

Rogers Kasirye

Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDeL)



Candidate for: **Deputy Secretary**

As an experienced NGO leader and expert consultant on youth in sub-Saharan Africa, Mr. Kasirye has worked extensively to research, implement programs, and inform policy on pervasive health risks that face the youth population targeted in this proposal. Mr. Kasirye has acted as lead NGO expert for UNODC on drug abuse and trafficking in sub-Saharan Africa; as a national trainer for a UNFPA project on reproductive health, drug abuse, and at-risk youth; and as a contributor to WHO's publication on alcohol use among genders in Uganda. In his role as consultant, he was involved in the planning, implementation, advocacy, and evaluation of programs related to HIV/AIDS, alcohol and drug abuse, and child trafficking among street and slum

children in Uganda and East Africa. Furthermore, Mr. Kasirye is a Scientific Advisor to the Mentor Foundation, an organization that facilitates the use of evidence-based programming among NGOs working on substance abuse prevention.

As the Executive Director of UYDEL, Mr. Kasirye has local expertise about, and will facilitate access to, the population with whom the research project will apply. Mr. Kasirye also will also use his experience as the chairperson of the East Africa Policy Alliance, an NGO network supported by the Mentor Foundation, to positively engage . Utilizing his past input in research projects, position as an NGO leader, and technical expertise in at-risk youth in sub-Saharan Africa, Mr. Kasirye has the tools and skills to be an effective co-investigator on this project. Is master Global trainer Universal prevention science with Colombo Plan and INL. He also serves as African representative on WFAD and Ph.D candidate on recovery and resilience.

Mr. Kasirye believes in early prevention as a person who has worked in law resource country. He believes in sharing experience and building capacity of others. VNGOC is a good platform for generating knowledge and sharing evidence that can help to improve humanity.