ABOUT GIGREE

Global Initiative for Girls Rights Education and Empowerment (GIGREE) is a registered (RC:101775) Non-Governmental, Non-Profit and Voluntary Organization established with the aim to build the capacities of Girls, Women, Youth and Other Stakeholders on the issues of Education and Fundamental Human Rights.

GIGREE also seeks to engender development by promoting Girls’ and Women’s empowerment and values to ensure Self-reliance, Democracy, Equality and Socio-political Economic Justice.
VISION: GIGREE envisions a nation where girls are empowered to become global leaders.
MISSION: To bridge the gap in gender disparity and to promote a true culture of oneness where there is fairness and justice among Boys; Girls; Women and Men.
OBJECTIVES:
1. To promote girl child education particularly in the area of Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
2. To promote Gender Equality; Human Rights; and address the issue of Gender Based Violence (GBV) through sensitization and capacity building
3. To support adolescent girls with the right information with regards to Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) with a focus on Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM)
4. To increase the awareness of adolescent girls and boys and other vulnerable groups on their Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)

OUR TEAM:
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1. Mrs. Stephanie Apel – Chairman
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4. Mr. Sefa Noah Ikyaatror- Secretary
5. Mr. Timothy Tiza Tarnongo – Member

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3. Oryiman Orkpe
4. Juliana Aondongu
5. Desire Icheen
PROJECTS

1. Commemoration of Menstrual Hygiene Day (MHD) 2018: Every year May 28 is set aside to be commemorated as the Global Menstrual Hygiene Day. On May 28, 2018 GIGREE commemorated the Menstrual Hygiene Day with the theme: #NoMoreLimits at the Government Girls Senior Secondary School Magwan in Kano State Nigeria where the adolescent girls were educated on how to maintain personal hygiene during their monthly periods especially within the school environment.

The following items were donated to the girls to help support their proper menstrual hygiene management in School:

1. 20 cartons of Always disposable sanitary pads
2. 3 Big Size trash cans to ensure proper disposal of used pads

Impact:

• At least 300 adolescent school girls were enlightened about how to properly take care of themselves during menstruation
• The adolescent girls could better concentrate on their studies as they were more aware of how to maintain proper menstrual hygiene during menstruation.
• They learned how to properly dispose their used sanitary pads without littering the school compound.

2. Commemoration of International Women’s Day (IWD) 2019: GIGREE commemorated the 2019 International Women’s Day with the theme: #BalanceForBetter at Angus Secondary School Makurdi where the students were taught the importance of Gender Equality and empowerment of the girl child. Sanitary pads were also distributed to adolescent girls as a way of ensuring that their periods do not interfere with their academics so they can reach their full potentials.

Impact:
At least 100 school girls were sensitized that their gender is not a limitation to achieve their dreams.

3. Improving Access to Proper Menstrual Hygiene Management Among Adolescent School Girls of St. Mark Secondary School Apir:

This Project was funded by The Pollination Project (TPP) a grantmaking organization based in the US, and it was implemented by GIGREE at St. Mark Secondary School Apir in Benue State in March 2019.

The project activities included; a two-day intensive training for 100 adolescent school girls on proper menstrual hygiene management and building their skills on how to make simple reusable sanitary pads; menstrual hygiene school clubs were set up as a means of creating safe spaces for the adolescent school girls to freely discuss their menstruation.
Impact:

- At least 100 adolescent school girls were sensitized about their menstruation and they realized that it is not a taboo to menstruate, it is natural.
- They were equipped with life long skills to ensure that they can always support themselves by self-producing reusable sanitary pads when they cannot afford the regular disposable ones.
- They also learned a skill as a source of livelihood which they could use to support themselves financially through the production/sale of the reusable pads.
- The girls were also able to step down the training to the younger girls through the school clubs and also to other girls outside their school.

The major highlights of the day included educating the adolescent girls on their menstruation and how to properly maintain personal hygiene during their periods. Sanitary pads were also distributed to serve at least sixty (60) of the adolescent school girls.

Impact:

- At least sixty (60) adolescent girls were sensitized on their menstruation and proper menstrual hygiene management.
- Disposable sanitary pads were distributed to at least sixty (60) of the girls.

5. Global Hand Washing Day (GHD 2019): GIGREE celebrated the 2019 Global Hand Washing Day (GHD 2019) on the 15th of October, 2019 at Digitots Nursery & Primary School Makurdi and Holy City Nursery & Primary School Ayihe Makurdi Benue State with the theme: #CleanHandsForAll. The school children were taught how to properly wash their hands frequently to prevent diseases and infections. Veronica Buckets (Buckets with taps); Anti bacterial liquid soap dispensers and hand towels were donated to both schools to ensure frequent hand washing.

