

MONTHLY PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

The Project ‘Support the Introduction of School Menstruation Hygiene Management (MHM) under Local Government for a Girl-Friendly Educational Environment.’



Group photo with the Gender Unit during the project consultation meeting (30 January 2026)

Reporting Period: 31/January/2026

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Section I: Short Status Report

The Project, Support the Introduction of School Menstruation Hygiene Management (MHM) under Local Government for a Girl-Friendly Educational Environment officially commenced on the 1st November, 2025 with a target area; Wakiso District in Nansana Municipality covering the four divisions of: Nansana, Nabweru, Busukuma and Gombe and 30 schools are considered for the Baseline survey. The assessment of local government officers is completed and data input has also been finished by the end of January. Assessment of schools is partially finished and still on-going. This is scheduled to be completed by the end of February 2026.

Section II: The key highlights of the month; proposed activities for the target period, and implemented activities as shown in the table below;

Activity Code	Implemented Activities and Way forward
Baseline and assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Baseline Survey and assessment started in November, 2025 and this has been partially completed, therefore it is still an ongoing exercise. - The assessment of Local Government Officers is completed and data input has also been completed. - Assessment of schools is still ongoing as well. However, this is scheduled to resume after schools open on 10th February, 2026 and data input to be completed by end of February, 2026. - Interviews with parents (both fathers and mothers, community members) are scheduled to start between the second and third week of February 2026. <p>Other activities conducted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visit to the Gender Unit where we conducted a second inception and met other officers including Evelyn and Doreen. The team gave guidance on the project materials to be used during training and clarified that these have to first go under the approval process by the National Curriculum Development Centre (NCDC). However, given that it is a long process to get materials approved for public consumption, they advised that we could meanwhile use the already approved materials developed by the Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES) for school-based teaching and training. - An MHM center was established at the H&F health Center and we were able to sign off the MoU and we are looking forward to establishing a healthy working space for GBN.
Activity 1 . Develop tools and training programs to implement school	<p>1-1) Establish a core place (Happy MHM Center) for MHM information sharing, networking, training, and the sale of Happy Pads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The H&F Medical Center was officially selected as the host location for the Happy MHM Center, and an MoU was signed

MHM	<p>effective 1 February 2026 to establish a base for MHM training, networking, and pad production activities.</p> <p>1-2) Develop tools ‘School MHM manual’, ‘pad making manual’, and MHM booklet etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The writing of the School MHM manual, the MHM booklet and the Pad making manual is still on-going and a draft has been created and still under review by the GBN team. - All the above tools are expected to be completed by February 2026. <p>1-3) Create training program (with developed tools in activity 1-2) to train certify specialists/trainers in school MHM and pad-making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The training program will be created after having the MHM training with the gender unit team.
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Section III: Challenges encountered and mitigation measure

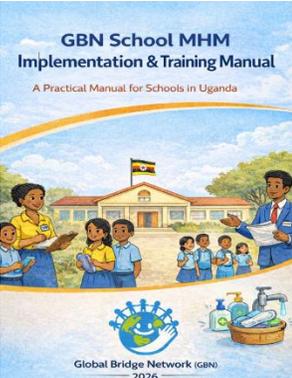
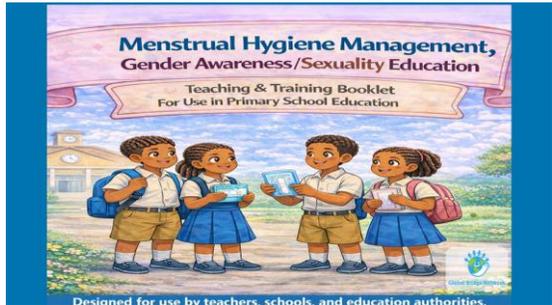
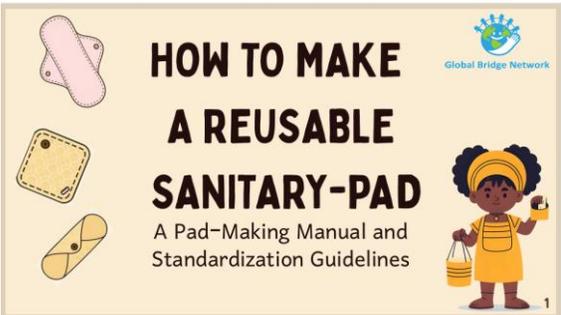
Challenge	Mitigation measure
- The current on-going unfavorable political season of campaigns for elections which will start on January 15 and conclude on February 6, 2026.	- This was discussed but staff were asked to be more cautious while in the field.
- The former Municipality Education Officer, Mr. Lwanga, retired on 23 January 2026 after officially handing over office. During the stakeholder entry meeting, the Education and Sports staff were already briefed and are on board with the project. Despite his retirement, Mr. Lwanga expressed his willingness to continue providing technical guidance to the team to ensure smooth project implementation. The project will proceed as per the MoU with the Municipality.	- His replacement Mr. katongole who was the School Inspector was also our key partner and he has always been very supportive.
- A temporary nationwide internet shutdown from 12–26 January affected communication, as WhatsApp is a primary tool for coordination. Official communication was restored on 26 January and normal operations have resumed.	- Communication is back officially and we are working normally.

Section IV: Proposed activities for next month and timeline

Proposed Activities	Timeline
Baseline Survey and Assessment	On-going, by end of February, 2026

<p>1) Develop tools and training programs to implement school MHM.</p> <p>1-1) Establish a core place (Happy MHM center) for MHM information sharing, networking, training, and the sale of Happy Pads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalize roles and operational arrangements for new center staff - Hire Center Operations and Outreach staff - Hire pad making tailor - Set sawing machine - Plan for (MHM) pad making training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First week of February, 2026 - Third week of February, 2026
<p>1-2) Develop tools of 'School MHM manual' MHM booklet and pad making manual etc.</p>	<p>The draft will be finished by the mid of February and request review tools to stakeholders such as; gender unit and Nansana local government, completion is by end of Feb.</p>
<p>1-3) Create training program (with developed tools in activity 1-2) to train certify specialists/trainers in school MHM and pad-making</p>	<p>We shall meet with the new MEO Mr. Katongole on 9th February, 2026 and consult about the appropriate date to conduct Government officers' training.</p>

Section V: Pictorials from the reporting period

	
<p><i>Gender Unit consultation meeting</i></p>	<p><i>Tool : School MHM manual</i></p>
	
<p><i>Tool : School MHM Booklet</i></p>	<p><i>Tool : Pad making manual</i></p>