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Tipologia dell'ente/Kind of organization: NGO

Nome dell'ente che lo ha realizzato/Organization-institute presenting the project: ANNPCAN - Afri

Neglect

Paese/ Country: Malawi Città/City: Blantyre

Descrizione del progetto/Describe the project : The Covid-19 global pandemic has adversely affecte

of various developments almost in all spheres of the Prevention against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPO aimed at ensuring inclusive quality education service 19, the Malawi Government imposed restrictions in w were closed, public gatherings were banned including schools led to the spate of teenage pregnancies and reputable organization called Oxfamuncovered that in impregnated in Mangochi. This challenge rocked eve statistical findings raised concerns on the long-term of Pregnancies and Child Marriages). Through Econom with high illiteracy levels more especially among the chunk of the population less productive thus slowing Concerned with such prospects ANPPCAN crafted a mothers who happens to be Covid-19 victims to go b studies. The project involves holding focus group disvictims (teen mothers), teachers, Parents as well as environment for such girls to resume their studies. In various students such as Students living with various Albinism, girls and boys with the aim of fighting stigm can impinge continuation of schools by teen mothers Furthermore, ANPPCAN through the project engages in their communities to ensure that parents with teen children send their young ones back to school failing service tasks. This has led to the increase of teen mo in schools. Again, the project facilitated minded set c physically challenged learners. In these sessions tea trained to create special classes for teen mothers and physically challenged students aside from normal classes with the aim of preparing these disadvantaged students psychologically to focus on their education not their physical status. This initiatives have seen teen mothers and physically challenged learners being best performers in some of the targeted schools.

Categoria del progetto/Project category: Educazione fino ai 18 anni/Up to 18 years

Uso delle tecnologie / Use of technologies: In order to ensure the smooth progress of the project am

created WhatsApp forums for various stakeholders to be and teenage pregnancies and the problems they are exp their areas. WhatsApp has been elected as the main plat cheaper, commonly and friendly used tool of communica and rural settings. Again, WhatsApp can be used by both of Voice Notes (VN) by those who are challenged intelled Short Message Service (SMS) to complement the Whats

Indicare gli elementi di innovazione del progetto / What are the innovative aspects of Aware of the the project?:

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Con quanti utenti interagisce il progetto?/How many users does the project interact The project in with?:

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Di quali mezzi o canali si avvale il progetto?/Which media or channels does the project Main char use?:

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Il progetto è già stato replicato? /Has the project already been replicated? : Yes, the project has be ones in the territories of

Quali sono le aspettative future?/What are future expectations?: ANPPCAN expect to create a plat through Face book and Whatsapp

eliminates early and forced marria

Allegati/Attachments: d project\_photo.pdf [1]

Durata progetto/project duration: 1 year (December 2020 - December 2021)

**Risultati ottenuti/Results:** Results so Far (14/01/2021): -Partnership with the District Assemblies in the by-laws -350 young mother re-admitted in 70 primary Schools across Malav

trained on good parenting

Cognome del coordinatore del progetto/project coordinator surname : Mhango Nome del coordinatore del progetto/project coordinator name : Kenwilliams

Il Progetto ha contribuito ad affrontare la pandemia da Covid-19? / Has the project In Malawi just la helped facing the emergency of Covid-19? : to 12th Octobe

graduating classes remain schools were or reported that in pregnancies by between 10 an marriages as a

hour a girl child

Mzimba 400 and in Nsanje 324 girls are pregnant due to the Covid-19 mandatory holiday. 82 pregnancies have been registered compared to Nchinji 58, Kasungu 20 and Blantyre 64. Blantyre police has reported 4 arrest 1 woman and 3 men involved in child marriage related cases. Amendment in by Parliament in 2017 provides for 18 years as marriage age and removed 14 years as consent age hence all the cases involving girls less than 18 years are prosecutable. It is against this background that ANPPCAN Malawi Chapter is running a project to promote awareness on the dangers of early child and forced marriages that have occurred during the Covid-19 mandatory holiday in Malawi. Moreover, in efforts to improve access of quality education service delivery amid Covid-19 global pandemic, ANPPCAN through this project distributed Covid-19 personal protective equipment (PPE), soap, sanitizers and water buckets in various schools. Therefore strictly adhering to covid-19 prevention measures are awarded thereby incentivizing the Covid-19 prevention process as both students and learners are protected from the global pandemic their ensuring equal access to quality education.

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