working to increase multi-agency partnerships and develop these healing centers into Sexual Assault Referral Centers (SARCS). Nyaka's SGBV team coordinates with the police, judiciary and local leaders to prosecute perpetrators. Nyaka's efforts led to the first successful prosecutions in Kanungu District. Additionally, more than 400,000 community members have participated in or benefitted from SGBV program activities, including community sensitizations, home visits, group visits, school sensitizations, radio broadcasts and Nyaka's Annual Walk Against SGBV.





Annual Walk Against SGBV

Nyaka's first Annual Walk against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence took place in July 2018, with the goal of raising awareness and encouraging the community to identify and own solutions. Since then, Nyaka has further developed the walk, attracting, in July 2022, more than 4,000 people from around Uganda, including students, teachers, political leaders, religious leaders, civil servants, police officers, community members, grandmothers and grandfathers. At the walk, Nyaka has engaged popular Ugandan musicians to perform songs with positive messages that can influence behaviour change. Students who participate in the walk also perform songs, poems and skits with messages against sexual and gender-based violence.

SGBV Program Impact

87%

The willingness to report SGBV among community members has increased to 87% from 81% in 2021

82%

The willingness to report SGBV among school-going children has increased to 82% from 78% in 2021

Our mission is to work with communities to protect and nurture children so they can learn, grow and thrive.

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