



SODEIT Cameroon. Social Justice and Economic Development for all

Teen Mother Empowerment in Cameroon

Program Goal and Objective

SODEIT pursues gender equality and women Empowerment both as a development goal in its own and because of its catalytic effect on development overall.

Through our partnership with gender equality & women empowerment programmes, businesses and entrepreneurship and advocacy organizations, we seek to create a connection between Education, empowerment, livelihood, entrepreneurship and advocacy using a four pronged approach that focuses on:

- 1. Gender Advocacy and Parity** – works with girls, women and the public on gender equality, empowerment challenges and opportunities. It provides them with training in entrepreneurship, finance, health care practices, leadership, women's rights and advocacy, and teaches them how to tackle community issues that will impact their lives; while helping them to use their skills and voices to advocate for positive solutions to those issues.
- 2. Public Engagement** – informs and engages the public by using education, women entrepreneurship and advocacy skills to create a platform and other public manifestation to increase awareness of the issues facing teen mothers and girls.
- 3. Policy Change** – partners with women and gender, advocacy and community organizations to implement creative strategies that use women entrepreneurship and voices to strengthen campaigns to improve girls, teen mothers families and communities.
- 4. Education Support** - Adolescent girls receive required backpacks and uniforms so they can attend school. High-achieving young women are offered scholarships to trade schools or universities.



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IMPACT

To date, SODEIT Cameroon has worked with more than 3000 teen mothers and young women in the South West Region, among other communities in Cameroon. Participants have learned to use life and livelihood skills as both a vehicle for self development and an advocacy tool. Millions of people have seen education and training being fostered in rural, urban and peri-urban areas and media coverage. Eg. The EDEN Newspaper, AllAfrica.com, UNDP, UNESCO, Cameroon Tribune, The Post, STV, & CRTV, BBC, CNN etc.

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SODEIT is currently focused on the issues and challenges concerning the risky and most vulnerable population in Cameroon. 62% of child bearing is from adolescents under 20 years in Africa, where teenage pregnancy and unwanted child bearing increases at an epidemic level. In this context, Cameroon ranked third with 29% of teenage pregnancy and unwanted child bearing after Nigeria and Niger with 43% on top, teen mothers themselves must have the opportunity to help shape the community's education, development and training policies, so that they can develop their skills, acquire new ones and serves as mentors in their communities.

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"The experience of being at SODEIT was very overwhelming because I had something as small as US\$80, but to me it meant a lot more especially after being schooled on snail farming and women's rights. I am now confident, I have power, I believe I can be heard, noticed and contribute in family and community activities."
Maa' Enow, a High school teen mother, Molyko, Buea, Cameroon.

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