



PATHWAYS

MEANINGFULLY ENGAGING COMMUNITIES

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all forms of inequalities*

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Ngare Naro primary school, P.O. Box 264, Nyahururu. This is a public private school located in Nyahururu near Nyahururu town in Laikipia West in Laikipia County. This the location at which Pathways policy institute in conjunction with Drawing Dreams initiative chose to celebrate International Women’s Day on the 8th of March, 2021. The students thought it would be a normal school day since most of them did not know it was International Women’s Day leave alone the fact that they would be receiving visitors in the afternoon. Their teachers wanted it to be a surprise because what student does not dream of a suddenly free afternoon off of school work.

Our team arrived at the school and there was much excitement from the students, all of them struggling to make out the words ‘It always seems impossible until it’s done’ that was printed on the front of the T-shirts that all the facilitators wore. The plan for the day was to have interactive talks with the students on matters menstrual health, hygiene and career.

The young girls and boys who were in the lime light were the classes 6, 7 and 8 since these are the classes with the teenagers. In order to ensure the girls and boys spoke freely, we separated them based on their respective classes to ensure the information given was delivered in the most age appropriate way possible. In these groups the girls and boys were quick to loosen up and ask their most intimate questions.



The boy-girl relationships question even at some point caused a debate where some were for and some against to which they received the biggest surprise of the day when Peter Ngure, Team lead at Pathways policy institute revealed to them that he at one point in his primary school life attended Ngare Naro Primary school and thereafter went on to study in other much bigger and prestigious institutions. He explained that these issues were just temporary and they should not allow themselves to be blindsided by them, they should instead strive to excel and follow their dreams wherever they may lead. The students were so fascinated and motivated by this realization.



In order to make sure International Women’s day would remain in the students’ minds going forward, we ended the commemoration by giving out of sanitary kits to the girls while the young boys joined it to take photos with their teachers and guest facilitators turned mentors