Impact:

- The two hundred (200) school children in both schools learned how to properly wash their hands.
- They also learned the importance of washing their hands frequently in order to prevent diseases and infections.
- Their hand washing habits were improved.
6. Improving Access to Quality Education for Children with Special Needs: GIGREE got a seed grant from a grant making organization known as A Seed of Change to set up a Mini Library for special needs Children at the The Rehabilitation School of the Handicapped at Apir-Makurdi Benue State in November 2019. Activities for the project included; setting up and equipping a twenty (20) sitter capacity Mini Library with work station tables, chairs, book shelves, text books, picture charts etc. and training of the school Librarian to ensure that the facility is put to proper use by the school children
Impact:
- The reading skills of the eighty five (85) school children was enhanced
- The reading habit/attitude of children improved
- They had access to a more conducive environment to carry out their personal studies and assignments
- Their over all academic performance improved

7. Curbing the Spread of COVID 19 through Proper Personal Hygiene Practices: GIGREE got a rapid response grant in May 2020 to implement a project to curb the spread of CIVID 19 within Isheri Community in Lagos State, Nigeria. The activities for this project included; sensitizing the community members on proper hand washing habits as a means to curb the spread of the virus; setting up of at least 20 hand washing facilities in public places to serve at least 2000 residents; production of IEC materials of messages on COVID 19 prevention.
Impact:
- At least 2000 community residents reached with message on how to prevent the spread of COVID 19 through proper hygiene practices
- At least 2000 community members have access to hand washing facilities as a means of curbing the spread of the virus.

MAJOR MILESTONES
1. A total of five hundred and sixty (560) adolescent school girls were trained on proper menstrual hygiene management; enlightened on the myths associated with it and as a result their self confidence was boosted in the process.
2. The class concentration of the five hundred and sixty (560) adolescent school girls has also been enhanced as a result of the sensitization around their menstruation.
3. Eighty five (85) children with special needs have been given access to quality education through a mini Library facility. Their learning/reading skills have been enhanced.
4. A total of Two Thousand and two hundred (2200) people were trained on proper hand washing practices and hand washing facilities also made available to them.
5. 100 rural women in Buruku local government area of Benue State, Nigeria empowered with skills on leadership, financial management/bookkeeping and on handiwork to improve their economic status and increase their participation in decision making in their homes and the community at large.

**FUNDING**

Our major sources of funding for project implementation are grants from our donors (partners) and personal funds.

Our main partners/Funders are;
1. The Pollination Project (TPP) – USA
2. A Seed of Change – Canada
3. The European Union through Women Environmental Programme under the Women2030 Project
4. Africa Philanthropy Network (APN)

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PHOTOS SPEAK:

1. MENSTRUAL HYGIENE DAY MAY 2018

The E.D of GIGREE presenting sanitary items to the Principal of Govt. Girls Secondary School Magwan-Kano

A cross section of the students during the 2018 Menstrual Hygiene Day (MHD 2018)

2. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY 2019

The E.D of GIGREE delivering a talk on International Women’s Day 2019 at Angus College, Makurdi Benue State.

A group photograph with the girls of
Angus College Makurdi, Benue State.

3. **Improving Access to Proper Menstrual Hygiene Management Among Adolescent School Girls of St. Mark Secondary School Apir:**

![Image of E.D of GIGREE demonstrating to the girls how to make reusable sanitary pads]

![Image of group photograph with the girls of St. Mark Apir Benue State]

The E.D of GIGREE demonstrating to the girls how to make reusable sanitary pads. A group photograph with the girls of St. Mark Apir Benue State.

4. **MENSTRUAL HYGIENE DAY (MHD) MAY 2019**

![Image of some girls of St. Mark Secondary School Apir Benue State]


Highlights from the 2019 Menstrual Hygiene Day celebration at St. Dominick’s High School Tse Ayu Makurdi Benue State.

5. **Global Hand Washing Day (GHD 2019)**

![Image of group photograph with children]

A group photograph with children.
Highlights from the Global Hand Washing Day (GHD) 2019 with pupils of Digi Tots School and Holy City Nursery and Primary School Makurdi Benue State

6. Improving Access to Quality Education for Children with Special Needs:

A cross section of the Mini Library

The E.D of GIGREE training the School Librarian

A Group photograph of the GIGREE team with some Staff and Students of Rehabilitation School of the Handicapped
7. Curbing the Spread of COVID 19 through Proper Personal Hygiene Practices:

9. 16Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence: A Round Table Discussion on Engaging Men and Boys as Allies in Addressing Gender Based Violence
10. Promoting Menstrual Hygiene Management Among Orphan Girls in Lagos State
11. Enhancing the Economic Empowerment of Rural women to lead community development and social change. Implemented in Buruku Local Government Area of Benue State