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CATEGORY: SRHR

Country: Zimbabwe

Location: Bindura

Date: 7 Nov 2024

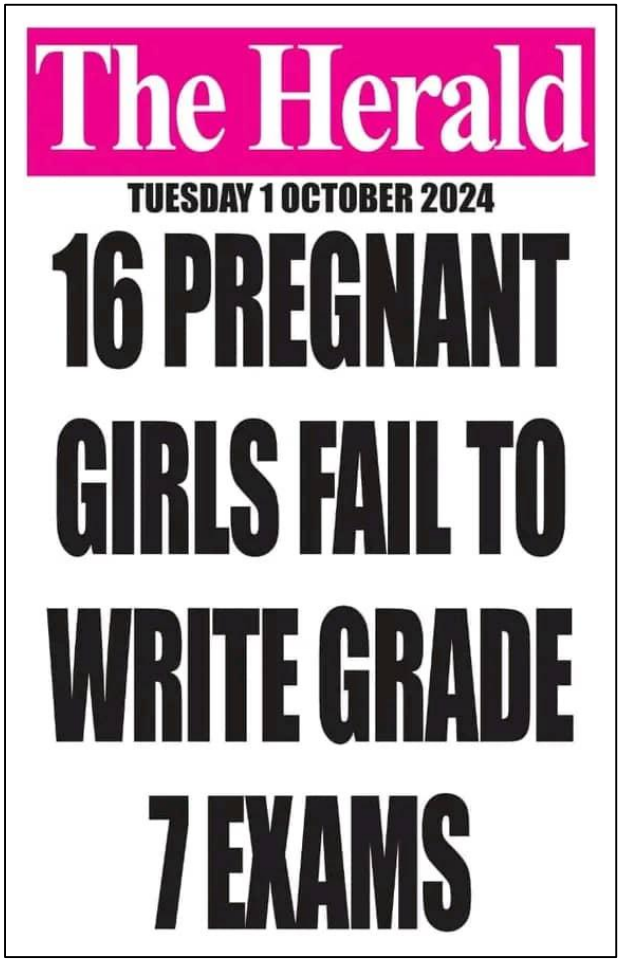
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Organisation: RIGE

BACKGROUND

Brief summary of the project.

RIGE observed that Adolescent girls and women from Bindura rural were negligent when it comes to exercising their SRHR rights. Unreported cases of maternal deaths, poor healthy seeking behaviours, unreported child marriages, limited use of family planning by some women were observed prior to the implementation of the Strengthening Health Education Delivery in Communities (SHEDIC) project. The SHEDIC project, which is being supported by Gender Links seeks to enhance individual awareness of SRHR as human rights as well as increase access to SRHR resources, information and services in Bindura Rural, ward 10. The project was started in January 2023 and will end in December 2024.


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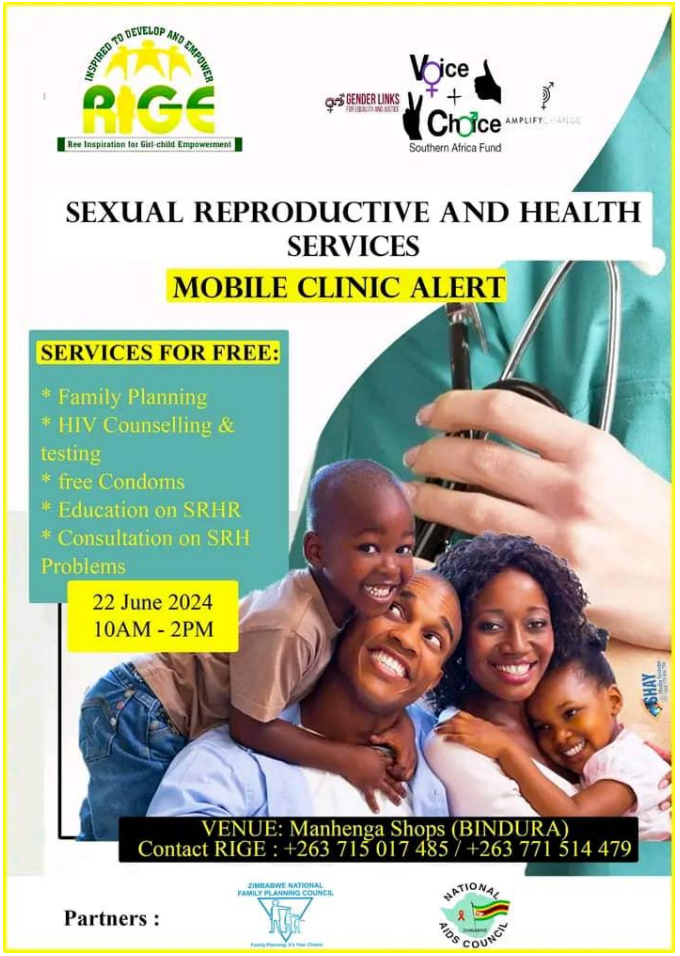
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16 PREGNANT GIRLS FAIL TO WRITE GRADE 7 EXAMS

