## **BOOTS ON GROUND**

Hopping from district to district. Starting from the cattle corridor of Kiruhura to stand in solidarity with women, to the flat endowed lands of Alebtong to focus attention on the urgency of prioritising population issues. From there we slopped to the scenic hills-decorated south western district of Kabale to celebrate the energy, potential, and aspirations of young people. And in September we joined the ministry of tourism to exalt the importance of tourism, in the Oil city of Hoima. Finally, we landed in one of King Oyo's districts- Kyenjojo to devise means to "break barriers" that hinder young people from accessing contraceptives.

RHU has had her boots on the ground, joining different government ministries, departments and authorities to commemorate the different international days held in different districts.

RHU has utilised these days as a platform to positively impact communities, engage decision makers and opinion leaders on key SRHR issues through conducting various activities.

We have always organised media related activities including twitter spaces, radio and TV talk shows. We have discussed topics related to the themes of a particular day like Breaking the barriers: Embracing Contraception Choices for Youth; Diving deeper: How do we effectively invest in sexuality education; The art of consent; Promoting and protecting children's rights in this digital era etc.

RHU has conducted community out reaches in the districts where a particular day is commemorated to provide SRHR services that have included family planning, HIV testing and counselling, cervical and breast cancer screening, SGBV counselling and referral and health education. In addition, we have held and facilitated dialogues in schools and communities targeting parents, opinion makers, community leaders and young people.

RHU has been present at the national celebration grounds where we have always had a stall exhibiting different SRHR commodities and offering SRHR information.

Through these activities, RHU has served more than 1,348 number of people with about 9,436 volume of SRHR services of these efforts.