**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Agape of hope female youth development association is an indigenous non-government organization found in Kasese district with office location in Kasese municipality.

It is a community based organization founded by a group of members in 2005, it is a registered at district level and National Reg. No S.5914/9837 and at the national level by NAWOU.

The beneficiaries are the adolescents female youth, young mothers, school dropouts and maids.

The organization structure:

General Assembly, Executive committee, secretariat (Beneficiaries)

VISION

A society recognizing the value and dignity of the female youth in development.

**MISSION**

To empower the female youth with skills and knowledge for sustainable development of their communities.

**OBJECTIVES.**

* To provide the female youth with basic information and knowledge on human rights to enhance their capacity to become responsible citizens.
* To train the female youth in vocational skills developments and other related fields.
* To support the female youth in alternative means of live hoods, life skills for the prevention of HIV/AIDS and early pregnancies.
* To sensitize the community members on the need of girl child education.

**PROGRAMMES/ACTIVITIES**

* Adolescent reproductive health education(ARHE)
* HIV/AIDS awareness rising on control and mitigation.
* Skills development
* Human rights and good governance.
* Community saving and credit (CSC)

**PROBLEMS FACED BY FEMALE YOUTH:**

25% of the female youth by the age of 14-19 years have started sexual intercourse due to lack of sex education and redundancy.

40% of the female adolescents are either raped, defiled or have early marriages.

70% of the women by the age 19-22 years have produced most of them end up being single mothers.

About 50% of the female youth are involved in mult-sexual practices which expose them to HIV/AIDS and other STDS.

Unwanted pregnancies and unsafe absorptions which sometimes are causing death are on increase.

Infringement of female rights is rampant in terms of sexual violation and other health related problems that cause infertility due to STDs mental illness and other substance abuses.

**MAIN CAUSES OF THE ABOVE PROBLEMS**

* Peer groups
* Lack of proper parenting
* Broken culture background
* Poverty
* Migrations due to insecurity wars
* Idleness.
* Ignorance and lack of awareness
* Some societies encourage early marriages

**REQUESTS**

We request NGOs government and other well wishers to help us in addressing the problems mentioned so that we can have good citizens in future.

**COMMON VIOLATION OF SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS:**

* Forced marriage
* Sexual exploitation e.g. turning house maids/help into mistresses
* Rape
* Defilement
* Domestic violence e.g. wife beating
* Forced abortion

**RIGHT TO LIBERTY AND SECURITY OF PERSON**

Every person has a right to control their sexual and reproductive health. No person should be subjected to forced pregnancy or abortion.

**SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAMME.**

The skills development is to enable the single mothers, school dropout females, youth and the females with disabilities especially the deaf to skills development

Equipping the female youth with knowledge and skills in tertiary and knitting

**SAVING AND CREDIT**

Training the female youth in saving credit techniques.

**CORE VALUSE.**

* Respect
* Commitment
* Voluntarism
* Accountability
* Transparency.