



## **WORLD HEARTS CONNECT TEENAGERS OPEN MEETING**

**(In conjunction with HACEY Initiative)**

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF GOOD LEADERSHIP, GOOD RELATIONSHIP, GOOD MORALS, CONSEQUENCES OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE, AND SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS**

This meeting held in the Primary Health Center, Okwuzi, Egbema, Onelga local government area with both teenagers and little children in attendance but children aged 13 and above were less than the children aged 13 and below. Initially, it was meant to hold only on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2016 but due to popular demand by the children, it continued and ended on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2016. And so all together (for both days), we had about 60 children in attendance.

The meeting had three tags; **#GBV, #SRHR and #R-E-A-L-M**

On the first day, being the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2016, the meeting covered five important areas under the tag “R-E-A-L-M” which stands for Relationship, Education, Attitude, Leadership and Moral Values. Under Relationship we taught the children the kinds of relationships and how important it is to manage them—such relationships are amongst friends, parents, classmates/colleagues, spouses etc. We also used scriptures to buttress these.

Under Education we taught them the value/benefits of education some of which are: reduction of poverty, reduction of mortality, self-employment, fostering of peace, good health etcetera. Still under education; we covered gender based violence (GBV) and sexual & reproductive health rights (SRHR). Here we used pictorial illustrations to teach the children.

**Below are the illustrations:**



We broadened their understanding about sexual violence (rape) and the consequences such as: shame, STIs, depression, shortened education, pain, anger, death etc. (**Left picture**) and the solution such as love and care, counselling, support groups, friendliness, legal responses, health care etcetera. We also helped them with 9 “emergency” words on small flash cards to help them memorize (**Right picture**) so as to be alert in order to prevent the abominable.

On this same day, we had a short film show to help paint a better picture of all that had been said on gender based violence and sexual rights. The movie title was ‘For Colored girls’ by Tyler Perry—we previewed two scenes; one of rape and the other of abortion and their consequences. The children had a full package of knowledge following these teachings.

On day 2, being the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2016 we basically used one game called **SEXUAL JEOPARDY** to teach and also went over the discussion of day 1 due to time constraint. The children were divided into two groups and questions on six topics were asked. The topics were: reproductive health, anatomy & physiology, safe motherhood, family planning, sexual & GBV, and HIV/AIDS. Finally, all the participants were compensated.

Our watchword for both days was **“REPORT”**—this was reiterated times over in case of any ill acts!

On both meeting days, we distributed questionnaires on GBV and SRHR to the children from junior secondary school to senior secondary school. The questionnaire answered two questions:

- What is the biggest challenge of girls and boys in your community?
- What is the solution to this challenge?

In all we gathered 15 responses. From their individual responses, we realized that the biggest community challenge for both sexes are rape, unwanted pregnancy, lack of

education, cultism, kidnapping, lack of discipline, bad leadership and prostitution. As regards solution, they mentioned the need for counselling, free education by the government, self-defense, good relationships, good community networks and awareness.

To further encourage their attention, we had fruits, biscuits, sweets and souvenirs such as biros, note books and bibles.

Altogether, the program was a huge success!

**Below are a few pictures:**



**First part of our attentive class**







