

Girl to Girl Project

Project Evaluation

Baerbel Jennert Foundation conducted an evaluation on the Sexual and Reproductive Program called Girl to Girl Project in 10 schools between 10th to 18th July 2019. The evaluations involved assessing the impact of the project on the academic progress of the beneficiaries while understanding the gaps that still exist and possible solutions.

Expected result

- ❖ Clear documentation of all the project beneficiaries including demographic information
- ❖ Clear understanding of the sexual reproductive health needs of the teenage girls in school and to what extent the BJJ project is addressing those needs
- ❖ Proposals on the effective strategies to make the project more effective and beneficial to the beneficiaries and their schools

Names of beneficiary schools

1. Gombe Kokulo Mixed Secondary School



Total Population 400

Vulnerable girls 180

Current beneficiaries 10

Deficit 170

Total pads distributed 90

Gombe Kokulo secondary school is a mixed day school which has around 400 students of which 180 are girls. Majority of students in this school come from poor families who live below one dollar a day and so really struggle to provide the basic needs for their children. This has many a times forced these girls to resort to having sexual relationships with local motor riders who give them money to buy personal effects including sanitary pads



2. Bar Mathonye Mixed Primary School



Total population 600 600

Vulnerable girls 125

Deficit 115

Total pads distributed 60

Bar Mathonye Primary school is a rural mixed school that serves mostly children from the rural Kisumu County. There are currently over 125 girls of menstruation age who have challenges in accessing sanitary pads because they live with guardians who cannot afford sanitary towels. The teacher in charge shared with us a case of about 40 girls who live with their grandmothers and the grannies see sanitary towels as luxury .The girls from such households are forced to enter into transactional relationships with local men who give them money to buy pads



3. Tiengre Mixed Secondary School



Total Population 600

Vulnerable girls 200

Deficit 190

Total pads distributed 100

Tiengre Mixed Secondary school has a population of 600 for both boys and girls. The school has approximately 300 girls. The Head of Health and Sanitation Ms Maria Juma revealed that from the records about 200 girls have challenges accessing sanitary towels as the government support which they have been relying on is not reliable and this exposed the vulnerable girls to the predatory men who offer them money for sex



4. Olik Oliero Mixed Secondary School



Total Population 200

Vulnerable girls 89

Deficit 79

Olik Oliero is a local school that mostly admits those who cannot afford fees for the boarding school. Majority of students who are enrolled in this school are poor and so depend on the government subsidy to learn. Nearly 80% of the students struggle to even pay fees meant to cater for their meals making it one of the most difficult to run. All girls enrolled in the school are from poor backgrounds and so cannot afford sanitary towels. The Deputy Head teacher MR Yugi lamented that the 10 students being supported by the project is so little, therefore he requested that the project considers supporting all the 89 girls to help them concentrate in class



5. Kirembe Mixed Secondary School



Total population 315

Vulnerable 50

Deficit 40

Total pads distributed 100

Kirembe Mixed Secondary school gets a lot of students from Bandani slums and the surrounding villages. According to Juniper Otieno there are many girls who are suffering and are forced to stay at home during their menstruation. The Principal revealed that around 50 girls cannot afford sanitary towels and are forced to stay home for the entire period they are on their menstruation. She requested BJJ to enroll the vulnerable girls in the project for it to be more effective



5. St Marks Mixed Secondary School



Total Population 616

Vulnerable 249

Deficit 220

Total pads distributed 100

St Marks Obambo secondary school is one of the largest day schools in Kisumu County. According to the principal Mr Kepha Omollo the biggest challenge the school faces is teenage pregnancy as a result of transactional relationship girls have with men especially boda boda riders. They are therefore asking BJJF and its partners to increase the support to the girls to reach more girls.



6. Ombeyi Mixed Secondary School



Total Population 867

Vulnerable 234

Deficit 224

Total pads distributed 200

Ombeyi secondary school has a population of 867 students. It has a large catchment area for students and faces a lot of challenges catering for the Sexual Reproductive needs of the high number of girls. Majority of girls come from poor families and get involved in sexual relationships with commercial motor cycle riders from around the school and this has resulted in many cases of girls getting pregnant and so dropping out of school

8. Kudho Mixed Secondary School



Total Population 568
Vulnerable 150
Deficit 214
Total pads distributed 180



Kudho secondary serves students from Manyatta, Obunga, Kondle, Kombedu and Bandani slums of Kisumu city. It hosts girls some of whom are facing many challenges to come to school. B.J.F team visited and talked to the girls about their experience with the pads and one of the feedback

that stands out is that the donations has helped them concentrate on their studies. Kudho is one of the schools that really need this support to help girls remain in school because they are located in an environment where girls can easily be lured to sex trade by local boda boda riders, taxi and even matatu operators.

Summary of needs versus what is provided

No	School	Total Population	Vulnerable girls	No supported	% of support
1	Bar Mathonye Primary	600	125	10	8
2	Olik Oliero Secondary	234	89	10	11
3	Obambo Secondary school	616	249	10	4
4	Gombe Kokulo Secondary school	413	180	10	6
5	Ombeyi Secondary school	819	234	20	9
6	Kudho secondary school	568	150	20	13
7	Tiengre secondary school	637	200	10	5
8	Kirembe Secondary	315	50	10	20
9	Olik Oliero primary school	479	150	10	7
10	Obago primary school	489	278	10	4

Percentage of girls BJF supports in the 10 Schools in enrolled in the program

Total population in schools	Total number of vulnerable girls	Total girls supported	% of students supported
5170	1705	120	7.03%

KEF FINDINGS

- ❖ A sanitary donation by BJJ is making a very big difference in the lives of poor girls in schools in the program. Our interview with the project beneficiaries reveal the level of impact the project has on the lives of these young girls. The girls revealed that they no longer follow men to buy them pads as so concentrate on their studies which has resulted in a marked improvement in their class work
- ❖ Majority of girls in the schools enrolled in the program come from poor backgrounds and so have challenges accessing adequate sanitary towels. This unfortunate situation forces some of them to involve themselves in transactional sex with men who given them money to buy personal effects
- ❖ The sanitary towel distribution should be accompanied with mini lecture sessions where both girls gain knowledge on menstrual hygiene management, sexual reproductive health information including where to access the services. Even though the girls are issues with the pads the schools in particular and the Ministry of Education in general do not have deliberate programs that address these needs
- ❖ Teachers requested to be trained on effective menstrual hygiene management so that they can give appropriate guidance to the students some of who have no information at all on how to manage their monthly periods. It would therefore be important if a training is organized for teachers from these schools enrolled in the program

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