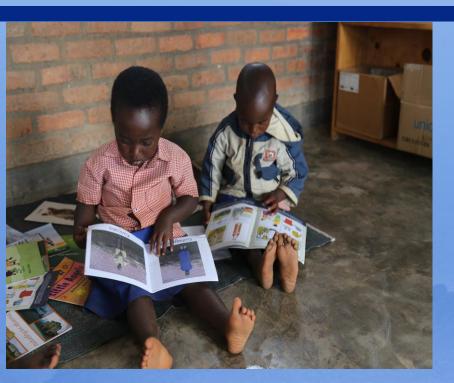
# Forum for African Women Educationalists [FAWE]



Regional Learning Partners for the Global
Partnership for Education's Knowledge and
Innovation Exchange (KIX)

Third Online/Virtual Meeting for the KIX Hub
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Early Childhood Education Interventions that Promote Gender Equality.

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#### FAWE ECE Interventions that have worked:

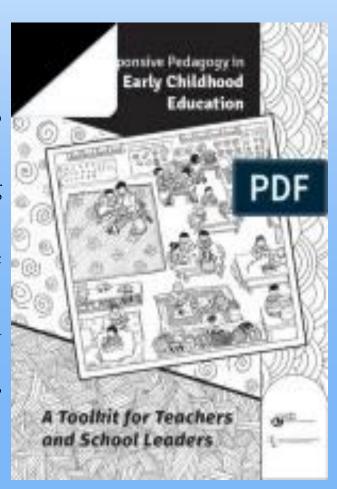
- Gender Responsive Pedagody toolkit for ECE-Targets preschool teachers, in service teachers and school leaders to challenge gender stereotypes.
- **Compliment to Reentry policies -** Caregivers trained to support the psychological and cognitive growth of teenage mother's children (example Pader Girls, Uganda)
- Informal education- mothers equipped with literacy skills to support their children's learning and to practice gender equality at home. (Burkina Faso, Guinea, Kenya and Liberia.)
- Regional and Global Advocacy GRP4ECE disseminated during Global ECE global SRGBV forum in SA 2019.





### **Key Lessons Learnt**

- ECE given less attention yet most crucial stage to change engrined gender norms
- Classroom learning materials and teachers play a big role in influencing gender norms (**GRP4ECE**)
- Childhood play can form stereotypical masculine and femnine attituedes towards gender roles.
- Teachers must have gender awareness to create equal opportunities.
- Parents/Community awareness to advocate for girls' rights to education.
- Advocacy for Govt. buy in is inevitable



#### Proposed areas of engagement.

- Mobilizing and delivering financial resources to support mainstreaming of GRP4ECE in education planning cycle.
- □ Share information/research data on the gaps and areas that need to be strengthened to ensure ECE is successful.
- □ Promote quality learning in ECE- training preschool teachers, in service teachers, support parent education, gender responsiveness in classrooms.
- □ Support in expanding ECE enrollment through public awareness campaigns, change of policies and financial incentives .

## **THANK YOU!**