

MODEL OF INTERVENTIONS TO SUPPORT TEEN MOTHERS

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DISSEMINATION EVENT REPORT - 2024

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Hope and Homes for Children (HHC) is a UK registered charity working in Central and Eastern Europe and Africa. Hope and Homes for Children is an international charity working to ensure that all children have the chance to grow up in the love of a family. We are leading experts in closing children’s institutions and reforming childcare systems. We work with children, their families, communities and governments to ensure that children grow up in an environment where they can fulfil their potential. HHC moves children out of institutions into family-based care, helps to hold together families at risk of breakdown due to the pressures of poverty, disease or conflict, and works to prevent child abandonment.

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The dissemination event was organized in partnership with Hope and Homes for Children, the University of Rwanda and Africa Quantitative Science funded by Clifford Chance. The event brought together around 80 participants including Government Agencies such as The Ministry of Gender and Family promotion, The Ministry of Local Government, The Ministry of Youth, The National Child Development Agency, Rwanda Biomedical Center, Kicukiro District; Media such as the Rwanda Broadcasting Agency and other private Media houses; UN Agencies such as UNWOMEN and UNICEF; and Civil Society Organizations working in child protection, mental health, family promotion, women empowerment such as World Vision, Interpeace, Society for Family Health, Young Women Mentors Network, Young Women Christian Association, Ripple Effect, Rotary Club Kigali-Gasabo, among others.

Teen mothers and parents made a huge contribution by sharing their stories, advices and lived expertise.

The event commenced with introductions from each participant, followed by an outline of the event's purpose by the moderator. The main aim was to share knowledge, findings, and experiences from the evidence-based intervention initiated by Hope and Homes for Children to support teen mothers, with a focus on disseminating the intervention model document globally.

EVENT SUMMARY

Opening Remarks - Prof. Vincent Sezibera (UR-Center for Mental Health)

Emphasized the importance of evidence-based interventions, highlighting their applicability, resource management, and impact. He stressed the value of a unified approach to support teen mothers rather than developing disparate models.

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Habimfura Innocent
Country Director - HHC

The Guest of Honor Address by NCDA DG Ingabire Assumpta

Thanked HHC Clifford Chance, and Africa Quantitative Sciences for their impactful intervention and suggested scaling the model to a national level. She invited other partners to adopt the model and expressed gratitude for the collaborative efforts.



Poetry Performance by Artist Uwamahoro Rosine

Delivered a poem titled "Sigasira Ejo Hazaza Heza H'umwari,"(Safeguard brighter future of girls) addressing challenges, motivation, and resilience, which moved and excited the participants.



Research Findings Presentation by Prof. Kamuzinzi Masengesho (UR):

