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Tipologia dell'ente/Kind of organization: NGO

Nome dell'ente che lo ha realizzato/Organization-institute presenting the project: ANNPCAN - African Child Protection Network
Neglect

Paese/ Country: Malawi

Città/City: Blantyre

Descrizione del progetto/Describe the project : The Covid-19 global pandemic has adversely affected various developments almost in all spheres of the world. In the context of the Prevention against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN) project, aimed at ensuring inclusive quality education service for all children, in 2019, the Malawi Government imposed restrictions in which schools were closed, public gatherings were banned including religious events. This led to schools led to the spate of teenage pregnancies and child marriages. A reputable organization called Oxfamuncovered that in Malawi, a girl is impregnated in Mangochi. This challenge rocked even the government. Statistical findings raised concerns on the long-term consequences of Early Pregnancies and Child Marriages). Through Economic and Social Development with high illiteracy levels more especially among the young population, a chunk of the population less productive thus slowing down the country's growth. Concerned with such prospects ANPPCAN crafted a project to support mothers who happens to be Covid-19 victims to go back to school studies. The project involves holding focus group discussions with victims (teen mothers), teachers, Parents as well as community members in the environment for such girls to resume their studies. In addition, it involves various students such as Students living with various disabilities, Children with Albinism, girls and boys with the aim of fighting stigma and discrimination that can impinge continuation of schools by teen mothers. Furthermore, ANPPCAN through the project engages community members in their communities to ensure that parents with teen mothers encourage their children send their young ones back to school failing which they will be doing service tasks. This has led to the increase of teen mothers returning to school in schools. Again, the project facilitated minded set of children including physically challenged learners. In these sessions tea

Il Progetto ha contribuito ad affrontare la pandemia da Covid-19? / Has the project helped facing the emergency of Covid-19? :

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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