

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC MANAGEMENT, GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC POLICY

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD

Date: Friday, 28 October 2022

Time: 09:00 am – 15:30 pm

Venue: Safe-Hub Youth Café (Jabulani, Soweto)

Project Name: International Day of the Girl Child

Project Partner: Safe-Hub Youth Cafe

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Project description

The 28th of October 2022, the **10th anniversary** of the **International Day of the Girl Child (IDG)** was commemorated. Over the last decade governments, policymakers, and the general public has welcomed the voice of the girl child, a voice that was for often never heard or ignored. Despite this investment envelop, Yet, girls continue to confront a myriad of challenges to fulfilling their potential, which was made worse by the crises of climate change, COVID-19 and humanitarian conflict globally. Girls around the world continue to face unprecedented challenges in accessing basic education, maintaining their physical and mental wellness, and the scourge of gender-based violence.

October's project was based on SDG Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. The project took place on International Day of the 2022. Gender equality is not only a fundamental human right but also a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world. Ten female students from the SPMGP participated in this project. Students helped high school female learners from Grades 10 to 12 with NSFAS bursary applications, general advice and guidance on female empowerment as well as motivating participants for the upcoming exams. The event was organised by Safe Hub Youth Café. This is a youth centre based in Jabulani, Soweto.

Various organizations, including the Gauteng Department of Health, the Soweto Theatre, the City of Joburg, Old Mutual and others graced the event. The aim of the event was to equip learners with the necessary skills for the future and to provide them with the necessary information that would help them to succeed in their future plans.

SPMGPP Student Coordinator: Mr Christian Kayembe

Community Engagement Academic Coordinator: Prof Vain Jarbandhan

See pictures below.



SPMGP advising female students on career and life choices.



SPMGP advising female students on NSFAS Applications

