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I am Josephine Nabukenya and I have lived with HIV for 26 years now. I work at Makerere University Johns Hopkins University Research Collaboration as a youth program coordinator for psychosocial activities as well as support Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation as an ambassador supporting psychosocial activities in South Western Uganda and advocate for better treatment options and psychosocial support on international platforms. Lastly, I am a national trainer of the Young Adolescent Peer Support (YAPS) model in Uganda supporting Ministry of Health to design, plan, implement and evaluate a standardised peer-led model with lessons learnt from the Community Adolescent Treatment Supporter (CATS) model in Zimbabwe.

I hold a Bachelor's degree in social sciences from Makerere University and have attended life-changing courses such as Leading Change from the University of Cambridge as a Queen's Young Leader. I have experience in designing, planning, implementing and evaluating psychosocial activities such as; advocacy both international and local including addressing the USA congress at the age of 12 in 2005 about the needs of children living with HIV. Resource mobilization where I have written and won 3 grants since 2017 from Global Youth empowerment Fund-USD 2,500 to hold viral load camps for virally unsuppressed adolescents, ViiV Health Care- GBP 50,000 to hold regional camps for virally unsuppressed adolescents with an aim of achieving viral load suppression of adolescents through peer-led discussions and sharing life experiences. Currently, from IAS&AVAC- USD 15,000 to provide accurate information about HIV CURE strategies through on-site facility sessions and animated short video clips to share on different social media platforms targetting adolescents and young people. Other activities include conducting monthly peer support groups, school and community outreaches, exchange visits with other treatment centers among others.

I have been involved in the International AIDS Society programmes from 2016 to date. In 2016 in Durban, I spoke at the start free stay free satellite event organised by Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and other key organisations where I shared my story on how I have managed to live and stay healthy. In 2018, I also participated in a number of events including sharing the importance of psychosocial support on platforms like "Pass the Mic event modulated by Charlize Theron, I also co-modulated a panel "The power of peer-led services on Monday, July, 23rd where we had youth panellists from Kenya, Lesotho, Tanzania and Zimbabwe. In 2019, I participated in the Morning news broadcast show in the studio that was pre-recorded on Sunday 21st July at 15:15 where I shared my insight on the conference and the involvement of young people. Lastly, I was also selected as an IAS ambassador so I fully participated in the training program that was designed for all youth ambassadors selected which gave me more skills in grants and abstract writing.

I, therefore, have no doubt that being on the IAS Governing Council with the great skills I have in advocacy, I will with respect and no siding present issues from IAS members of my region and country, I will share knowledge and any skills I have to the work done by IAS in themes stated especially in paediatrics and adolescents and community representation.