

## **Background**

Mental health awareness and beyond (MHAAB) is non-governmental, non-partisan and not for profit organization. It was created in June 2016 with an aim of promoting mental health awareness and preventing mental disorders.

This was after realizing how clients with mental illness were neglected and abandoned by their own families and communities in hospital even after recovery. It was duly incorporated in November 2017 with registrar of companies and is fully registered under the Republic of Uganda the Non-Governmental Organizations Act. 2016 as a national NGO.

### **Vision**

Empowering communities to promote mental health and prevent mental health disorders.

### **Mission**

To promote mental health in our communities by laying down strategies for prevention of sexual and gender-based violence, HIV/AIDS infection and reduction of stigma and discrimination to individuals and families.

#### **Our Values**

- Indiscriminate service delivery
- Doing no harm to our esteemed clients
- Transparency, honesty & trustworthy
- Highest order of human dignity
- Commitment
- Professionalism
- Stewardship



Our goal is to increase mental health seeking behavior to all in a violence free environment.

# **Objectives**

• To raise public awareness for mental health promotion and mental disorders prevention.

 To initiate and support activities in mental health promotion addressing issues of specific concern among adolescents and the youths.

- To enhance mental health training and capacity building in our communities.
- To advocate for the disadvantaged children and promote their human rights to free quality education, social justice and other related services.
- To improve health seeking behavior for victims of torture and sexual abuse in the community.
- To enhance HIV/AIDS prevention trainings and capacity building in our communities.
- To reduce stigma and discrimination towards individuals living with HIV/AIDS in communities.



## **Services Offered;**

- PSYCHOTHERAPY & COUNSELING SERVICES
- HIV/AIDS COUNSELING AND TESTING
- COMMUNITY & SCHOOL OUTREACHES
- YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
- ASSESSMENT & REFERRALS
- BEHAVIORAL CHANGE COMMUNICATION & ADVOCACY
- RESEARCH
- MENTAL HEALTH CAMPS