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Candidate membership application - CEGI

Candidate membership application - Centre for Girls and Interaction (CEGI)

Organisational overview

Permanent headquarters: Mzuzu City, Malawi
Established: July 2013
Website: www.cegigirls.org
Number of members: 18

Application documents submitted:

- A completed membership application form
- Statutes, aims and principles and other governing documents of the organisation in either English or Spanish
- A resolution passed by a statutory body of the organisation accepting the aims and principles and constitution of IFM-SEI
- A recent activity report and/or annual report
- A recommendation from an existing member organisation if possible

Additional documents (not requested):

- Organisation profile

Criteria for IFM-SEI membership:

1. Accept the aims and principles and constitution of IFM-SEI
2. Be primarily by and for children and young people and hold regular activities with them
3. Undertake educational work using non-formal education methodology
4. Ensure participation of children and young people in your decision-making structures
5. Ensure gender equality in your structures and activities
6. Have a democratic structure with the governing documents sent to the IFM-SEI in Spanish, French or English
7. Not be a member of any other international organisation that goes against the aims and principles of IFM-SEI





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IFM-SEI candidate membership application form

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Components of a completed application:

1. Statutes, aims and principles and other governing documents of the organisation in either English or Spanish
2. A resolution passed by a statutory body of the organisation accepting the aims and principles and constitution of IFM-SEI
3. A summary of recent activities
4. The membership application form
5. A recommendation from an existing member organisation if possible
6. Send all documents to contact@ifm-sei.org

All members and candidate organisations must:

- Accept the aims and principles and constitution of IFM-SEI
- Be primarily by and for children and young people and hold regular activities with them
- Undertake educational work using non-formal education methodology
- Ensure participation of children and young people in their decision-making structures
- Ensure gender equality in their structures and activities
- Have a democratic structure with the governing documents sent to the IFM-SEI in Spanish, French or English
- Not be a member of any other international organisation that goes against the aims and principles of IFM-SEI

Note: The application must be completed in English, Spanish or French.

Part 1: Contact details

Name of the organisation and, if any, acronym of the organisation	Centre for Girls and Interaction (CEGI)
Permanent headquarters	Mzuzu City
Postal address, if different from headquarters address	P.O Box 748, Mzuzu
Contact phone number(s)	+265 0995463231 +265 0888142220
Name and position of contact person	Pearson Malisau Executive Director
E-mail address	cegimalawi@gmail.com
Website	www.cegigirls.org



Part 2: Aims and activities

a) Summarise the aims and purposes of your organisation.

OUR AIM

CEGI's aim is to improve the lives of adolescent, young women and youth in the Malawi through increasing access to quality health care, information and a sustainable system of community development.

PURPOSE

Our purpose is to have a healthy, productive and aesthetic environment where men and women have a sense of belonging, with equitable and adequate distribution of resources.

b) Give examples of your recent projects and/or activities.

CEGI has been involved in the following activities previously, just to mention a few

- Building capacity of Adolescents living with HIV/AIDS to demand for care, treatment and support funded by Hivos 2013 - 2016
- SRHR and health project was a project working with rural and urban youth and community structures and the project approach was using technology through a hotline and community linkage with health centres 2014 - 2016
- Youth with disabilities in domesticating and implementation of SDGs advocacy project which was funded by disability rights advocacy funds 2016 - 2017
- Community and hygiene on distribution of toilet covers over 200
- ICS U.K and Malawi volunteers programme, SRHR and education was a project for 1 year
- Education for young girls on paying school fees for young people, was a project for 4 years and was being implemented in 3 districts



c) Please describe in general your next year planning of activities and/ or projects.

CEGI is planning lot activities /projects in the next year, some of them are as follows.

- Communities and schools outreaches on SRHR and HIV/AIDS
- Establishing and strengthening teen clubs for adolescents living with HIV/AIDS and conduction of life skills trainings as well as psychosocial and peer education
- Health workers training on integrated management for young people's health
- Youth and community orientation meetings on youth empowerment
- Inclusion of youth with disability for education and participation
- Supporting children rights and protection and education for all
- Fundraising for the school support for the vulnerable young girls
- Equipping and mobilization of youth for the community library for literacy project
- Increasing youth participation through exchange programme
- Keep on carrying a programme on child marriage

d) Which educational aspects do you work on in your organisation?

