

# GIRL CHILD INITIATIVE UGANDA (GCIU)



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## **GCIU PROFILE**

### **Over View**

Girl Child Initiative Uganda (GCIU) is a girl child empowerment and advocacy Community Based Organisation (CBO) operating in Wakiso District. GCIU's major aim is to reduce the rate at which girls drop out of school by supporting and advocating for a violence-free school environments so that girls get maximum benefits from education.

### **Vision:**

To improve retention of the girl child in school

### **Mission:**

To create awareness to girls about the need to pursue academics as a source of self-esteem and worth, reduce the increasing rate of girl child drop out of school.

## **WHAT WE DO**

GCIU offers relevant career guidance to girls and fights against early sexual intercourse, early unwanted pregnancies and intergenerational sex.

We offer counseling to the HIV/AIDs victims and conducts awareness of the deadly infection and how it can be best prevented.

GCIU offers vocational training to school drop outs as well as offering sponsorship to girls in pursuit for further education.

GCIU understands that promotion of girl child education begins with sensitization of parents, local leaders, religious leaders and the entire community and undertakes such initiatives.

## **WHY WE EXIST**

GCIU started after analyzing Girls are a disadvantaged group prone to sexual abuse which most times lead to early pregnancies and hence dropping out of school at a lower academic level before they attain a level which can grant them favorable employment and good life.

Due to this, most girls end up working as house maids, casual laborers, street vendors and continue being sexually abused leading to low self-esteem in society. Research indicates that the rate of school drop out by girls is increasing due to several aspects which include; poor families, early pregnancies, loss of parents, HIV/AIDS, stigmatization.

Lack of interest, early marriages, hidden costs at school and family responsibilities have driven thousands out of school.

Therefore, GCIU will help school going girls have several sensitization sessions on education issues and at the same time offer hope to those who dropped out with vocational skills and catching up with school again.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

The organization runs three major programs that is; the school outreach, community outreach and the skills development. These went on successful in the year under review with minimal challenges however.

### School out reach

Under this, the organization was able to reach to pupils at Sam Iga Memorial Primary School and Maganjo Modern Primary School with a theme “No to early sex” campaign with several topics including; relevancy of pursuing Education as a source of live hood and esteem, how to avoid unwanted pregnancies.



*Advancing the 'No to Early Sex' Campaign at The Modern School Maganjo*



*chool outreach at Sam Iga Memorial Primary School*

The out reaches are always participatory and pupils were trained in numerous skits, plays that would enable them understand the relevancy of staying in school to avoid becoming dropouts.



*Pupils of Sam Iga Memorial Primary School acting in a skit*

A total of 150 pupils were sensitized on their role in building a better society which can best be achieved once they keep in school.

### **Community out reach**

We engaged a number of holiday makers both boys and girls through different seminars ,conferences and talk shows .These were organized in conjunction with different churches under their teens and youth departments.



*Mrs Monic Ntale during one of the engagements with holiday makers*

Over 100 girls have been reached to in this back to back conferences and seminars and through several engagements more girls have made commitment to abstain from sexual intercourse and some have been equipped with relevant knowledge on how to keep from seductions of men.



*Girls displaying their commitment cards vowing to abstain from sex*

### **Skill Development**

The organization launched out the skills development program for the first time and a total of ten girls registered to be trained in hair dressing. They await their certification with 2018 class.



*Some of the girls that rolled up for the program after registration*



*Girls during one of the training sessions*

GCIU joined the rest of the world to make the 16 day of Activism against gender based violence which was held from Nov25 to Dec 10 2017. In conjunction with ‘End Acid Violence Uganda [EAVU] the organization held skill training with 10 victims in craft making. The training aimed at equipping the survivors with life skill that would enable them set up their own business since they confessed it hard to secure employment despite their abilities and qualification.



*Acid survivors training in craft making*

## **Career guidance**

Many pupils have lost interest in school due to lack of adequate career guidance. We believe this is one of the important approaches used to encourage students to pursue their ambitions in life. We held a number of sessions at two partner schools with both boys and girls. Total of 300 students, 180 girls and 120 boys participated in the activities. In these meetings, students had a chance to share challenges that they face while making decisions in life and they were equipped on how to make the best choices.



## **Women's day celebrations**

We joined other civil society organization to mark and celebrate the international women's day where we met at Uganda museum. We used the occasion to call up the government to come up with an Education policy that will ensure that child- mothers are allowed space to continue with their education after giving birth.



## **Net working and partnership**

GCIU works in collaboration with partners to enable us achieve our desire goals and objectives. These partners have helped after any form of relevant knowledge and skills that have helped us register success in the past.

The ministry of Education, Wakiso district, Nansana municipality community leaders, End Acid Violence Uganda [EAVU], Universal Health Development Foundation [UHDF], Doves Haven World Freedom Centre [DHWFC]

We are grateful for each and every partner, the role you play towards championing our cause

## **GCIU future plans**

Construction of a girl centre

Purchase of land for the centre

Building of a vocational institution in Nansana municipality

Enroll girls for education sponsorship program

## Financial highlights

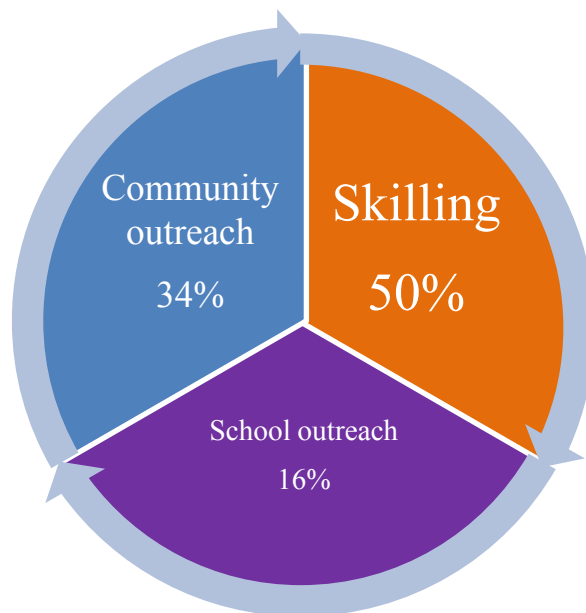
GCIU held a number of fundraising and resource mobilization and we are thankful to all those that contributed towards the cause of improving retention of the girl child as well betterment of the lives of some drop outs.

We recognize the great contribution from Doves Haven World Freedom Centre Church- Mawu. We recognize and appreciate Mr. Nixon Segawa for your tireless efforts towards the development of the organisation.

## Major Programme Area

Programmes	Amount Ushs
School outreach	16, 000, 000
Community outreach	34, 000, 000
Skilling Project	50, 000, 000
Total	100, 000, 000

## *Expenditure summary*



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