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INTRODUCTION

The year 2023 have become a very effective year to us as Adolescent Gate Organization and our team because our work in one way or another have impacted many peoples live especial girls and young women who we have cut across with them during the implementation of different paned activities at girls and young women homes and field.

As Adolescent Gate Organization we have witness number of achievement especial lives changing stories and encouragement to those young women whom because of early pregnancies they thought nothing again could lift them up now they have started afresh we have some of them started small business, engage themselves in bites making such making bites shoes, good things due to our community awareness we have now 4 young mothers goes decided to pursue with theirs education through school re-entry program.

This year 2023 have teaches us that apart from other different things we are planning it is very important to invest on adolescent girls and young women innovations and talents this help to develop their self-esteem and confidence in fight against discriminations and forms of violence not only that but also supporting girls to pursue with education program expose them to acquire knowledge, skills and information that in a future will help to address number of families challenges includes poverty among communities, discrimination between boy and girls child.

Due to the engagement of different stakeholders AGO have successful reaching community with different positives and transformative information's/messages that targeting to address violence against women and girls, create safe environment where girls and young mothers could share and solve different challenges, important of investing on girls and young women talent and innovation, our team have managed to work with LGA's, parents, other CSO's working to empower girls and young women, Urafiki Girls where we have received great advises especial on how to use technology to address some of girls challenges not only that but we have also receive support from different financial institution example KCB Bank Mwanza Branch.

Though poor knowledge and age of transformation continue remain problem to many adolescent girls who are in and out schools more effort needs to be done first to make sure girls and boys are able to continue with education, adolescent girls have more information about their biological changes, both girls and young women are aware on negative impact of remain silence on violence acts and community member are work to support girls by address negative community practices or norms that direct affecting girls innovation and developments.

AGO continue searching and keep door open to all different people, development partners, international organization, foundations who are open and willing to support to support initiative of our organization such as invest





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on adolescent girls' skills, innovations and talents so as to bring about changes in community. Team work and little investments can lead to transformation of individual, families and community, our team ready to share their knowledge, skills and talents to bring impact among girls and young mothers' lives.

ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER

Adolescent Gate Organization (AGO) we are continue building result based capacity to our team so as to make sure what have planned to be implemented bring positive changes and transformation among community or people reached with our activities. Our team working spirit have continued making lives becoming better among adolescent girls, young women and their children.

In uses of community base approach we have managed to support adolescent girls both in and out of school on health where we have help them to receive health referrals and link them with medical personnel's, On education AGO have managed to conduct awareness on important of school reentry to young women and those girls who have dropped out due difference circumstances. We have managed to support some of girls to continue with their education 3 of them are receiving financial support from different individuals. Not only that we have also continue educating young mother on issues related to parenting so that they can be aware on Early Childhood Development (ECD). Community have role to play so as to make sure the area of social it provide equal opportunity among girls and boys here AGO have worked to address issues of gender, gender norms, transaction sex and help girls and young women to have skills on how to get information, Livelihood we have invested to improve innovation ideas and developing individual skills among girls and young women so as to enable them to become confidence and aware on their natural gift. Lastly, year 2023 we have worked on empowerment of adolescent girls and young mothers who are participating on doing income generating activities this have helped on economic transformation were now we are witness lives transformation among 7 young women who are doing bites making business and 3 young participating on vegetable business.

AGO work contributed on Sustainable Development Goals No.1, Goal No.3, Goal No 5 and Goal No. 8 and our team continue commit on implementing different planned activities so as to make sure it supports and contribute on achievement of Government vision 2025 that target to improve lives of Tanzanian include addressing early marriages, support school reentry, and end violence against women and girls. Different remarkable and documented Lives





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changing transformation continued pushing us as organization to invest more on team building so as to enable them to deliver results, creating safe environment that provide room for knowledge acquiring, developing adolescent girls and young women innovation so as to transform more lives, give opportunity to young mothers and community to learn and practice problem-solving ideas from our well-equipped team.

AGO continue inviting and provide room for our team to practice individual skills or knowledge in bring innovative idea for organization development and help community to learn about problem solving practices, Individual dedication of our staffs have provided organization with positive performing during the implementation of what was planned for the year 2023 plan, AGO will continue investing on team building and provide time for team to engage on different personal development programs so as to enhance our team deliver and bring changes among adolescent girls and young women lives, and make sure they both live in safe communities.

