



YUFT METAL WORKS PROJECT

Kampala, Uganda.

“A PROJECT FOR EX- CONVICT YOUTHS”




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Executive Summary

In Uganda, there are programs for the incarcerated persons in this case youths but this has not successfully rehabilitated them to become responsible citizens after them serving their punishments. There is not any structure that allows incarcerated Youths to return home and be reintegrated into the society at the end of his/her sentence approaches. Due to the poverty and lack of means there are not any basic systems and services available to ex-offenders. Families or other people are generally hostile, and incarcerated persons are strictly rejected when they are sent back into the society. This situation seems to jeopardize their reintegration in the society. Due to this, YUFT Metal Works Project here comes to support and enhance successful rehabilitation of the ex-convict youths in Uganda.

YUFT Metal Works Project was established in 2017 and it's a registered social enterprise established by Youth under their group Youth United for Today Uganda with support from OXFAM Uganda through Justice and Advocacy for Women and Children.

We run the following programs;

1. Welding skilling and training
2. Entreprize skilling and development
3. Advocacy Campaign; Radio Program titled "Youth Perspective" on Record Radio 97.7fm every Wednesday 3-4pm.
4. Preventive Campaigns against Crime

Objectives

- To re-integrate ex-convicts into the society which promote peace, prevent crime and reduce poverty.
- To promote an education system that integrates knowledge, academics and 'on the job' training as well as providing an opportunity for society development.
- Facilitate and improve the provision of micro-credit to the ex-convict youth so as to start up their own businesses.



YUFT Metal Works Project Team at Uganda Museum during the 2017 Youth Skills Expo

Mission

The mission of YUfT Metal Works Project is to promote the development of independent, self-confident and establish youth literacy programmes, Rehabilitation Workshops and support sustainable economic and social development programmes through re-integrate those who offend, to have all inclusive society to prevent crime.

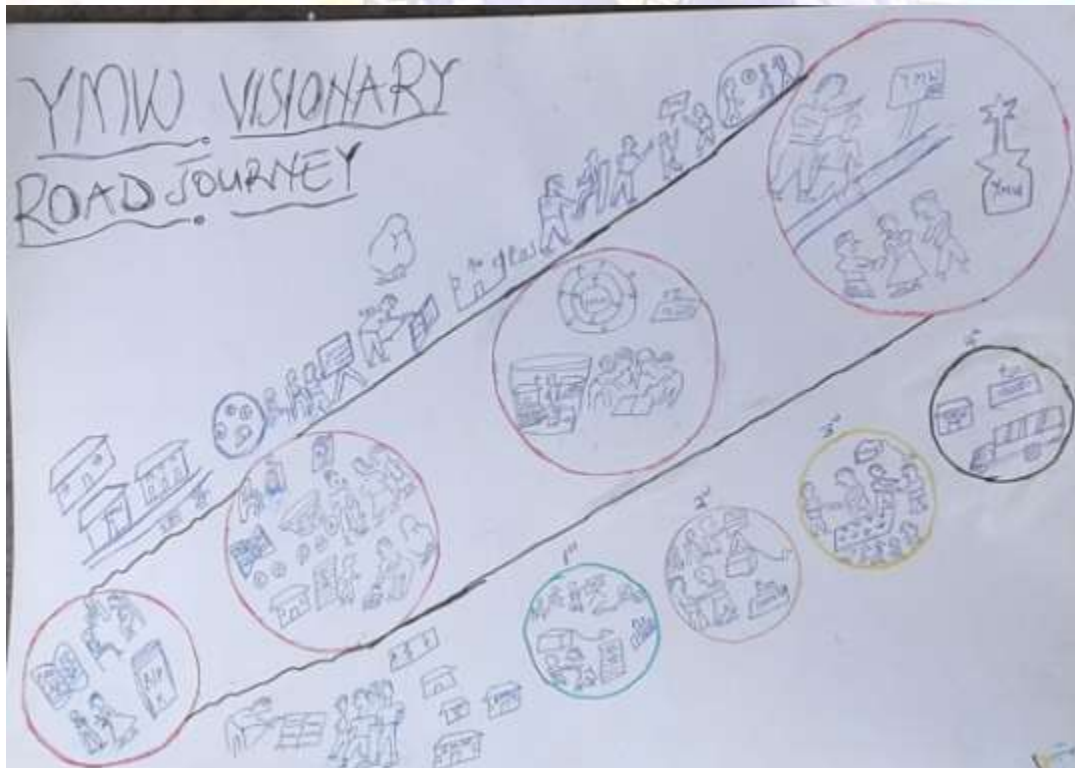
YUfT Metal Works Project delivers on its mission by operating an open community dialogues with ex-convict youth, empowering them to eliminate poverty or idleness. The Project, with community leaders identifies needs that serve social, educational, economic and environmental purposes and ensures that resources to support these activities yield the desired results to prevent crime, teenage pregnancies, and reduce school dropout rates, promote peace and poverty reduction.

