

Report from Youth Advocacy Network (YAN) in Koinadugu District on the celebration of the International Day of the Girl October 11 2017

A total number of 16 members of the Youth Advocacy Network with the support from STICHTING TAIAMA ANDREAS celebrated the International Day of the Girl in Diang Chiefdom Kondembaia village. The YAN members engaged a total numbers of 70 pupils in Kondembaia village. Since the village consist of the two schools, the Roman Catholic primary School sent 40 pupils in which 30 were girls and 10 were boys. The Kondembaia Junior Secondary School sent 30 pupils, 15 were boys and 15 were girls

The engagement was based on Girls Empowerment. One of the Members by the name of Dannette Tulla explained the purpose of the day and how it is important. On her statement she said that

Girls also have the right to go to school just like boys

Girls should not be sent to child marriage

Girls should have access to quality education and to learn in a conducive environment

Girls should be free from all forms of violence

Girls have the right to involve in decision making

Dannette Tulla concluded by encouraging the stakeholders to give their maximum support towards the improvement of sending their girls to school as this will bring a better change in the community

Mr. Owen Jones who serves as an adviser to the group gave his own statement by saying

Books should be in the back of girls and not a child

Boys should give support towards girls empowerment

Girls are going to school to create a change in community, country and for their families and for them selves

Mr. Jones even gave an instance of great women are now leaders in the country and how they have brought a great changes in the country. He concluded by saying the community people only need to give the girls the chance and opportunity to go to school

Sajor Jalloh who is the President gave a brief background of the group and why it was formed. He also presented the gifts to children on behalf of the group. He said that the school materials is to help children in education and he believe children should make a good use of the school materials. The President also said members of the group will be coming to the village and monitor the numbers of children that is making a good use of the school materials

The representative from the Kondembaia Junior Secondary Secondary said this is very good for the pupils because this will help them in their school business especially children that cannot afford school materials

The community stakeholders promise to help girls against any barriers to their education

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE IDG

- .Girls were able to learn about girls empowerment
- .Girls learnt that there is a day special day for girls which is the international Girl Child Day October 11 and we told them that Sierra Leone started the celebration with UN in July 2012
- .During the drama, girls were able to learnt about domestic violence
- .They learnt about child marriage
- .They also learnt about what are the path ways when a girl child is taking to marriage and who are the duty bearers against child marriage
- .Girls learnt about gender equality
- .We create a platform by asking girls a question in which it helped them to be bold in public speaking
- .Girls also learnt about how important is it when they are educated by instance given to them by various speakers
- .Girls were motivated

CHALLENGES

- . Poor road network
- . Some members got sick
- . A computer for writing of documents
- . A digital camera for recording

. Wifi Network (Mode-M)

RECOMMENDATIONS

. Help the group with a computer for writings and sending documents for the group

. A digital camera for recording for the group during any activity.

. WiFi Network (Mode -M)

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