



Project update
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Responses from Murti

•YoG projects cannot begin until June

Murti has concerns around

- availability of staff
- budget
- sustainability



Things we currently do well

- Librarians
- Girls' literacy tutorials (project for which we will see impact in May or June)
- Librarians supporting literacy (pilot involving 4 schools, outcomes assessed in April/ May)
- Bike club – it could be sustained and expanded but would need to be planned
- Supporting deaf girls – they are already a tight knit and supportive community and we could consider how to enhance support



Literacy project

Selection of four schools (2 rural and 2 town)

Training of Grade 2/3 language teachers who deliver the tutorial and school directors & department head to monitor the tutorial

UWEZO literacy assessment of Grade 2/3 girls (baseline assesment)

Schools provide tutorial schedule based (minimum 2 periods/grade/week) and run the tutorials according to girls literacy level (illiterate, letter and word)

Monitoring visit will be done to rural schools monthly and fortnightly in town schools. Endline assesment to see the impact of intervention



The UW€ZO assessment is being used.

Uwezo, meaning 'capability' in Kiswahili, is an initiative in which the competencies of school- aged children are measured to obtain information that encourages changes in educational policy and practice.

**It gives a baseline of competence (letters, words, paragraph and story level)
and
allows monitoring of progression**



Schools involved

- Feyinera
- Jato
- Merkefa
- Tinf primary school

It is not possible to identify girls who do not attend school



Budget for literacy project

130,000 ETB (£ 1900) for 4 schools over a year

This equates to approx.

ETB 3-4000 (£ 40-£ 55) a month per school for supporting 60 girls (average).



Second literacy pilot

- Scheme to train librarians to support reading with 4 librarians in town schools.



Employing a deaf female librarian

- Would need to be recruited and so Sept start most feasible
- Cost approx. £ 200 per annum



Employing a deaf apprentice librarian for Biftu Nekemte

- A suitable male candidate has been earmarked so this would fall outside of year of the girl



What influences a girl's progression to senior school

- Location of secondary school
- Family income
- Family responsibilities (girl required to care for siblings due to ill health or death of parents)
- Arranged marriage
- A survey amongst primary schools could be conducted at a relatively small cost



Does sanitation affect the transition to secondary school

No data but Murti feels that critical factors are

Access to sanitary pads

Access to private toilet facilities

Access to showers



How can we help?

Murti will try to obtain some images once schools reopen
cost of construction could be high

The biggest challenge in rural school is access to water
-we have provided spring caps in the past, should this be a focus again?



Girls clubs

There are some girls clubs in schools. Expanding this could be considered from September but it would need to be sustainable and not just for one year

Using librarians to run girls clubs,
male librarians could focus on social media and self esteem
Female librarians could focus on more personal topics.

However, should librarians retain their focus on literacy?



Mini books

We suggested that we continue to make mini books and use these to support girls with knowledge and support on more personal topics which are not widely discussed.

Murti feels that this would be too complex to organize and that we should no longer continue with the mini books, we should instead use flash cards, bottle lines, games, stationery. IMPACT?

This is a super video demonstrating the use of bottle lines

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HwlpUhlA1xE>



Bike clubs

This could be continued if we had an employee to coordinate (£ 150 per month)

To purchase more bikes is approx. £ 200 each

Cost of maintaining bike club £ 8 per week approx.

Work with sports commission, introduce competition



Decisions around Year of the Girl

How to move forward

Literacy clubs (for girls?)

Librarians supporting literacy (for girls?)

Girls clubs ?through schools or librarians

Bike project extension

Water for rural areas

Improvement to toilets

Deaf girls?



Communication/ member engagement

We asked if a video could be produced for us to share with members and perhaps other organisations such as schools, WI's etc as a way to recruit new members and donations. Gelane could do this.

Costs?



Cost estimates

Employ additional librarians	£220 per year
Additional Cost to Support librarian working with girls to improve literacy	£75 per year
Cost of Tutorials for a Month supporting 60 girls to develop literacy	£50 per month per school
Cost of Maintaining Bike Club	£8 per week approx
Purchase of one bike	£200
Cost of Tutorials for Deaf Girls per week	£12 per week
Economic Support for Deaf Female Student (Oil, Soap other essentials). This can be vital to enable a student to continue to attend school	£10 twice per year



Fund raising ideas/ opportunities

1. Linking up with schools
2. Linking up with female oriented organisations
3. Big Give
4. Focus week for member events
5. Respect Festival



The Year of the Girl

- Next steps



