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RESETTLEMENT OF THE GIRLS AT THE SHELTER WITH THEIR FAMILIES



Following the meeting with all the parents, all the girls at the shelter were reunited back with their parents. These girls will continue to receive support from RWO including school fees, counselling, skills trainings but these time, from their respective homes. We believe this will help the parents to have enough time with their children and to also offer support in raising their children. Some of the girls had been with RWO for over one year, and more so, over 18 years which is contrary to the terms and conditions of the rescue temporary shelter. Girls who were under skilling had to also go home following the presidential directive of closing all the gathering places in bid to cub COVID-19.

Be a **RESILIENT** volunteer!

Currently, we are searching for:

- ✓ Beginner English Teachers
- ✓ Small Business/Start-up Teachers
- ✓ Nurses and Medical Professionals
- ✓ Counseling & Social Workers
- ✓ HIV/AIDS awareness Educators
- ✓ Organizational Management Support



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YOUTH DEBATE

The overall purpose of the activity was to assess the behavioral changes, level of understanding of SRHR information as a result of our peer to peer educate sessions.

The debate was organised under the motion; Adolescent SRHR Education has done more Good than Harm. The objectives of this debate were; to instill confidence among young people to voice out their mind regarding SRHR education and information access, to track the impact of the peer to peer educate sessions in addressing misconceptions surrounding child marriages, teenage pregnancies and early unions among the young people and to bring together young people to discuss and share their experiences, both negative and positive as a result of the SRHR educate sessions. The debate was attended by 62 participants including 39 girls and 23 boys.

Youths were able to share various information regarding SRHR. Among the information shared, was the advantages young people have gained from the SRHR sessions. Some of these include; the ability to know about their body changes and what this means to them, the importance of having a goal in life, making good friends, menstrual health management, confidence, and self believe.

Through different presentations from both sides, we were able to learn the SRHR myths and misconceptions that young people still have, we were also able to capture all the misinformation that needs corrections. Majority of the participants expressed the need to have SRHR sessions continue since they have taught them how to respect their parents and being confident enough to approach anyone with respect in case their rights are abused.



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GFF GENDER TRANS-FORMATIVE APPROACHES WORKSHOP

The GFF gender transformative approaches workshop took place at Esella country Hotel in Najerra in Wakiso district, was organized to enlighten the knowledge and understanding to grantees who are implementing projects to prevent and response to child and gender equality. It provided comprehensive understanding of gender inclusiveness in community activities for community based organizations and grassroots organizations. This workshop was designed to provide an understanding of what gender transformative approaches (GTAs) mean in ending child marriage and teenage pregnancies.

MEET OUR GIRLS



Daisy has been with RWO since 2017, and she is now 19 years old. She has been at the shelter for girls for 5 years. She joined the shelter at the organization when she was undisciplined, not respectful and had dropped out of school for a long time. While at the shelter, Daisy was able to receive counselling services and to enroll under the skilling program. She has been crafts-making, hairdressing and tailoring. Her interest is mainly in tailoring and is working to be a better tailor and achieve her dreams.

Daisy was able to start up her tailoring business with a startup kit of a tailoring machine, but has been unstable because she has not completely committed to her business, easily destructed hence abandoning her tailoring business. Daisy has been sickly, on and off with typhoid, and does not receive appropriate medication hence falling sick after a short period of receiving treatment. While that is, she is thankful to RWO for giving her a chance to acquire hands-on-skills and grooming her. Her attitudes and behaviors have changed ever since she joined the organization, she is more friendly and respectful.

Currently, she is employed and is able to have money to cater for her materials and since she has skills in crafts making, she has been making crafts and selling them so that she can get



some money. However, Daisy is now advancing in tailoring and has the ability and skills in craft making as well and she hopes to have her own business in hairdressing as well as crafts making in the next 3 years that will help her build herself and her family.



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Established in 2016, Resilient Women's Organisation is a not for profit Community Based Organisation initiated by two fierce and powerful women living in Entebbe. Formerly known as CHEL Child Mothers Development Organization.

The organisation's aim is to support, promote and empower Ugandan adolescent girls and young women who have been affected or are likely to be affected by family conflicts, sexual violence and poverty. With a vision of enabling these girls and young women to live in peace, with dignity, be in good health, and have access to essential resources, Resilient Women strives to support and promote Human rights for this vulnerable population in Uganda in order to achieve an equal and just society. The Organisation works in collaboration with local groups, local leaders and other organisations through partnership in order to raise awareness on sexual and gender-based violence issues and improve people's livelihood.

Be a **RESILIENT** volunteer!

Each volunteer is a precious resource for RWO. You'll learn a lot here, and you will go back to your home country with a different perspective of the world, and see the things you were used to see with different eyes.

Volunteering on the site is one of the best choices you can do! Come to Uganda, meet our girls in person, and work with us to help them improve their life. Just one more person can make a great difference in our (global) community.