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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS & ACRONYMS

AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HEP B	Hepatitis B
NWSC	National Water & Sewerage Corporation
PREP	Pre- Exposure Prophylaxis
PEP	Post- Exposure prophylaxis
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
STIs	Sexually Transmitted Infections



1. INTRODUCTION

On 29th May 2026, the Initiative for Better Health (IBH), in collaboration with SOGEA SATOM, conducted an HIV/AIDS awareness and health outreach activity at Mawanda Hill Secondary School in Kako, Masaka District.

The activity brought together over 246 students, five teachers from the school, five SOGEA SATOM staff members, and the IBH medical team. The outreach focused on HIV/AIDS prevention, awareness creation, HIV counselling and testing, Hepatitis B vaccination, and occupational safety awareness.

As part of the engagement, SOGEA SATOM staff conducted safety sensitization sessions, emphasizing workplace and community safety practices. The combined approach provided learners with both health and safety knowledge, contributing to their overall well-being.

The activity was well received by the school administration, teachers, and students, who actively participated in the discussions and interactive sessions.

Figure 1: HIV/AIDS Awareness Session at Mawanda Hill secondary school Masaka



1.1 Objectives

The activity was conducted to:



- Increase awareness and knowledge about HIV/AIDS among students and teachers.
- Promote positive attitudes towards HIV prevention and testing.
- Provide voluntary HIV counselling and testing services to eligible participants.
- Administer the second dose of the Hepatitis B vaccine to staff and beneficiaries due for vaccination.
- Address myths, misconceptions, and stigma associated with HIV/AIDS.
- Promote safe behaviors among young people.
- Strengthen collaboration between IBH, SOGEA SATOM, and educational institutions.
- Enhance awareness of occupational and personal safety through SOGEA SATOM safety sessions.

1.1.1 Expected Outcome from the Activity

The activity was expected to:

- Improve understanding of HIV prevention and transmission among students and teachers.
- Increase uptake of HIV testing services among eligible participants.
- Promote positive health-seeking behavior among young people.
- Improve completion rates for the Hepatitis B vaccination schedule.
- Strengthen safety awareness among students and school staff.
- Encourage participants to become peer educators within their communities.

1.2 Activities Covered

The outreach activity focused primarily on HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention among students and teachers of Mawanda Hill Secondary School. IBH facilitated comprehensive sensitization sessions aimed at increasing participants' understanding of HIV transmission, prevention methods, testing, treatment, and the importance of adopting responsible health behaviors. The sessions also addressed common myths and misconceptions surrounding HIV/AIDS and emphasized the need to eliminate stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV.

The awareness sessions were highly interactive and provided participants with an opportunity to ask questions and receive accurate information from health professionals. Discussions encouraged students to appreciate the importance of knowing their HIV status, delaying risky sexual behaviors, and making informed decisions that protect their health and future well-being.

Following the awareness sessions, HIV counselling and testing services were provided to eligible students. The testing process included both pre-test and post-test counselling to ensure participants understood the purpose of testing, the meaning of their results, and the importance of continued HIV prevention regardless of their status. The exercise enabled participants to know their HIV status in a confidential and supportive environment.

As part of HIV prevention efforts, IBH also conducted condom promotion and distribution. Participants received information on the role of condoms in preventing HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, as well as guidance on their correct and



consistent use. A total of 800 male condoms were distributed during the outreach to support ongoing HIV prevention efforts within the community.

In addition to the school outreach, IBH continued implementation of its workplace health promotion program through administration of the second dose of the Hepatitis B vaccine to SOGEA SATOM staff at the SOGEA office in Masaka. The vaccination exercise was intended to strengthen protection against Hepatitis B infection and support completion of the recommended vaccination schedule. To ensure adequate coverage, the IBH medical team conducted a follow-up visit for staff members who had not been available during the initial vaccination exercise.

This approach provided an opportunity to address both HIV prevention among young people and Hepatitis B prevention among workers, thereby contributing to improved health outcomes among the targeted populations.

Figure 2. Hepatitis B vaccination at the SOGEA SATOM office.





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A peer educator living with HIV shares her personal testimony with students during an HIV awareness session at Mawanda Hill Secondary School, promoting HIV awareness, hope, treatment adherence, and stigma reduction.

1.3 Importance of the Session

The HIV/AIDS awareness and testing outreach was important in promoting preventive health among young people by providing students and teachers with accurate information on HIV prevention, transmission, testing, and treatment. The session helped participants better understand the risks associated with HIV infection and empowered them to make informed decisions regarding their health and well-being.

