



## **Intervention for improved sanitation in Kayunga town**

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Mr. Livingstone Kanabulya is a chairperson of the advocacy committee of Kayunga town, where he works for the town council. Many years he experienced unfriendly staff in the near health center of Ntejero where he was seeking help in case of medical problems. The health workers rejected people, refused to treat them and didn't want to inform the patients about availability of drugs.

With CIDI in training them in advocacy skills, he and his group members were able to write complaints to the DHO District Health Officers and demanded for improved health services. After the intervention the health workers of Ntejero have changed their attitudes and behave more polite and supportive to the people. The health services are slightly improving, even if limitation in drug availability is still a challenge and the local government is not responding.

During their advocacy work Mr. Livingstone Kanabulya and his group members have visited several public schools to check the sanitation situation. Many communities are suffering from lack of safe water, not enough functioning bore holes and have to cope with infected shallow wells. The advocacy group has requested the school principals and the responsible district officials to improve sanitation facilities in schools and in the parishes to reduce outspread of diarrhea or typhoid. The district officials have promised to propose for additional funds in the coming budget to improve the sanitation situation.

After a meeting with the RDC Resident District Commission, where Mr. Kanabulya and his group members have sensitized the participants about community needs and explained the necessity of advocacy structures, the RDC thanked them for their intervention and ordered for every school in Kayunga a new first-aid case, which has been demanded by the advocacy committee.