Human and children's rights	✓
Social inclusion	✓
Gender equality and feminism	✓
Sexual diversity and LGBTQI	✓
Sustainable development	✓
Peace	✓
Youth policy	✓
Political participation	✓
Anti-racism	
Other (please specify) Sexual and reproductive health rights	
Other (please specify) Education	

Part 3: Structure of the organisation

Date of registration or date of establishment	2010 established registered s CBO and registered as local NGO in 2013 July
Number of members	6 staffs and 12 volunteers
Number of regions the organisation is active in	Northern region (1)
Is the organisation affiliated with another international organisation or institution? If yes, which?	Yes, Just a formal youth networks only as members



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a. Describe the structure and the decision-making process in your organisation (governing bodies, elections, etc.). Please mention also the number of women in statutory bodies of the organisation.

The organisation structure;
Board of trustees management are the team who provide direction for the organization and final decision are coming from them, while management team are runs every day parathion for the organization and own their own sometimes makes decisions for the operations of the organization.

CEGI has a staff team of 6 people, 2 of them are male and the other 4 are female. On the board of directors we have 4 women as members and 3 male.

b. Describe how children and young people are involved in the decision-making process of the organisation.

The organisation has about 20 volunteers of young girls and boys who visit the office every day. In most of our activities we involve these young people and encourage them to take the leading roles and some of the young people are being involved in the decision making body's and some are being involved during project consultation and designing .

CEGI is a youth led organisation with all the youth leading the organisation and it is very easy for us to work with these young people since they feel welcome and comfortable in every situation. If we have activities we sit down and discuss with every member including our young volunteers on how we can achieve our daily goals, a part from this, we are working and supporting 11 youth and community based organizations

Part 4: Declaration

We declare that we have answered the questions contained in this form to the best of our knowledge and that if granted candidate status, our organisation will act in accordance with the aims, principles and constitution of the IFM-SEI.

The undersigned is duly authorised to sign this declaration on behalf of the organisation.

Signature

Pearson Malisau

Name and position

CEGI Office - Mzuzu

Place and date

CONSTITUTION

OF THE



REGISTERED TRUSTEES OF CENTRE FOR GIRLS AND INTERACTION

The Trustees

Centre for Girls and Interaction (CEGI)

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INTERPRETATION

- The acronym “CEGI” or “Organization” shall always refer to the Registered Trustees of “**CENTRE FOR GIRLS AND INTERACTION**” in this constitution.
- The word “Board of Trustees” shall always refer to a “Board” or team of at least not less than 3 and not more than 7 people duly appointed to serve as Trustees under the norms or rules established under this constitution.
- The word “constitution” shall hereinafter refer to the Constitution of CEGI.
- The name “Registrar” shall refer to the Registrar General of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Malawi.
- The words male and female adult shall refer to any person belonging to these genders and aged between 36 to 75 years old.
- The terms male and female youth shall mean any person of the said genders and aged between 20 to 35 years old.

1. NAME

The name of the organization shall be called the **REGISTERED TRUSTEES OF CENTRE FOR GIRLS AND INTERACTION** (hereinafter called the “CEGI”).

2. ADDRESS

- i) The address for service of the CEGI shall be P.O. Box 748 Mzuzu, Malawi.
- ii) The Registered Office of the Organization shall be at such place deemed fit and or appropriate by the Board of Trustees from time to time and shall have branches through out the country.

4. NATURE OF THE ORGANISATION

4.1 The CEGI shall be a non-profit making and sharing organization and none of its receipts of accruals shall be divided amongst members or be credited to the benefit of any member other than by way of remuneration for services rendered.

4.2 The liability of the members of CEGI shall be limited.

4.3 The CEGI shall be a body corporate with continuous succession, capable of suing and being sued and of acquiring property rights and incurring obligations in its own name, distinct from its members. No member by reason of membership shall have any rights to any property of the CEGI.

4.4 To preserve impartiality of CEGI, nothing shall be done by any member, officer or committee to identify CEGI with any organization instituted to further political objectives.

5. VISION OF CEGI

Our vision is to have a healthy, productive and aesthetic environment where men and women have a sense of belonging, with equitable and adequate distribution of resources.

6. CORE VALUES

- Focus on the needy
- Promote people-centered development
- Tolerance - Acceptance and respect for different opinions, equity, equality, ethnicity, beliefs, sex, race, social/health status and physical appearance.
- Integrity - Delivering and acting according to expectations and requirements in a transparent, accountable, honest, just, fair and responsible manner.
- Solidarity - Standing together, championing for a common cause, where mutual trust and commitment are adhered.

7. MISSION STATEMENT

To improve health, social and economic status of people in the urban and rural areas through provision community health infrastructures and primary health care

8. GOAL OF CEGI

To provide accessible, reasonable, reliable, and sustainable health structures and primary health care for the health life of the community.

9. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the CEGI shall be:

- To improve gender equality and equity through advocacy and lobbying
- To promote human trafficking awareness and sensitization
- Increase involvement and participation of the grassroots in policy making and implementation
- To provide information channels for the enhancement of awareness of women's rights, and services available to communities (reproductive health, education, and training).
- To empower local communities and women in particular to self sufficiency using integrated approaches to income generation that contribute to poverty reduction.
- Promote Women's Education
- To build relationships and collaborate on projects that promotes and disseminates the important voices of young women and girls.
- To promote community participation in sexual and reproductive health activities.
- To empower community members with skills of managing infants and maternal cases.

10. MEMBERSHIP

CEGI shall have membership of Malawian citizens, resident as well as Diaspora, national, regional and international organizations with interest or working with similar objects as of CEGI.

11. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF CEGI.

Members of CEGI shall have the right:

- 11.1 To demand the fulfillment of what is enshrined in the Constitution, resolutions, directives and obligations of CEGI.
- 11.2 To participate in meetings and freely discuss the policies and activities of CEGI.

12. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CEGI.

- 12.1 There shall be a Board of Trustees of CEGI that shall be responsible for making strategies and policies of CEGI.
- 12.2 The Board of Trustees shall consist of not less than three (3) members and not more than seven (7) at any given time.
- 12.3 Appointment of Board shall be on merit through the Executive Director
- 12.4 Members of the Board of Trustees shall at their first meeting after the appointment of members, elect from among the appointed members persons responsible for the following portfolios:
 - i) Chairperson;
 - ii) Vice Chairperson;
 - iii) The Director shall be the Secretary for the Board of Trustees.

12.5 THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- i) Shall be a person duly elected from the members of the Board of Trustees.
- ii) Shall be the leader of the Board of Trustees.
- iii) Shall remain in Office for a period of two (2) years unless he/she dies and or be called upon to resign if such a person be proved incompetent or fails to deliver technical and administrative skills to hold that office or commits a misconduct to warrant his/her termination from office.
- iv) Shall be eligible for re-election for a maximum of two consecutive terms.
- v) Shall be a principal secretary for bank procedures and transactions
- iv) Shall have a vice Chairperson.

12.6 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- i) Shall be elected to office for a period of two (2) years
- ii) One of the member shall be elected to the office of the Chairperson for a period of two (2) years.
- iii) For reasons of continuity, on electing a new Board of Trustees, a minimum of three members of the previous Board of Trustees shall be re-elected for a new term of office, unless declined in writing.
- iv) Any member of the Board of Trustees may resign his/her membership by giving thirty (30) days notice in writing to the Chairperson of the Board of his intention to resign at an expiry of which he/she shall cease to be a member.
- v) A member of the Board of Trustees may be deprived of office for good reason by vote of a simple majority of the members of the Board sitting in special or general meeting.
- vi) The Board of Trustees may appoint sub-committees from its members which may make the Board effective.

- vii) Subject to Section 11.5 subsection (vi) above the committee(s) so appointed in carrying its day-to-day activities shall not in any way act independently without consultations from the Board unless otherwise directed and shall strive to support and preserve this constitution, objectives, purposes, policies and operating norms i.e. “rules and regulations” of CEGI.
- viii) The Legal adviser of the CEGI shall be a member of the Board of Trustees.
- ix) The Trustees shall serve on voluntary basis, provided that direct costs incurred by them as a result of fulfilling official duties approved by the Board of Trustees which pertain to their office may be reimbursed.
- x) Shall comprise of at least 20% youth, 40% adult female and an aggregate of 40 % representing adult male members to serve as Board of Trustees and shall preserve gender and disregard person’s physical deformity except in cases of mental delusion.

11. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- 11.1 To act within the limits lay down by this Constitution and in accordance with the law from time to time in force in the Republic.
- 11.2 To review the budget and financial reports as submitted from time to time.
- 11.3 To control finances of CEGI and to call for and inspect all records and documents relating to CEGI.
- 11.4 To enter into and become a party of any contract or agreement for the use and benefit of CEGI.
- 11.5 To consult professional advisers in order to take advice on specialist matters and to pay the normal and usual fee for such consultation and the attendance to professional advisers.
- 11.6 To collect and receive money by way of subscriptions, bequests, donation, grants, collection and in any legal manner.
- 11.9 To apply for, take on lease or in exchange hire, purchase or otherwise acquire any real or personal property and rights or privilege which it may deem right, necessary or desirable for the purpose of carrying out objectives and to hold and dispose of the same in such a manner as is in line with the above written aims and objectives.
- 11.10 To expel or suspend or otherwise discipline any member of the Board of Trustees and or sub-committee found guilty of any misconduct whatsoever in nature or any acts directly or indirectly opposed to the interest and objectives of CEGI by a two third majority of members attending and voting in a meeting.
- 11.11 To terminate the sub-committee(s) on the meeting of the Board of Trustee and shall be by a two third majority of members attending and voting.
- 11.12 To do such other things as are in the opinion incidental or conducive to the attainments of all or any of the above objectives.

