



Innovative Libraries Keeping Girls Mentored, Empowered, Safe, Determined, Resilient and AIDS-free

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Innovation



Public library as uniquely accessible gateway linking high-risk girls to information and services that empower them to develop life skills, prevent HIV, and stay in school.

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Outcomes



53 scholarship recipients
1,174 mentoring graduates & **180** leaders trained



888 attended **26** field trips & **30** career talks



60.5% now view GBV as less acceptable



Of **142** Family Literacy graduates, **41%** returned to school, gained employment or started businesses



4,755 were served by outreach
862 attended **13** HTC sessions with **100%** referral completion
9 SRH or HIV prevention programs offered by partners

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Lessons Learned

Public libraries have challenges:

- offering programs that target certain groups to the exclusion of other groups;
- ensuring consistent attendance when prior programming has been exclusively drop-in;
- being incorporated into existing public health referral systems.

Public libraries are:

- well-known and trusted institutions that promote deep engagement and strong relationship-building with beneficiaries;
- responsive and broadly flexible in adapting programs to meet user needs;
- effective platforms for partnership;
- permanent community institutions that support long-term, sustainable programming



Annie

“The DREAMS program is changing the way girls think. They are realizing it’s foolish to think things like ‘only boys can be engineers’ and ‘women are not equal’.”

To read Annie's story visit
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