

REPORT ON HIV/AIDS EDUCATION IN KASESE AREA, WESTERN UGANDA

Introduction:

In the last few months, we carried out HIV/AIDS Education in two primary schools, two secondary schools, one group of women, and the girls and women who attended the camp and the conference in Busia from November / December 2019.

Objective:

The main objective for carrying out HIV/AIDS education is:

- To remind the community that HIV/AIDS is still killing people
- To create awareness to the young people about HIV/AIDS
- To continue emphasizing on the causes, effects, and treatment
- To share the word of God

Scope:

We mainly focused on the following schools/areas:

- Kasese SDA Primary School
- Infant Preparatory Primary School
- St. Cardinal Secondary School
- Regina Secondary School
- Kamaiba Women's Group
- Girls who attended the camp in Busia (Eastern Uganda) >
- Women who attended the conference in Busia (Eastern Uganda) >



In the schools mentioned above and for the girls who attended the camp in Busia, we used the following two sections of Scripture in teaching:

First: "That women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety, not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works" (1 Timothy 2:9-10).

In relation to the above verses, we encouraged the girls to always dress well by putting on clothes that profess godliness. We indicated that a godly girl or woman should not put on clothes with the following fashions because they are shameful, they do not show the glory of God, and they are sexually suggestive for most men and boys:

- Torn or damaged and/or transparent clothes that reveal the body
- Dresses and skirts that are too short
- Clothing that is too tight, not allowing one to walk or even bend



- Very expensive clothes and hair plaiting; this can lead one to beg for money from boys who in turn might demand unauthorized sex, leading to the contraction of sexually transmitted diseases like HIV/AIDS and unwanted pregnancies.

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Second: "That ye may walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:10).

In regard to this verse, we advised the girls that one can only walk worthy of the Lord and please Him, be fruitful in every good work, and increase in the knowledge of God, **IF** one is reading and meditating on the word of God. And at the start, as young girls, we encouraged them to study Proverbs 31:10-31 and the books of Ruth and Esther, if they had not done so before, and to meditate on them.

With the women who attended the conference in Busia and the Kamaiba women's group, we discussed the following topics:

- **Godliness:** We said that this is walking according to the word of God, that is, able to teach our children faith as seen in 2 Timothy 1:5, in which Lois and Eunice were remembered by Paul for teaching their son Timothy the word of God. We encouraged them that it is always good to be remembered or talked of as being a good woman in their local area.
- In addition, we advised them to always discuss physical changes and development with their children, especially girls, so that they are aware and prepared for them. If they are not prepared for changes in their body, they may end up treating it in a wrong way. [Sibayirwa Jennifer >](#)
- **Faithfulness:** We said that this includes not cheating on their husbands, as well as respecting them, the entire family, and the community at large. We discussed the example of Hannah, who showed characteristics of a godly and faithful wife in 1 Samuel 1.
- **Adornment of women** as in **1 Timothy 2:9-10**: "that women *adorn* themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety, not with broided hair, or old, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." We indicated to them that in these days, even elderly women dress poorly to attract the attention of men. We emphasized that they need to set a good example for their children because they spend most of their time with them.



To all the groups indicated above, we shared the spread, effects, and treatment of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases such as candidiasis and syphilis.

We have attached few photos.

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