12. TENURE OF OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CEGI

The office of members of the Board of Trustees shall be held for:

- 12.1 A period of two (2) years.
- 12.2 Dissolution will be followed by general elections.
- 12.3 Outgoing members shall be eligible for re-election.

13. TERMINATION OF OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The office of the members of the Board of Trustees shall be vacated:

- 13.1 Upon death;
- 13.2 Upon written resignation delivered to the Board;

- 13.3 In case of incapacitation and criminal involvement;
- 13.4 Where behaviour is inconsistent with the vision and dignity of the organization.

14. FILLING OF VACANCIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- 14.1 On vacation of the office by members, the vacancy shall be filled through voting by the general meeting.
- 14.2 Within one month after expiration of each year or after grant of certificate of Incorporation and whenever required by the Registrar a return shall be made in prescribed manner by the Trustees of CEGI of the names of the Trustees thereof together with their addresses.

15. MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CEGI

- 15.1 The Board of Trustees shall meet as and when it is necessary to conduct the affairs of the CEGI but shall meet at least twice in a year.
- 15.2 The quorum necessary for the transaction of business shall be at least 40% of members.
- 15.3 Proper minutes of all proceedings at meetings shall be kept by the Secretary of the Board.
- 15.4 Voting shall be by writing on a small piece of paper and each member shall be entitled to one vote and the Chairperson shall have a casting vote in case of a tie. Decision shall be made by a simple majority of members present.
- 15.5 Subject to the provisions of any written law, a resolution in writing signed by all members of the Board of Trustees for the time being entitled to receive notice of and attend and vote at any meeting of the Board shall be as valid and effective as if the same had been passed at a properly convened meeting of the Board of Trustees.
- 15.6 The Executive Director shall be the secretary for the Board of Trustees of CEGI.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE CEGI

- 16.1 A special General Meeting of the CEGI may be called by:
 - 16.1.1 The Executive Director;
 - 16.1.2 The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees;
 - 16.1.3 Three members of the Board of Trustees.
- 16.1.4 Such meeting shall be convened by written notice given by the Executive Director. Such notice shall include an Agenda of the matter(s) to be discussed.

17. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 17.1 There shall be an Annual General Meeting of CEGI which shall be held once in each calendar year and as many extraordinary general meetings as the Board of Trustees may deem necessary.
- 17.2 Thirty (30) days written notice shall be given by the Executive Director to the Board of Trustees and the CEGI members for the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- 17.3 Failure to give written notice of any meeting shall render the proceedings of that meeting void.
- 17.4 The principal business to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting shall be:
 - 17.4.1 To receive Report from the Chairperson and Executive Director.
 - 17.4.2 To approve the accounts of the CEGI for the immediately preceding financial year.
 - 17.4.3 To elect an Auditor and approve remuneration if any of the Auditor of the previous year's accounts.

18. ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECRETARIAT FOR CEGI

- i) It is now established that there shall be a Secretariat of the organization.

- ii) The Secretariat shall be responsible for the day-to-day running of the CEGI. Shall have five full time employees:
 - a) Executive Director
 - b) Director of Finance
 - c) Director of Programmes
 - d) Administrative Secretary
 - e) Office Assistant.

Allied to the foregoing the Secretariat depending on the activity or programme to be carried shall employ persons on permanent and/or temporal basis upon consultation to and formal approval by the Board of Trustees but subject to experience, academic and professional qualifications.

18.1 Executive Director

The Executive Director shall be the Executive and Administrative Officer responsible for carrying out policies laid down by the Board of Trustees and be in charge of the CEGI national Office. The Executive Director shall be the Secretary of the Board of the CEGI.