The 2023 Narrative report give eyesight on what have been achieved as the result of implementation of different field activities different activities, what have we have achievement and roadblocks encountered during the implementation process. AGO continue counting roadblock has ways of strengthen and innovation of new ideas on address highlighted challenges and it gives us alternatives on how to address those roadblocks using better approaches in our 2024-year plan.

Finally, we are continued appeal and invite more partners to work with us and support our initiative that targeting to transform adolescent girls and young women lives through supporting talents and innovations, developing individuals' skills so as bring equality among women and men. The support from you as development partner will help to creating supportive environment that gives adolescent girls and young mothers opportunity to learn, practice and grow to their potential. AGO will continue making sure all support and investment are well used and maintained to enable adolescent girls and young mothers are becoming responsible persons whom can use their innovations, skills and talent for self-employment, address inequalities among communities and their voice to accelerate empowered for positive transformation.

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WHAT HAPPEN IN - 2023

End Poverty Cycle through support girls education



Investing on Girls education will continue becoming a best solution for addressing poverty, violence's and empower girls to be part of decision-making organs starting with community level to national level. Through understanding this Adolescent Gate Organization have managed to help community to become aware on importance of girl's education in transforming individual and families, we have managed to conduct 3 community meeting managed to get community volunteers who help our team during learning visits.

The conducted awareness resulted to the 3

girls' reentry back to school this was great achievement because it shows how important our work is AGO will continue with other awareness session first to make community aware on importance of education and enabled parents/families to become responsible in support both girls and girls to continue with educations so as to grow to their full potentials. Adolescent Gate team have received positive support from education officers, individuals who are now supporting girls financial all this done in order to make sure girls receive education and that education used to addressing poverty cycle among family and community. In schools AGO team also helping





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adolescent girls to be aware on their biological and how to handle different body stimulation so as to complete their education on this area our team engage girls on sessions related to sexual reproductive health and rights, this has enabled them to be aware on biological changes, develop their self-care as part which has helped them to address problem like earlier pregnancies and protect themselves from STD's/HIV/AIDS. We are very glad that we have managed to get 5 girls and 1 boys who fail their examination got support from local community leader to continue with their secondary education. In school we have also identifying different leadership talents among girls and now the identified girls are capacitated on leadership skills in some of their group they are given leadership role to lead their fellow this continue helping them gaining experience and become more confidence in solving and reporting follows problem to academic and our field team.

Advocate on Girls Rights

This year 2023, we have successful conducting advocacy meeting with law enforces, LGA's, Religious leaders and parents targeting to ensure each individual participating on fulfill his or her role on making sure we all supporting adolescent girls and young women to achieve their rights, These advocacy meeting have resulted to the formation District Advisory Panel (DAP) where this panel complies of district officer responsible for addressing GBV, Police gender desk representative, AGO program manager, District Medical Officer, Community development officer, Girl mentor and religious leader.



AGO have also managed to empower and amplify girls voice on the issues related to girls right running in and out school platforms where girls have opportunity to develop agenda on the certain challenges they have being facing in the community and debit for solution and best practices, this have helped adolescent girls in school and out to first to become aware on challenges or risk they may first and get education on how to resolve the situation. Not only that AGO have also helped adolescent girls and young women participating on this program to increase and enlarge their network with their fellows in the program.

These sessions have helped on increases opportunities to some of girls in school especial in participating on decision making panels in their schools also able to understand their internal power on how they can use it in transform their lives and controlling their own resources at the time they have become women.





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On achieving this year we have participated on day of the girls child where our team managed to visit and conduct school dialogues and girls in school had an opportunity to present their talents, innovation ideas on how they are addressing community norms on their areas, During the event we managed to hear some of the best practices that adolescent girls doing to address challenges they are facing in their community example; sharing with the mothers or trusted person in their home and some share with AGO mentor. The purpose of this activity is to contribute on helping improving adolescent girls and young mother's health, strengthen family relation and willingness in support girls' potentials, continue creating friendly and conducive environment that provide opportunity for girls and young mothers development.



Girls Mentors have continue helping and supporting girls and young mother on the process of adaptation and changes that provide them with better choice before they have made decision that may help them not found themselves into risks.

