

# FAWE

## Forum for African Women Educationalists Kenya (FAWEK)

- NGO registered in 1996
- Member of 33 Chapters across Sub-Saharan Africa
- Supports girls and women acquire education for development
- Empowers girls and women via access to education and training.
- Improve economic and social opportunities for girls and women
- Foster gender equality and equity

#### **Our Mission**

"Supporting girls and women acquire education for development"

#### **Our Vision**

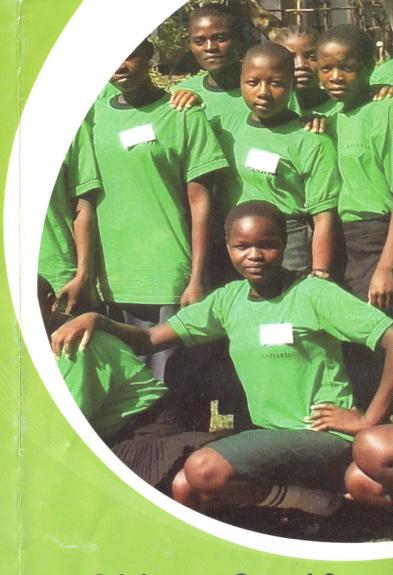
"A society where gender parity and equality in education and training prevails"



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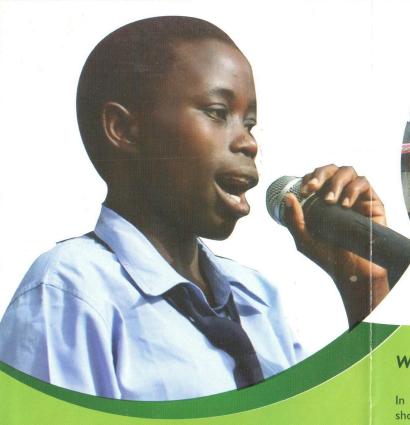
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Adolescent Sexual & Reproductive Health Rights Programme (ASRHR)

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Education | Gender Equality | Empowerment



#### WHAT IS ASRHR?

Adolescence is a transitional stage of physical and psychological change. During this period, young people often struggle with feelings of emptiness, confusion, tension, and anxiety.

Changes in their bodies, as well as male-female interactions, compound the changes that young adults experience.

Sexual and reproductive health rights are the legal, social, and ethical principles that entitle all children and adults to be free from sexual harassment, physical and mental harm, and serve to secure the rights of everyone to choose how they manage their sexual and reproductive practices.

### WHY IS ASRHR IMPORTANT?

In most African countries, Kenya included, research has shown that school dropout rates are closely linked to reproductive health issues and to the consequences of corrupting the sexual integrity of adolescent girls:

- Unwanted pregnancies
- Complications arising from unsafe abortions and child birth
- Female genital mutilation (FGM)
- Forced or early marriage
- Sexual violence, including rape and sexual harassment
- HIV/AIDS and other STDs

Lack of access to information and services that educate young girls and boys on safe sex practices, risks of sexual activity, and counseling services contribute to girls' disempowerment in male-female relations.

#### WHY IS ASRHR IMPORTANT?

#### **FAWEK** interventions:

- Scholarships and bursaries to facilitate re-entry of teenage mothers
- Peer education on sexual and reproductive health and Tuseme empowerment
- Teacher and community sensitization
- Training to produce re-usable sanitary pads

  Improved access to guidance and counseling services
- Policy advocacy

FAWEK's ASRHR project uses education and advocacy to keep girls in school and provide age-appropriate information and services that fulfills their right to choice in matters of sexual and reproductive health.