18.2 Duties of the Executive Director

Duties of the Executive Director shall be to:

- 18.2.1 Execute technical and administrative leadership.
- 18.2.2 Prepare project proposals, work plans, budgets and reports;
- 18.2.3 Monitor funds, equipment and facilities;
- 18.2.4 Liaise with stakeholders including national, regional and international bodies working with similar objects as those in this constitution;
- 18.2.5 Conduct and coordinate research, training and education for rural communities, including on-the-job training, provision of in service training and workshops.
- 18.2.6 Shall be a vice principal secretary for bank procedures and transactions

19. SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR CEGI

- 19.1 There shall be established a CEGI fund from the following sources of revenue:
 - Grants, donations and aids
 - Levies and charges and any other sources.
 - Income Generating Activities (IGAs)
- 19.2 The CEGI shall operate Bank Accounts.
- 19.3 The CEGI shall pay out its funds and any expenses necessary for the running of its day to day business.

20. PROPERTY

- 20.1 All the income and property of the CEGI however obtained shall applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the organization and in particular the principal objects, as set forth in this Constitution. No portion of such income or property shall be transferred directly to any member of the CEGI but notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph the CEGI may pay or remunerate any employee or servant or member of the Board of Trustees for any services rendered to the CEGI.

- 20.2 All property of the association both movable and immovable shall vest in the Board of Trustees (as defined hereinafter). Both movable and immovable property shall be registered in the name of “The Registered Trustees of **CENTRE FOR GIRLS AND INTERACTION**”.
- 20.3 No immovable property of the organization shall be alienated without the approval of the two third majority of the members of the Board of Trustees present at a general or special convened meeting. A certificate signed by the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson of the Board of Trustees as to the terms of any resolution approving or authorizing such alienation shall be sufficient proof thereof.

21. FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year of the CEGI shall be a period of twelve months from 1st March to 31st April each year.

22. ACCOUNTS OF THE CEGI

Proper accounts in good order and up to date shall be kept by the CEGI of all the monies received and expended by the CEGI and at each meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Executive Director shall make a report giving the financial position of the organization.

23. ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

- 23.1 The organization shall keep professional accounts and audited records in accordance with accepted accounting principles and practices.
- 23.2 The accounts of the organization shall be audited annually by an independent firm of auditors appointed by the Board of Trustees.

24. BANKING AND SIGNATORIES

- 24.1 The Board of Trustees shall choose the bank where money of the CEGI shall be banked. No money shall be drawn without the approval of the Chairperson and such other officer as may be designated by Board of Trustees.
- 24.2 Signatories shall be the following office bearers:
Chairperson, Executive Director and Director of Finance

25. LIMITATION OF POWERS OF DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY

No property shall be alienated from the organization unless discussed by the Board of Trustees. All the properties will be registered and owned by the organization. Anyone using the property will do so with permission of the Board of Trustees of the organization. The accounting system shall include records of assets, consumption, human resources utilization and time usage.

26. INDEMNITY

Every member of the Board of Trustees or any employee of the organization shall indemnified out of the funds of the CEGI against all costs, charges, expenses, losses and liabilities properly incurred by him in conducting the business or in the discharge of his duties, and no such person shall be liable for debts of the CEGI or for any loss incurred by the organization upon any ground whatsoever other than through his/her own negligence of willful act or default.

27. AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION OF CEGI

This Constitution may be amended by a two thirds majority of the Board of Trustees present at a general meeting or extraordinary general meeting of the Board of Trustees summoned for that purpose.

28. DISSOLUTION

- 28.1 The CEGI may be liquidated and wound up by a resolution of not less than two thirds of the Board of Trustees present at a General meeting constituted for that purpose in consultation with the founders.
- 28.2 In the event of such liquidation and winding up, assets, if any of CEGI shall be transferred to a society or an organization with similar objects to this association.

29. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute concerning the application or interpretation of this constitution which cannot be settled by negotiation or conciliation shall be referred by any aggrieved party to the dispute to a single Arbitrator whose decision shall be final in accordance with the Arbitration Act, Cap. 6:03 of the Laws of Malawi.

30. RULES GOVERNING THE COMMON SEAL

- 30.1 The CEGI shall have a Common Seal which shall consist of an embossed stamp inscribing with the word: **THE REGISTERED TRUSTEES OF CENTRE FOR GIRLS AND INTERACTION.**
- 30.2 The Common Seal shall be kept in a locked receptacle and shall not be affixed to any document except in the present of two other Trustees as witnesses and every document to which the Common Seal has been so attached shall be signed by the Secretary and Trustees in whose presence the Seal is so affixed.
- 30.3 The common seal of the Organisation shall be kept in the safe custody of the Director and shall only be used with authority of the Board of Trustees/Directors. A register shall be kept of the documents to which the common seal has been affixed



12 July 2017

**RESOLUTION PASSED BY A STATUTORY BODY OF CEGI ACCEPTING THE
AIMS AND PRINCIPLES AND CONSTITUTION OF IFM-SEI**

Main item on the agenda was to increasing CEGI membership and recruitment of volunteers of the CEGI to increasing its visibility

After some free and open discussions relating to the: (1) Strengthening of the CEGI activities in general and its involvement in the socio-development activities in the country, (2) Commitment to the socio welfare of its members and (3) community and environmental health in the country generally and as a matter of great concern.

