

## GIRL2GIRL INITIATIVE

### *“Empowering Adolescent Girls Through Reusable Pads Making Campaign 2021”*

#### INTRODUCTION:

Girl to Girl Initiative project is designed by Wilmat Development Foundation organization in target of young girls from the age of 9 to 17 who have desires and dreams to live an independent and a happily successful life. The initiative is mainly about empowering young under-privileged adolescent girls for a sustainable development by ensuring that young girls have a clear focus on their goals and education as well as creating an awareness amongst communities on the dangers that come as a result of girl child violence and abuse.

#### WHY THE PROJECT?

The Girls in Uganda are desperately in need of the kind of support on how to overcome challenges they face mostly within the unprivileged communities. According to the UN Girls Education Initiative, 4 out of 5 girls in Uganda do not attend high school as a result of Poor Menstrual Hygiene management, Lack of healthy basic needs, unwanted pregnancies and early marriages, as close to half become pregnant by the age of 19 and close to half are married before the age of 18 (UNGEI) November 22, 2019. Poverty continues to deprive children of the most basic necessities to living a better life. About 90% of girls in rural areas cannot afford sanitary pads. Evidence suggests that the period around puberty is one in which many girls drop out of school or are absent from school for significant periods of time. This means that over 1000 girls miss 6 weeks of school every year and women miss valuable work hours. Meanwhile UNESCO estimates that one in 10 African adolescent girls miss school during menses and eventually drop out because of menstruation related issues.

#### HOW FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED?

Our goal is to raise at least **\$10,000** toward the project as well as to provide at least **250** rural and semi-urban adolescent girls with basic skills of Reusable Sanitary Pads Making, Menstrual Hygiene Management and health, Social entrepreneurship and Business management, buy 10 tailoring machines and materials for training. With your help, we can move one step closer toward lowering the health risks that put rural teenage girl's lives in danger of early marriages, early teenage pregnancies, sexual gender-based violence and prostitution.

#### HOW TO SUPPORT?

Please consider donating and sharing this fundraising campaign with others. Any help, big or small, can make a lasting positive impact on a Girl child's life. Thank you in advance - your help is greatly appreciated!

Stay safe!

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