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GO FOR GIRLS QUARTERLY REPORT

In the month of January, through the direction of the Ministry of Education schools were closed for a period 2weeks as a result of a number of rising cases of Corona Virus in the country.

We had activities planned for the whole month and It was tough when we could visit schools and ask that they mobilise for us a good number of girls so that we can interact through the Program of Girl talk as well as Reusable pad making and we were denied access, according to the Ministry of Education's recommendations of not allowing visitors to conduct different activities.

Immediate assistance

Girls at Kaps Model schools do not go home whenever they are going through their menses, we do provide them with sanitary protection. This has been observed as one of the measures of retaining girls in school as they do not miss their studies. From time to time Girls visit BFM Office for assistance.

In the month of, February we visited Kaps Model Schools where we had a meeting with the girls through the programme –Girl Talk, we only had the chance to interact with few girls as the school was also observing Covid measures. About 30 girls were in attendance.

This is one of the activities where we provide carrier guidance, counselling, health and HIV related issues amongst school girls in secondary schools where we implemented this Project.

This is one of the programs amongst the Go for Girls activities which girls do enjoy much.

- . They open up to different subjects that directly affects them
- . Ask questions and comment wherever necessary.
- . Girls do always ask us for second visits

In the month of March schools, started opening up its doors in receiving visitors and accommodating them in bringing in different activities.

We visited Kaps secondary again, where we interacted with school girls of senior classes at Kaps. Through one of its activities called –girl talk.

Achievements

- . Girls opening up during the interaction
- . Girls knowledgeable on Menstrual Hygiene
- . Girls knowledgeable on health and HIV related issue
- . Girls guided about their Carriers

Every time we visit the schools, we can see how these girls need more of these kinds of visits, they even openly say that they do not attend these kind of meetings/interactions where they can openly be advised on different aspects that can hinder them from achieving their goals.

A girl child faces different challenges and if these girls are not warned, encouraged, motivated as well as guided on academic levels, they are likely to drop out even fairly poorly in their studies.

Immediate Assistance

We have hygienic sanitary pads readily stored at the office that are mainly used for assisting the girls who are in need of the assistance. This ideally results in retaining girls in school as they do not end up going home but stay and progress with their learning because they have been given immediate assistance.

Building Futures in Malawi appreciate any support that is rendered towards this project in Promoting education amongst school girls.

Thank You

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