

Tackling Girls' Education Barriers Together

Unhindered access to primary education is a basic right of every child. However, 58 million children of primary school age remain out of school globally, with girls constituting 54%, says UNICEF's 2019 data on "monitoring the situation of children and women."



In Liberia, access to education information and services has been identified as a major issue hindering enrollment, retention and

completion of school for girls.

As part of a six-month education policy advocacy campaign aimed at tackling the issue, Youth Movement for

Collective Action (UMOVEMENT) over the weekend brought together over 20 education stakeholders on dialogue table in Monrovia to identify underlying factors and mechanism needed to address the barrier.

Taking place under the protect titled: Girls Access to Education Information and Services (GAEINS), the advocacy campaign is being funded by the European Union (EU) through Mercy Corps (MC) and Kvinna til Kvinna (KtK). It is part of the EU's larger project called Supporting Effective Advocacy in Liberia (SEAL).

"We have observed that girls in Liberia do not have adequate access to that information and services that will provide them the opportunity to access quality education and protect them from abuses at school" said UMOVEMENT Office Manager Caroline L. Vah Lord.

"It is our hope that as we identify underlying factors hindering the flow of information from education reform policy documents to students and administrators as well as parents and communities, the girls themselves will pick up the pace to engage duty bearers and advocate effectively, speak out boldly in defense of their rights", she added.

Stakeholders at the event included students, parent, teachers, and girls' rights' right advocacy groups and organizations.

Founded in 2011, UMOVEMENT is a registered non-governmental, non-political and non-for-profit organization, which strongly believed that a good education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and can create a better future for children and their families.