“ACTION NOW OR NEVER”

TRANSFORMING A GENERATION TO WIN A GENERATION IN UGANDA

Graben Orphanage Foundation Africa – GOFA is a registered community based organization (Reg.No.MKN/CBO/2104/2020) committed to empowerment of young people and vulnerable persons as well as those suffering and affected by the consequences of gender based violence and others, in Mbaliga village, Kabembe Parish, Kyampisi Sub County in Mukono district of Uganda, East Africa through preventing child abuse education, and sexual exploitation, improving household income, access to sexual reproductive health services, financial literacy, environment conservation and sanitation. By conducting home visits, school, and community outreaches, radio programs, environment camps, agriculture training, formation of girls’ support clubs, Parents Peer Support groups and strengthening community informal or formal structures, support underprivileged girls first with scholastic materials and reusable sanitary towels among others. This is aimed at improving girls’ equal access to education, health care, decent work, facilities and equal representation in decision making processes to fuel sustainable economies to benefit girls, family and community.

Although COVID-19 took its time to reach Uganda, the number of individuals affected is increasing daily. This has triggered the government to set strict measures like closure of schools (Primary, secondary and Universities), shops and restriction on travel. Girls, adolescents, schools and families engaged in our programmes, are among those at the lower end of the community are likely to lose their jobs and income, more prone to have poor health, and not to be able to pay for health care services. Community needs especially for girls among other are becoming endless.

Education: We are making schools accessible to those learners who need online and offline learning materials, Additionally, we guide young people and parents on positive parenting and share information through door to door home visits, one on one mentorship and displaying posters in community.

Information sharing: Online platform for example Whatsapp and SMS groups for parents, teachers and local leaders enable us to keep them informed of relevant information on COVID-19 and how to keep safe Through emphasizing; Hand washing with soap and water or sanitizer to kill viruses; Covering your nose and mouth with a bent elbow or tissue when sneezing or coughing; Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose or mouth, and maintaining social distancing to prevent the virus from entering the body.

Health: “If you feel unwell, stay home,” “Please follow all instructions provided by Ministry of Health.” If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call Toll free line: 0800200600. Let us put girls and women at forefront of prevention; their voices should counted on “STAY HOME AND STAY SAFE”

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