

Pathfinder's Girl Empowerment Program



A family planning education session with Kyangoma Girls' group members.
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In Uganda, 1 in 4 girls aged 15–19 is either pregnant or has a child. This accounts for 22.3% of school dropouts among girls aged 14–18, yet only 8% of the girls that drop out receive a second chance to re-enroll. Throughout 2021, about 31,566 teenage girls and 250 children under the age of 15 became pregnant each month.

Since 2010, Pathfinder Uganda has been working with schools and communities to counter teenage pregnancy through its *Pathfinder Girl Empowerment Project* (PGEP), with targeted interventions for different communities.

PGEP creates a linkage between health and livelihood by addressing the drivers of teenage pregnancy in schools and at the community level. Target communities include the fishing communities around the Lake Victoria Basin and other hard-to-reach areas around the country.

COMMUNITY INTERVENTIONS INCLUDE ENGAGING...

- Women and Girls out of school
- Men and boys out of school.
- Local authorities
- Religious and cultural leaders.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- Life skills module trainings
- Menstrual Health Management (MHM)
- Development and strengthening of active Population, Health, and Environment (PHE) clubs
- Learner/Teacher engagement on gender-equitable attitudes and behaviors

Pathfinder Uganda seeks partners to support this initiative so as to reach more schools and their surrounding communities to empower girls stay in school, thrive, and live healthier lives.

Pathfinder Uganda is targeting Busoga, Lango, and Tooro sub-regions, which have some of the highest rates of teenage pregnancies.



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