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The unstoppable determination of Sylvia

In this issue of our newsletter, we would like to present to you the story of Sylvia Anyango, a second year student at Mayenje Secondary School in Busia Kenya. When we went to her school for our routine visit of our beneficiaries, she decided to disguise herself as a teenage mother only to attract our attention. We later found out that after her mother's death, she landed into the hands of her aunt who is incapable affording her school fees. Sylvia's desire to study led her to work as a house help to collect school fees money but her family needs made it impossible.

She has been in two secondary schools before joining Mayenje, all of which she dropped out because of School fees. Since when she joined Mayenje secondary school, she has paid

only Ksh. 1000 as school fees. She is the best student in her class.

Besides School fees struggle, she also has an eye problem that needs operation. She has stayed with this condition for



long. Her family cannot afford the cost of her eye operation. Sylvia would be happy to have her eye back to normal so as to continue pursuing her dreams.

As Benter Teenage Mothers' CBO, we call upon any person of good will to come to the aid of Sylvia Anyango.



AUGUST 2024, SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENT

A moment of Heart-piercing Stories

Most of the teenage mothers enrolled in our CBO have stories of misfortune associated with their situation as teenage mothers. Some of them were raped, driven by poverty and others say it was just a mistake. The common denominator for all of them is that they are actually living in very poor conditions lacking the basics for themselves and for their children.

Some of them have confessed having contemplated suicide because of the toughness of life. Among our teenage mothers, there are those from the same family, who informed us that their father is bedridden because of a defected spinal chord and their mother is sickly as well. They had to start sleeping with men to get something to eat in the family.

Another teenage mother narrated that she has been making matts to sell so as to get her school fees. She got overwhelmed and gave in to a man who promised to support her in studies. As soon as she got pregnant, the man flew. She now has to make matts to get school fees and support her baby. The baby is malnourished.

Another teenage mother simply told us that she is ashamed of her being a teenage mother, but she got there out of extreme poverty.

Another teenage mother shared with us that her parents parted, and later the father got an injury that left him bed-ridden. This teenage mother had to find a way of feeding the family, and that how she got a baby. They alternate with her younger sister to stay

with the baby while one goes to school. The younger sister is in high school.

Generally, the getting together of the teenage mother is in itself a therapy. When they are together, they once realize that they are not alone in their struggles. They share their pains and encourage each other. As a CBO, our intervention is very simple; we simply create the environment they need to be open to each other and share their stories willingly.

This August holiday event, we spent the day listening, comforting, encouraging and amusing their babies. To end the day, we distributed to each of them sanitary pads, soap, porridge flour, renewable diappers for their babies and a letter assuring them our commitment to support them at school the following school term.

Some photos from August 2024 holiday activity



Next Events on our Calendar:

1. Visiting our beneficiaries in schools.
2. Monthly distribution of sanitary pads and porridge flour
2. Our next holiday program will take place during december holidays. During that month of december, we hope to have three main activities.

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