

Executive summary

African Community Center for Social Sustainability (ACCESS) is a community based organization with fifteen years' experience in serving the rural community of Nakaseke and surrounding districts. Initially formed to address the HIV/AIDS epidemic and care for orphans and vulnerable children, In 2003 a clinic was formed providing comprehensive health care services to the community aimed to address the workforce paradox which plagues many low-income countries (LIC); while 80% of the population in Uganda resides in rural areas, the vast majority of healthcare providers practice in the capital Kampala leaving health services severely lacking in most of the country.

ACCESS school of Nursing and Midwifery was also established in this rural area to train nurses and midwives, this aimed at training local people who will be able to stay and serve their community.

Our vision is "To be a center of excellence in training, research and medical care in Uganda.

Our Mission is that we are committed to providing a comprehensive model of health care services, education and economic empowerment to help community members alleviate poverty and create sustainable development.

Our Core Values are: Community empowerment, exhibiting compassion, high quality services and operating in complete transparency.

INTRODUCTION

As soon as the pioneer group of students (Set 1) were enrolled in Nov 2015, the concept to hold the First Graduation at the end of their Course in 2018 was conceived in the very first semester.

Many people including national and international partners who visited the school expressed their interest in the first Graduation as they kept inquiring when this would take place.

This encouraged the school management and teaching staff to work tireless to ensure that the occasion takes place when it is due and that every student and parent enjoys this event.

All through the training, all the students in this group worked very hard and the records show that all did well in their local and national examinations which threw their light to a very successful end of course which was demonstrated when the results of final examinations were announced with 99.9% pass. While 19 midwives had 100% pass with very good credits, the 55 nurses had 97% pass with very good credits, 14.9 received pass and only 0.1% did not make it.

ASNM school pioneer students had really made it and everyone was excited about this performance.

OFFICIATING THE GRADUATION CEREMONY



Mr. Ekuku Simon represented Commissioner BTVET

Mr. Ekuku Simon started by introducing himself as the Principal Education Officer I/C Vocational Training in the MOE&S and stationed at the BTVET offices where he works under the

him to come and grace our first graduation.

He extended her greetings to us and congratulated the ACCESS fraternity for this progressive success. He said the Commissioner was greatly touched for our inviting her to come down and officiate at this historical occasion but she could not make it due to her earlier commitment.

She will always be with us in her heart. He explained that the commissioner is a nurse who had recently been graduated after successfully completing her PH Degree in Nursing and is now Dr. Hasifa Museene — we should all nurses and midwives emulate her. He added that although this way his first visit to ACCESS, he was very seen here and the organization of this very colorful ceremony.

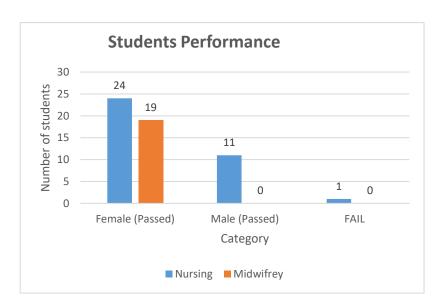
He wished everyone God's blessings.



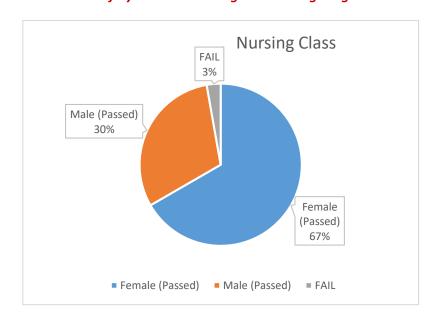


ASNM Nursing students reciting Florence Nightingale Oath

GENERAL PERFORMANCE



ASNM Midwifery students reciting Florence Nightingale Oath



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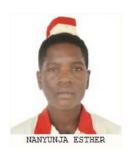
















Certificate In Nursing









































































Dr. Robert Kalyesubula, Founder and President of ACCESS addressing the guests

Mrs. Estherloy Kalyesubula MD ACCESS, introducing the representative of UNMEB Mrs. Racheal Walugembe, the medical superintendent Nakaseke Hospital, the Principal Nursing Officer Nakaseke Hospital, the Principal Tutor SNM Kiwoko and the parents' body Northern Province representative. Mrs. Estherloy eloquently congratulated the graduands and parents for attending this grand occasion which is also historical graduation celebrating a wonderful success of our pioneer students. She thanked the parents for supporting the students and enabling them to graduate today.

Dr. Robert Kalyesubula, the president of Access Uganda was very grateful to all the partners who had been represented by the Segal Family Foundation for the tremendous efforts they extended to ACCESS while struggling to put up the school and to satisfy the Nursing Council's many requirements needs e.g a School Bus which the Segal Family Foundation donated to ACCESS which enabled the school to be offered a license. He revealed that in future plans the school should be elevated to Diploma status and eventually introduce Degree Programs for nurses and midwives.



The Principal introduced the Guest of honor to the assembly and addressed the congregation. The speech was very encouraging especially when the Principal announced that the school had performed very well in the final semester examination conducted by UNMEB (Uganda Nurses and Midwives Examination Board) where the school performed very well on their first final examination and results were they had 99.9% pass with very good grades. Everyone was very delighted at these results.



Principal ASNM Mr. Sserubombwe Peter addressing the guests

Academic Registrar presenting graduands to the Guest of Honor for the award of Certificates which was done by first presenting midwives (19) and 35 nurses a total of 54 graduands.



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Academic Registrar Ms. Nabbosa Irene presenting graduands



President ACCESS, Guest of Honor, Principal and Graduands Cutting the graduation cake

Cake cutting and sharing it with the parents, community leader was very exciting and a sign of oneness.



INTERLUDE

The band and the school entertainment group provided entertainment that kept everybody in real mood for the occasion – some students, parents, guests and graduands were seen actively enjoying themselves in dances and other joyful activities.





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THE MATCH

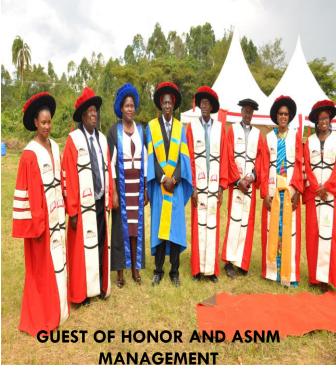












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APPRECIATIONS -Thank you!!!

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The graduation organizing committee that worked tirelessly to put together the graduation ceremony. Thank you very much.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE –
Sserubombwe Peter (PRINCIPAL)

TASKS

Chaired the organizing committee and was assigned to coordinate the activities of the other committees (Sub committees)

RECEPTION SUB COMMITTEE-

Nassali Faith

TASKS

- Mobile toilet
- Ushering
- Venue
- Tents and chairs
- Decorations
- Master of ceremony

SECURITY SUB COMMITTEE - Mr. Ronald Kiyemba

TASKS

- Parking of vehicles
- Security to persons and their property
- Vendors registration and supervision
- Involving security personnel

FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE-

Mr. Augustine Byamugisha

TASKS

- Budgeting for the required funds
- Requisitions for the funds
- Effecting accountability
- Procurement

CATERING SUB COMMITTEE-

Ms. Harriet Nyakairu

TASKS

Provision of meals and refreshments to invited guests, parents, graduands and members of staff

ENTERTAINMENT SUB COMMITTEE - Mr.

Hanaba Benard

TASKS

- Band
- Welcome song
- Public Address System
- Video
- Photos

MOBILISATION SUB COMMITTEES -

Mr. Weswa Ivan

TASKS

- Gowns
- Invitation cards
- Graduation magazine
- Banners

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