

REPORTS FROM THE YOUTH ADVOCACY NETWORK ON FIELD MONITORING AT SEMAMAYA VILLAGE

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Location: Semamaya village

The Youth Advocacy Network as their goal is to ensure that young people in any community are being advocated for especially in issues that are affecting them. They made a visit to Semamaya.

The meeting was chaired by ISATA SAMURA. The meeting started with prayers and introduction of YAN members and Stakeholders from Semamaya. Then The President explained about the purpose of the visit, he explained to the people about the changes of the group from CYAB to YAN. He also mentioned about the low enrolment of children and if this continues what would be the problems to the community people.

Next was a statement from the
TOWN CHIEF

The town chief said the women are responsible for the removal of their children from school and send them to early and forceful marriage. He continues to say that they need to make community by laws against this act by the parents.

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The representative said men should be taking up their responsibilities in providing basic needs of their children rather than leaving all the responsibilities to the women.

He continues to say that cattle are presently disturbing their farming activities and there is no response from the government but if they have a person that is educated, that person will be ready to fight for their rights. This clearly shows the people about the importance of educating their children.

MAMMY QUEEN

She begged all the women to stop sending their children to child marriage and send them to school.

NURSE

She said the people of Semamaya need more sensitization. Not only in sending their children to school but also about the essence of using the clinic.

VP YAN

The Vice President said all the parents that are thinking that if they support their children it will only benefit the children but not the parents should stop that because in the future it will not only benefit the children but the community people, the district and the country as a whole. She also advised the youths of the village to refrain themselves from the act of premarital sex as this will only bring negative effect at the end.

SECRETARY GENERAL

The Secretary made emphasis on the statement made by the chief, in which he urged the town chief and the community people to make by laws against any perpetrators of child marriage, teenage pregnancy, parents that are in the habit of removing their children from school for marriage purpose or any other forms of child abuse. The Secretary continues to say that, the new government is trying to provide free education for Primary and Secondary pupils and it is now left for the people to only allow their children to go to school.

The community people said they are going to make by laws. He continues to say that YAN is going to do an awareness visit to Semamaya to see that these by laws are made and they are implemented.