

PROJECT SUMMARY



UGANDA

STRENGTHENING SCHOOL-COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GIRLS' EDUCATION (SAGE)

Donor: Department of State/JSI

Location: Ssembabule, Mubende, Oyam, Mukono, Gomba, Bukomansimbi, Lira, Rakai, Mityana, and Gulu Districts

Project time frame: Oct. 2016 - Mar. 2019

Partners: Friends of Christ Revival Ministries (FOC-REV) and Center for Transformative Parenting and Research (CTPR)

NUMBERS

Target Population:

38,750 adolescent girls
13-19 years old in 151
secondary schools in
10 districts



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Project Overview

What does the project aim to achieve?

Transform social norms and practices, reduce risks of early marriage, pregnancy, Gender Based Violence (GBV), and HIV infection, and support girls to stay in school.

How will the project achieve its objectives?

- **Early Warning System (EWS):** An adolescent led evidence-based monitoring system that identifies critical vulnerabilities and risk factors (attendance patterns, behavior, academic performance, incidences of sexual abuse, financial difficulties) and triggers quick actions to reduce dropout.
- **Stay in School Committees (SISC):** The SISC in each school serves as a school-community body tackling the EWS-identified causes of absenteeism, monitor and support girls. Each SISC is comprised of 12-15 members with at least six Adolescent Girl peer educators and one from each of the following groups identified by the girls as champions: teacher, older girl, older boy, youth champion, mother, father, faith leader and traditional leader.
- **Safety Friends and Safe School Contracts:** Signed by students to identify friends to walk with to and from school and whenever called upon by the teachers, follow up each other to ensure safety, attendance and retention in school. Signed by teachers to commit to protect all children from abuse and violence.

Partners

The Center for Transformative Parenting and Research leads in transformative training for teachers and life skills training for peers. Friends of Christ Revival provides support in linking HIV positive adolescents into care, support and track retention in care.

Determined

Resilient

Empowered

AIDS-Free

Mentored

Safe

Achievements

Activity Achieved	Year-To-Date
Adolescent girls retained in schools	Of the 44,351 adolescent girls served by the project, 99.7% have been retained in secondary school, thus protecting them from new HIV infection
Tracking and flagging of girls at-risk of dropping out of school	A total of 2,532 adolescent girls and young women were identified as at risk of dropping out of school and successfully referred to the SISC
HIV Testing Services	23,539 adolescent girls and young women have been tested for HIV
Training in menstrual hygiene management including making and distribution of reusable sanitary pads	8,433 adolescent girls have been trained in making reusable sanitary pads
Training of teachers on positive discipline	852 teachers (503 male; 349 female) have been trained
Girls at high risk who remain in school	Of the 2,352 adolescent girls flagged, 2,237 remain in school as of this report, resulting in a 95% retention rate of at-risk girls
High risk girls were followed up in the home by SISC adult members	339 home visits were conducted
Adolescent girls mentored	31,730 adolescent girls and young women mentored by community role models
Faith leaders and congregation members involved in girls advocacy, school retention, and HIV prevention	1,797 faith leaders and Congregational Hope Action Team members trained on gender, EWS and HIV prevention
Adolescents empowered with leadership and life skills capacity	8,237 adolescents (13-19 years) trained in social / leadership skills (35 girls and 15 boys per school)

