

About the Project

USAID supports Georgetown University's Institute of Reproductive Health (IRH) in partnership with Save the Children and Pathfinder International to implement the Gender Roles, Equality, and Transformations (GREAT) Project in northern Uganda. The GREAT Project supports adolescents 10 to 19 years of age to achieve their hopes and dreams through improving reproductive health, safety from gender-based violence and equal opportunities for boys and girls.

Purpose of the Toolkit

The Scalable Toolkit is a set of tools created to bring fun and engaging activities that transform gender and reproductive health outcomes through a three-stage process: review of relevant programs, extensive formative research with adolescents and the people who influence them, and a pretest of draft materials followed by revisions. The resulting GREAT toolkit is a collection of materials in English and two local languages (Acholi and Lango) to help adolescents and adults:

- **Learn** about their bodies, reproductive health, gender-based violence and gender roles;
- **Talk** about how to grow up, or support young people to grow up with good reproductive health, safety from gender-based violence, and equality of boys and girls;
- **Act** to support changes in the home and community for adolescents.

Using the Toolkit

The toolkit is designed to facilitate scale up. It can be used by existing groups in the community such as: school clubs, youth groups, farmer's associations, village savings and loan groups, religious groups, and other interested groups.

The toolkit is flexible. Groups can select the activity to use based on their ages, needs and interest. Groups can organize the activities according to their schedule and preference: during regular meetings, social gatherings and/or community events. A trained facilitator is not necessary; anyone in the group who can read can lead the activity.

Materials in the Toolkit

The following materials are included in the each toolkit. See each material for detailed instructions on use.

“Growing Up GREAT” Flipbooks: Two flipbooks in story format help very young adolescents learn about growing up GREAT, understanding body changes and seek advice on how boys and girls can live more equally.

Activity Cards: Three sets of activity cards: one set of cards for girls and boys 10 to 14 years of age, one set for young men and young women 15 to 19 years of age, and one set for newly married and parenting young people from 15 to 19 years of age. Each activity card is meant to be used on its own to stimulate a fun group activity that includes a discussion on equality, reproductive health and safety from violence. A set of fact cards are included for reference. A subset of these fact cards is intended for younger adolescents 10-14 years: the body maps and questions and answers.

Radio Discussion Guides: 13 guides that groups can use to discuss specific topics and characters from the GREAT radio drama. The guides allow people to talk first about those stories and characters they most enjoy, and then focus the groups' attention on themes in the drama. Finally, the guides encourage groups to talk about how these same issues affect their own communities and how they could be addressed.

GREAT Game: One life-sized canvas game board and four sets of game cards. There is one set of game cards for each type of group: 1) very young adolescents, 2) older adolescents, 3) newly married and parenting adolescents and 4) adults. Each game card set has four categories of questions which help people learn and discuss reproductive health, safety, equality and being GREAT!