

Championing Education in Mityana District

It was a norm to see children of school going age loitering around communities in Kikuuta village, Mityana district despite the availability of Universal Primary Education. The parents did not value education and neither was there ample enforcement of free education by the duty bearers.

This however changed in August 2023, when members of Ani Yali Amanyi Development Group and Tuli bumu kikuuta women's group took it upon themselves to question the status quo. Through a close collaboration with local leaders, they successfully led to the enrollment of 16 children, 10 girls and 6 boys by 12th February 2024. This proactive approach created a ripple effect which spurred other parents to enroll their children without necessarily waiting for external intervention.

“Our action has awakened many parents to take their children to school without waiting for us to come and force them. Our engagement with FOWODE therefore has not only increased our vigilance as group members, but it has also enhanced other community members’ activism and vigilance towards addressing common concerns” Mugira Anthony, a group member narrates.

The group's commitment to community transformation exemplifies the extraordinary potential of collective action. World Bank data (2018) shows that the retention rate for Primary students in Uganda stands at 51%. By ensuring that the girls stay in school and receive an education, the groups are not only unlocking the girls’ potential but also paving the way for them to become tomorrow's leaders. Educated girls grow into confident, knowledgeable women who are equipped to take on leadership roles, drive change, and shape the future. Investing in girl child education isn't just a moral imperative-it's a strategic investment in building a more equitable and prosperous society for all.



The Vice Chairperson of the Tuli Bumu Women’s group teaching members of the Ani Yali Amanyi women’s group their civic