

REPORT ON THE GIRL CHILD EDUCATION SUPPORT PROJECT.

The girl child support project is meant to facilitate six schools and these are Kolonyi primary school, Biraha primary school, Watsemba primary school, Kakutu primary school, Kakunyumunyu primary school and Bumasikeye primary school respectively.

Renovation of the existing facilities into wash rooms being one of the project components, I moved around these schools to establish the status of the facilities for improvement where by some schools did not have like kakutu because their pit latrine of five stance for girls had collapsed, Biraha primary school whereby they have only five stance for all the girls in the school and an incomplete three stance structure whose roof was blown off by a storm. The other four are fair for they have what was meant to be urinals that can be improved.

From the above, the improvement work is going on and the other items have also been purchased like soap, sanitary towels and water tanks. However due to the fact that the term had come to an end, we did not supply this items to the schools with fears that they might be mismanaged during the holidays and then the intended beneficiaries would end up missing out so they have been kept in Salem and as soon as the term opens, they will be distributed.



Water tanks, boxes of sanitary towels, boxes of soap and buckets to support Girl child education.

As earlier mentioned, it has been an examination time in schools where both teachers and pupils were very busy with preparations therefore I managed to have two sensitization meetings in liaison with the senior women teachers of the respective schools and one of the nurses from the hospital. These were Biraha and Kolonyi primary schools.

In the sensitization meeting, the senior woman teacher and the nurse were able to take the children through the meaning of menstruation, at what age it is most likely to occur, how it occurs, its side effects, what to do when one experiences the side effects, how to keep clean during menstruation or menstrual hygiene management.

We also cautioned them about pregnancy and emphasized being open and free to share with their parents and teachers more so the senior woman teacher in case of a problem. In the same session, girls were tasked demonstrate how to use a pad to those who did not know as some of them had never used.



A girl demonstrates how to use a pad to the group as the nurse and the senior woman teacher look on in Kolonyi primary school.



Fladia the nurse and the senior woman teacher talk to the girls in Biraha primary school.

This was accompanied the TT vaccine for girls of 13years and above and also deworming tablets to all pupils in the two schools.

RECOMMENDATION:

The school administration should mobilize and sensitize parents on the same with emphasis to the hygiene and infection so that they may be able to provide sanitary towels for their daughters every month.

All in all the sessions were successful as both teachers and pupils were appreciative at the end.

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