

#### 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.

**Determined** 

**Resilient** 

**Empowered** 

**AIDS-Free** 





## 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

Empowered

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

**AIDS-Free** 

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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.

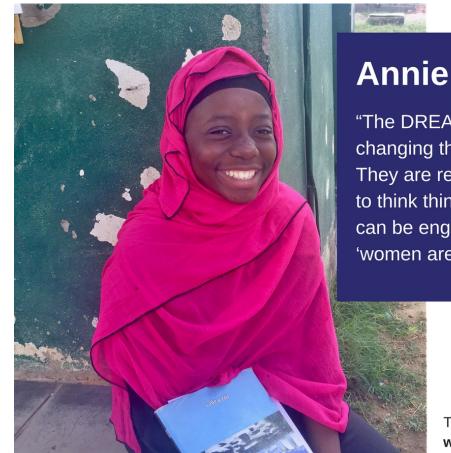
#### **Public libraries are:**

- 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 longterm, sustainable programming

**Determined** 

### DREAMS

A.I.D.S-FREE FUTURE FOR GIRLS & WOMEN



"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 www.lubuto.org/profiles

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