

## **From Housewife to Community Champion**

The story of Christine Nakamanya is one that resonates with the power of ambition and passion. Initially, she embraced the role of a devoted housewife, finding fulfillment in caring for her family. However, an ember of aspiration ignited within her, driving her to make a difference in her community. Christine earned a degree in clinical medicine and used her expertise to advocate for improved health services in Luwero district in Uganda. Her efforts were not in vain as she gradually transformed the landscape of healthcare accessibility, touching the lives of countless individuals. Christine's appetite for impact continued to grow which drove her to contest for the position of district woman councilor representing workers, where she emerged victorious.



*Christine Nakamanya during a councillor's legislative training at Esella Hotel, Kampala*

Interacting with FOWODE's Women's Amplified Voice and Empowerment programme was timely for Christine. A case of, "opportunity meeting preparation". Through trainings and mentorship, Christine was able to hone her advocacy skills, polish her leadership acumen and master the art of legislative engagement. Empowered by these newfound capabilities, Christine soared to greater heights, securing successive victories in elections and assuming influential positions within the local government like the District Vice Chairperson LC5, a post she currently holds. She has used her

influence to lobby for the re-design of health centres in Luwero to have back doors for emergencies, especially for expectant mothers. As of today, 3 health centres in Luwero have made these provisions in their premises.

Christine's story demonstrates the transformative power of building and supporting women's leadership. She is part of our pipeline of 21,000 women leaders that FOWODE has nurtured, with courage of conviction, passionate about the advancement of women and girl's rights and becoming agents of change in their communities.