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Content	<p>Introduction: Medical Students for Choice -Mbarara University of Science and Technology Chapter in conjunction with Reproductive Health Uganda, organized a four-day activity tagged; "Sexual Reproductive Health Rights Week" under the theme; "Promoting youths' voices on sexual reproductive health rights within institutions of higher learning." Objectives: -To share knowledge on sexuality education frame-works for youth in South Western Uganda -Promote better understanding of youths' role in advancing sexual reproductive health services and rights in Mbarara University. -To facilitate a forum for exchange of ideas and reflection that address youths' sexual reproductive health needs. -To facilitate the increase in demand for sexual reproductive health knowledge for the young people in Mbarara University. -To provide family planning services and information. Methodology: We had a tent with the following services offered within; -Contraception. -Mobile clinic where students received STI screening. -Free counseling on sexual reproductive health issues. -Displayed IEC materials on sexual reproductive health. -Displayed university policies related to sexual reproductive health and rights(SRHR). -Hot seat where students asked questions regarding SRHR. -Students and staff dialogue on SRHR. Results: A total of 658 students were reached and of those, 61% were females and 39%, males. Among females; 21 received IUDs, 111- Implanon, 133 - Sayana, 98 - Jadel, 35 - Oral contraceptives and 4 - Emergency contraception, 34 - HIV testing. Among males, 128 tested for HIV. 95% of the students didn't know about the SRHR policies in the university. Conclusions: Accessing SRHR information and services remains a challenge in institutions of higher learning.</p>