

TOPIC: YOUTH AND GENDER AWARENESS DEVELOPMENT

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| Definitions: | |
| youth | A youth is a young person from age 13-29. |

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| THE ROOT CAUSES of UNDERDEVELOPMENT IN YOUTH AND GENDER AWARENESS | 1. Lack of information, participation, integrity, focus |
| | 2. Lack of self-control |
| | 3. Lack of values, lack of ownership of the nation |
| | 4. Lack of unity, unwilling to take responsibility |
| | 5. Low self esteem, not industrial, dependency |
| | 6. Self interest, education system is not specialized |
| | 7. The Church does not believe in leadership potential of the youth |
| | 8. Gender inequality, power, greed |
| | 9. Irresponsibility of parents in raising and disciplining their children |
| | 10. Many women think marriage is final |
| | 11. Lack of facilities that encourage youth and child development |

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| UNDERDEVELOPMENT IN YOUTH AND GENDER AWARENESS - CONSEQUENCES AT THE INDIVIDUAL LEVEL | 1. Missed opportunities |
| | 2. Teen age pregnancy |
| | 3. Lost direction |
| | 4. Misinformation leads to quarrels |
| | 5. Poverty |
| | 6. Devaluation |
| | 7. Lack effectiveness |
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| UNDERDEVELOPMENT IN YOUTH AND GENDER AWARENESS - CONSEQUENCES AT THE FAMILY LEVEL | 1. Teenage pregnancy |
| | 2. Poverty |
| | 3. Family affected |
| | 4. Early marriage |
| | 5. Broken homes |
| | 6. Little or no decision-making power |
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| UNDERDEVELOPMENT IN YOUTH AND GENDER AWARENESS - CONSEQUENCES AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL | 1. Wrong information |
| | 2. Poor planning |
| | 3. Community will not grow |
| | 4. Community resentment |
| | 5. Misplacement of people, unmatched to skills |
| | 6. Disrespect of community norms and value |
| | 7. Women feel neglected |
| | 8. High criminal rate |
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| UNDERDEVELOPMENT IN YOUTH AND GENDER AWARENESS - CONSEQUENCES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL | 1. Breakdown of cultural and moral values |
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| | 2. Under development |
| | 3. Discrimination |
| | 4. Low participation of women and youth on the national level |
| | 5. Dependency on foreign nations for skilled personnel |
| | 6. Low rate of employment |
| | 7. High rate of STD / HIV AIDS |
| | 8. Illiteracy and joblessness |

NATIONAL IDENTITY AND UNITY: THE WAY FORWARD

| UNDERDEVELOPMENT IN YOUTH AND GENDER AWARENESS - WAY FORWARD AT THE INDIVIDUAL LEVEL | 1. Individuals should respect their value and have self esteem |
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| | 2. Every woman should be committed to education and participation |
| | 3. Commitment to receiving information from radio, television, news papers, etc. |
| | 4. Every youth should open a bank account and start being responsible and accountable |

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| UNDERDEVELOPMENT IN YOUTH AND GENDER AWARENESS – WAY FORWARD AT THE FAMILY LEVEL | 1. Every family should open an account for family education |
| | 2. Teaching and training our children |
| | 3. Family should be able to have a backyard garden |
| | 4. Family should be able to set standards and not let their children come back home after 7:00 PM except for genuine reasons |
| | 5. Family members should learn to plan together as family |

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| UNDERDEVELOPMENT IN YOUTH AND GENDER AWARENESS – WAY FORWARD AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL | 1. Educational awareness |
| | 2. Lay down gender-sensitive rule and regulations |
| | 3. Reject and discourage forms of sexual and gender-based violence |
| | 4. Women and youth should be encouraged to participate and contribute in developmental activities |
| | 5. Build playgrounds for children |
| | 6. Low interest club (loan) for women and youth |

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| UNDERDEVELOPMENT IN YOUTH AND GENDER AWARENESS – WAY FORWARD AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL | 1. Government should build standard public schools |
| | 2. Ensure the full application of the code of conduct for public sector in rural or urban community |
| | 3. Guardian counselors should be assigned to every institution |
| | 4. Should build professional colleges |
| | 5. Build recreational areas, libraries |
| | 6. Enforce the law on irresponsible parents |
| | 7. Assigned a national holiday for youth and children |
| | 8. Husbands to encourage the development of their wives |
| | 9. Women's identity 2027 |