

WHY WE NEED TO CONTINUE HELPING THE GIRLS AND WOMEN

- 34% total disease burden for women within the 15-24 age range is linked to poor sexual and reproductive health outcomes (UNAIDS 2015)
- In low and middle income countries, death and disability among women and girls is perpetuated by unsafe sex and gender based violence
- In 2013 alone, 289 000 women died from complications of pregnancy and childbirth
- Maternal morbidity remains high mainly obstetric fistulas and uterine prolapse
- Every year, 5.4 million women in the world endure pregnancies that end up in still birth with 2.8million neo natal deaths in 2013
- Globally 225 million women have no access to modern contraception (UNAIDS 2015)
- In 2013, 60% of all HIV new infections were amongst women within the 15-24 years of age
- 30% of women and adolescent girls are affected by anaemia which jeopardise their health especially during pregnancy and childbirth
- STI infections, especially human papillomavirus infection mostly affect girls and women of which 70% of cervical cancer cases are caused by human papillomavirus (WHO 2015)
- Every year, untreated syphilis amongst women cause 212 000 still births and 92 000 neonatal deaths (WHO 2015)
- 25% of girls experience sexual violence before the age of 18 as compared to 14% in men(UNSTATS 2015)
- 34% of women between the ages of 15-49 years suffer from violence from either an intimate or non-intimate partner (UNICEF 2014)