

chairperson, Simon Albertine regional Police Kinene, was supported spokesperson, declined to by the majority of the 21 comment on the matter.

Mayuge in drive to stop HIV prevalence

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Mayuge district has embarked on a campaign to sensitise the vulnerable groups of people on the dangers of unprotected sex, as a means of reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS.

The drive targets mostly fishermen on islands and landing sites on Lake Victoria as well as commercial sex workers.

The exercise started last week with voluntary counselling and testing of commercial sex workers at Bwondha, Bugoto and Nakalanga landing sites as well as those in Magamaga and Musita trading centres on the Busia-Jinja highway.

During the two-day exercise, more than 100 sex workers between the ages of 15 and 24 years were tested, Fred Taganhe, the district health educator, said. Less than 10 were found to be HIV-positive.

"The result implies that they (sex workers) are applying preventive measures such as the use of condoms," he said during a meeting with officials from Reach a Hand Uganda in the district council hall on Monday.

He observed that many of the women, some already mothers, confessed they were tired of the illegal practice and would like to engage in other productive ventures.

"We are advising them to try other income-generating activities, including acquiring vocational training in hairdressing, knitting, baking or tailoring and many have shown interest," he said.