

## RENCP GIRLS EDUCATION WORKING GROUP

### MEETING MINUTES

<b>Date</b>	July 16, 2014
<b>Time</b>	8:30-11:30
<b>Location</b>	GirlHub Rwanda offices
<b>Chair</b>	Bagambe Paul (Plan Rwanda)
<b>Attendees</b>	Clement Kabiligi (Imbuto Foundation), Munyeshuri Deogratias (club PESCT), Muhumuza Winnie (WDA/AGI), Paul Bagambe (Plan Rwanda), Jean Claude Nshimiyimana (Health Poverty Action), Kabera Telesphore (FAWE Rwanda), Kate Turner (Advocacy advisor/NUDOR), Emile Vuningabo (NUDOR), Kayiranga Prudent (RWAMREC), Nuwagira Rachel (RWAMREC), Mitali Lydia (MINEDUC), Allen Umwali (Plan Rwanda), Cecile Nyiramana (ALARM ministries), Grace Muhimpundu (CHABHA), Julie Bayiga (GirlHub), Arpana Pandey (UNICEF), Rachel Mahuku (Wellspring Foundation), Josephine Nkurunziza (GirlHub), Emily Route (USAID), Triphine Munganyinka (USAID), Robinah Kyambadde (YWCA), Michel Ndayambaje (Actionaid), Gilbert Munyemana (Idembe Ltd)

Item	Summary of discussions	Action item	Person responsible
Intro & welcome	GirlHub welcomed the participants and all participants had a round of self introduction		Donatha
Review of the previous minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNICEF was not represented during the last meeting to give updates on the EFA review process but Plan did on behalf of UNICEF (Arpana had shared)</li> <li>All organizations agreed on consulting their management teams about taking leadership positions in the working group</li> <li>Imbuto foundation on Girls education campaign</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNICEF to share the draft of the EFA review report and updates on the stakeholders' meeting</li> <li>Imbuto Foundation to share the updates of the M&amp;E findings on girls' education campaign</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arpana Pandey</li> <li>Clement (Imbuto Foundation)</li> </ul>
Updates on the curriculum review	Gender issues are not really integrated in the curriculum as it should be, UNFPA is mentioning the sexual and reproductive education, but gender as an issue itself is not really integrated. We needed a gender specialist from the working group who can represent the working group in the review, but the review is in its final stages. It was recommended in the working group that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A small team from the working group to work on the issue: UNICEF, NUDOR, FAWE, PLAN, Wellspring and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members of the designated team</li> </ul>

	<p>the group prepares a two pager document on the gender and girls' education issues with the point describing why and how the gender issue should be integrated, and give views through one organization that is participating in the review. The next session for the curriculum review is taking place in 27th July in Musanze</p>	<p>GirlHub will develop a two pager document to be consolidated and shared with the Wellspring and UNFPA to advocate for the gender issues in the curriculum review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All members of the GEWG who have inputs to share need to do so by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July.</li> <li>• The designated team to work on the two pager document will meet on Monday 21 July at 10:00 at the Wellspring Foundation's offices.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All the GEWG members to provide inputs</li> <li>• The members of the designated team will meet/wellspring will host the meeting</li> </ul>
<p>Updates on the RENCPC General Assembly</p>	<p>The chair and co-chair positions were voted for, and the other updates are uploaded on the RENCPC website, anyone can consult</p>		<p>Paul Bagambe/Chair</p>
<p>Update from girls' education expert at MINEDUC- review of the girl</p>	<p>Updates were shared on the planned activities in the 2014-2015 fiscal year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having the GE policy and strategic plan reviewed.</li> <li>• Situation analysis on girls' education. GirlHub is carrying the analysis, and GEWG member organizations are requested to provide inputs to capture all the necessary issues. The first draft will be available by September. Girlhub briefed the group about the situational analysis, as a step in the GE policy review process.</li> <li>• Girls' room standards developed. Under this a workshop will be conducted to develop guidelines for the room and what the rooms need to be equipped with to better meet the needs of girls. Some schools</li> </ul>	<p>To find out which company is constructing the rooms and find a way the GEWG may provide inputs to them on the issues to be regarded</p>	<p>MINEDUC (Lydia)</p>

		<p>have the rooms, but with different designs, equipments and functionality. The standards will help harmonize the rooms and ensure that the girls get the best out of it.</p>		
Girl Impact Map		<p>Girlhub explained about the girl impact map under design, a mapping tool that enables one to plot girl focused programmes and resources along with the behavioral data. The tool provides data regarding different indicators that include access to ASRH services, access to finance ..., with regards to the geographic locations and administrative units.</p> <p>The map is designed for the Rwandan government, NGOs, foundations and investors to access the needed information and actionable data.</p> <p>Link to the tool: <a href="http://www.girlimpactmap.org">www.girlimpactmap.org</a>  Username: ghtest  Password: 6Flpy6V6lktg</p>		
Welcoming new members		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NUDOR were members of the RENCPC, and have joined the GEWG.</li> <li>• Idembe ltd, a new educational technology company, recently joined the RENCPC and GEWG as an affiliate member. It is represented by Gilbert Munyemana.</li> <li>• Akilah institute was also admitted in the RENCPC last general assembly as a full RENCPC member, and have joined the GEWG, though they were not represented in today's meeting.</li> <li>• Health Poverty Action, a UK based, formerly known as health unlimited through Urunana, has recently launched a project on girls' education challenge, also expressed its interest in joining RENCPC and GEWG</li> <li>• African leadership and reconciliation ministries (ALARM), a faith based organization, has a girls' school aiming at developing leadership in girl students, and was admitted as a full member of RENCPC and joined the GEWG.</li> <li>• WDA, that has been part of the GEWG through the AGI project, are also part of the GEWG as an affiliate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New organizations that interested in joining the RENCPC and GEWG will gather the information from the RENCPC website and follow the procedure</li> </ul>	Health Poverty Action

	member		
Voting for the new chair and co-chair of GEWG	Plan Rwanda and Girlhub have been chairing and co-chairing respectively for the last year. The chair (Plan) has briefed the group on the terms of reference for the working group, to give an overview of the responsibilities of leading organizations and the voting process. The result of nominations found Plan Rwanda and GirlHub nominated for votes. WDA and UNICEF assisted in moderating the voting process. Plan Rwanda was voted chair of the working group on 9 votes out of 11. Girlhub got 2/11 and was considered co-chair.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
Next meeting	The next GEWG meeting will be held on October 1, 2014, and YWCA tentatively volunteered to host the meeting, to be confirmed after consulting the office.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to confirm whether YWCA will host the meeting</li> </ul>	YWCA/Plan