



ADOLESCENT GATE ORGANIZATION

2022

NARRATIVE REPORT FOR THE YEAR



Girls self-care Moment



Community Awareness meeting



Group Discussion



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INTRODUCTION

Adolescent Gate Organization refer as an organization that believe age of adolescent is very important for future development and changes cannot brought out if adolescents are not well equipped to fit and create sustainable changes in their lives together with community lives in Tanzania. Adolescent gate organization led by girls as an on-governmental organization is based in Nyanshana Ward, Mwanza; The organization had found in 2020 and got its registered number [00NGO/R/2974](#) on March, 2022 under the non-governmental act of 2002 as a non-governmental organization.

Adolescent Gate Organization arose from experiences that most of Adolescent ages are facing number of challenges such as early pregnancies and other are not aware on different issues related to their rights this includes sexual rights, the purpose of founding the Adolescent Gate Organization was also to curb domestic violence through economic empowerment among adolescent ages.

Organization Vision:

A healthier society where adolescent girls/young mothers are embraced, enjoying their rights and live in dignity.

Organization Mission statement:

Adolescent Gate dedicate to champion equal rights and opportunity for adolescent girls and young mothers.

We have ended the year 2022 by having different girls Lives changing stories in areas where Adolescent Gate Organization have been implementing our project have continue provide remarkable point in improving social economic services and welfare of girls and community in general targeting marginalized adolescent girls and young mother's s whom we serve. Our activities have helped to extract and bring out girls and young mothers talents that aims to create about responsible adolescent girls and young mothers rather than creating activist.

In achieving what we have planned for the year 2022 our team have devoted and invest efforts on ensure that the targeted marginalized adolescent Girls, Young mothers together with family and community are all benefiting from our team skills, our work and we 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 2022, have given us a space of 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. Apart from government officials their other stakeholders have also contributed on our different achievement these are KCB bank, Religious leaders, popular people found within the community, Youth being boys, adolescent girls and young mothers.



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ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER

We have a Unique year that apart from world social-economic and political challenges still we have recorded remarkable progress that made by our organization, this includes our contribution on archiving and accelerate some of SDG's such as goal No.1, Goal No.3, Goal No 5 and Goal No. 8. We are also very glad that our team have become more committed in implement the planned activities and support Government vision 2025 which aimed to improve life of Tanzanian.

Adolescent girls and young mothers Lives changing stories continued pushing us on invest more effort in implementing and creating protective environment that give/provide space for girls to learn, practice as well as achieving their dream same time helping girls, young mothers and community to learn and practice problem-solving ideas from our team.

Team skills, organization capacity and dedication have provided us 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 affect changes in adolescent girls and community lives.

The Narrative report tries to eyesight different activities implemented, achievement and roadblocks which have encountered during the implementation of our field works. To us roadblock 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 more partners to work with us and support our initiative that targeting to bring equality among women and men by first creating supportive environment to adolescent girls and young mothers who we believe that if they will be well equipped with knowledge and skills they can be key that accelerate community development. We built girls 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.

Management team,

Adolescent Gate Organization,

Mwanza-Tanzania



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WHAT HAPPEN IN YEAR 2022

Support Girls Education to end Poverty Cycle

Girls are likely not complete their education in may part of our country this caused by number of factor some can be cultural causes whereby boys are more privileged to have education more than girls, Poverty in many families where these marginalized girls are come from also limit them to have access or complete with their secondary education.

Adolescent Gate collaborate with schools, first to provide education to girls and community on the important of girl education in addressing poverty cycle within the family and community not only that but also to engage girls in different sessions related to sexual reproductive health, individual and self-care as part of 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 we are working with.

Apart of looking and support girl's education we also helping girls to have clear understand on their dream by running different sessions using safe spaces approach to discuss and understand girls dream. Total of 106 girls reached in different school we are partner with, all these have helped girls to be aware that talents they have can also be used to change their lives or support dream on their education.



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Advocate on Girls Rights - GBV's Prevention

Our community have facing gap to provide equal right between girls and boys due to this course many girls find their rights been violated hence limit them with opportunities of decision making, power to control and own resources especial when they become women.

Adolescent girls working with the young adolescent and young mothers for the year 2022 so as to create avenue where these adolescent wins and utilize the available opportunities that support growth to their full potential not only that but also enable adolescent girls and young mother free from violence and achieving their rights.

Empowerment and advocate girls and young mother rights have contributed to the improvement of girls health, relationship with their families, conducive and friendly environment where girls have opportunity to share and fins solution on their problems (safe space), Adolescent uses qualified mentor to lead process of adaptation and changes to 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.

This session targeting Adolescent girls who are within and outside school without forgotten young mothers aged between 12-20yrs. Girls voice it the platform that bring all these group together to discuss different issues and share best sustainable solutions that magnet girls to their potentials. With this project total of 64 adolescent girls and 12 young mothers have benefited from this activity.

Girls Talent and Innovation Ideas



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Gender base violence mostly resulted of existing inequalities within community, in many of our communities this situation caused by practicing some cultural issues that not give girls opportunity to own resources, express their fillings rather community believe boys and give them high value. Adolescent Gate Organization believe that every individual has talent and through it new stories can be written in their lives.