The activity also created an opportunity for students to access HIV counselling and testing services within a familiar and supportive environment. This encouraged early health-seeking behavior and reinforced the importance of regularly knowing one's HIV status as a key strategy in HIV prevention and control.

In addition, the outreach provided a platform for addressing myths, misconceptions, stigma, and discrimination related to HIV/AIDS, which continue to hinder access to prevention and treatment services. Through interactive discussions, participants were able to openly ask questions and receive factual information from qualified health professionals.

The session further strengthened collaboration between the school administration, students, teachers, and health service providers, fostering a supportive environment for promoting healthy lifestyles among young people. The activity also contributed to ongoing efforts to reduce HIV vulnerability among adolescents and young adults through increased awareness, access to information, and preventive health services.

Furthermore, the Hepatitis B vaccination exercise conducted for SOGEA SATOM staff contributed to workplace health promotion by supporting disease prevention and encouraging staff to complete their vaccination schedule, thereby improving protection against Hepatitis B infection.

2. HIV COUNSELLING AND TESTING



Health worker provide confidential HIV testing and counselling to students as part of the HIV awareness and prevention programme at Mawanda Hill Secondary School.

Following the awareness sessions, HIV counselling and testing services were provided to eligible students.

In accordance with school administration guidelines and consent requirements, HIV testing was restricted to students aged 18 years and above. Students below 18 years required parental consent before being tested.

Although many students expressed interest in testing, only 20 eligible students were authorized to participate.

All participants received pre-test and post-test counselling.

1 Table 2: HIV Testing Results

Category	Male	Female	Total
Tested	07	13	20
Positive	00	00	00
Negative	07	13	20

All participants tested HIV negative.

2 Observations from HIV Testing

There was significant interest in HIV testing among students. Many learners expressed willingness to test and learn their HIV status. However, age restrictions and parental



consent requirements limited the number of students who could participate in the testing exercise.

The high demand for testing demonstrates increasing awareness among young people regarding the importance of HIV prevention and regular testing.

4. CONDOM PROMOTION AND DISTRIBUTION

As part of HIV prevention efforts, participants were educated on the role of condoms in preventing HIV infection and other sexually transmitted infections.

The sensitization emphasized the importance of correct and consistent condom use among sexually active individuals.

3 Table 3: Condom Distribution

Item	Quantity
Male Condoms	800 Pieces

A total of 800 male condoms were distributed during the outreach activity.

5. HEPATITIS B VACCINATION



As part of ongoing workplace health promotion activities, IBH administered the second dose of the Hepatitis B vaccine to SOGEA SATOM staff at the SOGEA office in Masaka.

The vaccination exercise aimed to support completion of the vaccination schedule and strengthen protection against Hepatitis B infection among staff members.



Some staff members were unavailable on the scheduled vaccination day. To ensure maximum coverage, the IBH medical team conducted a follow-up visit on Monday and vaccinated additional staff who had missed the initial exercise.

The follow-up intervention helped improve vaccine uptake and ensured continuity of protection against Hepatitis B.

6. Participation Summary

Category	Number of Participants	Description of Participation
Students	246	Participated in HIV/AIDS awareness sessions, health education, HIV counselling and testing, Hepatitis B vaccination, and interactive discussions.
Teachers	5	Supported mobilization of students and participated in the health awareness sessions.
SOGEA SATOM Staff	5	Conducted occupational safety sensitization sessions and promoted workplace and community safety practices.
SOGEA SATOM Staff Receiving 2nd Dose of Hepatitis B Vaccine	12	Received the second dose of the Hepatitis B vaccine as part of ongoing occupational health protection and disease prevention efforts.
IBH Medical Team	Medical Team	Facilitated HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention education, provided HIV counselling and testing services, administered Hepatitis B vaccinations, and offered health guidance.
Total Participants	256+	Combined participation of students, teachers, SOGEA SATOM staff, and the IBH medical team in the outreach activity.

7. KEY OBSERVATIONS

- The HIV awareness sessions attracted active participation from both students and teachers.
- Students demonstrated a high level of interest in HIV prevention and testing services.
- Demand for HIV testing exceeded the number of students eligible for testing.
- Participants actively engaged during discussions and asked relevant questions concerning HIV prevention.
- The distribution of condoms supported HIV prevention efforts among eligible beneficiaries.
- The Hepatitis B vaccination exercise recorded good uptake among SOGEA SATOM staff.
- Follow-up vaccination visits were effective in reaching staff who were initially unavailable.

