

Programme 30' “Community support for secondary school teaching” - radio programme script

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Cue (studio link) Hello and welcome to this program, “*Ajuer Sukul Da*” (“*Our School*”). It is a program that brings our community together to talk about education and how it benefits everyone.

I am Abraham Machuor Lum.

In today's program we are talking about community support for secondary school teaching and why is it important for parents to be involved. one community elder tells us how community support help girls to be in school

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We told administration of Abukloi to mobilize resources to build boarding school for girls first so that they can stay there.

And school girl tell us the important of community support in secondary school.

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That's all coming up in the next fifteen minutes.

CUE 1 (studio recording):The Community have right to be involved in supporting secondary schools through monitoring and evaluating teachers including interacting with teachers on how they give lessons and whether they follow the teachers code of conduct. We will hear from community elder how he mobilizes community to support secondary school teaching. Also school girl will tell us what are challenges she face and how she benefited from community involvement in school. Finally the parent who has his daughter in school will tell us how he makes school accountable to ensure that there is quality teaching in school and the school teacher will explains how his school involve community for the progress of the school.

Vox pops:

First let's hear what some parents say about their involvement in supporting secondary school.

(**Studio link**) I moved within Rumbek town and this what some parents say about community support for secondary school teaching:

Man 1: I have children in school and I use to see them at school and if the child did not write any I have to ask. I want to say that school is not for the government alone, the community have upper hand in school so that your child can get good education.

Woman 1: our children who are in school both boys and girls, we have to follow them up to the school, as parent you can visit school on Monday and Friday and then sit and watch what is going on in school. Also as a parent, you can contribute something for the school so that your child can learn in good environment.

Man 2: I have involved myself to support education, like paying exercise books and other scholastic materials and I do not want to hear that my child has done something wrong to teachers or fighting with other school children. It's good to support school this is where teachers get encourage, also if there is meeting in school you have to go and hear what is needed in the school.

Recap

Those were voices of some parents telling how they are involved in supporting schools. And what is the role of community? We shall hear shortly.

(**Field link**) I am now with community elder in his office Mr. Afred Agolder he will explain how he is involved in supporting Abukloi secondary school. I asked him his role as community elder.

A 1: We are monitoring how our children are being taught by the teachers, is there good teaching or not. This is the role that allows me to talk and check the teachers to give quality education to our children.

Q 2: Why did you decide to talk with teachers and students in this school?

A 2: What make me to go and interact with teachers and students of Abukloi secondary school is that, I was the one with other people who initiated the idea of establishing Abukloi secondary school that was community development committee and we are also acting as school management committee and we are about seven people. Myself as an educationist, they gave me that assignment to visit school from time to time to know whether there is good teaching, are students respecting teachers and also if there are things that face them, I have to

give advice on how to solve that problem and if there is anything that need help from the government, I have to go and present it to the government.

Q 3: What plans do you have to support girls in this school?

A 3: We told administration of Abukloi to mobilize resources to build boarding school for girls first so that they can stay there. On the side of community, they contribute to education through payment because if that money is collected well it will be used to build other things in the school.

Q 4: How is this school helping girls in this community?

A 4: Girls who are around that school are very near to the school and if you look at the enrolments, the number of girls is very high, that means school is accessible to girls in this community. **(Too much English)**

Q 5: You have talked about school management committee before, what is the role of it?

A 5: We site as school management committee and put down priorities after that we present it the school administration. We also recommend that teachers of this school should continue to be sent for training and we recommend also that the number of the teachers must be increased. Also there challenge of insecurity we recommended that there must be security provide to protect people in the school.

Recap:

That was Alfred Agolder the community elder who said Abukloi secondary school as community school has help girls to role highly in the school. He said they have requested Abukloi administration and community to build boarding schools to help girls who travel from far distances. He said they want to increase teachers in school.

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(Studio recording): After I finished speaking with community elder, I will talk to one of school girl to explain what the challenges and how she benefited from this school.

(Field link): I am now in Abukloi secondary school, I have come to the main gate the school has wire mesh fence, the watchman just opened the gate for me as I am moving toward classrooms, I got few students pumping water at the borehole at school compound and many of them are in their classes. There are more beautiful concrete classrooms and the whole school compound looks green with some wonderful grass. At the veranda of the

classroom, I have school Debora who is going to tell us what challenges did she face in this school?

A 1: we have problems like lack of teachers and also there are no text books for example last year when the teachers were four, there were many classes, many subjects and many students so it was very difficult for them to teach us well. But the community and we students talked until the teachers were increased from four to six so it's good now there is change but we want more teachers to be added next year.

Q 2: Do you like community to be involved in monitoring and talk on you're behave in your school?

A 2: Yes I like community to see our school and talk on our behave because they can monitor school and if there is something lacking on our side, they help us to address it so I like them to be with us always in the school.

Q 3: What support did community do to you?

A 3: Community has established this school for us, it's very big support, if this school was not built by the community, many students would have travel from far villages like Adol and Matangai to look for school like Rumbek senior and Riak dor secondary school which is very far. That is great support community did to us and we like it especially girls we cannot travel from far village to look for school because may be that girl can be attack on the way. Not only that if the girl travel from far place like Rumbek senior or Adol. She can reach school late and missed lessons which will affect her education.