Keys to Success

Establish strong networks with the communities and community leaders and the prison system.

Establish an effective training and rehabilitation programs.

Establish effective monitoring system to protect both ex-convict youth, their families, society and as well in the service that we provide.



Organization Summary

YUfT Metal Works Project is a social enterprise established in 2017 to unleash the potential of

youth in Uganda communities to make positive change happen by providing mentoring programs for the prisoners, ex-offenders, children and marginalized youths in deprived communities the help they need to build a better future. The program has formed partnerships with different organizations and community leaders.

Ex-Convict Youths are matched with a caring community volunteers and community leaders who are trained to focus on positive reinforcement, trust-building, and the achievement of goals, by engaging them in one-on-one discussions and group adventures in the community. Ongoing training will continue with mentors on individual case management throughout the year.

At YMW, youths participate in developmental appropriate activities such as;

- Livelihood
- Skills
- Workshops and much more.

These activities help through;

- Establishing self esteem
- Establishing self confidence
- Stimulating the sense of belonging and responsibility
- Healthier lifestyles
- Increase team work and positive relationship building.

Vision Statement

Our vision at YUfT Metal Works Project is to envisage a criminal free and empowered youth society in Uganda.

Achievements

- Establishing working partnerships with SASK Construction Company Rubaga, Dot.O. Construction Company Luzira, Youth United for Today Uganda (YUfT Uganda), KASA Empowerment Organization (KAPEEO), Youth Advocacy Foundation Uganda (YAFU).
- Over 45 youth ex-convicts have benefited directly in our programmes as well as more than 300 indirect beneficiaries.
- Project recognition through invitations on media to do project profilings and inform the community what we do; for example we have been invited on Record Radio, Namirembe Fm; KSTv and Shillow Tv.



Our Team on KSTv

Challenges

- Challenges faced basically rotate around lack of sufficient funds to run the project activities and campaigns; a reason why we are calling upon your Organization for support so as to reach our services to an increasing number of youths who are falling victim in the society.



Photo; YUfT Metal Works Project pose for a Photo together with the Headteacher and the students after the awareness campaign at Bukondo Primary School in Wakiso.

Criminal Trends of Youth in Uganda

Uganda is facing an increasing number of ex-convict youth whom are abandoned by their families, relatives, society and the employment sector given that they are looked at as a threat, not giving them a chance to change their lives, become financially stable thereby also contributing to society development, a thing that has seen an increase in criminal activities especially among the youth.

YMW work to make society safer by finding practical solutions to reducing crime and youth unemployment. Prioritizing to give Juvenile ex-offenders, and other disadvantaged people in deprived communities the help they need to build a better future. YMW offers a safe, nurturing environment where children as well as the youth get the attention and care that they may need.

YMW offers at-risk ex-offenders the opportunity to make a dramatic change in their lives. The program is positioned to be most assessable young people who are swept into the prison system, in return be able to reintegrate into the system. The goal of the program is to offer positive support system to the youth to avoid the pitfalls that can derail their lives, provide safer society where everyone belongs, human rights respected and preventing crime means tackling social exclusion and re-integrating those who offend.

As at 2016, over 75 percent of young people are in prisons; as shown by the table below.

