

The youth advocacy network(YAN) activity report for international women's day (IWD).

Theme: "Women's in leadership"

On the 8th March 2021 YAN celebrate the international women's day at Semamaya community

We started with individual prayers followed by the introduction of the chair person which was done by Gibrilla Kargbo.

The program was chaired by Saffie Kamara, on her opening remarks, she greeted everyone and the section chief welcomed YAN members with kola nuts as tradition demands. Next in the agenda was introduction of YAN members.

Lamin Mansaray (president) appreciated and welcomed the kola nut presented to us by the community and unveiled the purpose of the gathering which is to celebrate the women's day to educate and motivate the women to know their roles and responsibilities and the importance of women in decision making. As the theme implies "women's in leadership" women's are capable to undertake leadership responsibilities, women are not only to be producing children or always be in the Kitchen but to also hold leadership positions like Councilor, honourable, Minister and even president because they can also act in the position of men. As the chairperson advised about gender equality and how responsibilities are to be shared between them and their husbands at home.

STATEMENTS:

WOMEN'S LEADER she thanks us and talked about the changes YAN has caused in their community. As the women should help their husbands in educating their children and advise their children to be serious and dedicated to their education.

SECTION CHIEF he is very happy for this occasion as women are our mothers sisters and children as the fingers are not the same and he is ready to educate his children other than giving the to marriage as he was blind and ignorant, he did not want his children to be the same and if any of his girl child dare to be pregnant he won't take it light with her and even in his death, he want his children to be educated. He also advised the women in helping them to be supporting the children to be educated and take them out of suffering. He continues pleading to STA to please concentrate on ISATU K KAMARA as she is an orphan now with no father and her mother is seriously sick. The chief also remembered Marie(STA) that the land is available now for the structure she promised.

YOUTH(woman) she was carrying a child on her back saying her parents did not educate her and they sent her to marriage now she is even ashamed to her age mates because she was not opportuned to be educated to become a role model to her community as YAN has created the platform to speak out their minds. Then Saffie Kamara told them that formal education is not the only means of achievement but by learning a skilled job no one is too late.

SAJOR JALLOH thanks the people of Semamaia for helping YAN in supporting their children to focus on their education.

ISATU K KAMARA was given the platform to talk but the pain in her heart couldn't allow her to talk and we even saw the agony on her face but Tenneh T Mansaray (PRO) stepped in her shoe to talk on their behalf and expresses how happy they are for the opportunity given to them by YAN and the promised no to misuses it, or dissapoint YAN.

YOUTH(man) Peter Mansaray thanks YAN and they, the youth of Semamaia want to see the girls be the sababu to transform their community and appeals to YAN to support them(boys) as they also are faced with challenges and also promised to be the guidians of the girls other than destroying their future.

Next is refreshment: during the refreshment more than 150 people enjoyed the food and drinks.

Vote of thanks was done by Friday B Kamara.

Success

*The community women's promise STA and YAN that they will form women's group, to make vital decision within them selves before establishing it in the community.

* The community helders were happy and willing to accept their openions, and put them in leadership positions, as the theme implies"women's in leadership".

*The women's group promise to report their success, challenges and recommendation to YAN after any meeting they conducted.

Challenges

*Insufficient fund.

*High cost of transportation.

*No t-shirt.

Recommendations.

* Let there be small increasement in the funding.