**Summary**

As an organisation we have identified that the girls-mother in communities are at a particular risk. The issue of teenage mother dropping out of school, child marriage, a lack of gender balance in most professions, and a lack of sexual education. We would like to tackle these issues in the communities through skill training for teenage mothers. We also would like to support and encourage teenage mothers to return to school or support them to be able to start their own businesses or start an apprenticeship.

#### Challenge

The main challenge is lack of education of the women and girls in our community. Many do not know their rights or how to protect themselves from unwanted pregnancies and also forced to get into marriage at an early age. Furthermore, many do not know where they can go for support and many families will not accept a teenage mother, often leaving them to struggle on their own. Many families have out-dated views on the role of them women and hence, due to a lack of education they might even force their girl child into child marriages or prostitution.

#### Solution

We will offer education on how to protect oneself not only from unwanted pregnancies, but also sexually transmitted diseases. In addition, we will offer support to teenage mothers to get back to school through scholarships. We will also support those who cannot return to school through apprenticeship training and livelihood projects. Finally, we aim to educate the entire community on the negative effects of childhood marriage and the importance of equality for all.

#### Long-Term Impact

Every society will thrive to a greater extend if its members are all empowered and each member of the society is educated and contributing to the economic development for all. We believe that at the moment a great source of economic development - the women and girls - is left out. This will not only improve the lives of individuals, but of entire families and communities. We hope that through education we will see fewer teenage mothers, more independent women and no child marriages.