8. CHALLENGES FACED

- HIV testing was limited to students aged 18 years and above due to consent requirements for minors.



- Many students who wished to test could not access the service during the outreach.
- Some staff members were unavailable during the scheduled Hepatitis B vaccination exercise, requiring a follow-up visit.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- Future school outreaches should engage parents and guardians early to facilitate consent for HIV testing among minors.
- Additional HIV testing outreaches should be organized to meet the growing demand among students.
- Schools should continue partnering with health organizations to provide regular HIV awareness sessions.
- Follow-up vaccination activities should continue to ensure all eligible staff complete their Hepatitis B vaccination schedules.
- Peer education initiatives should be strengthened to promote sustained HIV prevention messaging among students.

10. CONCLUSION

The HIV/AIDS awareness and HIV testing outreach conducted by the Initiative for Better Health at Mawanda Hill Secondary School was successfully implemented and achieved its intended objectives. The activity reached over 246 students and five teachers with critical information on HIV prevention, testing, and healthy living.

Twenty students underwent HIV testing, comprising seven males and thirteen females, with all participants testing HIV negative. Additionally, 800 male condoms were distributed to support HIV prevention efforts.

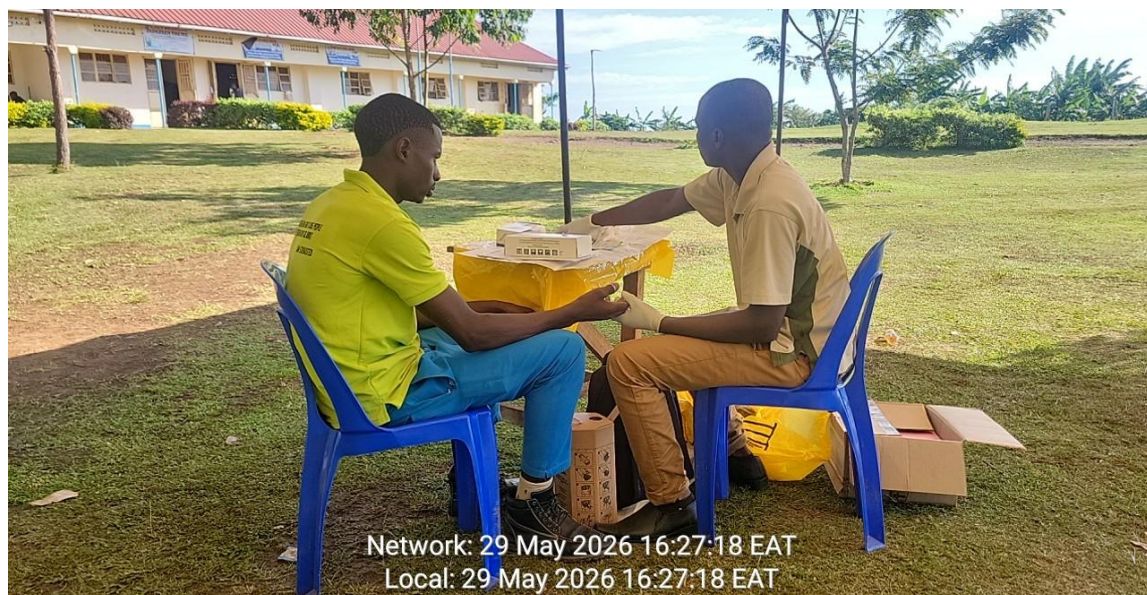
The Hepatitis B vaccination exercise conducted at the SOGEA SATOM office in Masaka further strengthened workplace health promotion by supporting completion of the vaccination schedule among staff members.

Overall, the activities contributed to increased awareness, improved access to preventive health services, and strengthened efforts towards HIV and Hepatitis B prevention among the targeted populations.

11. APPENDICES



a. Photo Gallery



COMMUNITY HIV/AIDS AWARENESS +HCTamong students at Mawanda Hill High school with SOGEA SATOM



A health worker conducting HIV testing for students during the HIV testing and counselling activity at Mawanda Hill Secondary School.



SOGEA SATOM staff receiving their second dose of the Hepatitis B vaccine at the company offices in Masaka.





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COMMUNITY HIV/AIDS AWARENESS +HCTamong students at Mawanda Hill High school with SOG

Students participating in an HIV awareness session at Mawanda Hill Secondary School.

b. Attendance and Vaccination records

(attached separately)

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