

## Students Are Advised To Start Small Businesses Embrace Agriculture

Students in Kabarole district, part of the famous fort portal tourism city, have opened up to **PLANE**, admitting that engaging in small businesses and embracing agriculture at home has a life-changing effect on their lives. Indeed, such activities give them the opportunity to relieve part of the financial burdens on their parents by paying for their own education.



Lately, **Platform for the Needy** have been proud to be able to organize **the Youth Empowerment Conference** along with **the Voice of Tooro at Kyebambe** model primary school Fort Portal City. We could not be happy to see lively young generations immerse themselves in the idea of owning, running, and administering small businesses, such as rearing local chickens and goats. The students delightfully revealed to us how thrilled they were earning their first ever pays while collecting helpful skills necessary for the future.

**Kaahwa Rogers**, an agriculture student at Makerere university, is a remarkable example of the successful executor of such plans. He reared chickens, which he bought at merely 7,000 shillings, and sold them for an impressive price of 20,000 shillings, making profits of 13,000 shillings per chicken sold. Greatly inspired by the motivational story from Kaahwa, we decided that this knowledge of simplified financial management should be introduced to children at early ages. Kaahwa himself advised his fellow youth to utilize the opportunity of Fort Portal Tourism City and engage in urban farming.



***Kaahwa Rogers*** “*I thank PLANE for the training. It has really empowered us. I believe If we all engage in income-generating activities we can get earnings.*” He continued “*I am dedicated to ensuring reproductive health and freedom for all. Please join me in supporting Planned Parenthood's vital work to protect access to reproductive health care and real sex education in Uganda*”



***Kenyange Saudah***, a sixth-grade student at Kahinju secondary school and a resident of Kagote ward, left the event astonished when she said their mother gave her 50,000 shillings, which she then used to buy a goat. The value of her “investment” has now been sufficient for her to attain another six goats. But the powerful girl herself was still not satisfied; she informed us of her intention to sell one for 200,000 shillings, which will be used for the UNEB registration.

Saudah advises youth to remain focused and engaged in any income-generating activity and warns parents against domestic violence since it severely detracts their performance. ***“Let's make sure that we are working for age-appropriate sex education in our school system”***.



***Kenyange Saudah:*** “I am optimistic that the hard and soft skills that we acquired have strengthened our understanding . I am, just like any other independent-minded female fellows, trying my best to utilize all resources I have at hand, including time, energy, and even money. We avoid being lazy, reluctant, and dependent on our parents; therefore, it is crucial for us to start something that we can generate income from.” Kenyange continued “I commended PLANE for empowering the youth and fighting domestic violence but I also requested the organization to roll out the programs in all the villages because many girls of our age have got married and are suffering. In our families domestic violence is high and we need such programs to help families get peace.”

***Izobwomwe Gloria,*** a student at FINS nursing school, warned her fellow youth against idleness and dependency from parents, adding that she rears chicken and goats that help her get fees and other requirements.



**Izobwomwe Gloria:** *“This training is good for us but we need to get startup capital to start something because some of our parents are poor and cannot raise anything to support us in projects. But when we get support I know we can do miracles. I sell my chicken and provide some requirements myself. I advise youth to focus and concentrate on education if the opportunity is still there. Don’t get into sexual activities that will ruin your future”.*

**Basaija Wilson** of Ruteete SC says there is a lot of Domestic Violence and injustices in the community. I appeal to PLANE to scale services to all the communities. Youth lack parenting and such training would help change people's mindset.

**Moses Kasaija**, another student from KiKo town council Kabarole district, said there is need for justice in communities. He said many youth lack parenting and our families are embroiled in Gender Based Violence and many injustices are happening in communities who need justice. “I ask PLANE to scale their activities in communities and interact and sensitize the people on the impact of domestic violence and establish **Community Clubs On Violence**”.

***“We need community dialogues and forums on Gender Based Violence”***

***“The more that we choose not to talk about domestic violence, the more we shy away from the issue, the more we lose.”***



*“In fact, I believe that we need better sex education in our own culture, here in Africa, so that young folk learn about things like venereal disease before they encounter it.”*

*James Musaana*, another student, appreciated PLANE for the sexual education. He said most parents don't talk to them about their sexual life and how they can prepare themselves. *“It's good I've learnt protection when I am to have sex. Bravo PLANE!”*

