

Rationale of AGI Program in South Sudan

- About 64% population is below 25 ages.
- High drop out rates of education
- Lack of adequate knowledge & skills.
- Gender discrimination.
- Create opportunity for the adolescents to involve with income generating activities
- Developed leadership quality & financial empowerment of young women

AGI Target Population

- 3,000 adolescent girls aged between 15 -24
- Willingness to participate in club activities
- All levels of education
- School going
- Dropout or never been to school
- Child mother
- Married or unmarried
- Permanent residents of the villages

Project Components



Progress at a glance

Description	Targeted	Achieved
State Coverage	4	4
Clubs	100	100
Members	3,000	3,000
Adolescent Leaders Training	100	100
Life Skill Training	3,000	3,000
Livelihood Training	3,000	2,965
Financial Literacy Training	3,000	3,000
MF Group formation	100	67
MF Member selection	1,100	803
Total Borrower	770 (70%)	485
Lone Disbursed	200,000 USD	111,661 USD
Job Creation	3,000	2,519

Progress (Till March, 2013)

- **Baseline Survey carried out in 167 villages**
- **100 Clubs opened with 3000 members**
- **3,000 members received basic life skill & financial literacy training**
- **Materials for club procured & distributed**
- **2,965 members received livelihood training**
- **2,519 members started working after training**
- **485 members benefited from loan services**
- **Regular mothers forum organized**
- **Regular club management committee conducted**

Lesson Learnt

- Local staff play crucial role to implement the project.
- Adolescent girls can resolve their problems and conflicts among themselves.
- Adolescent girls feel comfortable to share their issues together.
- Less opportunity of finding long term vocational training institutions.
- More capacity development trainings are needed to local staffs.
- Linkage with different stakeholders is important to create jobs.
- Community participation is important for sustainability of the project.
- Constructing local club house can enhance the club's activities.
- Allowing the girls to participate in project from the age of 12 only Girls aged 15 and above only were considered
- Adolescents are capable of doing a lot more provided if they are given the opportunities
- Livelihood program, aside from economic independence , has been able to change the attitudes of their family and community towards adolescent girls.

Challenges

- Language barrier
- Getting club facilities provided by community
- Finding educated adolescent leaders
- Supporting lactating mothers
- Exclusion of girls below 15
- Negative attitude from some community members. Some members in the community take the club as a place for their children to gain skills only, but not a secure place for socialization.
- High expectation of adolescents members and community people

Approaches the Project to Overcome the Challenges.

The project adopted least cost mechanism by mobilizing community mobilizer/supervisor from the local level, and selecting one among the girls as a Leader.

The community based approach helped the project to enhance responsiveness and transparency of the project to the community with more ownership.