

NEWS

MEGA VISION ASSOCIATION NEWS (U)

(Strategically centered between Rubaga and Makindye Ssabagabo Divisions - Uganda)

Globally, teenage pregnancy remains a great threat to girls' education since it mostly culminates in dropout and marriage. Currently we are working with over 70 young parents from Uganda motivating them to go back to school. We use art and creativity in form of drama, music, poetry, speeches and testimonies from child mothers to attract more teenage mothers to the cause.

Generally, girls' education is currently addressed under Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) which calls for access to quality education and lifelong learning for all, and SDG number 5, which focuses on achieving gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls.

In Uganda, an average of 100,000 girls between the ages of 10 to 19 years becomes pregnant every year due to lack of sexual and reproductive health education. Also in most communities in Uganda, when a girl becomes pregnant, she is married to the man or boy responsible for the pregnancy depriving her of her right to education. If the boy is a student too, in most cases also drops out from this stage. This is why boys also shouldn't be completely ignored. As Mega Vision Association we cater for them in our program titled 'Boys too Exist'. If we ignore then whatever we do for the girls might be useless to a certain point.

Mega Vision is campaigning for 'back to school of Teen mothers and young fathers. We kindly welcome any person or organization to join us, give sexual and reproductive health education to 100 adolescent boys and girls in Uganda to empower them with credible information about sex and their reproductive health to guide them to make informed decisions about sex as a measure to prevent teenage pregnancy. This project will also go beyond prevention to provide scholarships

to 50 already pregnant girls and teen mothers to go back to school to further their education.

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cleaners, Miss and Mr. Makindye
Ssabagabo and Rubaga Divisions. Not
forgetting our politics in those areas.**

The Back to School Campaign will include:

1. Trainers to educate adolescents on their reproductive health
2. Provision of uniforms to teenage mothers to go back to school
3. Provision of school supplies to teenage mothers to stay in school
4. Awareness on the program
5. Supporting their children in the process of going back to school
6. Provision of support services during school

The project will close the gap in sexual and reproductive health education by educating adolescents on their reproductive health, empowering them with credible information to make informed decisions about sex as measures to prevent teenage pregnancy. The project will also go beyond prevention to ensure already pregnant girls and teenage mothers are not married but are supported with scholarships to go back to further their education. **We have so far identified 48 teen mothers to become the champions in the country marking the beginning of the initiative.**

The campaign is also meant to discourage and advise against adolescent pregnancies.

Just in case you are able, please don't forget to donate atleast a litre of milk, diapers, etc for the children of our Teen Moms through +256702256281/+447918847979. Thanks in advance!

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