

The Benefits of Education

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BILLBOARD:

Hallo,

Welcome to this programme our school bringing our community together; to talk about the benefits of education to everybody I am lotepi your presenter.

Today, we shall be talking about the benefits of education to a girl and how they can help their community after their studies.

As this woman tells us.

Clip: it has made me responsible, am able to take my children to school, provide food and take them to the hospital when they fall sick

That's not all we get from education. There are more than that after completing school as this teacher tells us;

CLIP: when this child completes his or her education, there are many things this child will bring in this world and all over. Like now this community of ours need doctors, need teachers who can teach in schools, we also needed a lot of people, the results to this all is when a child completes school and become somebody and bring life to people.

That's all in the next fifteen minutes.

CUE 1 (studio recording)

In today's programme of our school a girl who have just completed her primary 8 will tell us why she wants to continue with her studies after her primary school and how it will benefit the community.

Also a woman who finished her education will tell us how her education benefited her family and the community.

Lastly a teacher will tell us what schools are doing to make sure learners, parents and the community realizes the importance of education to them.

CUE 1[field recording]

am right now at Elizabeth home who is in for holiday we need to hear from her what is the benefits of education and why she wants to continue with her secondary school after completing her primary school.

Q1: why do you wants to continue with schooling?

A2: i need to continue so that I get much knowledge, which will help me and my people also help people in the world, like now some girls are not able to go to school but am lucky my parents wants me to continue with my studies, they support me whenever am chase because of school fee, they sell out the cows and they pay my school fees.

Q2: what would you like to do after you complete your school?

A4: I want to become a doctor after I complete my school, i see my people are lucking good doctors and there's a lot of suffering. when I become a doctor, I need to help the pregnant women and also who are in labour back on the villages and carry out operations everywhere to help the community.

Q3; when you complete studies and become a doctor, how will it benefit you?

A5; I will get a job and help everyone when I get my salaries so that I help my family when I become a mother and also help the needy.

Q4; then in what way will the community benefit?

A6: as I said before I need to work in the hospital when I become a doctor because if there's no doctors people will die, then I have to be there and treat them take them to school also teach the girls about the goodness of education, that's how the community will benefit.

Q5: what will you tell the girls about education?

A7: i will tell them to take there studies serious, don't let any boy/man deceive you, complete your studies because your papers will get for you a good husband. there are boys who always laugh at girls who are taking their studies serious, but for me I always don't bother even if they laugh at me on the way because I take my studies serious,

Q6: what do you tell the girls who have left school because of the boys laughing at them?

A9: I want to tell girls, they should remain strong in school even if they laugh at boy them that they are old at schools, it will not be a really wound in fact school is

more better than parents homes. as we girls, if we can get 25% and you are really serious with studies, in future you will be someone greater than a man. put on your inform and come to school don't be a shame because maybe these boys just wants you to be like them. I can tell you girls be strong, after your studies you can reach anywhere like America.

RECAP:

we have just heard from Elizabeth a primary 8 girl, she said she wants to complete her education and gets much knowledge which will help her and her people in the community, and she wants to become a doctor to help the pregnant women in her society.

STATION IDENT.

Now lets go and hear the benefits of education from a woman who completed her studies.

CUE 2(field recording]

right now am welcomed at the house of Christine, who completed her school and she is right now with her children at home here, and right now she will tell us how she started schooling, lets hear from her.

A1: I started my studies when I was very young in Khartoum, when I came back to Kapoeta with my father, we went to the village where I found my aunties who told me not to go back to school, the school is only for the enemies and they will kill you and I accepted that, i told my father that I will never go back to school again but my father told me school is good, if you stay here in the village they will marry you soon before you grow up just go back and when you finish, you will help yourself, your unties and everyone here in the village. when my father told me all about school I just accepted and I went to school.

Q2: What did your father tell your uncles of taking you to school?

A2: my father told my uncles that he will keep me in school even if they have negative attitude towards school, that I will get spoil at school, and my father also told them to stay happy with their daughters in the village

Q3: what did you like when you join school

A3: I came to like school because studies is not difficult, outside someone can think studies is hard but its not hard when someone go to school and get use to school, you will find that staying in school is better than staying in the village because in school its only your time, your time to read to work and to sleep, you will just put the way you want to study.

Q4: after you joined school and get use to, how did the community like it ?

A4: yes some of them liked but not all because whenever they close school and I go back to the village for holiday and they came to realised that being in school is not bad as they thought, others where saying we could have taken more girls to school.

Q5: before you completed your school, you have been going to the village for holiday and what exactly do people tell you in the village?

A5:my age mates were all married and they were all at their homes, for me I was still in school but they keep on asking me up to when will you be in school, when will you get married, i just tell them I have my time, i will also be married like your daughters with cows.

Q6: Ok what was your father doing to support you till you finished studies?

