

REPORT ON AMPLIFYCHANGE MID-POINT CATCH UP CALL

ST.ANGELINA COMMUNITY HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTRE, UGANDA

“GIRLS HOLIDAY TRANSITION PROGRAMME (GHTP)”

BACKGROUND

About SCHARC

St. Angelina Community Health and Rehabilitation Centre (SACHARC) is a not for profit organization that was formed in 2011 in response to the appalling conditions of the poor pregnant women who could not access antenatal, postnatal and neonatal services. SACHARC works to improve the Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) of women and girls between the ages of 10-25, addressing specific issues such as high incidence of GBV, unsafe abortion and related deaths, HIV and AIDS and early and or forced marriages.

AmplifyChange Opportunity Grant

SARACH has so far been awarded an Opportunity Grant which has ended and an Opportunity Renewal Grant of 39,203 Euros which is currently running (ID: V8UD-VHRT-AM). With the renewal grant, SACHARC is currently implementing a project dubbed “Girls Holiday Transition Programmes”. The project is a scale up of the previous Girls Holiday Transition Program which aims at increasing access to SRHR resource, information and service in Namisindwa district curved from Manafa district in Eastern Uganda. This project seeks to address the rampant adolescent girl drop out; increased sexual abuse; child pregnancies; early, child and forced marriages; lack of sanitary pads and inadequate knowledge on SRHR in Namisindwa district.

KEY UPDATES FROM MID-POINT CATCH UP CALL.

The mid-point catch up call was held on 28th May 2019 at 10:00am. The objectives of the call was to build a working relationship with the grantee; Identify and manage risks; Review grant performance; Identify and address financial risk and Identify any key subjects for learning that should be considered for further documentation at the end-point report.

1. Milestones

All milestones for the period have been achieved. The following milestones were overachieved due to immense support and patronage by the communities;

IA2.1 390 adolescent girls compared to the planned 200 were empowered to speak up and report SRHR related cases to authorities

ARO.1 390 adolescent girls instead of the planned 200 vulnerable adolescent girls aged between 10-19 years trained in how make reusable sanitary pads , and acquired life skills to remain in school.

2. Work plan Updates

The activities for the period under review were implemented according to the work plan. The key activities include;

- **Stakeholder Consultations** were held. The first was targeted at Senior Female Teachers and Local Council Women. There were 27 participants from 8 Parish instead of the planed 18 participant from 3 parishes. The second stakeholders meeting targeted district officials, sub

county leaders, churches and partners from Bumbo sub county. Out of these meetings, a Project Action Plan was developed and a Project Leadership Committee was constituted.

- **A detailed Enrolment Eligibility Tool** was developed. The tool was used to select 390 vulnerable girls. A Peer Leadership Programme guide and a Training Manual were also developed
- **The Peer Leadership Programme** was successfully rolled out. 26 out the 390 girls have received comprehensive training in ASRH practices and rights; Life skills management for young people; Menstrual Hygiene Management; Management of HIV/Aids and STIs; Basic Health and Psychosocial Counseling ; Basic Career Guidance for peers; Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV)
- **Training in reusable Sanitary Pads** have been rolled out. 390 girls were equipped with knowledge and Skills in making re-usable Sanitary Pads/ Towels
- **SRHR services** have been provided. These including HIV and STI Counselling and referral for services. Out of 98 young girls tested, 15 tested positive for HIV and have been referred for treatment.

3. Budget

Expenditure has been done according to planned budget. The district officials and community members donated items to augment the resources for skills training in reusable sanitary pads/towels. However, due to the overwhelming patronage of the activities, there were over-expenditure on most activities.

4. Planned activities for next period

SACHARC will continue implementing the activities as outlined in the work plan. The grantee looks forward to training project staff on the Monitoring and Evaluation skills and submit its final report on schedule.

5. Challenges

- The strategy or procedure for identification of vulnerable girls for support raised a lot of expectations amongst the community, parents and the schools. Long lists have been submitted to the grantees to include other school children. Due to cry from the other 5 parishes, the project was expanded to cover 8 instead of the planned 3 parishes. The number of vulnerable girls selected from both In-school and Out of school was thus increased to 390.
- After the successful implementation of the first AmplifyChange project, there was high demand for the project by stakeholders. Accordingly all meetings and events were over-subscribed. In most cases it was difficult to turn away participants, thus the grantee had to manage unexpected high numbers leading to over-expenditure.

6. LESSON

- The community entry approach which involves all stakeholders paid off.

- SACHARC could have factors into the programme, the impact of the success of the previous project. The reception and patronage of the project confirmed that the previous project was successful.

GST RECOMMENDATIONS

- SACHARCH should explore other resource mobilization and partnership opportunities including AmplifyChange, Global Fund for Women and AWDF to expand coverage of the project, considering the high demand and need for the project.
- SACHARCH should ensure effective follow up of case of HIV and STI referred to service providers.
- SACHARCH should be included in the list of grantee to be visited as part of the impending Site Visit in Uganda.

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