

Project Title: Prevention of Teenage Pregnancy and Child Marriage in Liberia

Summary

In Liberia, teen rights have been undermined due to cultural and traditional prevalence. Additionally, teens are made to believe especially in the remote areas of the country that they are meant to be at the service of men in the name of marriage, and unplanned childbearing. Their physical, emotional, and social development are also horrible and some even suffer death during childbirth. These issues including FGM, early marriage, and early childbirth have been accepted among these people because they haven't been told or educated about teenage rights and the potential great future of these children.

We are helping to provide comprehensive sex education, promote gender equality, and emphasize the importance of delaying marriage and childbirth in Liberia.

Challenge

Teenage pregnancy and child marriage remain significant challenges in Liberia, despite being illegal. The country has one of the world's highest rates of teenage pregnancy, with 38% of girls becoming pregnant according to UNFPA Liberia. Child marriage is also prevalent in Liberia, with an estimated 36% of girls getting married before they turn 18 (**Girl Not Brides**). These issues can lead to adverse consequences for young girls' health, education, and economic prospects. The project aims to educate and create awareness about the prevention of teenage pregnancy and child marriage in Liberia.

Solution

Education and awareness are the ideal solutions to preventing teenage pregnancy and child marriage. To achieve this, the project will take comprehensive approaches that include access to sexual and reproductive education, and community sanitization programs.

Workshops

The project will organize workshops in schools and communities to educate girls and boys on the importance of delaying sexual activity until they are mature enough to make responsible decisions.

Awareness Campaign

The project will conduct awareness in schools and communities to encourage girls to stay in school and empower them to avoid teenage pregnancy and child marriage.

Social media outreach

We shall use the available social media platforms including Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram to flag the issue where by creating wide range awareness of the situation and possible actions to minimize it.

Collaboration

The project will collaborate with local organizations and government agencies to promote the rights of girls and women and reduce teenage pregnancy and child marriage rates. The project will provide support and resources to girls who are at risk.

Long-Term Impact

Education and awareness are crucial factors in preventing teenage pregnancy and child marriage in Liberia. By increasing access to education, particularly for girls through this project and promoting awareness of the negative consequences of early marriage and pregnancy, girls will be able to make informed decisions about their futures. These efforts will lead to positive long-term impacts on the lives of young people, including increased economic opportunities, improved health outcomes, and reduced poverty. Additionally, through this project with a focus on promoting education and awareness, communities will challenge harmful social norms and traditions that perpetuate early marriage and pregnancy, ultimately contributing to the development of a more equitable and just society in Liberia.