



SERVAS UGANDA MEETING REPORT

Introduction

This is a report of the proceedings of the Servas Uganda meeting held from 28th to 30th 2025 in Kampala. The meeting drew participants from vulnerable and marginalized group of people who are most affected whenever there is no peace in the country, locally and globally. The meeting focused on peace building among the participants and the community where the planned activities took place. All the activities were focused on peace building because we believe in harmony we reach out to the world.

Background

Servas connects for a more peaceful and sustainable world. Servas is a global and multicultural network of people sharing a vision that it's possible to make world a more peaceful place. Members in the network connect both in real life and virtual to be more aware of each other's culture's, religions and ethnic backgrounds. Meeting, connecting/ reaching out, sharing and learning from each other enriches our lives.

Aim

Servas aim is to work for a more peaceful world with one conversation at the time. We believe in breaking down prejudices, discrimination and intolerance- whatever creates barriers between people.

Participants

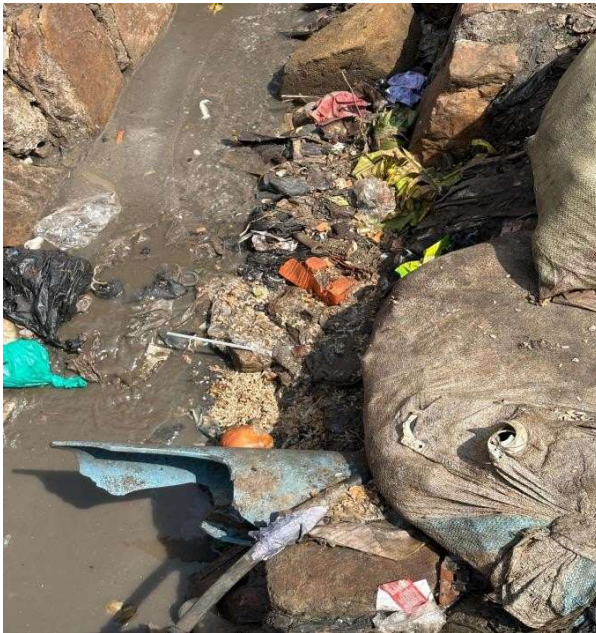
The meeting drew participants from different disciplines of life, backgrounds, culture, ethnicity and education. Participants in the meeting included people from the following areas: -

1. Slum areas
2. Institutions
3. Charity organizations
4. Religious leaders
5. Youth groups
6. Community leaders

Activities

1. Community cleaning around Katwe Slum area in Kampala.

The main objective was to improve on the hygiene and promotion and good health for the



people living in the slum area.

Community cleaning in progress by the participants and youth from the slum area

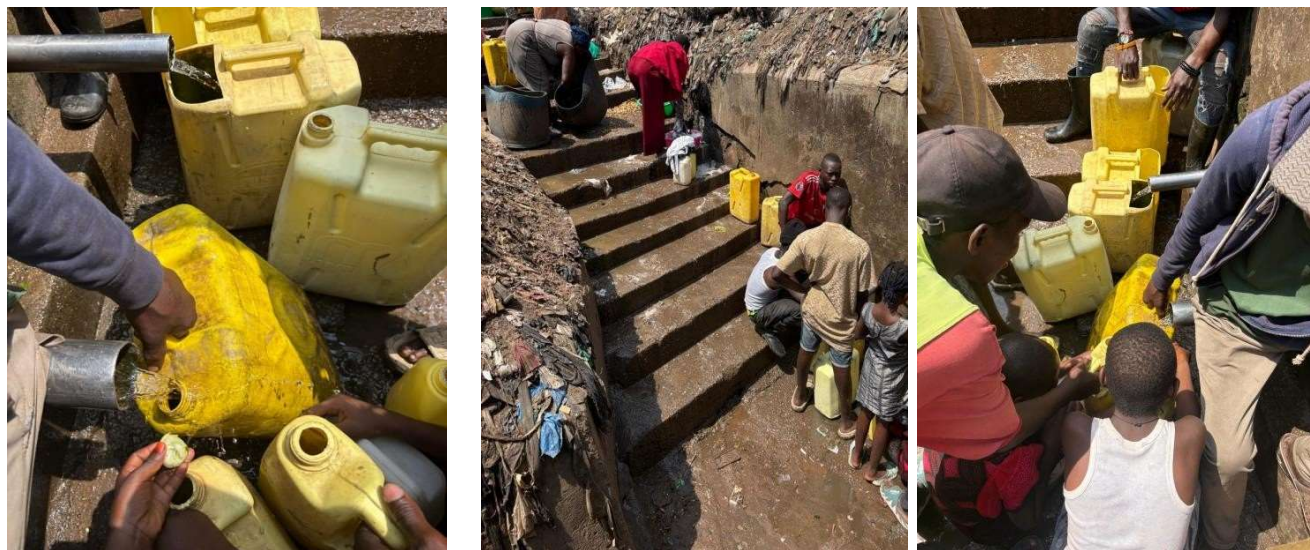
2. **Community Water well cleaning.** This activity was aimed at improving on the cleanness of the water well for clean drinking water. The objective was to promote sanitation and hygiene for good health and avoiding diseases.



