



MEN OF HONOUR

THE BOYS CONCERN PROJECT REPORT – QUARTER ONE



Introduction

The Boys Concern Project, implemented by Men of Honour, is a youth-centered initiative designed to empower adolescent boys and young men aged 14 to 24. By utilizing the Coaching Boys Into Men (CBIM) curriculum, the project focuses on mentorship, leadership development, and violence prevention in schools and sports settings. Over the past three months, we have continued to make significant strides in engaging boys on critical issues such as gender equality, consent, and mental health awareness.

This report outlines the project's recent achievements, the impact of donor support, and future plans, including the establishment of our Youth Hub, which will serve as a safe space for young people to engage in meaningful discussions and personal development.

Project Achievements and Impact

Workshops and Outreach

In the last quarter, the Boys Concern Project successfully held 10 workshops, engaging over 120 adolescent boys. These workshops covered topics such as:

- **Understanding Consent** – Teaching boys to respect personal boundaries and recognize the importance of seeking permission.
- **Gender Equality** – Challenging traditional stereotypes and fostering respect for both boys and girls.
- **Mental Health Awareness** – Encouraging young men to express their emotions and seek help when needed.



Participant Testimonials

The impact of these workshops is best captured through the voices of the young men who participated:

- *K, a 16-year-old participant, shared:*
"I didn't know what consent was and whether it was important or not, but through the Coaching Boys Into Men session, I learnt that consent means asking for permission before doing something to someone or getting something that doesn't belong to you."
- *Another participant remarked:*
"I never used to respect girls because I always thought that girls have less value than boys and they should do whatever they are asked to do, but I learned that girls and boys are equal and should be treated with love and respect, including my fellow football players."

Addressing Mental Health Challenges

One of the pressing concerns we have observed is the rising number of suicide cases among boys. Through our CBIM curriculum, we have incorporated mental health discussions, providing a safe platform for boys to talk about their struggles and access support services. These sessions focus on:

- Encouraging emotional resilience – Helping boys navigate stress and pressure in a healthy way.
- Creating awareness on available mental health resources, ensuring boys know where and how to seek help when needed.

Establishing the Youth Hub

Recognizing the need for a dedicated mentorship and youth engagement space, Men of Honour has embarked on an initiative to establish a Youth Hub. This hub will serve as a safe space for young people to:

- Engage in meaningful discussions on personal development, leadership, and community service.
- Access mentorship and life skills training to prepare them for adulthood.
- Participate in peer-led learning to build a strong sense of community among youth.

Progress on the Youth Hub and Future Plans

We are excited to share that we received USD 400 through the Global Giving Platform, which significantly contributed to the project's success. These funds were allocated as follows:

- 10 Coaching Boys Into Men sessions were conducted.
- 35% of the proceeds went towards furnishing the Youth Hub, including painting the structure and purchasing furniture.



Our goal is to complete the works at the Youth Hub structure by April 5, 2025. With continued donor support, we aim to:

- Finalize structural improvements and provide adequate furniture.
- Expand mentorship programs within the hub.
- Equip the space with learning materials and digital resources for youth development.

Gratitude to Our Donors

None of these achievements would have been possible without the generosity of our donors. Your contributions have:

- Enabled us to reach and mentor over 90 boys in three months.
- Facilitated discussions that empowered young men to challenge harmful stereotypes and embrace positive behaviours.
- Contributed towards the establishment of a Youth Hub, which will serve as a long-term space for youth empowerment.

We are deeply grateful for your unwavering support. Your contributions are changing lives and shaping a future free from violence, gender inequality, and mental health stigma.



Ice-breaker physical activity during the boys workshop

Future Outlook

As we move forward, the Boys Concern Project aims to:

- Expand our outreach efforts to engage more adolescent boys across different communities. Our Ambitious goal is to reach at least 500 adolescent boys and young men by June 2025 depending on availability of resources.

- Strengthen partnerships with schools, sports clubs, and community organizations to enhance program impact.
- Fully operationalize the Youth Hub, ensuring sustainable mentorship and leadership programs for young people.

We invite you to continue supporting this cause and be part of this transformative journey. Your support is not just a donation—it's an investment in the future of young men and their communities.

The Boys Concern Project remains committed to empowering young men with the knowledge, skills, and values needed to create a more just and equal society. By addressing key issues such as gender-based violence, mental health, and leadership development, we are laying the foundation for a safer and more inclusive future.

We sincerely thank you for your continued support and look forward to working together to create lasting change.

For more information or to support our work, please contact Men of Honour at **menofhonourzm@gmail.com**

Note: Participant names have been withheld to protect their privacy.



Coaching Boys Into Men session with the young football players