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Increasing students' attendance and retention in school

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Cycling to School project becomes Cycling to the future.

According to research conducted by UNPA, teenage pregnancies in Uganda remains high with 25%. And according FABIO's findings as of 2019, **50%** of young people between the age of **13-18** walk very long distances of between **7- 10km** to and from school in rural communities. This is because most of the schools are situated miles away from their homesteads . In addition, the negative cultural practices where several communities envisage a girl child as a source of wealth and so at the age of 14-17, she is giving away in exchange for dowry had escalated the situation and many young girls has fallen victim to this evil.

It's in view of the above that FABIO, an NGO that uses a bicycle to transform lives initiated the Cycle to School project to deal with the deadly cancer(teenage pregnancy) through distributing bicycles and awareness creation to school going students in Secondary Schools in Busoga Sub-region which in the long run increases retention in schools.

Indeed the Story is changing slowly by slowly. Recent findings by FABIO indicate that 80% of its beneficiaries appreciate the the value of education and many students confessed during our recent interview in July 2022 , that

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" I feel so motivated study because I no longer wake up at 5pm to walk to school, I now ride my Bicycle to School and 9 km no longer burden me. Am working hard to achieve my dream of becoming a Doctor" Said Sharon a student of Kiira View S.S.

However, the percentages of students in need of these bicycles are still alarming and require immediate attention . FABIO invites you join the noble cause of dwindling the teenage pregnancy level in Busoga through donating a bike or more

"One bicycle to a student can solve a number of issues in a home."

With more bicycles, we can reach out to many more vulnerable students.

Let's support the cycle to school project



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CycleTo School

Many school going students in Rural communities walk long distances to schools every day. This is because most of the schools are situated miles away from their homesteads and additionally, it is their easiest and available means of transport. Also, accessibility and affordability of other means of transport is quite hard.

The long distance not only affects the students' performance and interest in school but also avails room for sexual offenders to lure young girls into matters that take them off the education course. Because of this, the level of school drop outs has been noted to increase over time.

The project

Cycle to school project is purposed to enable students' accessibility and retention in schools especially the girl child, through provision of bicycles and awareness sessions on the value of education and life skills to both beneficiary students and parents. Due to the various purposes a bicycle serves, it has been dubbed a sustainable tool hence implying that beneficiaries are able to extensively use it in homes to: access hospitals, collect water, harvesting garden products, sell vegetables and other goods, especially during holidays.

The Impact

Many students enjoy attending school because of the bicycle provision since they aren't drained by the distance.

Pregnancy cases amongst the young girls have also reduced because of the bicycle prevents sexual offenders from stopping young girls on their way to school.

Students' and parents' have have also gradually appreciated the value of education





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