

STM 2023 CONFERENCE

Date: Friday 5 May 2023, 2.00 pm **Venue:** Nkoyoyo Hall, UCU

Theme: Re-Imagining Safe Motherhood Post Pandemic
The Role of Save the Mothers

Fee: Physical Attendance – 50,000/- Online attendance – 10,000/-

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Leadership transition at STMEA



On 7 February 2023, Dr Miriam Mutabazi, outgoing Executive Director Save the Mothers East Africa (STMEA) handed over the leadership mantle to Dr Edward Mukooza. Dr Mukooza will serve as an interim executive director.

The handover ceremony was at Uganda Christian University (UCU), Florence Mirembe Hall. Officiating at the ceremony was the STMEA

board who included the board chairperson, Hon Sylvia Ssinabulya, outgoing board chairperson and founder of STM- Prof Pius Okong; other board members included Josephine Waako, David Mugawe & Margaret Kiwanuka. The Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, *Rev John Kitayimbwa represented UCU.*

Dr. Mutabazi, who took on the Executive Directorship of STMEA in 2017 will continue serving Uganda Christian University as the Dean Faculty of Public Health, Nursing and Midwifery. **Thank you Dr. Mutabazi for your service to STMEA.**

Welcome Dr. Edward Mukooza - Dr Mukooza joined the International Christian Medical Institute in 1997 to teach health administration at Uganda Christian University (UCU). In 2005 Dr Mukooza joined Save the Mothers as a leadership and research lecturer on a Master of Public Health Leadership Program, UCU. He also heads the department of Public Health at UCU.

Welcome Dr. Mukooza.



Picture moment after the handover ceremony.

Uganda's Ambassador to Washington DC Her Excellency Robie Kakonge: MPHL alum



Robie Kakonge was appointed as the Ambassador of Uganda to Washington DC in December 2021. Kakonge who presented her credentials to United States President Joe Biden in January 2023 is a Master of Public Health Leadership (MPHL) alum, class 2006, Uganda Christian University.

Recently Her Excellency Robie Kakonge, on her twitter handle, tweeted: *I had the honor of presenting my credentials to @POTUS as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Uganda to Washington DC. I look forward to serving @GovUganda and enhancing Uganda's 60 year-long relationship with the USA.*

Robie is a communications and public health professional passionate about safe motherhood.



STM congratulates you HE

"Glory to God, knowing that the one who rubs shoulders with the most important president in the world is also known to you, is very heartwarming. Well done ambassador." Peninnah Kyoyagala, MPHL alum

"Fulfilment of God's promises of "I will raise you higher if you trust in me and remain faithful." Dr Obed Kabanda, MPHL alum



Edith scores with SCORED

Edith Naluwende is an MPHL alum, class 2012. She is the founder and director of Simplified Call of Real Empowerment and Development (SCORED) which began in 2012 as a women's savings group.

Edith shared the story of her organization with Save the Mothers. SCORED is a CBO dedicated to improving family well-being in the communities of Bugiri district.

SCORED focuses on Health (Malaria, TB, Sexual Reproductive Health, HIV and AIDS, Gender and Human Rights, Livelihoods (Life skills, Vocational skilling, Income Generating Activities and Startup capital. SCORED targets adolescents (10- 19 years), Boys, Girls Youth & Women (15-24 years) and women of reproductive age (15- 49 years).

In March 2020, Uganda was locked down because of COVID 19. Adolescents and youths were nega-

tively impacted despite government intervention of study hand outs and media tutorials. Some adolescents were subjected to Gender Based Violence and child labour. Many girls became mothers. Some out grew the classes they were in before lockdown.

Despite resumption of school after two years of lock down, a good number of adolescents were unable to resume main-stream school.

SCORED is contributing to the reduction of child marriages, teenage pregnancy, and STIs...

It is against this background that SCORED initiated a vocational skilling center. We began with Fashion & design and, hairdressing & cosmetology. The vocational center has grown into other courses: Building & Concrete Practice, Motor Vehicle Mechanics & Driving, and Catering & Hotel Management.

The institution which started with 45 students: 38 females and 7 males held its first graduation ceremony

on 17 February 2023.

SCORED is contributing to the reduction of child marriages, teenage pregnancy, and STIs transmission including HIV/AIDS. It is further contributing to job creation for the students but also other community members.

Some of the challenges SCORED is facing is low enrolment because parents cannot afford the minimal contribution towards instructors' stipend. Inadequate instructional materials is also another challenge the CBO is facing.

SCORED appreciates the government, political leaders, technical leaders, parents, CSOs, religious & cultural institutions for the support extended to us so far.

SCORED also appreciates Save the Mothers support. I used the cash award I got from the STM Conference in 2022 to secure a license for the vocational training institute from the Directorate of Industrial Training, Ministry of Education and Sports.

Congratulations Edith upon initiating this game changing intervention in your community.



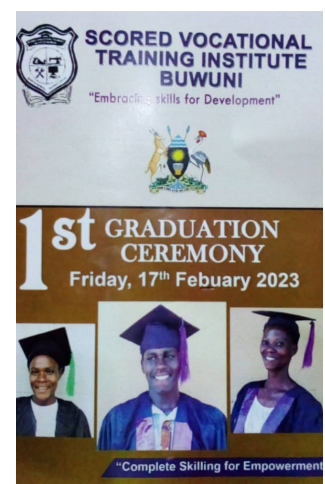
Hair dressing students



G r a d u a t e s



Edith (left) with some of the students.



Leadership transition at STMEA Handover ceremony in pictures



Left: Hon Sylvia (STMEA Board Chairperson)



Right: David Mugawe and Margaret Kiwanuka (Board members)



Dr Mukooza

"I feel honoured to serve in this position. I believe that in about 8 months there should be someone substantive rather than interim."



STM staff at the handover ceremony. Dr Miriam(right) presents her handover report



Dr Mukooza receives instruments of power from Dr Miriam.



Dr Miriam receives an appreciation plaque from the STMEA Board Chairperson, Hon Ssinabulya Syliva and Rev Kitayimbwa.



Prof Okong with Dr Mukooza.



STMEA and UCU leadership team

HOME - COMING




Dr Obed Kabanda, and Andrew Koolya (MPHL alumni), thank you for checking in at your Mirembe Hall.

Editor: Dear safe motherhood champions, it is always heart warming to see you.

MPHL 2023 INTAKE

Save the Mothers is now receiving applications for a Masters Degree in Public Health Leadership (MPHL) at Uganda Christian University, Main Campus.

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