Talent has enormous potential that can help to drive and accelerate social changes and bring about equality among girls and boys within community, through talent utilization we have witness impossible becoming possible girls and young mothers who have been participating in some of our session share that they see lives changing in a future the knowledge provided has enable them to see different opportunity around community where they live and we are targeting marginalized adolescent girls and young mothers aged between girls aged between 13-22yrs old being both in and out school. We also using cultural dance, theatre shows, training, community dialogue, girls talk and safe space to ensure adolescent girls voice heard the organization using role models, engaging champions of gender equality, education, sexual reproductive health expertise to support these girls.



In order to help girls to create self-employment through they are talent the organization have continue engaging girls to learn about I.T as well as STEM issues as part of helping adolescent girls and young mothers to generate income in a future by using ICT products, technological devices running tools and software.





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What we see in the future All these potentials, social economic benefits will provide equal opportunities to girls and women but only through increasing training opportunities, sectoral exposures and practical field attachments would change the case by increasing girls and women participation and involvements in this fast-growing sector.

As organization we have already started to engage Adolescent girls and young women into digitalization era that we believe will open room for self-employment and electronic skills development and Adolescent Gate Organization look forward to purchase advanced tools and operating facilities those will be used in the planed ICT hub to train and support the adolescent girls on different issues related electronic maintainece, services and software development to give trainees essential skills, competence and market capability to ensemble join and compete in electronic development markets and able to generate income and create self-employment to adolescent girls and young mothers.



Adolescent Girls engagement and Economic Empowerment

Adolescent Gate Organization believe that girls child has capacity to contribute and bring development within the families and community in general if they will receive appropriate parenting and not forced to marriage. And through awareness sessions community and adolescent girls can be aware on how child marriage and negative practices of some cultures limit girl's potentials.

By doing so we believe the Adolescent Gate Organization will be first helping girls directly, contributing on government initiatives not only that but 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.



Economic / poverty challenge in many families forced girls to early sexual relation, prostitution and found themselves in harmful situation. Adolescent Gate work with girls and young mother's t 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 strong.



06 young mothers and 5 Girls out of school have been engaged in small income training and linked with experienced people who are doing business here in Mwanza with the target of helping girls to practical learn and practice business skills, our target is to help adolescent girls who are out of school and young mothers to become economical strong and help to address issues like HIV/AIDS, support SRH's education to girls, Adolescent rights, and scale the IGA's skills among girls and young mothers around our community.

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Vegetable farm prepared by one of our girls group

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

Adolescent Gate joined the world to commemorate menstrual hygiene day on 28 May, as organization by provide opportunity to hear about menstruation hygiene our target was to address existing myths within the community, 20 girls engaged and participated on the event. Poor knowledge on Menstrual hygiene causes many health problems to girls and young mothers.

Limited sanitary pads and special rooms for them to use during their period that has led to most of girls especial those in school failed to achieve their dreams. The organized event has enabled girls to be aware on issues related to menstruation especial on important of safe hygeanic menstruation to girls, the event enabled girls to have clear understanding about menstruation and challenges of teens pregnancy. Boxes of sanitary pads was provided to girls who participated to the event as part of showing the importance of safe and hygean during this situation to girls.



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Adolescent Gate Team also commemorate the International day of the girl child to us this was great opportunity because some of girls who are in the program managed to share their stories which have inspired many people during the event, through this we have been receiving different people who want to learn from us on how we manage to raise and use girls talents at the same time

Commemoration of International day of the girl child



addressing issue of GBV's within community. The event have open up different opportunities to Girls who participated this includes learn and understand well on how powerful they are to affect individual, family and community developements.

All in all, our team look forward to make sure all girls and young mothers who are benefiting from our projects are becoming responsible and not only activist, girls become useful women in a future with skills, see adolescent girls are using their skills to generate income and mostly we need to develop a modal that can help to address some of economic dependency among girls and young women to address GBV's within the community. This year we had total of 64 girls participated on this event and 2 staffs presented

organization on event held in Serengeti District.

Most Significant Change

Talent can be used to address different challenges facing girls such as Violence, early pregnancies not only that but also girls use their talent and natural skills to extract and bring out about changes in negative social perception that in one way limit girl to their potentials. On what we are doing we have experienced that girls can be only activist rather they can also become trustworthy in support families and community developements.

Engaging stakeholders in our activities helped to reduce bureaucracy in making decisions and help to simplify the implementation of our field moreover targeted stakeholders are also become implementing partners of the project activities hence help to accelerate the objective and pointed result.

If parents are well engaged and supported to understand importance of girls education they can help and support our plan in ensure girls are benefiting with education, parents participation in our project also help to address issues such as school attendance, early pregnancy and poor performance girls in school. However, our session has helped girls to see their world in different ways and have option on making right decision.

Road Block-Challenges

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:



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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.

NETWORKING AND COLLABORATION

Adolescent Gate Organization has recently joined Smash - Adolescent Girls Community of Practice found in Mwanza NGO Network, we also 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.

Conclusion and Remark

The implemented project has helped to improve lives of adolescent girls and young mothers in community where we are implementing our activities this have contributed and support socio-economically development among individuals and community at large. We continue hope that the coming new year of 2023 the planned activities will continue benefiting community and contribute on government effort of helping disadvantages groups as our target and support more girls and young mother's boys, as well as other disadvantage groups within community. Lastly, Adolescent Gate Organization will continue support capacity building to its team so as to validate quality service to community and areas where our projects are implemented with the purpose of supporting government initiatives of improving live of Tanzanian communities and contribute on SDG's.