Water well cleaning activity by Servas Uganda participants and community members

Water is Life but when clean

Community members were sensitized on how to keep their jerry cans clean, wash their hands and keeping the water well clean for their good health and avoiding diseases.



Members of the community fetching clean water after the cleaning exercise

3. **Feeding homeless and runaway children and youth** activity was conducted in the slum area. Without food there cannot be peace in home, community and country. One way of promoting peace is through sharing food. The homeless and run-away children and youth were feed with good meal and drink during the visit to the slums. Food was shared by the Servas members and people in the slum as a way of building friendship which brings



about peace.

The right to food gesture by Servas. The runaway children and youth being feed

4. Music and Art for peace.

Peace is built and promoted in many ways however through Art and music peace can be promoted easily and quickly. Many people world over love and enjoy music therefore through music peace building message can reach many people. The runaway youth composed and sung songs about peace building and promotion.



Youth in the slum area of Katwe playing Guitar and singing songs of peace

Art and Painting for peace

Art and painting is one of the ways through which peace can be promoted. Painting was among the activity conducted in the slum by the runaway youth.



Art painting for peace promotion among runaway youth in slum area

Visiting and exploring Kidepo National Park



Achievements

- Attitude change of the children and youth towards peace making and promotion.
- More information, objectives and activities of Servas made aware to people in the community where activities were conducted
- A total number of 83 slum and street children and youth were feed
- Music about peace were composed by musician participants who attended the meeting
- Improved hygiene in the slum area through community cleaning
- Website building for Servas Uganda

Challenges being encountered

The challenges include among others the following: -

1. The over whelming number of children and youth from the slums and streets of Kampala to be feed during the visit to the slums.
2. Insufficient funding for the meeting with over whelming number of participants and beneficiaries (Feeding)
3. Lack of materials about Servas and peace building for distribution to the people for reference.

Proposed Future activities

- Tree planting in communities and schools
- Running for peace
- Cycling for peace
- Music dance and drama on peace building and promotion
- Cultural Art and painting
- Slum and hard to reach community visits (Fishing & nomadic communities)
- Community cleaning and hygiene and health education
- Cultural site visits
- Visit and tour National Parks in the country
- Dialogue, discussion and debate on Peace building and promotion

Invitation to Servas meeting 2026

Dear members of Servas and those interested in participating in the meeting in 2026 we are inviting you to Uganda to participate in the proposed activities above. Uganda is the pearl of Africa, a country of beautiful scenery and offers diverse activities like gorilla trekking, safaris, multiday mountain treks, and white-water rafting. Winston Churchill called it 'the Pearl of Africa' for its beauty, abundant wildlife, friendly environment, hospitable and welcoming people, green cover, fresh and organic foods and fruits. Please register early enough for easy and proper preparation and organization. Early birds always enjoy best.

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