Our target is adolescent girls and young mothers aged between 13years to 19 years where most of them are in transition period from which we believe more platform that bring all these group together are more useful for their individual development.

Empower Adolescent Girls & young women Innovation and talent Ideas

We have witness people lives become batter as result of proper utilization of talent, skills and innovation, as an organization targeting to improve lives of adolescent girls and young women, we also believe that same to girls they also have talents and ideas of innovation if they have get clear direction they may also become champions and successful. We have invested time on this area so that adolescent girls to understand that they also have natural born talents which they can use to change their live and bring innovation solution on number of block limits which hinder them to grow to their dream. Current we have two group with total of 5 girl each they have engage themselves in beats making were they making wallets, slippers decorated with beats this have helped them to spent time on developing skills same time generate income through selling what they have made in local market, The program have also helped to reduce reported violence among girls participating on beat making activity were before 3 among 10 girls reported that they faced violence because they were dependent but now they are managing to buy their individual needs.





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Through this program we have continue addressing other challenges such as inequalities within families and community at large it as also showing the community if girls are well supported and given opportunities to use their talent they can transform individual and the whole community. AGO team continue working together with adolescent girls and young mothers to development individual plan which have continue helping us to identify area of supporting a girl or young women to develop or achieving her goals.

Talent has enormous potential that can help to bring about social change such addressing negative norms such that of only boys can do, through this segment of activity some of adolescent girls and young mothers lives have total transformed in ways on how they are looking for potentials around their community.





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Working with different experienced persons have helped on improving and developing adolescent talents base in areas of uses of I.T facilities, video recording, we have also link 6 girls with our working partier organization specialized on STEM program and these girls in their final school exams they have shown good development and got result. As organization we are continue open door for any experts willing to capacitate our team on issues related to STEM program because if we have qualified staff it will easy for use to transform knowledge and help more girls around project scope and our dream is to see adolescent girls and young women are using IT products, technological devices running tools and software to solve existing problems and using their innovation, talent to develop more solutions.



There more potentials for adolescent girls and young mothers if they are empowered to understand their potentials in social economic areas girls will be provided with benefits will provide with equal opportunities so as to increasing training opportunities, sectoral exposures and practical field attachments and increasing adolescent girls and young women participation and involvements in growing sectors.





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Adolescent Girls engagement and Economic Empowerment

We need adolescent girls and young women to become economical strong today and, in a future, and reduce dependence which in some research it aa been highlighted as contributing factor for occurs of violence within community, the 2023 girls who were introduced in income generating activities are continue with their small business and some have already started to manage supply basic need to their children. In the empowering process and some parents witness some of transformation of some girls they know it was reported in one of our community meeting parents who were their young adolescent to be marriage have started asking them to join other girls in program so as to benefit like other adolescent girls and young women.

2023 we have continued contributing on our government initiatives same time our effort has also contributing on sustainable development goal No. 8: to increase opportunities for employment, reduce the gender pay gap and reduce reliance on informal, insecure work SDG 5: achieve gender equality and women empowerment.

We are continuing advice that adolescent girls with disabilities are also very important to be engaged in different Economic opportunities



so as to enable them to address poverty and discrimination challenge among their family's members. I support girl's empowerment we have also addressed other challenge facing adolescent girls such early sexual relation, prostitution and harmful practices. Adolescent Gate work with girls and young mother's through groups where they get opportunity to empowered on self-esteem knowledge, and other training related to economic opportunities and channel that can help girls to become economic independent.

Session on how to improve value chain

Income Generating Activities(IGA) sessions all these has enabled the targeted girls to become more knowledgeable and self-reliance on how to address some of surrounding challenges and obstacles by stand on their own decision as

well as utilizing the surrounding opportunities and resources so as to earn income.

Commemoration of Menstruation Hygiene Day





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Again it was great time when Adolescent Gate joined the world to commemorate a very important day of International menstrual hygiene day on 28 May, During the day we have continued with educate adolescence girls and young women on different issues related to hygiene and menstruation period, the day celebrated enable girls and young women to become aware on what do so as to make sure they handle menstruation period as well as community discrimination and perceptions toward Period.

AGO continue investing more effort by engaging different stake older to address the negative community perception toward menstruation this dome in order to make sure adolescent girls and young women enjoying their dignity. This year commemoration total of 56 adolescent girls and young women benefited from different knowledge such that of how to use sanitarium pad, how to avoid early pregnancies, diseases that my resulted to menstruation and some of existing myths within the community.

