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### Ugandan First Lady Endorses Grants



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*Father Silvester Arinaiture received a symbolic check for a grant awarded to Uganda Joint Christian Council from the USAID-funded CORE Initiative to promote abstinence and behavior change among youth aged 10-19 by working in young peoples' existing clubs and associations at the Church level, having media campaigns, promoting role models, and conducting youth camps, seminars, workshops and music, dance and drama concerts.*

**“I want to thank the American People for helping us to help ourselves.”**

*--Janet Museveni, First Lady of Uganda at the awarding ceremony for grants totally about 1.2 billion shillings through President Bush's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.*

On June 29, 2005, the Minister of Gender Labour and Social Development, Honorable Zoe Bakoko Bakoru, announced the names of the eleven successful recipients of grants. The grants are for HIV/AIDS prevention work in the areas of abstinence, being faithful, behavior change, cross-generational and transactional sex, as well as addressing the needs of discordant and young married couples. The eleven organizations will target about 34 districts out of 56 in Uganda. Four of these organizations are faith-based and all of the organizations will draw on their relationships with community networks such as youth clubs and church groups. The proposed activities include peer education, training workshops, sensitization activities and media campaigns.

Janet Museveni, the First Lady of Uganda, elaborated about how Uganda reduced its prevalence through the balanced approach commonly known as ABC: meaning abstinence for youth, be faithful within relationships and condom use for discordant couples and within risky sexual relationships. She appreciated the strong 'abstinence' and 'being faithful' components of the CORE Initiative grants through the Emergency Plan.

The First Lady was especially appreciative to the American People for the humility to understand that Ugandans know what needs to be done: "for not being dictated to or forced to conform, we owe gratitude."

Altogether the Core Initiative grants provide activities and messages targeting about 200,000 youth and 80,000 adults.