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ADDRESSING INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETAL BARRIERS TO HEALTH, INFORMATION AND JUSTICE FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS IN KISUMU & HOMA BAY COUNTIES, KENYA.

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Interventions

AGYW Trainings
Strategic partnerships and collaborations
Safe spaces (SMS hotline, bonfire sessions, whatsapp groups)
Medico-legal clinics
CUC and Legislator Dialogues
Inter-generational dialogues

Psycho-social support
Advocacy and lobbying at the county level
Peer champions
JEC materials
Soccer clinics

Magnet theatre
Case representation in court

KEY

Interventions targeting AGYW
Interventions targeting the community

SMS 40210
Free SMS Hotline
Young people 15-24 years contributed significantly to Kenya’s 2015 HIV burden at a prevalence of 51% of all new infections. Adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) accounted for 33%. Informed by this, KELIN implemented a project titled, “Facilitating access to sexual and reproductive justice for orphaned and vulnerable adolescent girls”. This is aimed at securing sexual and reproductive justice as an avenue to reduce the HIV prevalence among AGYW.

### Addressing individual and societal barriers to health, information and justice for adolescent girls in Kisumu and Homabay Counties in Kenya.

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<td>built the capacity of 379 adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and HIV, in order to fill in the knowledge gap around understanding their bodies; negotiating for safe sex; contraception; condom use; land and property rights; and cultural structures and reporting mechanisms for sexual violations.</td>
<td>worked to create an enabling environment for access to justice for AGYW by building the capacity of 60 elders, 60 widow champions, 45 community based organisations (CBO) representatives and 26 pro bono lawyers as stakeholders who support AGYW in accessing health services and justice. Because of the cultural context in which AGYW live in, a supportive community is necessary for girls to be able to realise their dreams.</td>
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<td><strong>Safe spaces:</strong></td>
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<td>created platforms to participate in cross learning on SRHR where AGYW feel confident to share their experiences, access information and freely participate without exposure to discrimination, criticism, harassment, or any other emotional or physical harm. The platforms included bonfire sessions that reached 379 AGYW; an SMS hotline that broadcasted 15,000 messages to AGYW; and WhatsApp groups for 150 girls.</td>
<td>is one of the platforms used to provide services, information on SRHR, HIV, land and property rights and legal advice to 1,500 community members in Homa Bay and Kisumu counties to increase access to justice in cases of violation of SRHR and property rights.</td>
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<td>provided 379 AGYW and 80 orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) with the tools to engage other AGYW and relay correct information in a way that the adolescents understand, to foster informed peer learning.</td>
<td>mobilized 26 pro bono lawyers to provide legal representation in SGBV cases and assist widows and orphans prepare wills and other legal documents, to enhance protection of the rights of orphaned and vulnerable children.</td>
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<td>used soccer, a traditionally male space, to reach over 1,500 girls and lift them out of socially defined roles, nurture and expose identified talents and promote professional networking.</td>
<td>trained 379 AGYW and 80 OVC on SRHR advocacy and lobbying strategies and holding discussions with key duty bearers in National and County governments to advocate for favourable policies on SRHR and property rights at the county level.</td>
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<td>provided mentorship programmes and psychosocial counselling to victims of SRHR and property rights violations.</td>
<td>trained 60 AGYW champions on dissemination of youth friendly messages on HIV and SRHR and to pass the messages to a broader audience.</td>
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<td><strong>Sanitary towels:</strong></td>
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<td>disseminated key messages on SRHR, HIV and sexual and gender based violence (SGBV) through messages cards packaged in sanitary towel boxes distributed to over 13,000 girls in Kisumu and Homa Bay counties.</td>
<td>worked with KMET, Homa Bay County Government, Kisumu County Government, and community based organisations to provide social protection programmes and youth-friendly services.</td>
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