Number of prisoners by category, sex, nationality and age group, 2016

Category	Remands			Convicts			Debtors			National	
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	No.	%
Nationality											
Ugandan	24,799	1,044	25,843	23,203	1,066	24,269	282	53	335	50,447	98.44
Rwandese	157	2	159	156	10	166	0	0	0	325	0.63
Congolese	105	5	110	84	6	90	0	0	0	200	0.39
Kenyan	31	2	33	50	3	53	0	0	0	86	0.17
Tanzanian	33	0	33	49	0	49	0	0	0	82	0.16
S/ Sudanese	28	0	28	18	1	19	0	0	0	47	0.09
Burundian	13	3	16	8	0	8	0	0	0	24	0.05
Somalian	10	0	10	5	0	5	0	0	0	15	0.03
Asians	2	0	2	8	0	8	0	0	0	10	0.02
Other Africans	2	0	2	5	1	6	0	0	0	8	0.02
Europeans	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	0.01
Age group											
15-19	3,708	126	3,834	2,701	90	2,791	0	0	0	6,625	12.93
20-24	6,473	232	6,705	6,491	248	6,739	8	0	8	13,452	26.25
25-29	5,790	176	5,966	5,571	183	5,754	25	8	33	11,753	22.93
30-34	3,641	150	3,791	3,523	184	3,707	34	10	44	7,542	14.72
35-39	2,270	123	2,393	2,153	115	2,268	48	9	55	4,716	9.2
40-44	1,342	79	1,421	1,248	110	1,358	42	9	51	2,830	5.52
45-49	843	70	913	778	55	833	41	9	50	1,796	3.5
50-54	493	46	539	483	49	532	33	3	36	1,107	2.16
55-59	246	20	266	254	24	278	26	2	28	572	1.12
60-64	169	19	188	181	14	195	13	0	13	396	0.77
65-69	119	5	124	104	8	112	5	0	5	241	0.47
70-74	42	8	50	55	6	61	3	3	6	117	0.23
75-79	21	2	23	25	0	25	5	0	5	53	0.1
80-84	17	0	17	9	1	10	1	0	1	28	0.05
85-89	4	0	4	12	0	12	0	0	0	16	0.03
90-94	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
95-100	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	25,180	1,056	26,236	23,589	1,087	24,676	282	53	335	51,247	100

Source: Uganda Prison Service

Prison population by Category, 2012 – 2016

Category	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Percentage
Criminal prisoners						
Remand	18,217	21,413	22,937	24,803	26,236	51.2
Convicted	15,875	16,936	19,117	20,424	24,676	48.2
Total	34,092	38,349	42,054	45,227	50,912	99.3
Civil prisoners						
Debtors*	-	221	276	300	335	0.7
Total prison population	34,092	38,570	42,330	45,527	51,247	100.0
%age Change in the total prison population	1.7	13.1	9.7	7.5	12.6	
Incarceration Rate**	100	110	122	128	140	
Deaths in Prison	133	226	233	188	208	
Babies staying with female prisoners			222	234	225	

Source: Uganda Prisons Services

*A debtor is an individual who for failure to pay their debts has been committed to prison.

**The incarceration rate is the number of prisoners per 100,000 population.

Analyzing the type of crime/ offences committed are a clear testimony that youth in Uganda really needs this service as it has been reported that the highest burglary, aggravated robbery and many crimes are basically associated to young people.

Type of Crime against Prison status

OFFENCES COMMITTED	REMANDS			CONVICTS			TOTAL	%
	M	F	T	M	F	T	No.	
Burglary & Thefts	4,436	159	4,595	5,554	184	5,738	10,333	20.2
Murder	4,557	491	5,048	2,776	337	3,113	8,161	15.9
Aggravated Defilement	4,183	21	4,204	3,045	15	3,060	7,264	14.2
Aggravated Robbery	2,221	27	2,248	1,269	14	1,283	3,531	6.9
Stealing Cattle	948	10	958	1,813	10	1,823	2,781	5.4
Defilement	807	4	811	1,179	7	1,186	1,997	3.9
Rape	1,148	1	1,149	666	0	666	1,815	3.5
Assault	664	64	728	711	58	769	1,497	2.9
Other Assorted offences	524	39	563	611	55	666	1,229	2.4
Threatening Violence	561	15	576	514	7	521	1,097	2.1
Rogue & Vagabond	648	25	673	398	14	412	1,085	2.1
Attempted murder and Manslaughter	207	26	233	674	100	774	1,007	2
Corruption, Embezzlement and forgery	349	27	376	520	71	591	967	1.9
NDA related offences	583	10	593	362	10	372	965	1.9
Doing grievous harm	352	26	378	484	69	553	931	1.8
Robbery	448	11	459	437	5	442	901	1.8
Malicious Damage	287	13	300	378	16	394	694	1.4
Criminal Trespass	327	9	336	282	10	292	628	1.2
Stealing a Vehicle	483	4	487	102	1	103	590	1.2
Other offences*	1,447	74	1,521	1,814	104	1,918	3,439	6.7
Debtors							335	0.7
Total	25,180	1,056	26,236	23,589	1,087	24,676	51,247	100

*includes offences not classified above like torture, terrorism, trafficking, immigration related cases etc

Source: Uganda Prison Service

Considering unemployment as the most blamed factor leading to crime among young below, below the table shows how worse the problem of unemployment among youth is; thereby calling for an intervention.