It was resolved that:

The CEGI be registered and affiliated with IFM-SE so as to keep on networking, learning from other youth on human rights, political issues through positive participation in trainings, seminars and camps.

Dated the ...12.....day ofJuly.....2017

Certified by:

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Chairperson

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Secretary



Centre for Girls And Interaction (CEGI)
CEGI REPORT ON POLICE IMPROVEMENT AND
GLOBAL CAMPAIGN FOR EDUCATION (GCE) ACTION
WEEK

***Report for: An Engagement Meeting For Global
Campaign for Education (Gce) Action Week and Malawi
Police Service Professional Standards***

Venue: Cross Roads Hotel, Lilongwe

Date: 15th September, 2016

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Civil Society Education Coalition (CSEC), was commemorating and campaigning for the right to basic education for all by undertaking Global Campaign for Education (GCE) Action Week (GAW). This year's Global Week of Action was dedicated to lobby with government to collectively commit to a post-2015 framework and architecture that will bring the world closer to realizing the right to education by 2030. This was done by engaging Government Education top officials to influence them to commit to ambitious new promises that will make the right to education a reality from 2015 – 2030.

This year's theme was **“Vote for Education! The Right To Education 2000 – 2030.”** It was selected taking into consideration that 2015 gave an opportunity to uncover lessons about what has worked and what has not worked, to hold government and politicians accountable for both progress and failings, and to demand that promises made in 2000 for Education For All are honored. At the same time, it also offered a chance to look to the future. This year, the world will agree new frameworks – for education and for sustainable development more broadly. It was for this reason that the GAW was organized. The meeting was to serve as a platform to demand that government take responsibility for the unfulfilled promises of 2000 to 2015 and that they commit to ambitious new promises to make the right to education a reality from 2015 to 2030.

The Malawi Police Service (MPS), in 2014 embarked on a new program called the Malawi Policing Improvement Program (MPIP). This program is being funded by the UK Department for International Development and it is a two year support initiative to help improve public satisfaction with the responsiveness and accountability of the MPS. The program is being implemented by Adam Smith International (ASI) with a team of long and short-term technical advisers. The team has offices at the Police headquarters in Area 30, Lilongwe, but conducts monitoring visits in all regions of the country.

MPIP was established with the aim of implementing activities to build capacity and help reform within the MPS. The project recognizes the importance of both the demand and supply dimensions of public accountability, and engages closely with community groups and civil society, alongside internal reforms to the MPS. The project focuses on three main areas; MPS professional standards, MPS information base and MPS flexible support mechanism.

2.0 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the meeting were;

- Evaluating the soon ending EFA first term achievements
- Analyzing final declarations of the Incheon World Education Forum 2015 - vision for education 2016 - 2030
- Reviewing the funds allocation to the education sector from the 2015 -2016 national budget
- To introduce the MPIP to the general public
- To improve MPS relations with CSO
- To enhance community confidence and perception

3.0 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The meeting was officially opened by the meeting chair who welcomed the audience and gave an overview of the meeting. He then handed it over to the Deputy Director of Basic Education, Dr Chimombo, who was representing the Principle Secretary of Basic Education who had excused herself. Dr Chimombo presented the current status of the education sector in Malawi and the challenges it faces. The main problem he indicated was the inadequacy of financial support to the ministry. Then the CSEC director, Mr Benedicto Kondowe, gave an overview of the EFA goals signed in 2000. He further presented an analysis of the goals and what we have managed to achieve so far. He then presented a Pre-Budget analysis of the 2015 -2016 national budget. He broke down the monetary allocation to the Education Ministry as projected in the budget in comparison to the previous year's budget. After wards, a representative from UNESCO presented the final declarations of the Incheon World Education Forum 2015 - vision for education 2016 - 2030 which was signed in April and will take effect in September. We were later grouped to discuss the declarations and how realistic they are in our nation; whether they are possible to meet or not, and what would be the greatest hindering force to the implementation of these.

