

DOCUMENTATION ON PROVIDING SUPPORT TO CLASS

In 2022 Change Lead Agency Social Support (CLASS) received support from WOUGNET intended to promote a conducive digital environment for CLASS. The support was through training and equipping staff/young people with knowledge, skills, and competence in the use of digital technology and tools, enhancing rapid localization of COVID-19 data to reduce misinformation and strengthen the logistics capacity by a mobile phone enabled with video conference equipment, airtime, and internet connectivity to boost CLASS ability to strategize and effectively work online.

What next after WOUGNET visit? CLASS received a smart phone from Women of Uganda Network and digital training for both staffs and beneficiaries.



IMPACT OF THE SUPPORT PROVIDED

This support has motivated the young people who actively participated in the one day photography training organized by CLASS in collaboration with Women of Uganda Network (WOUGNET) to continue with implementation of the project activities. Before the training was provided, CLASS

had few youth for computer training activities, but now most of the young people including school teachers have come and actively continuing to acquire training especially in the area of ICT

There is more cohesiveness among young people. Before the training was provided, the young people were not very much participating in the digital related activities. Now they (particularly those who attended the training on photography conducted by women of Uganda network) are cohesive and value collective participation amongst themselves in order to disseminate information they received during the training to other peers in the community. Individuals (Okile Ivan, Obua Bonny, Oceng Morish, Awidi Sarah Michele and Apio Grace) are now able to take good photos and as well printing. For example, the above name persons themselves have now organized themselves into a freelancing photography as a way of increasing their income through digital technology. They are able to take picture and print them for clients ranging from passport to album photos.

Other youth in the community are also learning from this income generating activity for purposes



of starting their own projects of the same kind. Amongst themselves, they are sharing experiences on the use of technology and networking with others which is providing learning opportunities for many of them who also now intend to be part of freelancing. Before the provision of the training and phone, many of the youth had no ambition to start their own photography business. Now Most of these young people have learnt lessons because of the support provided that photography is a viable activity within their community and many of them wish to start this particular venture on

their own.

The community members and leaders have also become more interested in the activities being conducted by these youth.