

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR THE NEBBI DISTRICT YOUTH PARLIAMENTS

A Practical Framework for Institutionalization, Financing and Long-Term Functionality

1. Introduction

The Youth Parliament model in Nebbi District in its first practical sittings has already demonstrated its value: structured youth engagement, evidence-based monitoring, and actionable resolutions on education, health and community accountability.

For the Youth Parliament to remain active, a sustainability framework is required that embeds its coordination, financing and technical relevance within existing district and subcounty systems.

This sustainability plan outlines practical, locally driven mechanisms to ensure continuity, legitimacy, and long-term impact of the Youth Parliaments at District, Subcounty and Town-Council levels.

2. Core Sustainability Pillars

Pillar 1. Institutionalization within District and Subcounty Governance Structures

Where sustainability often fails is when youth platforms operate parallel to district systems. The plan therefore embeds Youth Parliament functions inside existing government structures that already have mandates, staffing and reporting pathways.

2.1 Integration into DTPC and Sectoral Committee Calendars

- Youth Parliament resolutions will be submitted quarterly to the, STPCs DTPC as formal planning and budgeting inputs, aligning with existing DTPC STPC standing orders.
- Sectoral committees (Education, Health, Community-Based Services, planning unit, Finance) will allocate time slots during their sittings for youth submissions.
- The District Planner will designate the Youth Parliament's annual sitting as a recognized consultative forum in the district planning calendar.

2.2 Formal Linkage with Community Development Department

The District Community Development Officer (DCDO) and Subcounty CDOs will:

- Serve as the technical custodians of Youth Parliament records, reports and follow-up actions.
- Supervise community dialogues, school visits and evidence-gathering activities led by youth.
- Include Youth Parliament priorities in quarterly progress reports submitted to the CAO.

2.3 Embedding School-Level and Facility-Level Reporting

Because Youth Parliament resolutions are grounded in community-level monitoring:

- Head teachers, HUMCs, health facilities and parish chiefs will be required to provide quarterly service delivery updates to feed into Youth Parliament sessions.
- These inputs will ensure sustainability by keeping the Youth Parliament dependent on existing government data sources, not donor-driven reporting.

Pillar 2. Sustainable Financing Mechanisms (Low-Cost, Locally Feasible)

2.4 Integration into Local Government Budgets

The Youth Parliament will be sustained through minimal, realistic allocations within existing district and subcounty budgets:

- Youth Council budget line increment (UGX 400,000 to UGX 1,000,000) at Kucwiny and Nyaravur-Angal to support sittings and follow-up.
- Community dialogue funds, already budgeted under CBS and Education departments, will cover monitoring of issues such as teacher deployment, school fees regulation and MHM facilities.
- PHC and RBF budgets will sustain youth-friendly corner activities by leveraging flexible lines already provided for community outreach.

2.5 Leveraging Non-Cash Local Resources

The sustainability model reduces financial burden by using:

- Government meeting spaces for sittings (no venue cost).
- Existing stationery allocations from CBS for documentation.
- Technical staff time during scheduled work activities (no extra allowances requested).
- School/health facility transport during official monitoring trips where possible.

2.6 Partner Alignment Without Dependence

Civil society partners will be encouraged to:

- Align activities with Youth Parliament monitoring priorities (GBV, dropout tracking, teacher deployment, MHM).
- Offer technical support only when needed, not to replace core government functions.
- Submit their reports to the Youth Parliament to strengthen evidence for district decision-making.

Pillar 3. Strengthening Local Leadership and Ownership

2.7 Leadership Rotation and Transfer of Skills

Each Youth Parliament (District, Kucwiny, Nyaravur-Angal) will:

- Rotate leadership positions annually.
- Maintain a structured mentorship approach where outgoing leaders orient successors on procedures, minute-writing, evidence gathering, and engagement with duty bearers.

This prevents collapse when motivated individuals transition out.

2.8 Skill Anchoring within Health Facilities and Communities

- Facility-based adolescent champions and HUMC youth representatives will anchor the health-related agenda items.
- Parish Youth Councils will be integrated as feeder structures for local monitoring data.

Pillar 4. Sustainable Evidence-Generation and Monitoring Systems

2.9 Standardized Community Monitoring Tools

The Youth Parliament will use simple, government-aligned tools:

- School monitoring checklist (teacher deployment, MHM facilities, fees).
- Health facility youth-friendly corner checklist.
- Community safety and GBV referral pathway checklists.

These tools require no donor printing once digitized or kept at subcounty offices.

2.10 Quarterly Youth Evidence Forums

Every quarter:

- Youth will present monitoring findings to the CDO, DEO, DHO and Planner.
- Sector heads will issue action points and timelines.
- DTPC secretariat will integrate responses in quarterly district performance reports.

This creates an institutional rhythm that keeps Youth Parliament active all year.

Pillar 5. Accountability, Visibility and Policy Impact Mechanisms

2.11 Documentation and Public Accountability

Sustainability grows when leaders see value.

The Youth Parliament will document:

- Implementation status of teacher deployment resolutions.
- Progress on girls' changing rooms and MHM support in schools.
- Updates on youth-friendly corners at health facilities.
- Community compliance with GBV laws and prevention bylaws.

Quarterly briefs will be shared with political leaders, which helps cement the platform as a voice that leadership depends on.

2.12 Embedding Youth Parliament Findings in District Planning Instruments

The district will use Youth Parliament findings to:

- Strengthen the **District Performance Report**
- Inform the **Annual Workplan** and **Budget Framework Paper**
- Support grants applications and sector-specific proposals
- Guide monitoring during internal assessment

This institutional embedding ensures the Youth Parliament is not a parallel structure but a feeder mechanism for district planning.

4. Risk Mitigation Measures

| Risk | Mitigation Measure |
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| Turnover of youth leaders | Annual leadership rotation, mentorship system, documentation handover. |
| Limited local government funding | Use of cost-neutral resources and aligning activities with existing budget lines. |
| Weak follow-up from departments | DTPC quarterly reporting on Youth Parliament action status. |
| Political changes | Embedding Youth Parliament outputs in statutory planning documents that outlast political cycles. |
| Fatigue or reduced youth interest | Continuous involvement of schools, peer educators and community groups to refresh membership. |

5. Conclusion

The sustainability of the Youth Parliament does not depend on new money but on smart integration, consistent reporting, and leveraging existing planning structures.

By anchoring youth-led oversight within the DTTC, sector committees, community development department and decentralized school/health facility systems, Nebbi District ensures that the Youth Parliament becomes a permanent accountability and development structure, not a project output.