From the group discussions, one thought was prevalent from all four groups, that is; the declarations will most likely not be effectively met in our nation. This is due to the

insufficient resources allocated to the Education sector. It was highlighted that as much as Malawi participates in these global declarations, we are not able to meet them and we probably just sign them because it is a requirement. The house further requested that the Ministry of Education should put the government to task to ensure that the declarations are met since one of the clauses indicates that it is the responsibility of the government to ensure that each and every one of the clauses are met within the given time frame.

The seminar was officially opened by the guest of honor, the Deputy Inspector General of police, Mr Dzonzi who gave a speech on how the new MPIP program has different components in it which will help to address the accountability gap in the police. He explained that the MPIP will also have

The keynote speech was given by Professor Mwiza Nkhata who spoke on Ethics in Society. In his presentation, Prof. Nkhata indicated that above all else, the police are supposed to abide by the constitution of Malawi. He emphasized that the police should never be influenced by their political interests. He also indicated that the police must respect the rights and dignity of citizens and they should all be treated equally regardless of their positions in society. He completed his presentation by imploring all police officers to abide by Section 153 of the Constitution of Malawi.

Mr Dick Burton, the team leader for the MPIP gave a short narration of how a similar program has worked in UK and how it is conducted. From his speech, he pointed out why they needed a similar program in their security sector. He further explained the basic professional standards tactics which are; professional standard reporting, integrity checking, vetting and the need to know principle. He emphasized that these four tactics when upheld will lead to the success of the program. He also reminded the attendees of the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) which is meant to be established but has not yet started operating in Malawi.

We later had a presentation by the Chief Chaplain of the police, Reverend Charles Masambuka. He gave a riveting speech on importance of spiritual integrity and counseling in the lives of the police officers. In his speech he explained the importance of his officer in the MPS. He illustrated that the a mentally unstable policeman is dangerous and capable of bringing danger to the community in which he lives. He expounded how through the office of the chaplain they are able to preserve the mental health of the people that they work with. He further explained on the importance of nurturing integrity in the characters of the police officers. He indicated that this will lessen the cases of corruption and police misconduct in the country.

In the afternoon we had a presentation from Super Superintendent Panji Tembo who was part of the team that had gone to UK for a training in MPIP. He presented on a branch of the MPIP, the Malawi Policing Professional Standards Unit (MPPSU). Its aim is to investigate police officers who are suspected to be involved in sinister moves. The MPPSU will operate independent of MPS and government. He also explained the policies of the MPPSU.

We were then split into four groups in which we were given the task of discussing "How can civil society help to increase police accountability and professional standards." After a few minutes of discussion, each group had to present their points. Among the many points presented, the most common had to deal with CSOs helping in advocating on behalf of the MPS in issues such as; the operationalization of the IPCC, policy reviews and law reviews especially Section 154 on the appointment of the Inspector General. These presentations were made in the presence of the Commissioner of police, George Kainja who took notes and gave a summary of all matters discussed.

Lastly, the UK commissioner, Mr Michael Levine closed the meeting with few remarks encouraging CSOs to work in collaboration with MPS in order to improve their service delivery. He emphasized that MPPSU is not a threat to anyone but it should be embraced by officers who want to do their jobs effectively

4.0 CONCLUSION

The meeting was not as successful as planned because of the absence of the government officials from the education sector who were supposed to answer the concerns of the people present. As much as the deliberations went on well and the house put forward its ideas of how best the second term of the EFA goals should be handled, the representative from the Deputy Director of Basic Education 'smartly' rejected the call to carry the message to his department citing that he is not the most effective channel to be used for this task. This just further presented how the deteriorating condition of the education sector is due to lack of personnel willing to champion it and take responsibility for it.

The meeting was successful as it helped to highlight the role of MPS in our society. It also managed to encourage CSOs to help MPS in its service delivery in order to ensure a safe and productive country.



INVESTING IN FUTURE GENERATIONS, EMPOWERING THE YOUTH TODAY

28/09/2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

**LETTER OF REFERENCE FOR CENTRE FOR GIRLS AND INTERACTION (CEGI) BASED
IN MALAWI**

Youth Advocates Ghana (YAG) is a Ghanaian NGO which envisages a Ghanaian Society where children and young people can live a fulfilled life, and walk in the fullness of their potential. On behalf of Youth Advocates Ghana I hereby confirming and demonstrating that the entity **Centre for Girls and Interaction (CEGI)** a local NGO working with youth and young women in Malawi is our partner since 2014 and we have jointly worked together on some of the projects like Accountability Advocate Project and Voice African Future.

We are therefore writing to give our full support that you consider them for a membership application with your organization. CEGI is a register organization with the registration number R.G.20754/IM/5.2005 and we are therefore looking forward to see your fruitful corporation and support them in any way you can support.

