

RENCP GIRLS' EDUCATION WORKING GROUP

MEETING MINUTES

Date	16 April 2013
Time	9am - noon
Location	Wellspring Foundation
Chair	Alfred Mupenzi, Plan Rwanda
Attendees	Mupenzi Fesi Jackie (Sustainable Health Enterprises - SHE), UwambayeAlaine (Rwanda Girls Initiative), AberaBeninka Maureen (VVOB – Rwanda), Katherine Nichol (Plan Rwanda), Gihana Donatha (Girl Hub Rwanda), Julie Bayiga (Girl Hub Rwanda), Mukandekazi Genevieve (CHF International), Kabera Telesphore (FAWE Rwanda), Eugenie Mukanoheli (FAWE Rwanda), Kayibanda Julian (Sustainable Health Enterprises) , Anne Marie (AkaziKanoze), Stephane Nyembo (Wellspring Foundation), Alfred Mupenzi (Plan Rwanda), MunyeshuliDeogratius (Club PESCT), KanzayireTheopista M. (CARE International), Vuningabo Emile Cadet (NUDOR), Assumpta Ingabire (Imbutu Foundation), Michel Ndayambaje (ActionAid)
Regrets	Hugh Delaney (Unicef), Ruth Mbabazi (VSO)

Item	Summary of Discussion	Action Item	Person Responsible
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<p>Introduction and welcome</p>	<p>Alfred Mupenzi (Plan) warmly welcomed organizations (both members of RENCP and non-members of RENCP) to the meeting. Self-introduction of organizations.</p> <p>SHE mentioned that they do not have NGO registration in Rwanda (and are rather, registered as a business) so do not qualify for RENCP membership but are still interested in supporting the group.</p> <p>The group discussed the impetus behind starting a new working group: (1) RENCP members felt that girls' education issues were not highlighted under the Equity and Inclusion Working Group; (2) a number of new and existing member organizations have a strong focus on girls' education, warranting a forum for collaboration between these organizations.</p>		
<p>NGETF in relation to RENCP Girls' Education Working Group</p>	<p>Alfred (Plan)/Eugenie (FAWE)/Assumpta (Imbuto)/Donatha (Girl Hub) discussed the creation of the NGETF. It was created to support the implementation of the Girls' Education Policy. Members visited the Girls' Education Movement (GEM) in Uganda to learn about their work, structure, campaigns, etc. This informed the development of a TOR for the group.</p>		

	<p>Participants discussed challenges faced by the NGETF. Namely, there has been a lot of turn over within MINEDUC and the girls' education focal point position is currently vacant. Alfred and Eugenie mentioned that Sylvie (person in charge of cross-cutting issues at MINEDUC) can work on strengthening the NGETF.</p> <p>Assumpta (Imbuto) mentioned that the PS of relevant ministries must be consulted on strengthening the NGETF and collaboration with the GEWG.</p> <p>Eugenie (FAWE): Raised the point of how we ensure representation of the GEWG in the NGETF. She suggested that the chairs approach the NGETF and request allocation of representation by members of the GEWG.</p> <p>Donatha (Girl Hub) discussed the need for civil society to be part of the review of the Girls' Education Policy which might be expiring soon (approved in 2008 and its now 5 years down the road). How can the GWEG support this through the NGETF?</p> <p>Telesphore and Eugenie (FAWE) discussed the possibility of potentially reviving the School Campaign.</p>	<p>Chairs to meet with relevant PS.</p> <p>Chairs to approach NGETF regarding seats for interested GEWG members.</p> <p>Chairs to liaise with charing organizations of other working groups.</p>	<p>Plan and Girl Hub</p> <p>Plan and Girl Hub</p> <p>Plan and Girl Hub</p>
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	<p>Stephane (Wellspring) mentioned that we can learn from other RENCP working groups on how they work with government bodies.</p> <p>There was general consensus from the group that there is a need for a separate working group under RENCP but there is also need for close collaboration with the NGETF. The NGETF is a good vehicle for collaboration between ministries, etc. whereas the GEWG can foster collaboration among CSOs. Members of the GEWG can collaborate on key advocacy issues and represent these interests in the NGETF.</p> <p>Participants also concluded that the GEWG can work to strengthen the functioning of the NGETF.</p>		
<p>Creation of RENCP Girls' Education Working Group (GEWG)</p>	<p>The TOR for the GEWG will need to be approved by the General Assembly at the next meeting on 28 June.</p> <p>Katherine (Plan) suggested that the TORs for the other working groups should inform the development of the GEWG TOR.</p>	<p>Chairs to review TOR of other working groups.</p>	<p>Plan and Girl Hub</p>
<p>RENCP membership</p>	<p>As of 30 June, Wellspring and VSO will assume chair and co-chair responsibilities.</p>		

	<p>Stephane (Wellspring) reviewed the requirements for RENCP membership:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Official NGO registration in Rwanda 2. Actively participate in at least one working group 3. Complete registration form 4. Approval by General Assembly <p>There are currently four working groups under RENCP</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Equity and Inclusion 2. Teacher Development and Leadership 3. ECCD 4. Community Involvement in Education 		
<p>Establishment of Group Leadership</p>	<p>Organizations who are registered members of RENCP were able to vote for chair of the group. Voting was cast using a blind ballot and the organization with the most votes was to become chair and the organization with the second highest amount of votes to become co-chair.</p>		

	<p>RENCP member organizations were able to self-nominate. Four organizations emerged as nominees – FAWE, Girl Hub, Rwanda Girls' Initiative, Plan Rwanda.</p> <p>The results of the election are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Girl Hub Rwanda – 4 votes 2. Plan Rwanda – 4 votes 3. Rwanda Girls' Initiative – 2 votes 4. FAWE Rwanda – 2 votes <p>SHE (who is not currently a registered RENCP member) counted the ballots and announced the chairing organizations.</p> <p>Given that Girl Hub and Plan tied for first place, the two organizations are to meet and decide who will become chair and co-chair.</p> <p>Donatha (Girl Hub) and Katherine (Plan) gave background on their organizations' work on girls' education and their vision for the new GEWG.</p>	<p>Chairing organizations to meet to discuss who is chair and co-chair.</p>	<p>Plan and Girl Hub</p>
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<p>Brief introduction of organizations' work on girls' education.</p>	<p>All participants gave a five minute introduction to their organizations' work on girls' education.</p> <p>Participants suggested a potential learning trip to Gashora Girls' Academy.</p>	<p>Chairs to discuss potential learning trip with Rwanda Girls' Initiative.</p>	<p>Plan and Girl Hub.</p>
<p>Concluding remarks and next steps</p>	<p>Discussion on next steps for chairing organizations and participants</p>	<p>Next meeting to be scheduled in May. To be communicated by email. TOR to be agreed upon in May meeting.</p>	<p>Plan and Girl Hub</p>
		<p>Creation of mailing list for GEWG</p>	<p>Stephane (Wellspring)</p>
		<p>Meeting with Sylvie at MINEDUC to discuss creation of working group at end of May (once TOR drafted)</p>	<p>FAWE, Plan, Girl Hub</p>
		<p>Draft of ToR for working</p>	<p>Plan and Girl Hub</p>

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