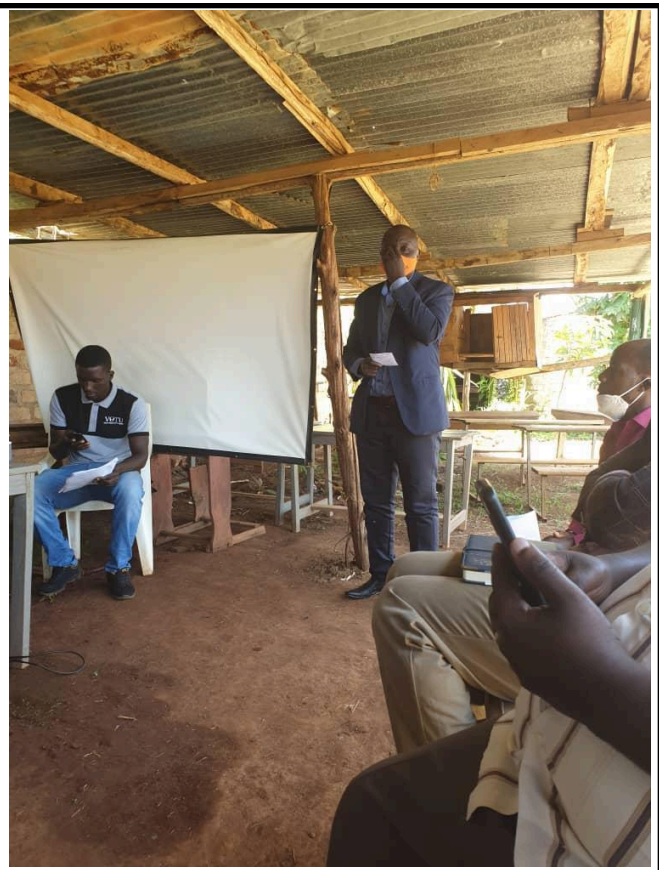
FEBRUARY MONTHLY REPORT 2022			
Activity	Inception Meeting		
Date	2022/03/03		
Location	Budinse Memorial School (Ngando village, Butambala district)		
Progress (what you did)	"Inception Meeting" that was held at Budinse Memorial School in Ngando sub county in which all major stakeholders were invited. In attendance were the DEO, Town clerk, Head of Teachers Union, School head teachers of the 10 selected schools and the Deputy RDC of Butambala district. ● Meeting started at 12:00 noon and successfully ended at 15:00pm ● Attendance list is hereto attached as Appendix 'A' ● Meeting Agenda is also attached as Appendix 'B' Following the guidance of the baseline survey report that was finalized in the same month and the assessment of toilet facilities that was conducted, we took our first step of implementation through the inception meeting, where we signed memorandums with the head teachers and openly handed over the finances for the improvement of washrooms and changing rooms. Each school was represented by its head teacher who received 300,000 each for the renovation of washrooms and provision of changing space to ensure menstruating girls are comfortable in school. We discussed and agreed upon the best way to utilize the funds so as to achieve its intended goal. Emphasis was put on the accountability of the resources. The meeting was also aimed at ensuring stakeholders understand their roles as the project is implemented		
Positive influences/ changes	● Head teachers understood their roles regarding implementation of the project ● Memorandums of understanding were signed with the respective schools for a smooth delivery of project goals ● Local leaders showed full support and promised maximum cooperation for the good of the girl child. The RDC and DEO applauded the project cause and sent their appreciation to the funders and partners ● Head teachers welcomed the idea of involving parents.		

	• A whatsapp group for head teachers and project staff was formed for proper monitoring
Problems /Challenges	• Expectations of the beneficiary schools were higher than the actual budget allocated for the improvement of washrooms and toilets. • Poor internet connectivity. Our partners couldn't join the project inception meeting • The turn up of the attendees overwhelmed the hired space at the venue. We had to use a bigger open area to accommodate participants. • 3 hours meeting called for refreshments
Lesson learnt	• Community involvement in project implementation is very important for the success of the project • Teachers acknowledge the importance of managing menstrual hygiene and the prevailing challenges • The district leaders acknowledge the minimal support from government towards MHM as was stated by the town clerk of Gombe Town Council and the DEO • Indeed for a parent who fails to pay $ 5.7 a term of 3 months for porridge can hardly afford non-reusable pads monthly. This project comes in handy with the reusable pad options • All participants appreciated the idea of training learners and teachers on how to make sanitary pads

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	Arrival & Registration of stakeholders	Team Leader Introduction of the project
		
	Project Manager discusses Project goals, Objective and activities	The DEO and the RDC of Butambala graced the meeting

		
	Town Clerk of Gombe Town ouncil making his remarks about the MHM project	The D/RDC of Butambala district making his remarks on behalf of the RDC

		
	Head of Teacher's union representing the DEO	
Person (anyone)	**Comments**	
Mr. Walugembe Edris Town Clerk Gombe	"For a long time menstruation is handled in secrecy, not publically talked about, not budgeted and neither discussed. I see this project helping not only the girls but also the women of Butambala considering their income base" "I normally tell people that; if as a father you fail to buy pads for your girls, a motorcyclist will provide and the repercussion is, the cyclist will ask your daughter for accountability", he lamented Just like in Nepal, the reusable pads will greatly help. Providing a sewing machine, training teachers and learners on how to make the pads and how to use them	

Mr Fred Kalema Deputy RDC Butambala	“As a public servant, my role is to ensure that children are in school. I warn all head teachers who settle defilement cases outside their mandate. Defilement cases are on the rise here in Butambala causing dropouts and affecting the quality of our learners”, said the D/RDC