

# LEARNING FROM PEER TO PEER MODEL: STRENGTHENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS FOR ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS IN TEREKO DISTRICTS

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## PROJECT AIM

To enhance girls and young women participation in advancing Sexual reproductive health services and information in Terego District

## GAPS

During the COVID-19 pandemic and post-pandemic era, Uganda registered soaring teenage pregnancy statistics, especially in the rural communities with the West Nile sub-region registering a total of 354,736 in 2020 and 196,499 in the first six months of 2021 according to UNFPA. Indicating a huge gap in SRH needs resulting from limited information, misinformation, negative myths, and misconceptions related to sexuality and AGYW's limited access to available services.

Therefore the Peer to Peer model became critical for implementing Sexual and reproductive health information and Advocacy which are critical entitlements best supported through human rightsbased approaches aimed at empowering rights-holders to claim their rights and duty bearers to fulfil their obligations. their rights and duty bearers to fulfil their obligations.

## METHODOLOGY

- ◆ Purposive selection and training of AGYW in leadership, Mobilization, Advocacy, and SRH
- ◆ Mobilizing other girls (1:5 girls)
- ◆ AGYW-led Inter-generational dialogues with cultural and religious leaders, parents, and boys to support young women access to SRHR services at health facilities.
- ◆ Meetings with Health workers in Health Centres.
- ◆ Media engagement in Gender responsive reporting and promotion of AGYW's access to SRH.
- ◆ AGYW Radio Talks how to sensitize the community on some of the Sexual Reproductive Health Rights needs .
- ◆ AGYW visits to HCs to perform HC service delivery audit.
- ◆ AGYW follow-up visits to HCs

## RESULTS

- ◆ AGYW mobilizing and demanding for SRH needs.
- ◆ AGYW Accessing SRH services at Health Facilities.
- ◆ Health centers especially ST. Francis HC III provides Youth Corner for SRH services.
- ◆ AGYW groups are continuing with peer-to-peer SRH Information sharing, mentoring, and education

## LESSONS LEARNT

- ◆ When young people take lead in advocating for their Sexual Reproductive Health needs, it is understood from their perspective because they use their experiences to express their needs
- ◆ Strengthening synergies with different stakeholders is essential, it creates ownership and sustainability of the program to benefit the entire community.

## CONCLUSIONS

- ◆ Organizing training and movement-building for AGYW's strengthen advocacy skills on SRH interventions enhance access to information and speed up AGYW's advocacy while prioritizing their needs.
- ◆ AGYW's-led interventions, and media engagement to amplify information and voices while strengthening synergies with different stakeholders and institutions like Health Units, and joint community outreaches strengthen implementation strategies and scale up SRH services.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRACTICE

### Practitioners

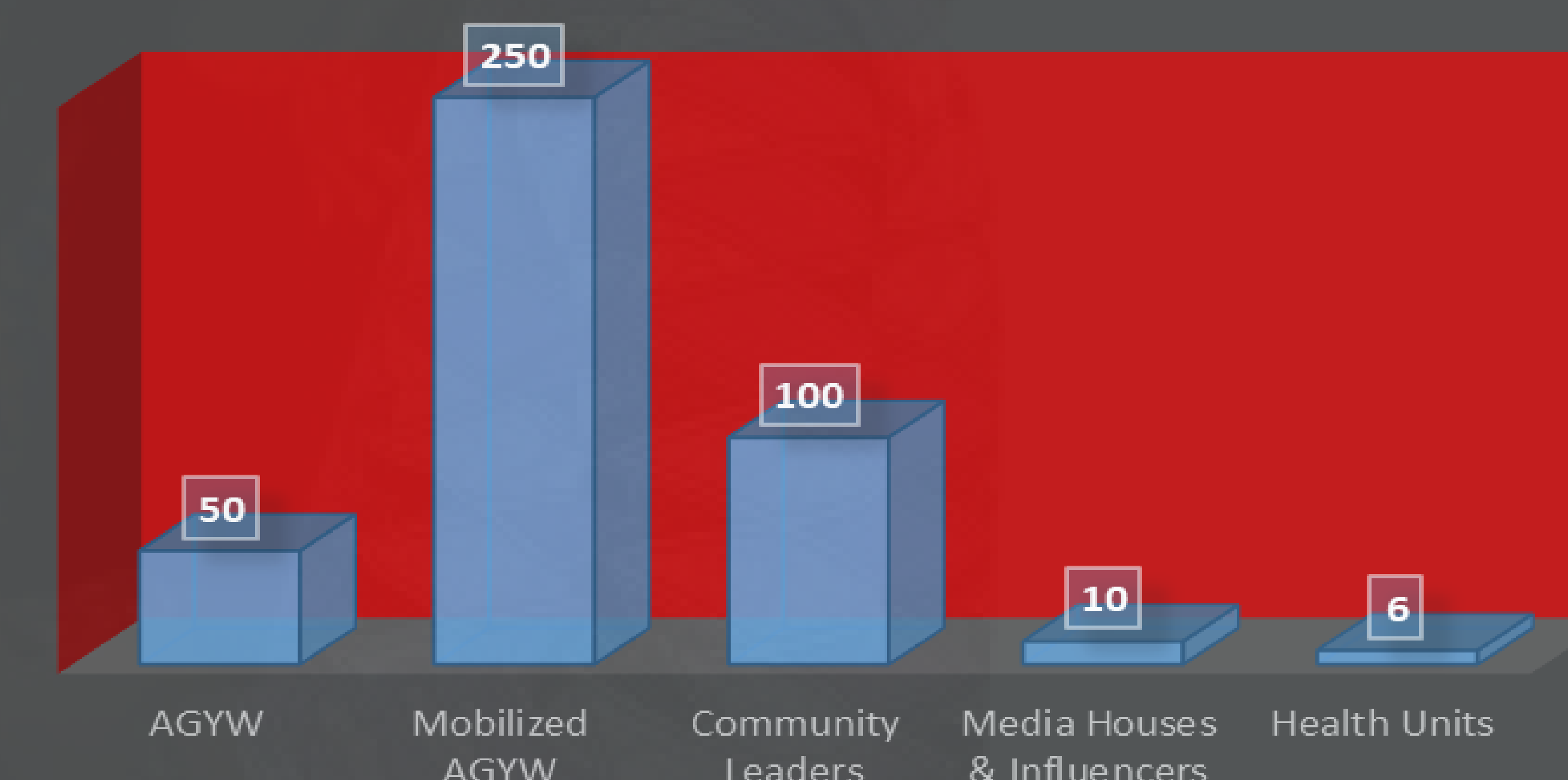
- ◆ Continuous sensitization of communities and stakeholders to empower AGYW to speak up against violations and SRH gaps.
- ◆ Strengthen synergies with different stakeholders and institutions like Health Units, media, police, and community leaders through joint implementation.
- ◆ Deliberate inclusion of AGYW in the decision-making process because there is Nothing for young people without young people.

### Community

- ◆ Need to understand and amplify voices of AGYW on SRH needs.
- ◆ Shade more light on perpetrators and engage stakeholders on the SRH needs of AGYW's.



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