Q 4: How do you feel about your education now or how did you benefit from it?

A 4: I use to pass well in school because I use to come to school early and go home without too much walk and sun heat so I can say that I must finish my senior four here with happiness. I am also happy because our teachers are increased to teach subjects which were lacking teachers there is change now.

Q 5: What do community say about improving your education?

A 5: Community and government like our elder Agolder, we told them that we want boarding, they said they will do it may next year the construction of boarding for girls will start, these are some development plan we hear from our community and the government.

Recap:

That was school girl Debora who said her school helped her and other girls who are around school to come to school early without long distance walk. She said there is lack of teachers which need community to increase them.

(Field link) After we finished with school girl, I am still in this school, and I am right now with deputy head teacher Mr. Samuel Majur who will tell us how his school work hand in hand with community to improve quality education. Not only that but also we have parent Mr. Gabriel Kuc who has his daughters in this school. He will tell us why he uses to visit the school.

Gabriel: Me as a parent, there are other things that school need may be there is need of school fees I have to pay for it, may be uniform need money I have to pay it and if there is meeting I have to come like when there was lunching of this school I came to listen and advise teachers that is why I use to come to school.

Presenter: Let's come to deputy headmaster, Samuel, how do your school work with community to improve quality learning?

Samuel: Abukloi secondary was brought by the community who want to support themselves and know benefit of education. The community who was here have accepted to move away and give this land to the school, I think this is the big way community can work hand in hand with school. Community also support school if there is something lacking in the school like the talked to government to increased teachers.

Presenter: What are the challenges facing your school and need help from the community?

Samuel: We need help from the community I advised any parent who has his child here in this school to provide transport for the child to come to school early. Another challenge also is that if the child made a mistake two to three times, we can tell the child to stay at home for two or three days and come with parent after those days. Here child can stay at home and the parent cannot ask that why you this boy or why you girl not going to school, so I like all parent to check, if your child not going to school, ask that child to explains what happen, is the child sick, angry or the child is suspended from school, let the parent wake up from this matter.

Presenter: Gabriel, you girls in this school, what is the benefit of educated girl?

Gabriel: Educated girl will become future mother with good children that will be educated children also, she will protect her children from diseases and educated girl also may contribute income to the family. If there many educated ladies even this crises will reduce.

Presenter: Your daughters are here in this school, how are they performing?

Gabriel: I can say they are in average because I use to check their books and see their hand writings and also my personal conversation sometimes I can give them cross examinations or give them certain words, all these things show to me that

they are in average. The only problem I want the ministry of education to listen and also teachers to listen to me; for the students to get quality education lie on the hand of teachers. **(Too much English in some points)**

Presenter: what can you say **Samuel** from parent complain concerning about quality teaching?

Samuel: It's there in our teacher's code of conduct which say, you as a teacher should not enter into the class without preparing yourself. What we do is that, I have to make scheme of work and plan my lesson and see how many minutes should I teach this lesson and how many minutes should students write the notes and then from there I have to evaluate myself after teaching by asking did this lesson being understood well by students? If it's well understood, what are the indicators? And if it was not understood, what was the problem? So teacher here in school enter into the class prepared.

Presenter: Gabriel, what questions do you like to ask teacher how he interacts with female students here?

Gabriel: Let the teacher explains here in his school, but did not hear anything about this school because I use to talk with my daughters but I use to hear many things happening from other schools that teachers use to impregnated girls and this teachers are being supported without law arresting them so I can say there is no proper law that protecting girl child in schools.

Presenter: Samuel what is your reaction about your relationship with school girls here in your school?

Samuel: In teachers code of conduct of south Sudan part (3) 1.2. Stated that "do not make school child for personal gain" this personal gain include "do not make school girl to be your wife or make school child to pay you with something. I personally my background was check thoroughly before I become a teacher and found out that I will not make my child whom I am teaching to be my wife, so therefore that thing is not there in our history and will continue doing it.

Recap:

That was Samuel Majur the deputy head teacher of Abukloi secondary school and who said they prepare lesson before the start teaching students and this promote quality education in school. He said they respect female students to make them for personal gain as rules provident.

Also Gabriel Kuc said teachers must give quality education and he is ready to support school if there is anything needs support from the parents.

Conclusion:

In today programme, we have been talking about community supporting secondary school teaching as we heard earlier from community elder Mr. Alfred Agolder who said he came up with an idea of establishing Abukloi school and many girls now have enrolled and they are not moving to look for far school because school is near to communities in that location.

We heard also from school girl who said she has benefited from this community school because the house is near with school that make her to attend school every day and she is happy now and ready to finish senior four.

Finally a parent Gabriel Kuc who use to visit school urge teachers not make female students as their wives and want teachers to give quality teaching in school.

Also the deputy head teacher Mr. Samuel Majur mentioned that they are following teacher's code of conduct and they cannot and will make their children for personal gain. He said that they are teaching well in the school.

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Interactive call:

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