Just before COVID19 Crisis in Kenya

Institute for Faith and Gender Empowerment (IFAGE) operates under values of Equality, Inclusivity, Integrity, Teamwork and Accountability.

Dear Friends, Supporters and donors,

On March 8th 2020, we took the initiative to celebrate International Women’s Day #EachforEqual.

Our focus being advocating for improved health for women and girls. We had deep discussions involving Challenging the status quo, Exploring social norms, Faith, Gender Equality and Justice.
We are grateful to all of you who supported this day and we hope to see more partnerships our communities as well. We pray that our vision (A society where men and women are equal and free from sexual and gender base violence) grows not only within our organization but also in every person we meet in the fight for equality.

Enjoying a Selfie with the girls on 8th March celebrations

Community Dialogue Week

On the week leading to IWD2020, we held community dialogues targeting the harmful social norms, challenging status quo, broadening perceptions about women, celebrating achievements, among others, creating a conducive environment for women and the girl child.
A Couple who attended our dialogue meeting in a school where their two daughters study with copies of "Still Side by Side" for further enrichment and empowerment on Faith and gender equality.

Those in positions to influence harmful social norms, cultural and religious bias such as female genital cutting, early marriages, exclusion of women in leadership, increasing under age pregnancies, domestic/ intimate partner violence, rape that affect the health and education of girls and women in our community, are the parents/care givers, teachers, faith actors and community elders.

We gathered in groups and had discussions on the role of community leaders and faith actors in challenging gender stereotypes and misinterpretation of scriptures on equal worth and responsibility for women and men which directly contributes to the worth of the girl child in the society. The main take away message was that a society where our girls and women are not safe is no place to call home.
Meet Mr. George Akun, the Head teacher of Nyamira Mixed Primary School, championing for girl child education and challenging the social norms in his community.

We were inspired by his efforts since he became the head teacher of the school in promoting girl child education. Since then, the enrollment of girls in his school has increased by twice the number, and so has the performance. He talks about his struggles in the fight for gender equality. In his 32 years of being a head teacher he has been at the fore front in fighting against cases of rape, underage pregnancies and early marriages his community.
Inspired to empower more girls, on 8\textsuperscript{th} March the team met more than 2000 girls from different secondary schools gathered at Nyamira girls’ high school. It was a time to bond and talk about challenges young women are facing in the community, more importantly, this meeting was about realizing the worth of women and giving them a boost to achieve both in their education and life.
Distributing copies of "Called Out! Godly living for Missional Teens" CBE Resource Manual for Middle & High school Youths.

"Besides all, it is important to give emphasis on the work that still needs to be done to fill the gender gap completely."
- Rev. Dr. Patricia Oyuga, Guest Speaker on 8th March celebrations.

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