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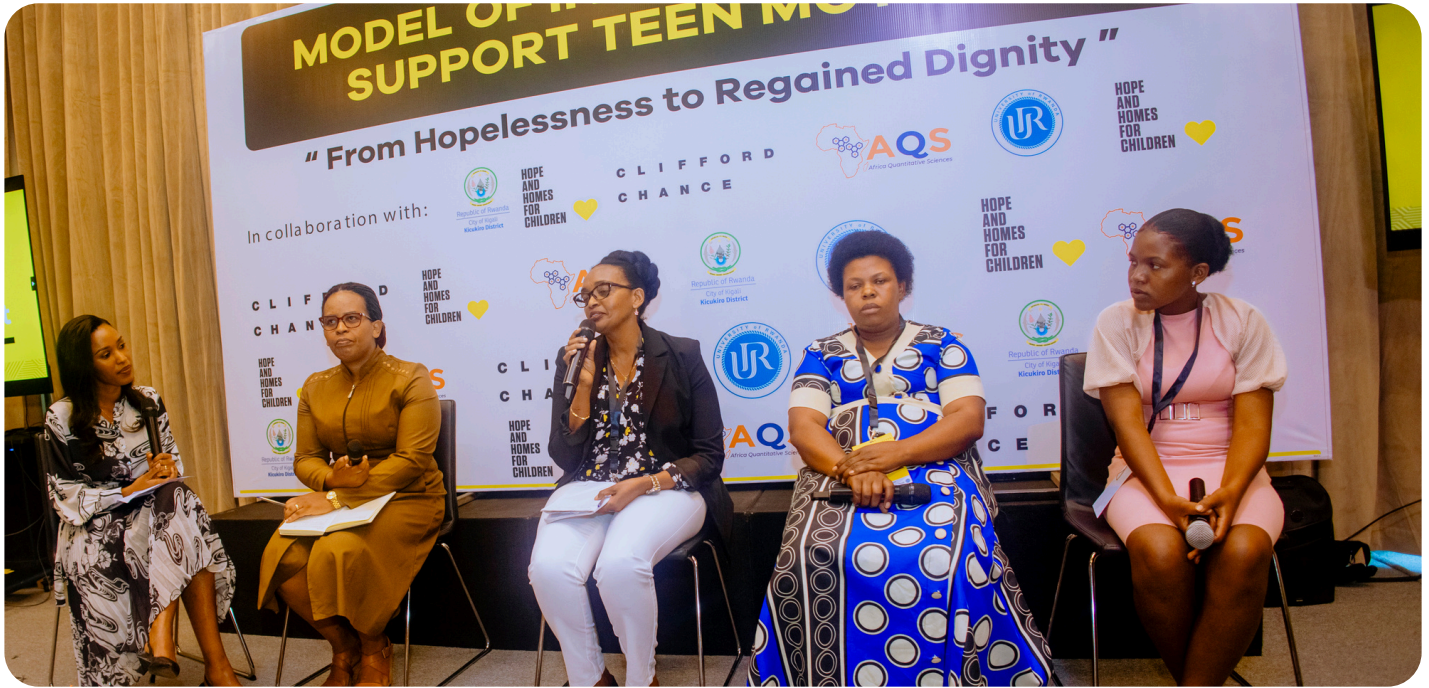
—— Prof. Kamuzinzi Masengesho
Consultant

Documentary Film



A film showcasing the experiences of teen mothers and their families before and after the HHC intervention was screened, providing personal testimonies of the project's impact.

Panel Discussion



Panelists

- Mukantwali Claudine (Teen Mother)
- Akimpaye Clemence (Parent of a Teen Mother)
- Monique Huss (Deputy District Executive Administrator)
- Musonera Marie Louise (Mental Health Lead at HHC)
- Moderator: Rose Nishimwe (Journalist, Hose TV)

Panelists key messages discussion



- Described HHC mission of ensuring that every child belongs to a safe and loving family and how it relates to supporting vulnerable teen mothers in Rwanda.
- Explained the criteria for selecting teen mothers in the cornerstone project, focusing on vulnerable teens from chaotic families aged 14-19.
- Described the initial challenges in supporting the teen mothers, emphasizing the need for emergency support to address hunger and poverty before implementing comprehensive intervention packages.
- Described the journey to healing wounds and trauma of supported teen mothers through individuals and group sessions as well as family mediation sessions with their parents.

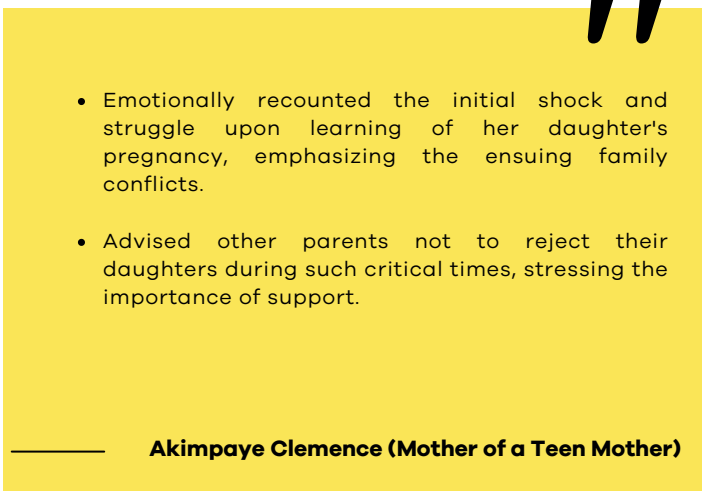
———— **Mrs. Louise (Clinical Psychologist, HHC)**





- Shared her personal story of being expelled from her family at 14 after becoming pregnant, highlighting the hardships she faced.
- Praised HHC for providing crucial support that restored her hope, confidence, and resilience. She credited HHC's education program for helping her achieve her dream of becoming a mechanic and inspiring her to open a car spare parts shop.

