

NIGEE PROJECT REPORT

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16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

From 25th November to 10th December 2024, Nyanza Initiative for Girls' Education and Empowerment (NIGEE) actively participated in the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, a global annual campaign geared towards ending violence against women and girls. We took part in key three activities for this campaign and they are listed below:

1. Launch of the Campaign in Kisumu County

The campaign was launched on 25th November at Obiayo Primary School in Nyando Sub-County, organized by the County Government of Kisumu, the State Department of Gender, and the Kisumu County Gender Technical Working Group. NIGEE co-led two breakout sessions on reproductive health and economic empowerment as strategies to prevent gender-based violence. Key stakeholders included representatives from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution, the Kenya National Human Rights Commission, and the Kisumu County Commissioner.

2. Community Dialogue and Healthcare Camp

On 27th November, NIGEE participated in a community dialogue and health camp at Asat Beach in Seme Sub-County, in collaboration with CIHEB, C-FAGHS, and the Kisumu County Government. Discussions addressed GBV, teen pregnancy, and access to education and healthcare. NIGEE led a session on the intersection of violence and girls' education, with strong community support for school re-entry programs, despite resource constraints. The event also provided free healthcare and legal services.

3. <u>Integrated SGBV Case Management and Medical Camp</u>

Held at Karanda Primary School in Nyando Sub-County, this event brought together FIDA, law enforcement, judicial officers, and government representatives. Key discussions highlighted the importance of gender desks at police stations and the need for private spaces for survivors. A demonstration on case management explored formal and informal justice systems and their impact on GBV survivors.

The engagements strengthened partnerships, enhanced advocacy on GBV, school re-entry, and community awareness of legal and medical support services. Moving forward, NIGEE will continue leveraging these partnerships to improve reproductive health and education outcomes for adolescent girls.



A staff attending the **Integrated SGBV Case** Management and Medical Camp at Nyando Sub county.



Our staff attending the 16 days of activism campaign march in Kisumu County.



Our Programs Coordinator addressing community members at Asat Beach on the intersection of education and health for the girl in the community.