

Young Mothers Programme 9

Especial emergency program for student, who have no access to Formal education system in the POCs-produced by BBC Media Action

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Opening Billboard (with music bed)

(Cue 1 studio recorded) Hello and welcome "to our special programme of Our School, supporting young people, especially girls, to continue their education when they have been displaced", a' m Chol Ngut Khor

In today program we will talk about young girl returning back to school after giving birth.

A young mother will tell us why she comes to school

Clip 1

What make me to return back to school, and convince my parents too is because education is importance ,I will support my people and myself in the future.

Her Father will tell us how he is supporting her daughter even after giving birth

Clip 2

Her child is among the children who are under my responsibility at home, when the baby reached six months at the seven months I starting buying milk while the mother is in school and the grant mom is looking after her baby, and I also take the responsibility of medication of the baby feels sick.

All that and more, coming in the next 15mins...

(Billboard music ends naturally at 1:07 with music flourish)

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In today program we are going to talk about young girl returning back to school after giving birth to continue with their education despite the challenges they may face.

We will talk to young girl, who has dropout from school before, become mother and is now back to school; she will tell us why she decided to come back to school.

We will talk to her father, and tell us how he supporting her daughter even now she is a mother

We will finally talk to school teacher and he will tell us what they are doing to support young mothers who return to school.

But let hear from the young girls first.

Field record

Am now at home with Nyaliep in POC1 , I come to her to discussed with her how she left school and her feeling for coming back to school again ,let hear from her how she left her school?

A1: I left my school first when this crisis happen than I come to POC and there was no school till I made a mistake and I was pregnant than I was at home with my parents I was thinking of going back to school and my father accept to send me back to school, God has help me that I delivered peacefully.

Q2: how did you feel when you realized that you were pregnant?

A2: I was worried and thinking about my education, I was asking myself will I really get a chance to go back to school. till God help me and my mother has accept to look after my baby and I come back to school ,what make me to think was because even if I did not get chance from my parents to send me to school I will not blame them and I will not do anything because is my mistake .

Q3: what convince you and your parents to return back to school?

A3: What make me to return back to school, and convince my parents too is because education is importance ,I will support my people and myself in the future.

Q4: how do you feel now that you are back to your school?

A4: am very happy that am back to school and if there is somebody who can support me will be great , I thanks my parents that they agreed and accept to send me back to school and I also thanks my teachers who teach me.

Q5: what kind of support are you getting from your parents?

A5: they support me, my mom is taking care of my baby and they buy milk for the baby and medication as well if the baby feels sick because my education is free.

Q6: how are you former classmate treating you and what are you telling them about being a mother?

A6: there is no change between me and my colleagues the only change is that am mother and they are not, and what I always tell them is that they need to take care and not to play because they can lost their education when one get pregnant, because what I have done is not good it is risk for my future I tell them to wait and time will come for someone to get marriage when you finish your education.

Thanks you Nyaliep for sharing with us.

Recap

That is Nyaliep young mother who got pregnant but come back to school after giving birth, she said education mean a lot to her future to support herself and family, and she said her parents are supporting her by looking after the baby and health care.

Music sting

After we listen from Nyaliep we are going to hear from her father

Field record

Am still in UN house POC 1 am together with Nyaliep's father John Banygai Majak, I come here to share with him how he decide to send her daughter back to school after giving birth, the home is made of local materials bamboo it rain today there is water on the ground and the weather is cool, John will tell us how he was feeling about her daughter pregnancy,

A1: when my daughter Nyaliep got pregnant I did not took it has bad thing, I call her mother to come from Kakuma so that the daughter will deliver while she is with her, when the baby reached six months I call my daughter I tell her to choose from the 2 if she want husband or education, I tell her If you want husband you will bring your man and I will give you to that man or I will choose for you and I will not need anything as dowry because you need husband, and if you want education I will take the responsibility as I did since you was very small, having baby is not crime, then she choose education then I told her to follow her education restrictedly.

Q2: what convince you to allow your daughter to go back to school?

A2: people see girls as source of income or resource, some demand like 100 or 150 cattle and still all those will finished, if she is not educated the parents will suffer and the girls and her husband will suffer, but if she is educated she will be able to support herself because when she get job she will have salary every month, so I did not see my daughter as resource I only want her to be independent to herself in the future to support her family and she will be example to the rest.