Limited sanitary pads and special rooms still a big challenge in many schools reached during the commemoration AGO continue plan for advocacy program and engage different stakeholders willing to support or invest for construction of safe and special room that may help girls at the time they are in school. Our team continue reaching/ visiting homes and prepare plan and identifying needs so that we can give direct support to those girls and young women come from very poor families. During this period, we have also managed to provide Boxes of sanitary pads to all girls who participated on commemoration of Mastruation Hygiene Day of 2023.



Most Significant Change

Last year we have just managed to reach and support few girls and young women who have shown different achievement after investing on support their innovation and talents this as enabled the first to gain economic confidence and participate in different income generating activities which in one way have helped to improve their financial income. Through this AGO also helped to address some of challenges facing adolescent girls and young women because they are now aware on different type of Violence, SRHRs especial on impact of early pregnancies.

Working and engaging of different stakeholders in implementation process have helped to reach families and reduce bureaucracy especial making decisions on supporting us during field activities, most of gained results on the fields are due to good cooperation between our field staffs, parents, LGA's and other stakeholders all these give us hand on making sure the year 2023 organization plan is well implemented.





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We are now receive positive support from parents this after they have understand what we are doing on support adolescent girls and young women dream, this year we have manage to engage parents during our home visits and they provide us with the time especial on preparing individual girl plan, parent are now helping and support this initiative so as to make sure adolescent girls and young mothers are well benefiting with education. Use 4 meeting to provide awareness to the community members targeting parents and relatives of girls and young women parents so as to make sure they take action and make sure they are help on reduce truancy, speaking with their daughters so as to help protect them from early pregnancy, contact of sexual Disease.

Road Block-Challenges

Our team and organization have witnessed the roadblocks which in one way or another have hindered us to reach the targeted goal as planned, in highlighting some of these roadblocks are as follows:

AGO continue addressing and work on negative community perception on how to support adolescent girls and young women as their doing for the boys moreover our team will continue organize and conduct different awareness session related to importance of girl's education as well are school reentry for both boys and girls. We are continue working and engage different stakeholders on address early adolescent pregnancies negative norms that favour one gander, stigma and judgement.

Limited financial resource to cover and support large part and support more girls and young women on making sure our team raching the ground management continue organizing internal resource by encourage membership payments, fundraising through writing proposal and consult technical personal with experience.

AGO Continue keep door open for any individual, institution, family foundations and other development partners who are will to support our little initiative that aims to ensure adolescent girls and young women live descent live and receive their dignity. Adolescent Gate also give room for volunteerism by invite any person around the work who wished to add his/her value on support, advice our team and organization in general.

NETWORKING AND COLLABORATION

AGO like other organization we are willing to learn from other on their success, challenges and opportunities being member of Smash - Adolescent Girls Community of Practice we are continue benefiting with different opportunity and enlarge our network with and outside Mwanza Region, Mwanza NGO Network, also we close collaborate with LGA's, Police Gender Desk, teachers, Urafiki Girls and those stakeholders focusing on adolescent girls and young women potentials, AGO will continue searching and apply to join different opportunities so as to collaborate with other stakeholder and learn on what others are doing to ensure organization development and how they are achieving results on different project there are doing. September 2023, we managed to meet Leah from Canada and have talk and share what we are doing in support adolescent girls, Leah and Panda Elimu Bora-Mr.Simba they are doing great job and have very successful results in support adolescent girls and boys potentials.





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Conclusion and Remark

The implemented project has helped to improve lives of community, adolescent girls and young mothers in different area we work within Ilemela, Nyamagana and Misungwi District we believe this has contributed on socio-economically development among girls, young women and community at large. It's our player that the coming new year of 2024 our work to continue benefiting adolescent girls, young women and community at large includes boys. Adolescent Gate Organization will continue capacitate our team include link them with different learning opportunities so as to validate quality service to community and in support attain of government initiatives of improving live of Tanzanian communities and contribute on Sustainable Development Goal's. Adolescent Gate Organization administration and our team continue commit on making sure adolescent girls and young women are well equipped to overcome Gender Base Violence and other negative norms that direct affect their dream.



END OF 2023