For further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us on youthadvocatesghana@gmail.com or info@youthadvocatesghana.org or by phone: +233 206077870.

Thank you.

Yours Faithfully,

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BACKGROUND

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

CATCHMENT AREA

Northern and part of central region of Malawi

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Centre for Girls and Interaction is to improve the lives of adolescent, young women and youth in the Malawi through increasing access to quality health care, information and a sustainable system of community development.

GOAL

Our vision is to have a healthy, productive and aesthetic environment where men and women have a sense of belonging, with equitable and adequate distribution of resources.

Values

CEGI operations are guided by the following values:

- Focus on the needy
- Promote people-centered development
- Tolerance; Acceptance and respect for different opinions, equity, equality, ethnicity, beliefs, sex, race, social/health status and physical appearance.
- Integrity; Delivering and acting according to expectations and requirements in a transparent, accountable, honest, just, fair and responsible manner.

- Solidarity; Standing together, championing for a common cause, where mutual trust and commitment are adhered.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- HIV/AIDS, Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR)
- Gender Based Violence and Ending Early child Marriages
- Women Rights and Empowerment
- Hunger and food security
- Water and Sanitation (menstruation for girls)
- Climate change and environmental
- Youth governance and accountability

OBJECTIVE

- To improve gender equality and equity through advocacy and lobbying and promote human trafficking awareness and sensitization
- Build capacity in empowering communities towards achieving their full and active participation in development activities
- Increase involvement and participation of the grassroots in policy making and implementation
- To provide information channels for the enhancement of awareness of women's rights, and services available to communities (reproductive health, education, and training).
- To promote and advocating for clean water and hygiene education in schools
- To empower local communities and women in particular to self sufficiency using integrated approaches to income generation that contribute to poverty reduction.
- To build relationships and collaborate on projects that promotes and disseminates the important voices of young women and girls.
- To promote awareness on natural resources management, climate change mitigation and adaptation

OUR TARGET POPULATION

- CEGI particularly targets the vulnerable, marginalized and underserved rural and semi-urban Malawian communities with special focus on young women, girls, children and Youth at large. We target in and out of school young women and girls. We work with Secondary School, Colleges, Universities, community and hard to reach young people 10 to 30 yrs in rural areas

SYSTEMS IN PLACE

- ✓ Training and Planning
- ✓ Financial monitoring
- ✓ Monitoring and evaluation system for projects

AREAS THAT NEED DEVELOPMENT

- Capacity building
- Lack of funds for outreaches program in schools and communities areas
- Inadequate capacity training programmes for girls and young women educators (trainers at local level) to effectively implement various programmes.
- Lack of funding for planned programs and activities
- Inadequate administrative support
- Misconception of gender (meaning up liftment of both men and women)
- Lack of external support to support the underserved vulnerable and needy girls.

ACHIEVEMENT

- Participated and trained on how to set up a hotlines for SRHR and GBV
- Trained as advocate for Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR)
- Establishment of 14 girls clubs and 4 sex workers groups
- Conduction of community mobilization on climate change
- Establishment of a facebook page for Lets Talk about Reproductive Health
- Conduction of safe abortion workshop on use of Misoprostal Pills
- Conduction of Climate change primary school field trip
- Participation in 16 days of activism
- HIV/AIDS open day interaction
- Conduction of environmental protection and awareness in schools and communities
- Participated in 5th African Sexuality and education conference

FUTURE PLANS

- To establish counseling centre for victimized girls and young women
- To establish hotline
- Engage in intense resource mobilization
- To carry out various activities on rights of the women, sex workers and girls
- To establish and strengthen school clubs on water and sanitation and hygiene campaign
- To be the leading organization in psychosocial support vulnerable and victimized children, girls and young women
- To provide educational materials along with uniforms for vulnerable and needy girls
- To carry out community sensitization programs regularly
- Promote the development and implementation of appropriate national legal and policy framework that will provide adequate protection for the women and girl child and the protection and fulfillment of socio-economic and political rights including gender equity and equality which influence vulnerability to hindrance in development activities

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NETWORK

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 Global Women Network for Reproductive Rights (GWNRR)
 National Youth Network on Climate Change (NYNCC)
 Northern Youth Network (NYN)
 International Consortium for Medical Abortion (ICMA)
 Sex Workers Alliance Malawi (SWA)
 Civil Society Education Coalition (CSEC)
 Birthiking Kits Foundation Austrelia
 AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA)

OUR MOTTO

Change Starts with Me!