

Community Involvement Working Group



ACTIVITIES

1. Focal Person at the Ministry of Education



- . CIG thought that for better coordination and liaison with the Government, there needs to be a focal person in charge of community involvement in Education at the Ministry of Education, we have contacted Mineduc and scheduled a meeting this week to discussion further on this and decide on the way forward.

2. Community Education Workers



This is a new concept that we are piloting in Mayange Sector of Bugesera district, CEWs work on a voluntary basis, this is intended to bridge the gap between schools and homes, and their roles are among others to;

- First of all collect data at the household level of students and those out of school, challenges, so that we can identify students in school, out of school, and those at risk of dropping



- Secondly through the PTCs harmonize data and issues identified at household level to that at schools, this is intended at understanding the core cause of education challenges that impact on access and quality of education.
- Carry out sensitization and counseling to parents and the entire community, we intend to empower them with skills of carrying out this.



At the moment we have 40 CEWs, one for each village (Umudugudu) within Mayange Sector.

3. Parents and Teachers Committee Workshop



A workshop was organized by IEE with participation of VSO and MVP for PTCs on Girls' education mainly focusing on strengthening parents and teachers in protection of the girl child and encouraging their education.

This workshop was held in Mayange and brought together head teachers, PTC presidents, Sector educations officer and INGOs as listed above.

4. School Feeding Program (SFP)



We participated in a National Consultative meeting on homegrown solutions to the school meals program in Rwanda.

This was attended by among others the Ministries of Education, Agriculture and Health, Vice Mayors and DEOs, Development partners and delegates from the Brazilian Center of Excellence.

We drew a lot of lessons from the Brazilian experience that has been a success story. Recommendations and Conclusions reached were shared with all RENCPC members on the mailing list.



Thank you