No girl has to choose between her period and her Education

Scaling-up Menstrual Hygiene Management Corner

Oromia Development Association has been working on renovating and scaling up menstrual Hygiene Management corners in all our intervention areas which is 240 schools in 24 woredas of Oromia region. ODA has built 48 MHMC equipping with the necessary sanitary materials to show as a sample. Built two corners per Woreda considering other schools we did not reach will see the samples ODA built and scale up with the materials they can easily get or even have separate room for these purpose only.

The picture blow is taken from Arsi Robe, Jena Barbuko, Ticho Koropta Lemlem and Lume Woreda, Koka primary school. In Jena Barbuko and Koka Primary school they raised money and built those Menstrual Hygiene Management corner using iron sheet. Those pictures show how the school community believed in the use of MHMC for girls to stay in school. The room is equipped with bucket with water, mattress for girls who are sick from menstrual cramp and pads both reusable and disposable. So any girl at that school who gets her period during the school hours is free to use the MHMC and its services for free.

TICHO KOROPTA LEMLEM PRIMARY SCHOOL MHMC







LUME, KOKA PRIMARY SCHOOL MENSTRUAL HYGIENE MANAGEMENT CORNER



Girl students used to complain that they don't have a place to change their pads and access to sanitary materials before renovation of this corner. After raising awareness on the importance of MHMC and to save girls from period poverty the school community mobilized and had a separate room in one school and built one using iron sheet in another. This helped girls to stay in school and attend their class without fear. Lack of affordable sanitary pads is the main challenge for managing menses, particularly in rural areas.

Girls experience high level of harassment and teasing from their classmates, particularly school boys. Teachers and school officials do not appear to be fully aware of the significance of this problem. The impact of this is that girls too often miss school during their menstruation or may even drop out of school entirely. Because of AYSRH project and its coordinators awareness has been created and girls can get access to MHMC and its services.

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