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HELP US PREVENT TEENAGE PREGNANCY IN KENYA

Dear friend & partner,

Imagine a world free of bias and sexual violence, an equal world with no harmful stereotypes or discrimination against women and girls based on gender!

This is the world we all need for our daughters, sisters, and mothers to thrive and give their best to the community.

Since the coronavirus pandemic began, teenage pregnancy, early marriage, and sexual violence among the people living along the lake region in Kenya, including Siaya County have skyrocketed as young girls get impregnated by men and drop

out of school. Due to poverty, stigma, and social norms around teenage pregnancy, some of these girls are forced to get married to their abusers.

We need to quickly put a stop to this detrimental pattern.

Poor sexual and reproductive health (SRH) among adolescents is a serious public health concern globally, but more so in low- and middle-income countries where high rates of morbidities and mortalities related to SRH are reported among adolescents, particularly girls.

Current research and studies reveal that 10,000 girls drop out of school every year in Kenya due to pregnancy, and young people aged between 15-24 account for half of all new HIV infections. By age 19, almost half of adolescent girls in Kenya have begun child-bearing, and the risk of maternal death among girls aged 15-19 is four times higher than the risk among women ages 25-29.

Specifically in Siaya County, teenage pregnancy (15-19 years) has increased from 17% (KDHS 2014) to 35% (KHIS, 2020) against 18% nationally (KDHS, 2020). During the 2020 Heros Day celebration, the Siaya County Commissioner said that data from the public hospitals revealed that 310 young girls aged between 10 –14 years got pregnant and a further 3,286 girls aged between 15 to 19 conceived between January and May, 2020.

And therefore, teenage pregnancy remains serious health and social problem because of its association with high maternal mortality and child morbidity. The risks include HIV/STI's infections, early and forced marriages and SGBV. An estimated 14% of all pregnancies end in abortion and 1 in 5 maternal deaths are due to unsafe abortion.

This is why we need your **HELP!**

Here is our **Plan:** Beginning March 1st, our team will launch an ambitious project on reducing teenage pregnancy and early marriage among the youths in Siaya County, Kenya. We seek to mobilize and empower 10,000 youths, ages 14-25. This outreach will extend from March 2022 to March 2023.

Through our youth friendly and contextualized SRH curriculum, we intend to engage, train, and provide safe spaces for young people to contribute meaningfully towards reducing teenage pregnancy in their community.

On Tuesday March 8th in honor of International Women's Day (#IWD 2022), we will launch this project with training seminar for over 500 youth. We hope to provide 300 girls from low-income families with sanitary pads and plant 1,000 trees to resonate with **IWD 2022** UN theme on gender justice and sustainable environment

Will you partner with us, or DONATE and help reduce teenage pregnancy in Kenya? You can partner with us either through your organization, church, or individually, and help make a difference for young girls.

- **\$10 provides sanitary pads for one student for a whole year, so she can stay in school**
- **\$300 purchases 1,000 tree seedlings**
- **\$2,600 provides training for 500 youth to reduce teenage pregnancy and HIV/Aids**

In total we need **US\$ 5,000** (amount in US currency) for the launch of this project, and every dollar counts, we need your support

Together we can lead girls at-risk towards a thriving future!

From the USA, please donate through Global Horizon Inc. (GHI) and receive a tax-deductible receipt for your gift. GHI is registered 501 c3 nonprofit (EIN 41-1805314) and a fiscal sponsor for IFAGE

Donate: www.globalhz.org/ifage/donate

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DONATE NOW and help reduce teenage pregnancy and early marriage in Kenya. When you give **US\$ 10**, it will provide sanitary pads for one female student for a whole year.



The Institute for Faith and Gender Empowerment (IFAGE) is registered in Kenya as a faith-based non-governmental organization (NGO) working on gender justice and equality through advocacy and empowerment programs targeting women, faith leaders and youth groups.

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Sincerely,

**Rev. Domnic Misolo - Executive Director
& IFAGE team.**



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