

Centre for Girls and Interaction (CEGI)

**Project and Activity Based
Implemented**

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BACKGROUND

Centre for Girls & Interaction (CEGI) is a non-profit making organization, primarily concerned with creating access to information on children, girls and young women rights or related issues through interaction, advocacy, documentation, education, networking for positive change.

MISSION STATEMENT

To improve the lives of adolescent, young women and youth in the Malawi through increasing access to quality health care, education, information and a sustainable system of community development.

A snapshot of our programs

HEALTH

- Youth Centre (*FP services – Contraceptives*)
- Community Peer Health Workers
- Sexual Reproductive Health Rights

ADVOCACY

- Child marriage
- Gender Based Violence Prevention
- Human Rights

GIRLS FOR LEADERS / BOYS FOR CHANGE

- Youth Centre
- Girls for Leaders Program
- Boys for Change Program

WOMEN'S LIVELIHOODS

- Economic Empowerment
- Climate Change Mitigation
- Promotion of access to education

9,276 young women of reproductive age received family planning of their choice through mobile SRHR community champions and CEGI Youth Centre. This has enabled them to engage in more productive economic activities that will eventually translate to improved livelihoods.

11,320 plus people have been reached with Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, and Covid-19 prevention information in Mzuzu and Ekwendeni and part of Mzimba north by the Community Health Volunteers and the Youth Peer Providers



Advocacy

Our Advocacy program contributes to respect for and fulfillment of human rights, deepening democracy and realization of gender equality through increase awareness and responsiveness by the community on Gender-Based Violence against women and men and increase responsiveness and coordination by stakeholders and duty bearers on reporting process.

58+ Male champions

trained on Sexual Reproductive Health information to reach fellow men in their respective villages for behavior and attitude change towards family planning and other Harmful Cultural Practices like forced child marriages. They have been able to reach out to 1,600 + men both young and old.

50+ GBV champions

across 8 communities formulated their community development agenda for sustainability after acquiring knowledge on the Right(s)Way Forward Model which addresses issues of community ownership to ending retrogressing cultures that stagnates community development.



180+ chiefs and Mother groups trained on alternative disputes resolution, the legal framework in addressing community challenges, economic development, stress management and their roles in preventing and responding to Sexual Gender-Based Violence in their communities. This has resulted in a coordinated approach in addressing GBV and efficient programming with improved enforcement of laws and policies towards GBV prevention and response.

7,300+ including 200 people living with disability reached with information on Sexual Gender-Based Violence during community dialogue forums and 16 Days of Activism Against GBV Campaign held by GBV champions. In addition, over 190 community members had a joint dialogue session with their duty-bearers.

Leadership training for 86 women on influencing decision-making processes within their communities, getting out of their comfort zone and taking up leadership positions in the community.

30 women and girls living with HIV received training on alcohol dependency and its effects on drug potency. In addition, they were trained on the importance of ART adherence and Viral Load suppression which has led to a reduction in HIV related deaths.



52 peer counselors trained on leadership skills, communication tools and the importance of maintaining trust and confidentiality with a client. This training will enable the peer educators to tackle the various issues they face and provide solutions to the problems.



Using Sports4Change, CEGI reached out to 6,437, Through sport activities like netball CEGI bring together vulnerable girls and boys in a different setting, with the purpose of creating mutual respect, as well as giving an enormous boost to girls their resilience and self-esteem.

4,00 Girls from Vulnerable communities received sanitary towels. this will reduce vulnerability to violence and help keep them in school.

