



Global Action Week: 4th-10th May 2014



Programme

Equal Right, Equal Opportunity Education and Disability

The 4th-10th May is Global Action Week where across the world stakeholders campaign to improve education.

This year the theme is 'Equal Right, Equal Opportunity: Education and Disability', and across Uganda we will be using the week to campaign for equal access and quality education for all children with disabilities.

The Forum for Education NGOs in Uganda (FENU) is helping to coordinate action during the week. This programme details the events taking place.

All participants are welcome to join us and take action in global action week!

We would like to invite you to join:

- The Global Action Week Launch and press conference at **9am on Monday 5th May at Hotel Africana, Kampala** .
- National dialogue on promoting access to quality education for children with disabilities in Uganda. **Thursday 8th May 8:30 Imperial Royale, Kampala**
- Rally in Hoima to celebrate the achievements of the week on **Wednesday 21st May, Hoima**

Activities:

Launch of Global Action Week

Global action week will be launched at 9am on Monday 5th May. The launch will take place at Hotel Africana and everyone is invited. The event is facilitated by Interaid, Plan and NUDIPU with coordination help from FENU and USDC. You are welcome to attend. NGOs who are able to facilitate it are also welcome to invite two children (one boy and one girl) from schools where they work to participate in the event.

Learners workshops

Throughout May organizations will run learners' workshops across Uganda to get students thinking about education and disability and to hear their views. The tools used in the learners workshops will be launched at the beginning of the week. Participating organizations include USDC, Share Opportunity in Uganda, IDAY, UNAB, Plan, Build Africa, ELECU, Raising Voices and UJCC. If your organization would like to run a learners workshop take a look at the FENU action pack: www.fenu.or.ug/about-our-campaign-work/global-action-week/.

Working with parents

Working with parents of children with disabilities is a key part of the week. USDC will be working with parents in Hoima. UNAB will meet with parents with visual impairments in Koboko, Arua, Oyam, Gulu, Kitgum and Pader. ELECU will be working with UNICEF to dialogue with parents through text messages.

Teachers views

Teachers are at the forefront of education. IDAY Uganda has designed a survey to find out their views on improving education for children with disabilities. This tool will be used by IDAY, USDC, Build Africa and ELECU throughout Uganda. For more information see the FENU action pack: www.fenu.or.ug/about-our-campaign-work/global-action-week/

Organisation self assessments

NGOs are often the first to call for action on disability, but do we always practice what we preach? To find out, USDC is inviting all organizations to do an organization self-assessment to examine how inclusive our organizations are and how we can improve in the future. For more information see the FENU action pack: www.fenu.or.ug/about-our-campaign-work/global-action-week/.

Radio talk-shows

Radio talk-shows on education and disability issues will be aired throughout the week. Participating organizations include NUDIPU, Share Opportunity in Uganda, UN-APD, AYDU and USDC.

MPs visit schools

USDC and ActionAid are organizing visits by Parliamentarians to schools, so that they can see first hand the challenges faced by children with disabilities.

Newspaper features

During the week, issues around education and disability will be publicized in the newspapers. Organisations involved include USDC, Share Opportunity in Uganda and NUDIPU.

Promoting accessibility

UNAPD will be exhibiting accessibility models, national accessibility standards and building control act 2013 as well as IEC materials on accessibility, education and disability.

Improved pit latrines

UNAB are launching ventilated improved pit latrines in Northern Uganda. USDC will be launching the construction of disability friendly VIP drainable latrines in Lira, Nebbi and Adjumani.

Essay competition

Interaid and UNAB will be running essay competitions on education and disability throughout May.

Debate and petition

Plan International are working with children in Tororo to run a debate and petition around the issue of education and disability, and in particular the need for school lunches. They will also be linking up schools with partner schools in Finland through video links.

Engaging Districts

Build Africa will be engaging District officials in Masindi, Kiryandongo and Buliisa to get their views on how to improve education for disabled children.

National dialogue on special needs education

UNATU, World Vision and Action aid are organizing a dialogue on promoting access to quality education for children with disabilities in Uganda. This is taking place on Thursday 8th May at 8:30 at Imperial Royale and all are invited to attend.

Meeting with Makerere University

AYDU will be meeting with Makerere University to discuss disability policy.

Championship running

UNAB will be supporting the participation of visually impaired children for the National Primary school championship running.

Rally in Najjembe

Share and Opportunity in Uganda is organizing a panel discussion on education and disability with schools and communities in Najjembe.

Community dialogue

Raising Voices will hold a community dialogue on about children with disabilities experiencing violence. They will also do a leadership workshop with children with physical disabilities.

Rally in Hoima

To mark the end of all the excellent work inspired by Global Action Week there will be a rally in Hoima once the schools have returned on Weds 21st May. This will be coordinated by FENU secretariat with help from UJCC and UNATU.

- For more information on any of these events please contact the relevant organizations. Contact details are on the back of this programme.
- For more information on how your organization can be involved see the FENU action pack: www.fenu.or.ug/about-our-campaign-work/global-action-week/



With thanks to everyone involved in Global Action Week

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