Promotion of Girl’s Education Campaign in Rwanda: “Ba Inkubito y’Icyeza n’Ishema ry’Abakobwa”

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**Issues**

- Gender is socially constructed perception about the roles of women and men in a particular culture or community.
- Gender disproportions in education refer to unequal access to quality education and the differences in education achievement between males and females.
- According to MINEDUC, in 2006, only 37.91% of girls passed the Primary six exams compared to 62.09% of boys (2006 Primary results).
- The gap widens in secondary school: 31.7% of girls passed ordinary level exams while 68.3% of boys passed.

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**Description**

- In 2005, Imbuto Foundation in collaboration with UNICEF Rwanda started a campaign to promote:
  - academic excellence,
  - high performance,
  - retention and
  - completion of girls’ education,
- Through: “Ba Inkubito y’Icyeza n’Ishema ry’Abakobwa”, this initiative is considered a crucial event basing on its effects to the supported students, their families and the communities in general.

**Data collection:**
- Project M&E Indicators.
- Data was collected in collaboration with REB

**Data Analysis:**
- The descriptive statistics was used to generate the findings using SPSS version 25.

**Lessons Learned**

84% of the girls who were aware of the promotion of the girls’ education campaign inspired them and thus worked hard and were rewarded.

- Since 2005, in total 5,474 young girls awarded and recognized for academic excellence.

- This initiative is considered as the pillar of girl’s Excellence in education. Hence,
- This campaign is motivating many girls to work hard so that they will be recognized by Imbuto Foundation.

**Next Steps**

- Continue rewarding BPGs and support girls’ education around the country
- Continuously involve of parents in their daughters’ education is crucial for their success
- Strengthen the network of all awarded best performing girls

**Key words:** Best performing girls, academic excellence, Gender

- The Foundation is governed by the philosophy that “A seed well planted, watered, nurtured and given all the necessary support successfully grows into a healthy plant, one that reaches high and stands tall.” Imbuto Foundation envisions this for all its current initiatives and those in the future.

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