



BACKGROUND

Rescue Widows, Elderly, Youth and Orphans With AIDS (RWEYOWA) was founded in 2003. After registering as a community-based organization (CBO) in 2006, it then became a non-governmental organization (NGO) in 2009.

Seven committed volunteers involved in the door-to-door housing and population census of 2002 established RWEYOWA after realizing the need to respond to HIV/AIDS and its devastating effects in the community.

RWEYOWA is an NGO dedicated to activities and campaigns designed to reduce the further spread of HIV/AIDS and improve the livelihood of those affected/infected with HIV/AIDS in the community.

RWEYOWA's core strength is its excellent understanding of the community it serves and its practical approach of finding solutions to problems within the community. This strength is derived from the fact that many of its staff members themselves come from the same vulnerable groups that RWEYOWA targets.

MISSION STATEMENT

RWEYOWA exists to curb the further spread of HIV/AIDS and improve the livelihood of those affected/infected with HIV/AIDS in the community.

OBJECTIVES:

- To establish care and support activities/projects to improve the lives of those affected/infected with HIV/AIDS
- To prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS and other STDs among people of all ages through the ABC strategy (Abstinence, Being faithful, use a Condom)
- To promote sexual reproductive health among young people in the community
- To advocate for equality, respect, and protection of all those infected/affected by HIV/AIDS
- To improve coordination and cooperation with other partner organizations through mobilization, information sharing, and expertise in the struggle against HIV/AIDS

CORE PROGRAMMES

- Comprehensive HIV/AIDS sensitization in primary, secondary, and higher education institutions
- Voluntary counseling and testing for HIV
- Condom promotion and supply amongst the wider community
- Community outreach services that give care and support to vulnerable people affected/infected with HIV/AIDS.
- Orphan support and sponsorship, providing access to education and ensuring they are fed and clothed

ENVISIONED ACTIVITIES

- Expand the Family Empowerment Project to facilitate the economic independence of more vulnerable families under RWEYOWA community outreach program.
- Extend our Community Sensitization Program to target women's groups, providing comprehensive sensitization of the risks of both sexual and mother-to-child transmission of HIV/AIDS, as well as advice for childcare and healthy living.
- Establish RWEYOWA Community Health Center that will provide free health/medical services to our clients

OPERATIONAL PRINCIPLES

- Practical involvement and participation of beneficiaries in the identification of key areas of operation and possible solutions in tackling issues associated with HIV/AIDS
- Non-political and non-partisan operating environment
- Non-discrimination, confidentiality, adaptation, responsibility and partnership

ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

RWEYOWA is a non-governmental organization with a Board of Directors consisting of five members, including the Executive Director. The executive committee is made up of seven members and the majority of RWEYOWA staff are volunteers.

The Executive Director oversees and works hand in hand with RWEYOWA's staff to carry out many of the organization's activities. In turn, the Board of Directors oversees the Executive Director. A small staff leads to quick decision making and action.



RWEYOWA reaching out to a needy orphan through its Community Outreach Program



RWEYOWA conducting voluntary counseling and testing for HIV within the community

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Some of RWEYOWA Staff Members