Q3: Why do you think that it is importance to send your daughter back to school?

A3:the importance' is that, when she is educated and got a job, her mother will benefits from her and her mother in law will also benefits and her friends will benefits from her work, but if she will not educate herself nobody will benefits from her.

Q4: how are you supporting your daughter now?

A4: her child is among the children who are under my responsibility at home, when the baby reached six months at the seven months I starting buying milk while the mother is in school and the grant mom is looking after her baby, and I also take the responsibility of medication of the baby feels sick.

Q5: what do others people say about sending your daughter back to school?

A6: it is my own decision at my home I shared with my wife and those who see it are happy, why I say they are happy is that it is my own decision even if they are not happy they will not destroyed there is nothing that will benefits them from it even if they are not happy is better for them to be happy because every family has different ways of solving their problems and how they share their things.

Q5: some people say that, since the girls lost her chance and got pregnant she will not go back to school, what make you to think differently?

A5: I said it before if she is marriage with 100 or 200 cattle I will eat them and finished but she will blame me in the future that I did not accept to send her back to school, she will say although I made a mistake that I was pregnant in school , but if there was somebody who was behind me supporting me I would have to continue with my education, so because of that I decided to send her back to school, because having baby is not a shame only your acts which can make you to be bad person.

Thanks you very much John Banygai Majak.

Recap

That is Father John Banygai Majak, he said that he decided to send her daughter back to school after she give birth because he is not keeping her as resource, he said he only want to see her supporting herself alone in the future, he said that is taking the responsibility of the child now and the daughter is going to school.

Field record

Am now in UN house POC1 in Juba, am in school with Ustaz John Wicyual it 2 o'clock afternoon and the children who are learning in the afternoon start coming in and they are in their classes, the school is made of local materials and big zinc around it is having 8 classes is next to IMC clinic, Ustaz John will tell us the education policy and if it is problem that girls are dropping out from school because of pregnancy.

Q1: Is it an issue with girls dropping out when they are pregnant and have baby and why?

A1: some girls has been pregnant and it can let the girl not to continue with her school, because there may be no body who can look after the baby, as some are just staying with their mothers alone so the mothers will be in position to look for food as they do business and the mother will not be able to look after the baby for the girls to return back to school.

Q2: do you think the rate of pregnancy among school girls are increase in the POCs and why?

A2: most of the youth especially boys does not want to go to school and they are not employed they are looking after girls and they are spoiling girls and that is why there are increase of pregnancy among young girls in the POCs

Q3: you said the number of girls who are dropping out because of pregnancy is increasing so what is the school doing to encourage them to come back to school after giving birth?

A3: we are talking to parents to allows them to come back to school and after giving birth and we are also encouraging girls to come back to school , we tell them that getting pregnant does not mean is the end of your future , you need to come back and continue with your education. Education policy is saying that everybody have rights to education.

the importance can be if she managed to overcome the situation she will be able to look after her baby and take the responsibility of her life in the future and she will be able to bring up the child in good ways when she get job in the future.

Thanks you very much Ustaz John Wicyual for sharing with us.

Recap

That is Ustaz John Wicyual , he said that they are encouraging young mothers to return back to school after giving birth he said that it is importance for the girls to continue with their education because she will be able to support herself and bring up the child when she finish her school and got a job.

Musing sting

General conclusion

We have come to the end of our program

In today program we have discussed returning of young mother to school after giving birth in the POCs,

Early on we have heard from young mother , Nyaliep who have return back to school after she give birth , she said that after giving birth she begged her father to allow her again to go school , she said that she is advising her colleagues in school to continue with their education and Get married afterwards

We also heard from her father John Banyai Majak, he said he decided to send her daughter to school because he will support herself and her mom and mother in law will also benefits from her, he said he has taken the responsibility of the baby and her daughter continue with her education.

Lastly we have heard from teacher John Wicyual, he said that the school is encouraging parents and girls to return back to school after giving birth although they face challenges, he also said that the importance of girls coming back to school is to take full responsibility of herself and her baby when she finished her education and get a job.

Music sting

Thank for listening to this program Am Chol Ngut Khor.