

Using evidence to expand choice,
empower women and
involve communities



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GREAT Project Launches Phase II Activities in Northern Uganda

IRH, in collaboration with partners Pathfinder International and Save the Children, kicked off Phase II of the USAID-funded [Gender Roles, Equality and Transformations \(GREAT\) Project](#) with



launch activities in Lira and Amuru districts in Northern Uganda on March 6th and 13th. The launch activities were widely attended by groups of in-school and out-of-school youth (representing the project's target group), as well as community leaders, district leadership and national level stakeholders. Following the launch activities, GREAT Project researchers worked with youth to pre-test the Phase II intervention tools.

Phase II (2011-2015) of the GREAT Project focuses on developing, piloting and scaling-up interventions that promote gender-equitable attitudes and behaviors among youth and their communities as well as reduce gender-based violence and improve sexual and reproductive health outcomes. The intervention activities were developed based on the project's [formative research findings](#).

After participating in the pre-testing of interventions (e.g., interactive stories and games, etc.), some boys committed to help their sisters with household chores in an effort to protect their sisters and give them time for schoolwork. This behavior was just one of the positive gender-equitable behaviors

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GREAT Project intervention tools for 10-14 year olds include flip books, activity cards, and a community game. Each of these tools focuses on the intersection of gender, reproductive health and violence.

promoted through the community game. One boy commented after the pre-testing, "We are all children of the family. I want my sister and I both to be healthy and have bright futures."

For more information on this project, read our recently published [GREAT Project Brief](#) titled, "Phase I: Using Evidence to Inform the GREAT Project Program Design."

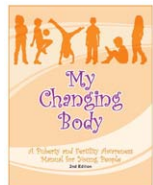


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Announcements

My Changing Body 2nd Ed. Now Available



The second edition of the *My Changing Body* curriculum is now available in English, French and Spanish. The curriculum, targeted at very young adolescents (10-14y), provides accurate, factual information about puberty through activity and discussion-based sessions. This 2nd

edition also includes *My Changing Body for Parents*, which assists parents in creating a safe space to talk with youth about issues of puberty, gender and sexuality and promotes the development of communication skills and behaviors to facilitate better discussions between parents and children.

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2011 International Conference on Family Planning Website and Presentations Available

The 474 oral and panel presentations made at the 2011 International Conference on Family Planning in Dakar, Senegal are now available online. You can access the presentations on the conference's website by visiting the [presentations page](#) or going directly to the [program agenda](#). You can search by abstract number, topic or author to find the presentations you would like to see.

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