



**Young Women Coalition (YWC)**

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## **Our Profile**

Young Women Coalition –YWC was founded in 2019 and registered as a Non-Government Community Based Organization (CBO) by young women activists in Katabi to respond to the rampant human rights violations, abductions, deaths, and sexual harassment cases that were on the rise in the area. YWC has reached out to the most vulnerable women in several urban towns and villages to improve their quality of life.

YWC works to break the impediments that have barred women and girl's involvement in the development process. Some of these impediments include but are not limited to domestic violence, poverty, unemployment, high literacy rates, early marriages, and bad cultural practices. YWC is dedicated to promote balanced, respectful, and enriched relations among people by supporting holistic socio-economic empowerment for the needy communities.

## **Our Mission**

- Empowered voices of young women to advocate for their rights

## **Our Vision**

- To economically empower young women in rural and urban communities.

## **Objectives:**

1. To create awareness to end violence against women
2. To support entrepreneurship training of unemployed women and youth
3. To sensitize the community on the role of education in community development.
4. To promote holistic socio-economic empowerment for the needy communities.
5. To promote health campaigns such as breast/cervical cancer sensitization, screening and treatment, HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns etc.
6. To provide a platform for talent development.
7. To provide financial support to small business as start-up capital.

## **Our Strategy**

- Our strategy has been to advocate for the health rights of the vulnerable women through economic empowerment, capacity building, livelihood development and provision of small self-help grants.

## **Our Network**

The Organisation has previously worked in 32 villages in Katabi Town Council and has had partnerships with over 15 women groups in the area. It has registered several successful projects some of which include: The Katabi safe motherhood campaign. The HIV/AIDS campaigns in Entebbe schools and the Food security, nutrition, and livelihood improvement project in Bunono Village.

## Activities

### - Skills Development

More than 300 students will be graduating in tailoring and fashion design, bakery and decoration, briquettes making, hairdressing



### - Ending sexual harassment and Rape

In response, young women continuously demand for better policies and legislation to protect girls from sexual assault, with promising results.



## ON-GOING PROJECTS

**“TONKOSA” Campaign** literary meaning **“DON’T HURT ME”** as an all-inclusive Campaign that shall steer the drawing of action points and policy alternatives to the fast-rising cases of sexual harassment, and Gang rape of young women in the Rural - Urban communities of Katabi Town council. Young women in the area have sharply felt the pitch of the COVID-19 Pandemic; they are exposed to sexual abuse due to increased idle communities, drug abuse, poverty, predatory landlords, social distress, and low economic productivity.

**MUSHROOM GROWING:** YWC is empowering women improves the livelihoods of communities as they use the income from mushroom sales to reinvest in the business, improve family homes and pay children’s school fees. Mushroom growing at small scale can provide both crucial nutrition and a valuable source of income. For example, working with the women in Bunono, the project has them to school fees through mushroom farming, as well as providing both food and skills training for its children.