

Organization profile

Background

Madaraja Foundation is a Non-Profit and Non-Governmental Organization initiated in June 2022 to enhance women's and girls' access to quality health information and care in Kayunga and surrounding districts. Madaraja, a Kiswahili word for *bridges*, speaks to the Foundation's mission to create health links and bridges for the most vulnerable women and girls to improve their Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) and overall wellbeing and enhance their participation in income generating activities.

The Madaraja foundation delivers its activities through promoting community involvement and participation in identifying context-specific solutions to local issues and leveraging already existing community structures to promote sustainability. The Foundation also aims to engage young people, especially adolescent girls, in a constructive manner enabling them take initiative, build their ideas, test and develop products that meet their SRH needs.

Vision

Our vision is a world where all women and girls can make informed decisions about their sexual reproductive health, have equitable access to comprehensive health information and care, and are able to participate fully in income-generating activities.

Mission

The Madaraja Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the health and wellbeing of women and girls in Kayunga and surrounding districts by providing access to quality sexual reproductive health information and care by promoting community involvement and youth engagement.

Values

1. Community involvement and empowerment
2. Youth engagement and empowerment
3. Quality and equitable access to health information and care
4. Sustainability
5. Cultural sensitivity and respect
6. Gender equality
7. Collaboration and partnership.

Objectives

Main objective

To improve the sexual and reproductive health and overall wellbeing of women and girls in Kayunga and surrounding districts through community-based solutions that are sustainable and youth-led.

Specific objectives

1. To increase access to quality sexual reproductive health information and care for women and girls in Kayunga and surrounding districts.
2. To promote community involvement and participation in addressing local health issues.
3. To engage and empower young people, especially adolescent girls, in developing and implementing health solutions.
4. To advocate for and support efforts to increase the availability and quality of sexual reproductive health services.
5. To leverage existing community structures to promote sustainability.
6. To increase the participation of women and girls in income-generating activities.
7. To provide education and training opportunities to improve health literacy.
8. To collaborate with local and international partners to enhance the impact of health interventions.
9. To monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of health programs and make improvements as needed.

Areas of operation

The Foundation will initially operate in Kayunga district, with plans to expand neighboring districts, including Mukono and Luweero.

Activities of the Foundation

FOCUS AREAS	ACTIVITIES
1. Family planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Health education, with a focus on adolescent girls, young women and women living with disabilities.○ Strengthening supply chain systems○ Linking women and girls to services○ Strengthening the capacity of healthcare providers (including private providers) to provide family planning services and manage side effects
2. Antenatal and post-natal care	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Monthly outreaches, working with public health facilities and other implementing partners in the district○ Health education
3. HPV Vaccination for women and Girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Health education using social media platforms.○ Strengthening supply chain systems
4. Support for survivors of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Collaborations with other implementing partners to increase access to support services for survivors○ Awareness creation○ Building capacity at health centers to manage survivors of SGBV.

5. Support for teenage mothers and adolescent girls – Youth Corners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Creating youth corners at various health facilities to support teenage mothers deal with post-partum depression, access family planning services and receive nutrition education for their children.○ The youth corners will also be used to link survivors of SGBV to support services.○ Financial empowerment mentorship for the teenage mothers and adolescent girls.
6. Screening of cervical and breast cancer for women and girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Collaborating with other implementing partners on outreaches○ Creating awareness using different platforms