

GIRLS SELF REPORT DURING COVID-19

Children innovating, creating and expressing

Sub-Saharan Africa: Malawi

Through Girl Effect's program TEGA (Technology Enabled Girl Ambassadors) girls have been self reporting during the pandemic, through videos they share with other girls and with the organization. Their aim is to find commonalities and make policy recommendations in regard to how COVID-19 is affecting girls.

During 2020 they have been working with a small sample of 5 girls in each location. One of the issues that has come up is girls talking about the importance of being able to access mobile phones and how these help them connect with one another. They've also highlighted that phones (and access) are a gateway to learning, given that they can access online school, online resources, etc; and also a way of accessing accurate COVID-19 related information (especially considering there's a lot of rumors).

In terms of method, all girls 10 questions on a weekly basis. Because they all receive the same questions, the organization is then able to aggregate the data and find commonalities across borders.

