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**UNIVERSITY AS A FACILITATOR FOR COMMUNITY  
BASED SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS TO DEMOGRAPHIC  
CHALLENGES IN SOUTH WESTERN UGANDA**

**PROJECT 4 TITLE: Improved  
sexual and reproductive health  
and rights of women, children  
and adolescents**

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## Introduction

- Improving sexual & reproductive health of the Most at Risk Populations (MARPs) is a fundamental demo-graphic issue in SWU communities
- There are inefficient sexual and reproductive health care systems
- Unequal gender relations at household level negatively influence;
  - seeking, access & utilisation of reproductive health care services
  - Gender Based Violence (GBV) affecting uptake of services
- 60% of women aged 15 - 49 years have experienced physical violence at some point in life
- Risk of adolescent pregnancy is unacceptably high

***Yet reproductive health interventions often miss out social and behavioral approaches***



## Objectives

Specific objectives are:

- To mainstream gender in reproductive health care promotion for MARPs
- To optimise sexual reproductive health care services and rights for adolescents
- To strengthen quality improvement initiatives to optimise care and prevent maternal, new born and child related complications



## Expected Outcomes

- Raising awareness on SGBV and integration of gender into future comprehensive health promotion strategies
- Increased access and utilisation of SRHR services by adolescents, strengthened involvement of communities in taking responsibility of their own health, cumulative reduction in pregnancies among young girls, service utilisation against HIV/sexually trans-mitted infections
- There will be increased utilization of antenatal care and hospital-based deliveries



## Team Composition

No	MUST team	Area of Expertise	FLEMISH TEAM: candidate members	Area of Expertise
1	Joseph Ngonzi	Obstetrics/Gynaecology and Reproductive health specialist	Kristien Roelens	Obstetrics/Gynaecology, Reproductive health
2	Grace Nambozi	Nursing/midwifery specialist	Dirk Lafaut	General Practice - ethics
3	Moses Ntaro	Public and environmental health specialist	Nico Vandaele	Health systems
4	Joseph Oloro	Pharmacology and curriculum expert	Susan Dierickx	Anthropology – Reproductive rights
5	Imelda Kemeza	Health Psychology/anthropology expert	Sylvie Gadeyne	Sociology - Demography
6	Jerome Kabakyenga	Public Health Specialist	Joerie Vermeulen	Midwifery
7	Edgar Mulogo	Health systems specialist	Marianne Van Bellinghen	Midwifery
8	Fred Kaggwa	ICT expert	Alexia Sabbe	Reproductive health
9	Rogers Mwavu	ICT expert	Eline Schepens	Orthopedagogy, social innovation
			Kristien Michielsen	Obstetrics/Gynaecology, Reproductive health
			Yves Jacquemyn	Obstetrics/Gynaecology, Reproductive health
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