**You Have Been with us and You Have Walked the Talk- District Leaders Commend RHU**

Local government leaders from 14 districts applauded the contribution of civil society organizations on their efforts to complement Government initiatives towards addressing gaps in young people programing, curbing gender-based violence, the fight against teenage pregnancy, and generally provision of sexual reproductive health services.

In September when the RHU board members conducted a countrywide tour, district after district, it was all praises. RHU was particularly hailed for the many years of service, the close working relationship with the leaders, the evidence of accomplishments and the initiatives that have impacted the lives of young people.

“We thank RHU on all fronts. You have been with us and you have walked the talk, especially with the youth. You have championed sexuality education that has done us good, considering we have many people from different parts of the world and this has shaped them,” said the Hoima district deputy chief administrative officer, Harriet Katusiime when the RHU board members visited her office.

“And we thank RHU for the spirited fight to curb sexual gender-based violence and to curb teenage pregnancy. We thank you for the different initiatives, “she said.

“Men's day, is something that I found here and excited me. We cannot engage women alone, we have to involve men to have better results in the fight against GBV,” she added.

“You have a very strong and able team.... We get motivated when we get involved in activities from planning to the end,” added Dr Lawrence Baluku, the health subdistrict in-charge.

The RHU board members’ tour was to enable them have a feel of what is happening at the clinics and to strengthen RHU relationships with district leaders.

The teams interacted with RHU staff at the different offices, they met with leaders of the cities and districts, as well as the RHU branch executives committee members and leaders of the Youth Action Movement.

The board members hailed the district leaders for the support to RHU and the good working relationship.

“We appreciate the support the district extends to RHU, without which many things would not go through;” said Counsel Charles Jumba, a board member and the chair of the programmes and finance committee of the board speaking with Mbarara district leaders that included the chief administrative officer (CAO), the resident district commissioner, the district health officer among others.

The Mbarara district CAO, John Nyakahuma pledged to continue giving technical support to RHU whenever needed. “We appreciate your services, especially the work you are doing to our young people. We shall always be at your service whenever called upon,” he said.