



# Adolescent Gate Organization

## The Narrative Report-2024

**Build Adolescent girls and Young mothers education and hand skills**

## • **ADOLESCENT GATE ORGANIZATION 2024 IMPACTS**

### 1. ORGANIZATIONAL LEVEL

We have a new board 3/2 gender balance

Joined SMASH CoP, Girls network a girls programming learning cycle

We have grown to a 3 Full paid staff and a volunteer

### 1. PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS

7% increase out of school adolescent girls and young mothers access to better

3% of adolescent girls supported to continue with secondary education

- Provide hands on skills for profit making
- Digital business literacy to out of school girls and young mothers
- WASH safe rooms for girls and support sanitary pads in 4 schools

### 1. FINANCE

Fundraised 10,000,000 for our Safe room hygiene program

In partnership with GEC 25,000,000



## INTRODUCTION

We count the year 2024 has growing year to our organization and the year have characterized with number of step made to make sure our service are direct benefiting the targeted project participants at the group level not only that we have also grow our network with local leaders, parents and other potential stakeholders who willingly they have continued support our work of making sure girls and young mothers reach their potential.

On this year we were able to conduct and participate in different empowerment program that help to build up competence of our team in their field work, Community of Practice have been great opportune because it provided number of learning opportunity which in other way have helped also to build up supportive relationship among members of the network. Adolescent Gate Organization as continue working close with local government leaders to as to make sure together join effort to support the national government plan and make sure our beneficial are able to overcome poverty and well grow to their potentials.

On the process of implementing the planned activities our team have managed to document number of stories of our project that have continue give out remarkable improving of social economic services and welfare of girls, young mothers and community at large. The application of social emotional learning methodology we were able to explore number of girls potentials which in the whole year we have sent time to invest on those potentials, The methodology have enable our beneficiaries include adolescent boys and community to have clear understand on how its important to invest on support girls and young mothers dream.

We look for more growth in the coming year of 2025 through enlarge our network and connect AGO with other organization working to empower girls and young mothers also boys so as this will enable us to reach ad support more girls, young mothers as well as boys in school. Not only that as learning organization we have benefited and hope to continue benefiting with capacity build that organized by CoP Mwanza, Plan Mwanza and other organizations.

Adolescent Gate will continue complement government in effort of improving lives Tanzanian community especial adolescent girls and young mothers whom we serve around our project scopes. The year 2024, have given us a space to Engaging of different stakeholders in implementing our project and they have provided us with great support which have contributed to some of results, we are very proud that result achieved contributed in government vision of 2025 that aimed to improve lives of its people.

# ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE:

Our team, beneficiaries and community where project implementing together 2024 year was very Unique year because it as enabled us to link girls with available opportunities that contributed to their dream in social-economic, we have recorded remarkable progress that made by our organization in year 2024. The small contribution come from our friends includes business people around Mwanza we have managed to support 3 girls to continue with their secondary education, they were also supported with scholastic materials and books which have improved their perfomance. The transformation stories have continued pushing us on invest more effort in design, creating and implement result activities that help to address poverty and creating learning and practical opportunities to girls and young mothers.

Team dedication and skills have enabled our organization to be provided with positive enactment on accomplishment of what was planned for field work, our team have continued investing and support capacity building to our team all these done to enhance our team deliver and positive changes in adolescent girls and community lives.

The 2024 Narrative report tries to eyesight some of the implemented activities, achievement and learning challenges which have been encountered during the implementation of our field works. To us learning challenges encountered during the implementation of our project activities have helped to strength us and provides us with alternatives on how to address those roadblocks with better approaches in the next plan.

Finally, we are continued appeal and invite different partners who are willing to work with us and support our initiative that targeting to create equality among women and men by first creating supportive environment to adolescent girls and adolescent boys , support girls education, hand work skills, economic empowerment to young mothers, Hygiene and SRHR's.

Our organization will continue equipped adolescent girls , young mothers as well as boys with knowledge and skills that they can be key used to accelerate individual and community development. Adolescent Gate will continue built girls to enable them to become responsible persons whom can use their talent for self-employment, address inequalities and space where girls voice can be heard/ empowered for positive change not only become activist.





One of our school club at Wita Primary school

## EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

Education Support and empowerment, for some time we have supported some girls to continue with education by provide them with different support includes scholastic materials, books in some are paying fees to enable supported girls to acquire knowledge that she can be used to end poverty cycle, the period of 2024 Adolescent Gate have supported 3 girls from most marginalized continue their education. Girls have faced number of social challenges that affect their wellbeing and limit them to have access to education mostly boys are more often be given opportunities to school compare to girls, this action have left more girls more dependent to men hence this expose them to violence

On address some cultural practices that limit girls to have access to education and parents support Adolescent Gate have conducted 3 awareness that provided parent with Knowledge on the importance of invest and benefit that a girl or young mother can get after been educated. On address household Poverty some of collected resource have used to support girls education and encourage them to go for STEM subjects to enlarge opportunities after graduations.