A6: my father was a teacher and he was the only educated among his brothers who were in the village. That's why his brothers didn't like the issues of schooling.

Q7; What do the brothers to your father say now after you completed your education?

A7; right now most of them bring their children to me so that I can take to school and for me I have my own children, so each of them I take one child put in school and that's what I can able to do for them.

Q8: What is the importance of education to you?

A8: when I completed my education I was elected as a member of parliament that's when I started getting money to help my people, the community and the young ones in school when they come for help, and I also do go for the women in the counties to talk to them about the importance of education and give them advice on what to do. At my home I found that the school is so much important because right now am able to take my children to school, provide food, buy them clothes and when they are sick I can take them to hospital. I don't wait for anything from my husband because am able to do it, but he can help sometime.

school is good because you can able to help many not only yourself.

RECAP:

We have just heard from Christine a woman who struggled with her education until she finished, she said education is very important because it has made her responsible and able to cater for her family, she also said she doesn't wait for everything from her husband to provide because she is educated and she can manage.

STATION IDENT.

CUE 2(studio recording)

Now let's go and hear from a teacher who will tell us about the benefit of education to the community.

CUE 3 (Field recording):

I am now at kotome primary school, few children are just reporting to school with their parents, the classes are still empty, right now am in the office of teacher lotabo who is going to tell us about the benefits of education to the community.

A1: I want to tell all the communities in south Sudan that education is something good and I also want to tell all the communities to put all their children to school, boys and girls are equal, because when this child complete his or her education, there are many things this child will bring in this world and all over. Like now this community of ours need doctors, need teachers who can teach in schools we also need pilots and also needed a lot of people, the results to these all is when a child completes school and become somebody and brings life to people.

Q2: then how do you encourage girls so that they can be many in school?

A2: there are many ways a girl can come to school or can be in the same numbers with boys but now there are some communities, they think that a girl will get lost when she goes to school, they think she will get nothing. girl will provide much when she complete her school, she will bring wealth to their family and she can do more many things by even becoming a doctor she will do great things which will please everyone, and now how to bring this children needs all of us to cooperate. us the teachers we always talk and tell the parents to bring their children to school and also girls who come to school with nothing, like the orphans, we always provide them with things like soaps to support the girls.

Q3: what challenges do girls face in this school?

A3: there are some challenges sometimes in school, you know a girl always need to be smart every time. these girls should be supported always,,some people in the community they don't take care of their children and this children when they come here in school they get a lot of difficulties, they don't have school fees. And those who escape from their homes to school stay without anything and when the school is closed and they go back home their parents will tell them to stay back and not to go back to school again. the problem is a lot of children are not supported by their parents and they end up dropping out of school.

Q4; fine, like you said before there are some children who escape from home to school and their parents follow them to take back home, what do you always do or tell the parent so that the child is not taken back?

A4: many children have been taken back from school most specially the girls, the boys are been taken back to go and look after the cattle some parents keep saying he is my only boy who can look after my cattle and also mother will be saying she is my only daughter who can look after the young ones and give the lamps water afternoon when am out in the farm, and its all difficult. But for us teachers we tell the parents that all this work in school and home are all the same, but after school this child will come and pay for everything you lost and help you too. only few parents hear us, others take their children, how much we talk to them they wont hear and there's nothing we can do.

Q8: what can you tell the girls about the benefit of education after a girl completes school?

A8: i want to tell all girls to come and study because, what a girl gets after her studies is more, she will not be like other girls who are married in the villages, whom they pay only 50 or 60 cows and its over but a girl who completes her school, she will first pay herself before her husband come and if her husband come they all combine their wealth together. also a girl who is educated is not eager for the a man to come and marry her. like right now we need a lot of female doctors, teachers so that people should be equal in work places. the girls are not still undermined like old days, whereby they use to complain a lot that men are taking everything but an educated girl will challenge all the insults and everything she does will just be the same like a man. that's why the school is very important to a girl.

FINAL RECAP

This has brought us to the end of this programme.

Today in our school programme we had been talking about the benefits of education.

Elisabeth a girl who finish her primary level and is willing to continue with her studies to secondary school level said, education is very important because if you finish and get the certificate she will be able to get a job and help her parents, the needy and get good husband and she said she wants to become a doctor so that she can help the pregnant women in the hospital.

Christine a female role model who completed her studies and is now working said, her uncles did not want her to go to school because they did not no the importance of education but later after she finished her studies and she is now helping them and the community, they realized the importance of education and ask parents to send their girls to school.

Lotabo a teacher who is teaching in kotome primary school said, education is important for both boys and girls, he said they do not send home those pupils whose parents did not pay school fees but instead allow them to do exams and pay money if they are taking their certificates, he said some parents do not allow their children to study which results to some children coming to school without the notice of their parents.

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