



REPORT ON CAREER GUIDANCE SESSION WITH YOUTH AT SARUWE SECONDARY SCHOOL: SELOUS CHEGUTU 12/3/2018

INTRODUCTION

Zimbabwe has a population 16 462 032 million people and 48.8% are men at 8 173 432 million. Over the years Zimbabwe had been known as a fatherless nation due to mass exodus of breadwinners due to harsh economic conditions to greener pastures leaving the boy child to face the world alone without proper guidance.

IROMHA engaged with young men enrolled at Saruwe Secondary School and their plight was almost heart wrenching. Boys make up 65 % of overall enrolment at the school but they are a lot of gaps



which needs to be addressed.as opposed to girls' need of sanitary pads which is a necessity, boys also are in requirement of modelling to become examples in the school first and to the communities they are coming from. 12% of the boys said they don't know why they are in school, this is not only dangerous but harmful to the student first as abuse is inevitable if one is not sensitized on the importance of

education, 8.8% of boys said they are in school because that's the only key to save their family from poverty since their mothers are widows and single parents and the rest said they feel obliged to be in school since there's nothing else to do and the whole school has only 2 male teachers and 7 are female teachers which the boys admitted is solving nothing as the female teachers have little to no knowledge of boys' concerns.

After the guidance and counselling session, the statistics changed as the boys were made aware to the importance of education and becoming someone in communities they are coming from.



Knowledge and sensitization changed a lot of negative perceptions the boys had towards education. Issues on dividend demographics were discussed as the most youth admitted to be sexually active posing a major threat to SRHR accessibility and equitability since they are considered juvenile; the need for regular counselling sessions is of

paramount.





CONCLUSION

As the boys are 15% more than the girls at Saruwe Secondary School there is need to conduct more of these sessions so as to create a proud young men who engages in sex at the right time, with right information, who is empowered to make meaningful decisions based on responsibility not recklessness. Girls are now more emancipated than boys, so the need to build a young men to be able to protect the woman and decrease rates of GBV cases and this starts by making the young man and give him tools that help him to take ownership of what has been entrusted to him.



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