BACKGROUND CONTINUED

Strategies and why they were chosen:

- ❑ Sensitisation meetings & speak out session to lobby for access to SRHR services and resources
- ❑ Stakeholder engagement to improve service delivery
- ❑ Male engagement through Men's forums to address negative attitude that hinders access to SRHR services.
- ❑ Mobile Clinics to take SRHR services and resources to the community
- ❑ SRHR education – IEC materials to raise awareness on SRHR as human rights



OBJECTIVES

The project seeks to:

1. Bring SRHR information, services and resources to the community.
2. Enhance individual awareness of SRHR as human rights
3. Increase access to SRHR resources, information and services in Bindura Rural, ward 10.
4. Increase health-seeking behavior among both men and women by 80%.
5. Establish a sustainable community-led SRHR program.
6. Advocate for policy changes supporting SRHR and GBV prevention.

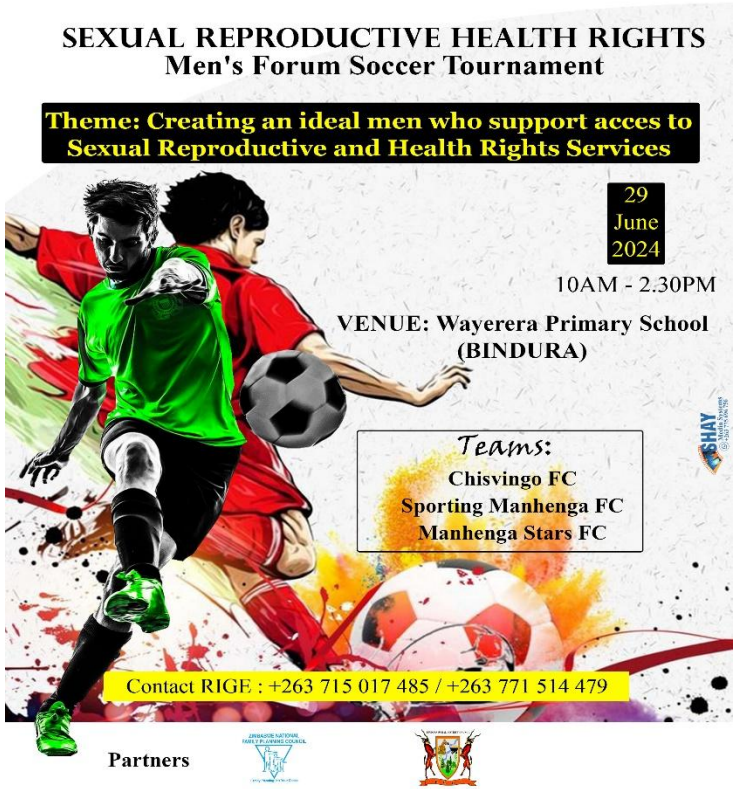


TARGET GROUPS

1. Girls and young women as a vulnerable group due to patriarchy require education on exercising their SRHR rights.
2. Men so that they champion access to SRHR services.
3. SRHR service providers for the improvement of service delivery.

ACTIVITIES

- Sensitisation meetings to engage stakeholders.
- Community dialogues with women and with men for awareness raising.
- Speak out out session to engage service providers to improve service delivery.
- Men’s forum soccer tournaments to raise awareness to men in a social setup.
- Mobile clinics to take SRHR services to the community.



STRATEGIES EMPLOYED BY THE PROJECT

- Partnerships and collaboration with local government and service providers made it easy to get permission to carryout the project and to provide services to the community
- Use of existing community structures and facilities made it easy to coordinate programs and to obtain free venues for activities.

PARTNERS

1. Local government (Bindura Rural District Council) facilitate easy clearance to carryout events, offered free venues and assisted in coordination
2. National AIDS Council, Zimbabwe National Family Planning, Hope Humana, Ministry of Health and Child Care for service provision.
3. Zimbabwe Republic Police for security



BUDGET

	Amount in $
Gender specific allocation	0.00
Gender in mainstream projects (please specify)	12 500
Amount contributed in cash or in kind by partner organisations (please specify)	4 000
Other sources (please specify)	0.00
Total	16 500

PARTICIPANTS

Category	Women	Men	Total	% Women
Direct participants	**298**	**308**	**606**	**49.2**
Indirect participants (e.g. through other networks)	**50**	**20**	**70**	**71**
Online participants (e.g. website access, mailing lists, scholarly articles)	**300**	**250**	**750**	**40**
Total	**648**	**578**	**1226**	**53**

CHALLENGES

Challenges

1. Some volunteer staff were not available on weekdays due to scheduling program conflicts. Most programs were done during weekends.
2. There was need for permission from local government and law enforcement agents first before conducting any activity. Permissions to hold the event were applied for in time in order to be cleared to hold events in communities.

