

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD 2021

The Youth Advocacy Network celebrated the International Day of the Girl Child 2021 at the Cundembaya community.

The Youth Advocacy Network in collaboration with the three primaries and one secondary school and the stake holders in the community come together to celebrate the day with educative messages.

The call to order of the commencement of the program was done by Feremusu sesay, the Organizing secretary of the Youth advocacy network.

The program began with an opening prayer which was done individually. Then the chair person was introduced by John Marah.

The chairperson who was Ferema S Mansaray, in her opening statement greeted and welcomed everyone the wonderful occasion and unveiled the purpose of the occasion which was to celebrate the International Day of the Girl Child which the United Nation has set aside October 11 every year to talk on the issues surrounding the girls in the world and solutions to those issues.

There was a drama played by the secondary school which was titled the "the regret". It contained educative messages and also spelled out the problems girls are faced with which leads to drop out of school and it also shows in the drama presented by the primary schools.

The position paper was presented by Isatu Bah which contains findings on some of the issues affecting girls at the Cundembaya community which are; early marriage, teenage pregnancy, mining which leads to girls dropping out from school and also highlighted some recommendations to solve the problems.

Statements and commitments were given by some stakeholders in the community which are the; women's leader, youth leader, town chief, principal, teacher and others.

CHALLENGES

- 1; the road that leads to Cundembaya is very bad
- 2; the money for fares was not enough unless we have to squeeze our self and some uses motorcycles
- 3; the materials to supply and food were not enough because of the high population turn up.

SUCSESSES

- 1; though the road was very bad, we managed to reach and returned safely
- 2; according to the elders, there has been improvement on the attendance in school since our last visit 2017.
- 3; the number of teenage pregnancy and early marriage has been reduced and the village heads assured us to take the issue of girls very seriously.