We work with schools and engage girls in different sessions related to sexual reproductive health, individual hygiene , learning quiz, sports and self-care this have helped us to addressing problem of earlier pregnancies and sexual transmission diseases among school girls this have helped girls to become aware and somehow managed to address pregnancy problem in schools of our project.

In 2025 we look forward to support more girl's to continue with education and continue enable them to have clear understand on their dream by using our regular safe space session to discuss and understand girls dream. The SEL have helped girls to understand their capacity on how to make individual changes.



**Advocate Girls Rights, GBV Prevention and 16 days of activist:**

Social cultural practices have left and keep women, girls and young mothers dependent syndrome unfortunate this group rights have been violated, Our team have continue link with other organization work to address violence among women and girls by creating learning and reporting avenue, some of young mothers and girls have provided with referral in case of any violence they can be able to report for help.

Awareness activities conducted by our team have enabled girls and women to understand signs and violence practices and they have learnt on how they can become active bystanders. In order to achieve success and bring changes the organization have continue with Empowerment and advocate activities that help girls and young mother to have access to different services that can help to improve girls health, their relationship with families and friendly environment that give or provide girls and young mothers with opportunity to share and find solution on their faced challenges through safe space approach.

Our organization have succeeded to train 3 qualified mentors who work close with girls group and provide support girls positive choice, in the process community resource personal that fit with project have been engaged to impact their knowledge and support positive changes. The mentors are close working with Adolescent girls who are within and outside school without forgotten young mothers aged between 12-20yrs. We provide girls with learning platform that give girls opportunity to hear about successful stories and to share their stories on their achievement as resulted to their enrolled in the our program this engage total of 76 adolescent girls and 32 young mothers have benefited from this activity.

Our team have also succeeded to participate in 16days of activism joined other organization to advocate for women and girls rights not only that but also fight against child marriage by encourage parents and community to support girls on their dream and kmake sure all girls and young mothers are full supported to their individual dream.





### Girls Hand skills, Talent and Innovation Ideas :

For year 2024 we have managed to training girls ok hand skills work which have given 4 girls self employment where now they are participating in making beats shoes and designing through this work they are now able to generate income which they use to cover their needs and that of their children. We are very proud that this program has provide girls with opportunity to solve challenge through creating opportunity solution that create self-employment to girls themselves. To girls in the school have an opportunity to learn skills that can be useful in their future they also some time join our hand skills and talent class to learn and hear about success stores this have been very help to them because they have an opportunity to hear about what is happen in their community and how they ca utilize their available renounce for their individual developoment.





## Girls and young mothers engagement in Financial Empowerment and Digital use

Adolescent Gate have managed to support 12 out of school girls and young mothers on digital business and skill this able them to access resources and tools that empower them to take control of their financial futures.

Through educational workshops, digital platforms, and training programs, these girls and young mothers supported by Adolescent Gate are now aware on key financial skills such as budgeting, saving, investing, and managing money.

The trained 12 out of school girls and young mothers on digital systems, they are now able access online resources, connect with financial advisors, and engage in peer-to-peer learning. This digital access breaks down barriers like geographical limitations and creates a network of support for targeted out of school girls and young mothers.

In addition to gaining financial literacy, these girls and young mothers have developed entrepreneurial skills, allowing them to enlarge their own businesses or find new employment opportunities. The use of technology opens doors to a wider range of job markets.

The overall impact is not just immediate financial empowerment but also long-term personal development, improving self-confidence, independence, and the ability to make informed decisions for their future. The Adolescent Gate efforts has help break the cycle of poverty, and they pave the way for greater economic participation and social inclusion for young women.



Adolescent Gate has made a significant impact on improving menstrual hygiene and addressing some of the barriers that girls face during their menstruation periods. By addressing traditional norms and providing essential resources like sanitary pads and special rooms, you are helping to create a supportive environment for girls, especially those in school. Our team have managed to help girls to have access to sanitarium pad which in 2024 have help to reduce truancy among girls who usually missing school because of menstuation period.

