



Empowering Youth Through Data and Community Development (EYDCD)

We are Committed.

Because young people in Africa where we live, and work have hopes and dreams to live a meaningful life.

Africa is the youngest continent, Uganda the second youngest in the world with about 50% below the age of 18. By 2030, there will be 375 million young people in the job market in Africa, with young women being the majority.

Yet they are faced with tremendous barriers including early orphanhood, violence, limited education, early pregnancy, and poverty that hinder their successful preparation for the market. Young people lack market-relevant skills to begin or improve their businesses, they also have limited to no access to financial institutions and the products they offer that would help them enter fulfilling work.

By 2028 we hope to have :



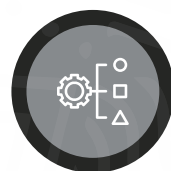
Reached 400,000 young people with (70% women) across Uganda.



Created **250,000 dignified and fulfilling job** opportunities for young people in Uganda (Young men -75,000, Young women-175,000, Persons with Disabilities-40,000, Refugee/Displaced-120,000)



Strengthened the capacities of 200 community-based organisations.



Digitalized 3,000 youth-led Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs)



Established and **strengthened 10 Savings and Credit Cooperative Organisations.**

For the first time CRVPF is partnering with a diverse array of private sector partners under the Empowering Youth through Data and Community Development (EYDCD) program. EYDCD program is a five-year initiative led by CRVPF and co-implemented by gnuGrid CRB with support from the Mastercard Foundation. EYDCD aims to provide market-relevant skills, business development resources, and digital financial inclusion to empower young people in Uganda.

EYDCD aims to reach 400,000 young people in Uganda (70% female) and create 250,000 dignified and fulfilling employment opportunities by 2028. Additionally, the program will strengthen the capacities of 200 community organizations to deliver training and capacity-building programs, linking young people, including those in refugee and host communities and disabilities to fulfilling and dignified work opportunities. By digitising 3,000 youth-led Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) and creating digital wallets for their members, the program aims to enhance access to financial services and products from a wider investment ecosystem.

EYDCD will be implemented in 22 districts across Uganda including refugee settlements. The selection of these districts was deliberate, as they exhibit the highest scores on the Multidimensional Poverty Index. This index considers crucial variables such as education, health, living standards, employment, and financial inclusion.