Lessons learnt

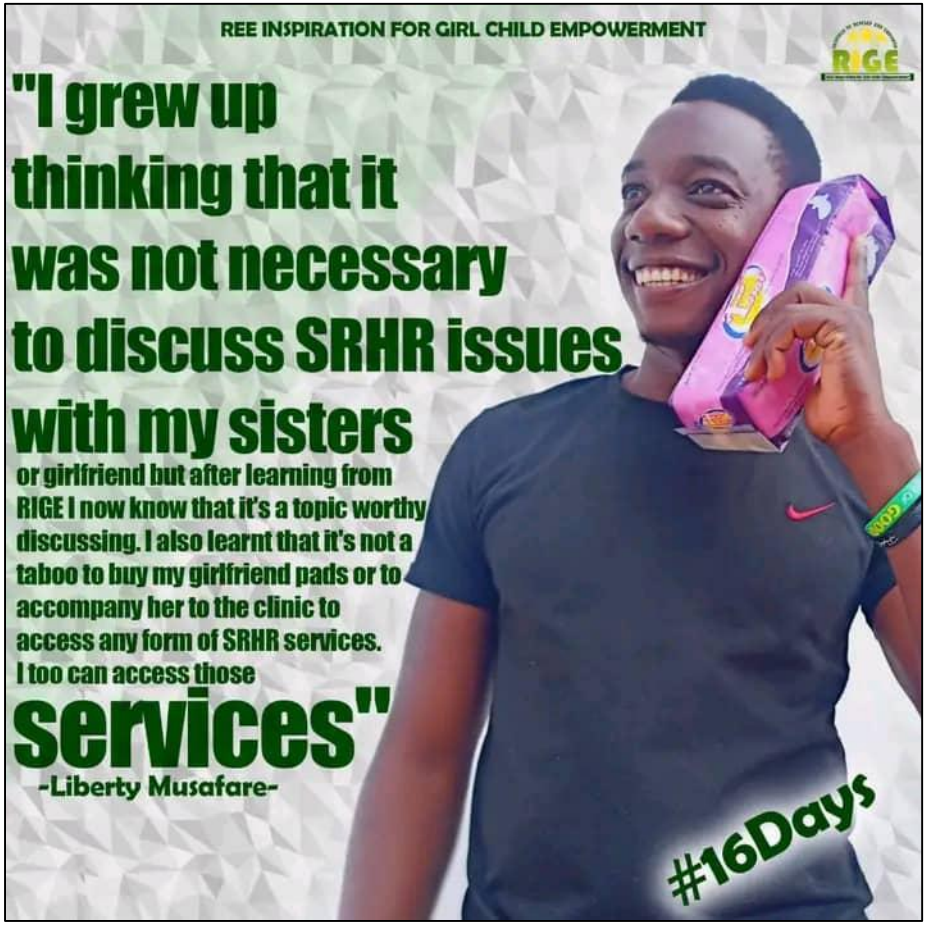
- ❑ Community engagement is crucial for sustainability.
- ❑ Collaboration among stakeholders enhances positive impact.
- ❑ Male engagement in SRHR creates a positive change and is crucial in addressing challenges faced in the community.
- ❑ Empowering women and girls reduces vulnerability.

How lessons will be applied

- ❖ Continuous engagement of local authorities.
- ❖ Continuous collaborations with stakeholders.
- ❖ Educating more men on access to SRHR services.
- ❖ Identify men as champions for SRHR and gender equality.
- ❖ Continuous programs that empower young women and girls.

RESULTS

- ✓ 298 women and 308 men were directly reached with SRHR information, services & resources as of 25 October 2024.
- ✓ Improved reporting of SRHR related crimes such as child marriage & maternal deaths.
- ✓ A lot of IEC materials was produced for continued awareness in the community.
- ✓ Improved social media engagement was noted.
- ✓ Improved working relationship with local government and service providers
- ✓ Improved visibility in the community.



LEARNING

Key lessons

- Community engagement is crucial for sustainability.
- Collaboration among stakeholders enhances positive impact.
- Male engagement in SRHR creates a positive change and is crucial in addressing challenges faced in the community.
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Application of lessons learnt

- Creation of social media advocacy strategies.
- Advocating for policy reforms addressing SRHR issues.
- Continuous male engagement in SRHR programs.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Monitoring indicators

- Number of people accessing services.
- Number of men reached with SRHR education
- Feedback obtained surveys and evaluation reports

M&E Methods/ Tools

- Attendance Registers
- Activity reports
- Evaluation reports

SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICATION

- Continuous collaboration with partners and stakeholders including local authority.
- Engaging with policy makers and influencers.
- Constant use of social media platforms.
- Provision of mentorship programs for community champions and other organizations.
- Resource mobilization.

NEXT STEPS

- Continuous male engagement programs.
- Documentation and reporting, sharing lessons learnt.
- Continuous research and monitoring existing trends.
- Fostering strategic partnerships.
- Maintaining good relations with partners, communities and government entities.

Remarks from the Bindura District Medical Officer after attending a community sensitisation meeting on Strengthening Health Education Delivery in Communities (SHEDIC) with Village heads and gender champions.