———— **Mukantwali Claudine (Teen Mother)**



- Emotionally recounted the initial shock and struggle upon learning of her daughter's pregnancy, emphasizing the ensuing family conflicts.
- Advised other parents not to reject their daughters during such critical times, stressing the importance of support.

———— **Akimpaye Clemence (Mother of a Teen Mother)**



- Discussed the district's plans to reduce teen pregnancies, focusing on raising awareness and providing necessary services.
- Highlighted the importance of partnering with organizations like HHC and praised the holistic approach that involved training CDN members and community volunteers, ensuring effective collaboration throughout the process.

———— **Monique Huss (Deputy District Executive Administrator)**



Model Presentation

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Presented the implementation of the model from identification, assessment, local authorities' involvement, community volunteers' approach to graduation of supported families.

Karangwa Vidivi Immaculee
Deputy Country Director - HHC



Presented the intervention model document, emphasizing the role of data, documentation, and evidence-based approaches. The model document and book of stories were given to them as a takeaway package.

Hinda Ruton - Founder & CEO -AQS





QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

DG FROM MINALOC, GODFREY

- He expressed gratitude to Clifford Chance and other partners for their impactful intervention.
- Inquired whether HHC could scale up the model to reach different parts of the country if they received additional funding, and how the model could be adopted at a national level.

MUKANTWALI FROM UN WOMEN

- Praised HHC for its comprehensive and holistic approach.
- Asked stakeholders how the presented model could be adopted nationally.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

- She thanked HHC and Clifford Chance for their impactful intervention and initiative to share the results.
- Requested MIGEPROF to assist HHC in scaling up the intervention on a larger scale, rather than funding other stakeholders who might not achieve significant impact.

WORLD VISION (DEPUTY CHIEF OF PARTY)

- Commended HHC for effectively utilizing funds to create a real impact and for their initiative to share knowledge and evidence-based interventions.
- Called on other organizations to collaborate and replicate the model for a larger societal impact.

DELEGATE FROM SOCIETY FOR FAMILY HEALTH (SFH)

- Appreciated the intervention model presented by HHC.
- He asked if there is a financial support limit for the teen mother's project.
- Inquired about the approach to involve men who impregnated teen mothers in future interventions.

MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION MANAGER AT RBC

- Commended HHC for their consistency in holistically supporting families and including mental health promotion.

REPRESENTATIVE FROM INTERPEACE

- Suggested MIGEPROF to have a working group with the purpose to coordinate activities of all actors working to support Teen mothers.

REPRESENTATIVE FROM FADA (FEMINISTS ACTION DEVELOPMENT AMBITION)

- Suggested to that when supporting teen mothers, the target group should not only limit to those aged below 18, but should also consider those merely out of teenage years such as those aged 18 to 20.

RESOLUTIONS

- Scale the intervention model to a national level to support a larger population of teen mothers.
- Encourage other organizations to adopt the evidence-based model for broader impact.
- Secure additional funding to expand the project's reach.
- Foster continued collaboration between HHC, Clifford Chance, AQS, UR, and other stakeholders.

Conclusion

Keynote Address by Tom Dunn (Clifford Chance): Praised HHC for their effective use of funds and impactful intervention, praised teen mothers for being active stakeholders of the project and their role played towards resilience, and promised to remain supportive to the teen mothers' project to start very soon in a rural setting



Closing Remarks by DG MIGEPROF Aline MUTONI: Concluded by thanking all involved parties and promising collaboration to adopt the model at the national level.



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