

## Phiona Bero – Biography

Phiona Bero is my name, and I'm 24 years old. I'm from the Kampala district of Uganda. At Makerere University, I earned a degree in journalism and communications. I currently work as a peer network coordinator for Alive Medical Services and have previous experience as a Young People and Adolescent Peer Supporter (YAPS). Alive Medical Services is a non-governmental organisation that provides the community's most vulnerable members with comprehensive care, treatment, and support for HIV/AIDS.

I was given a chance to audition for the UNYPA's Y+Beauty pageant in 2021, and I won the title of Miss Y+ Central Region, which qualified me for the national competition. I was subsequently recognised as the second runner-up at the national level during the competitions. I have utilised and will continue to use my position as a young person living with HIV to advocate for SRHR and HIV awareness in general. I've developed a passion for improving the lives of young people, especially HIV-positive women like me.

I wish to see young mothers prosper all throughout the world thanks to the EMTCT chance. I want to appreciate the ICASA platform for giving those like myself who want to bring about the change they would like to see in the world such a chance.