The event organized to commemorate Menstrual Hygiene Day on 28 May must have been a valuable opportunity for education and empowerment. By giving girls the knowledge about menstrual health and teen pregnancy, you're helping them gain a clearer understanding of their bodies and the challenges they face. Providing boxes of sanitary pads is a thoughtful way to show the importance of hygiene during menstruation, and I'm sure it made a tangible difference in their lives.

What's next for the organization in continuing to support girls and their menstrual health needs, includes construction of 5 safe roomfor girls to change pads while their in school, we target to construct there safe rooms in 5schools.

## Most Significant Changes:

By using talent and natural skills, girls are not only able to address issues like violence and early pregnancies, but they are also challenging and shifting negative perceptions that limit their potential. It's inspiring to hear how you've seen them become more than activists—they are also becoming key figures in supporting their families and contributing to community development.

Engaging stakeholders seems to be a vital component become our success. By reducing bureaucracy and creating a more streamlined process, you're allowing for faster decision-making and stronger partnerships. When stakeholders are directly involved as partners, they are more invested in the outcome, which accelerates the achievement of your goals.

The involvement of parents, too, plays a crucial role in ensuring that girls have the support they need. Educating parents about the value of girls' education and the importance of supporting their daughters can truly make a difference in addressing barriers like school attendance and early pregnancies. It's wonderful to hear that the sessions have helped girls gain a new perspective on their world and given them the tools to make better choices.

Your approach is a great example of how multi-level engagement—from girls to parents, and from local stakeholders to the broader community—can drive sustainable change.





## Challenges Faced

With the all success, the 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:

Negative perception of the community members towards adolescent girls who have limit them from complete their studies due to different reasons such as pregnant or other reasons has led to most of girls got fear of stigma and judgement, we as organization continue engage number of stakeholders to provide technical and financial support so as to address the problem.

Limited financial resource to cover and support large number of marginalized girls and young mothers around our project sites not only that but also absence of qualified person who can help our organization to do fundraising, we are continue provide and attach our team for capacity building programs same time searching for qualified person within the country or outside the country willingly to volunteer on area of fundraising or provide financial support to Adolescent Gate Organization



## SUCCESS STORY

Aneth Richard is 17 years old living at Nyanshana, she got child when she was at age of 16 this situation have lead her on number of challenges which has limit her to attain what she was planned after complete school. According to her pregnancy period have forced her to start learning new life and prepare to become mother to her this was not a good situation because everything was new. After joined Adolescent Gate Organization she had opportunity to learn different issues includes parenting, hygiene, small business skills and have time with other girls make new friendship with girls who had the same experience in Nyamagana District. Aneth Richard have been trained on leadership which has enabled her to lead other girls in the group and now they have developed a session called "MY STORY" where girls like Aneth Richard are sharing stories and helping each other on how they can address raise challenges as well as discuss the best option to generate income.

Different session organized by Adolescent Gate Organization staffs have helped me to change my life and now I am very happy that I can manage to run my own business and generate income without depending on my parent compare to the time before I joined Adolescent Project.



Aneth when she wa visited with our staff

*"for the past few years before joined the program that facilitated by Adolescent Gate Organization I have no hope I thought my life will end this way and I was disappointed with my life. Because of pregnancy I even lost support which I was received from parent hence life situation was very bad, Joining girls group which was formed by Adolescent Gate Organization again have helped me to find myself and focus on how I can recover the time lost during the pregnancy period".*

Leading girls in the group has little challenges but with my past experience which I used to share with girls have helped to simply the work girls have been learning a lot from these stories in one way or another it has helped them to focus on their dream the opportunity of attended in different seminars have also added me with leadership skills which I always sharing with my fellow during the group sessions.

## Conclusion:

The organization continues applying safe space approach to engage various actors in supporting in schools' girls and young mothers by ensuring they are well served and supported in achieving their dreams. We remain committed empowering individuals' girls and young mothers around our project to become economically self-sufficient and capable of meeting their basic needs without relying on external support.

By fostering independence through education, we help these individuals develop the skills and knowledge necessary to navigate challenges in various aspects of life. Empowering girls and young mothers is essential for ensuring that they all becoming independence and self-reliance. By equipping parents with the necessary knowledge and skills, they can better support their children especially girl's development and prepare them for a fulfilling future.

Adolescent Gate Organization have continue benefiting with knowlwdge from Smash - Adolescent Girls Community of Practice, AGO collaborating with Local Government Authorities, Police Gender Desk, teachers and other important stakeholders who are dream positive on girl's potentials. Though still we are looking forward and encourage different individuals or organization to join our effort so as to bring about changes to girl's community, we will continue follow and communicate with different individuals/organization for collaboration and join network that targeting to address adolescent girls and young mothers' challenges.

