

THE WOMAN BOSS SCHOOL AMBASSADORS INITIATIVE MANTRA: “Changing the world for the greater good”

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COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

Education for Girls

UNDERLYING PROBLEM

My community called Sinchang Wuri, is one that faces a lot of problems, one of which is lack of education for girls. Up to 38% of young Gambian girls are out of school and due to lack of knowledge, they get married, start families and work to live, taking on big responsibilities at an early age. Most of these girls grow up to be in unhealthy and toxic relationships as a result of being emotionally and sometimes physically abused. It is often because some do not know how to address these issues due to their age and are not educated enough to handle the said situations. My community project plan aims to tackle this problem and create opportunities to encourage these young girls to join us in our change.

SOLUTION

I intend to contribute my quota towards solving this problem by taking up the initiative to identify young girls in great need of support in my community and provide them access to training, mentorship and general support on resources they may need to facilitate their learning process. I propose to do this by:

Hosting talks and sessions on different thematic areas in an effort to connect with the participants on a deeper level.

Holding workshops that will teach and put into action different aspects of abuse and sex education.

Using fun learning activities and team building exercises that will not only inspire teamwork but also teach them what to do in certain situations.

To actualize these talks using videos to better their understanding of what is being thought to them and expose them to our world by taking them on a trip.

Partnering with experts that can provide information to help or donate items that could be of use to them like notebooks, pens, hand sanitizers etc.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINE

June	Identification of participants Familiarization meeting
July 11 th	Implementation First meet- open discussion on some of the limitations and challenges faced by girls.
July 18 th	Second meet- Discussion on the importance of education and the steps to be taken to acquire one.
July 25 th	Third meet- open discussion on sexuality and video presentation on sex education.
August 1 st	Fourth meet - Discussion on next steps in relation to their education, scholarship possibilities etc.
August to September	Follow up meetings and intense discussions