Unemployment Rates of Youth in Uganda, 2013 and 2015

According to the statistics below, youth unemployment is just increasing for instance from 13.9 percent to 16.4 percent.

	2013					2015				
	Sex		Residence		Total	Sex		Residence		Total
	Male	Female	Urban	Rural		Male	Female	Urban	Rural	
Youth 18-30										
Strict definition	5	7.2	8.2	5.5	6.1	4.7	7.5	9.9	4.8	6.2
Relaxed definition	9.1	17.8	19.6	11.9	13.9	10.8	20.6	22.5	13.8	16.4
Youth 15-24										
Strict definition	4.5	6.3	7.9	4.7	5.4	5.5	7.4	9.9	5.3	6.5
Relaxed definition	8.7	17.1	19	11.3	13.2	14	22.2	24.2	16.2	18.4

Source: UBOS



YUFT Metal Works Team Pose for a Photo with the Business Growth Trainers at Nob View Hotel; Training organized by JAWCU and OXFAM Uganda.

PROJECT PLAN

YMW offers youth that have already been identified as “at-risk”, that are the ex-convicts an opportunity to work with a caring mentors to improve their ability to develop a positive attitude towards their future within the communities and the global at large. And enable the broad community of people to have livelihood skills particularly, children and the youth at the local level. Below is our project plan to achieve the organization objectives:

SHORT TERM PLAN	
Objective 1:	To re-integrate ex-convicts into the society which promote peace, reduce crime and poverty
Specific activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Welding Skilling: This project aims to create job opportunity for the ex-convicts and their parent which will assist in joblessness within the communities.2. Happy Community Sport: This project aims to have a safer and inclusive society by finding practical solutions in the area of crime reduction. It also provides opportunities for young people living in disadvantaged areas to get involved in recreational activities.3. Counseling & Guidance: This activity aims an instilling new hope and value in the youth as well establishing a mind of responsibility among them.
Measurement	A measurement standard is to keep updated on the attitude of the ex-convicts alongside building better opportunities in livelihood training opportunities for them. However, the youth ones who otherwise are not seen could build on their potentials in football to support themselves and dependents in future.
Objective 2:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To promote an education system that integrates knowledge, academics and 'on the job' training as well as providing an opportunity for society development.
Specific activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Skill Training▪ Music and Dance▪ awareness workshop
Measurement	Firstly, to conduct survey to determine the understanding of different areas of responsible living and measure their rate. Secondly, keep the record in the increase in school retention and completion.
LONG TERM PLAN	
Objective 3:	To facilitate and improve the provision of micro-credit to the youth.
Specific activities	Entrepreneurship Development: This is the extension work for youth by establishing the workshops for the beneficiary and assist with a small loan with little interest.



Our Team Leader talking to Parents of Namigavu Village on how Youth at Risk of Committng crime should be handled.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

One of the most important components of the program is the mutual understanding that our program has with the communities leaders. We have a strong relationship with the community members and leaders at different levels.

Benefiting Community

Within the YMW outline program, over 200 youth will actively participate in the project among the project beneficiaries on an annual basis.



YUfT Metal Works Project Team after a Meeting with the Youth Council of Kikandwa Sub County in Mityana District.

BENEFICIARIES: Who will benefit from this project?

YMW has a number of beneficiary focuses that are key to the program's success, our target beneficiaries are:

Children and youth who are overcoming stressors in their lives, such as poverty, discrimination, addictions, and academic life, are the primary marketing focus. Mentoring programs foster positive changes through peace, equality of sexes, development, poverty reduction, self-discipline, skill development, and friendship.

Families (men and women) are also the marketing focus when adult mentors are able to help youth work on solutions for their family stresses, and provide an objective but caring sounding education. As a result, many youth and their families report improved relations at home.

Ultimately, YMW is marketed as a critical social support system for the young people. YMW impacts on derived communities' services serves as a model for others to improve lives and communal resources for increased productivity and development.

However, for this plan, there are 2 phases which requires the funds as below:

We are seeking for a grant of 24500 US Dollars for year 2018 to sponsor YMW to fund the short term activities organized for the beneficiaries and the outdoor challenge course/training that all participants take part in.

Negotiate with potential investors for the seed cash needed to commence the 2nd phase of this plan that is the long term plan. It is expected that 8000 US Dollars needs to be raised to start the phase.

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY

The project shall be run as a social entreprize in which the business side shall enable the project to continue working even though partners and donors stop funding the project thus enabling continuity of the project.

Partnership is to be done with different construction companies, government and the non-governmental organizations.