WISE- UP GIRLS FOR BETTER LIVES PROJECT
(WISE-UP GIRLS)

Asset Building Program

Women’s Initiative for Self Empowerment
WISE- GHANA
The Girls We Are Most Interested in, and Why:

• Who are they?
  – Adolescent out-of-school girls aged 10-20, working as “kayayei” (market girls)
  – Single mother “kayayei”

• What are the conditions and status that most concern the organization?
  – Increased experiences of sexual violence
  – High risks of teenage pregnancy
  – Exposure to HIV/ AIDS
  – Lack of family or social support
  – Single motherhood
  – Sex working
Target Group
Program Goals:

• To increase opportunities that will create a forum for sharing ideas, experience and learning about SGBV among adolescent girls.

• To provide services and referral systems for psychological counselling, medical support and services for adolescent survivors who would otherwise not have access to such services.

• To provide opportunities for out-of-school adolescent girls who choose to return to school, to do without any hindrance.

• To provide a mentoring program for out-of-school girls who return to school as well as encourage others to aspire to same.

• To support skills training and setting up of business ventures for adolescent girls who desire to pursue such, to become economically independent to make their lives better.
Specifics of Program:

- 200 adolescent out-of-school girls (including teenage single mothers) per year

Activities:
- Facilitate the enrolment of girls into regular schools
- Negotiate with skills training centres to enrol girls in programmes
- Individual and group counselling to provide psycho-social empowerment
- Referrals to other service providers for further support (e.g., Health, legal etc)
- Equip with skills to identify potential abusers and abusive situations
- Create safe spaces for sharing ideas, experiences and learning about their rights and responsibilities
- Support for day care services for children of single mothers
- Monitoring progress and developing interventions to retain girls in school and skill training centres
Expected Results At the Level of Girls:

• The girls will benefit from;
  – psychosocial support services
  – opportunities to opt for formal education and enrol in school
  – employable and transferable skills of their interest
  – increase knowledge of SGBV and other self development trainings (HIV AIDS, Business advisory skills, Negotiation, Hygiene, Nutrition, Childcare etc.
  – safe spaces for sharing ideas and experiences
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