Student-led innovations to solve health problems among university student communities

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What is **SCOFOH**?

- Students' Coalition For Health (SCOFOH) is a multidisciplinary team consisting of students in higher institutions of learning from different fields of study.
- The over all goal is to improve the health of students through innovative and strategically designed interventions.
- These different fields of study include human health, animal health, social sciences, Information Technology and others.
- These students come together to try and solve student and target youth health related issues.
- Based at Makerere University School of Public Health(MakSPH).



SCOFOH'S APPROACH

- Student and broadly young people experience several health related and social challenges which when not attended to early enough, may result into long-term consequences.
- SCOFOH approach is premised on the fact that empowered students have the potential to sustainably contribute to their own well being.
- The approach entails using students to change students, and empowering students to empower students.
- Peer to Peer approach



SHIVA Campaign

- SHIVA (Students' HIV/AIDS Awareness) Campaign is a student-led initiative which involves students volunteering to talk to fellow students about HIV/AIDS.
- We raise awareness about the risks of HIV infection, increase uptake of HIV prevention interventions and mitigate HIV-related stigma among students.











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No Heights, No Problems Campaign

No Heights-No problems Campaign is a student-led initiative which involves students volunteering to talk to fellow students about drug abuse.

- So far in Kyambogo University and Makerere University
- Still prioritizing on the Alcohol Awareness month(April)
- Health Education sessions about drug abuse with fellow students
- □Alcohol free parties
- **Recovery Walk**
- □ Mass Blue Ribbon campaign









Where are we now?

Since 2015:

- SHIVA Campaign has reached over 20,000 students with 100 active volunteers in 10 universities.
- Over 50,000 red and blue ribbons have been made and distributed to students and sold 3000 red ribbons to two organisations.
- No Heights, No Problems campaign has reached about 800 students in 2 universities.
- We hope to reach at least 30 institutions with SHIVA and No Heights No Problems Campaigns by 2022



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Filimin Niyongabo and Tonny Muwonge, leaders of Students' HIV/AIDS Awareness (SHIVA) campaign. PHOTO

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According to Tony Muwonge, the leader of the association for Students Coalition for Health (SCOFOL), th statistics do not favour age group.



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Major Challenges

- Financial constraints: major sources are students' pocket money, Dean School of Public Health and ribbon sales.
- **Time;** students have to balance time for academics and SCOFOH activities
- Transitioning; students always leave after studies and more have to be mentored.

Hi there, We make and sell ribbons to raise money for campaigns to raise awareness about HiV and stop stigma among university students.

Ribbon Sale

Yon can support ns... Contact: +256 780 525032 shivacampaign@gmail.com

More info: scofok.wordpress.com





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Whom have we worked with?

- Makerere University: Makerere University Vice Chancellor; Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe, Dean School of Public Health; Prof. Rhoda Wanyenze, SCOFOH Patron; Dr. Geofrey Musinguzi.
- Student guilds of UCU, KYU, YMCA, MUBS,NKOZI, MUST, BUSITEMA, KIU and MUK
- SHIVA Campaign Ambassadors
- Makerere University Walter Reed project.
- Naguru hospital, Mukono HCIV
- MUST Peer Project
- Uganda Network of Young Positives Association (UNYPA)
- Recovery Walk Coalition
- Bill Benkunda- Health Youth Lifestyle Options(HYLO)
 - Stop Underage Drinking Uganda (SUDU)
- The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Uganda





How to get involved?

1. Buy a ribbon!

2. Follow us on social media and spread the message:

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@shiva_campaign

3. You can become a funder, a co-funder or a partner. Contact: Tel. +256 753 414942 / +256 751 985106/ +256 787 761003 Blog; scofoh.wordpress.com

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