



## CONFERENCE

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## YOUTH EMPOWERMENT & PEACE BUILDING

*It is About African Youth Action Network - AYAN, a refugee Youth led organization*

### AT A GLANCE

- Founded in June 2015, in Uganda by South Sudanese refugee and host community youth, AYAN is a social enterprise championing peace building and economic empowerment of refugee youth.
- Through the support of UNHCR, Windle International Uganda (WIU), Not For Sale (Ug) and Ulrike Zu Salm, AYAN is running a youth training Workshop in Kiryandongo refugee settlement that train 10 refugee youth and host community youth in crafting, starting a business, and peace building every two months.
- About 320 youths have so far benefited in peace building training and entrepreneurship skilling at AYAN.
- We aim at expanding to include other refugee settlements in Uganda by December 2020.
- Working on Partnership with BAKA Youth Training CENTRE in Gulu so that welding and metal fabrication, mechanical work, wiring and electrical installations are introduced in 2019

### CORE OBJECTIVES

1. To promote, support and create initiatives that improve access to self-employment and business opportunities among refugee youth.
2. To sow seeds of peaceful coexistence and spirit of leadership among the refugees in Uganda
3. To enable access to training and lifelong learning opportunities for refugee youth and adolescents in Uganda.

### ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

- 305 youths trained in peace building, with a focused on emotional intelligence and self-awareness from 2016 to 2018
- 10 youths trained in video editing and script writing in 2016 and 2017
- 5 youths trained in sandal crafting and entrepreneurship in 2018
- One workshop opened in 2019 for youth training in Kiryandongo refugee settlement
- Hosted women football for peace tournament in the IDP camps in Juba and conducted 4 dialogues among South Sudanese refugees in Kampala, Kiryandongo and Rhino Camp refugee settlement

### LESSONS LEARNT

1. It is better to equip the youth with hands-on skills so that the vicious circle of conflict is minimized.
2. Youth working together generate harmony and friendship among different ethnicity which is vital in peace building among them.
3. Youths are able to generate income and be productive in their families reducing redundancy and increasing their school completion rate.
4. Refugee youths taking up initiatives in their communities increased
5. Partnership among youth groups enhanced

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