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UNICEF Eminent Advocate Queen Rania al Abdullah of Jordan on a recent visit to South Africa spent time with members of the GEM/BEM club at the Phefeni Senior Secondary school in Soweto.

This club, part of the girls and boys empowerment movement, offers a safe place to share problems, learn leadership skills and build confidence to withstand peer group pressure.

Listening to the young students, she saw how their lives can be transformed by giving them the skills to navigate difficult choices and using each other for support.

SOUNDBITE (English) Queen Rania Al-Abdullah, UNICEF's Eminent Advocate for Children: "I think working together as GEM BEM means that you will gain more respect for the role of women and girls."

Life for teenagers growing up in South Africa's sprawling Soweto can be challenging. Home to almost half of the population of the city of Johannesburg, the area suffers from high unemployment and poverty. Like their contemporaries in other parts of the world, adolescents here face the dangers of drug abuse, HIV, violence and teenage pregnancy.

SOUNDBITE (English) Wowb Likoetla Mhuri Deputy Director Gender, Gauteng Province Department of Education, Government of South Africa: "The system has been very punitive to the girls and we forgot the other part, because the girls learners don't get pregnant on their own so how do we bring all the parties together."

The club, part of the girls and boys empowerment movement, is one of 10,000 across the country. Supported by the Ministry of Education and UNICEF, the clubs are providing an avenue to address gender equality and proving to be such a success that they are now to be rolled out to every school across the country.

SOUNDBITE (English) Aida Girma, UNICEF Representative, South Africa: "We are very happy a few weeks ago that the Ministry announced the movement is going to be supported in each and every school in South Africa so we feel that this is the type of work that UNICEF does, we start and then the Government runs with it."

Some of the students have become leaders in their classrooms and role models amongst their friends as a result of their GEM BEM activities. These include debates, poetry readings, drama and music.

SOUNDBITE (English) Zanele Nkutha, Grade 12 student, President of GEM/BEM: "I think it is important because out there in the world these are the skills that you need as a person. Because you have to start to be a leader to yourself so that you can be able to lead other people. And wherever you go I think that it is important that every individual shows leadership skills. I think it is very crucial."

Queen Rania's visit concluded with the club members singing her their new GEM song. The lyrics reinforcing what their movement represents and the positive contribution these young teenagers want to make to their future and that of their country.

Shotlist

1. Medium shot, Queen Rania and school principal watching child singers
2. Wide shot, Queen dancing with children
3. Close up, student singing while dancing
4. Wide over the shoulder, Queen in classroom with students listening to teacher
5. Medium shot, Queen and students sitting in class
6. Medium two shot, Queen and Zanele talking in class
7. Medium shot female student speaking to Queen Rania and class
8. SOUNDBITE: (English) Queen Rania
9. Wide shot, Soweto
10. Wide shot, Soweto
11. Medium shot, students streaming out of class past camera
12. Medium shot, through classroom window of students
13. Pan, posters on wall of issues like HIV and Teen Pregnancy
14. SOUNDBITE: (English) Wowb Likoetla Mhuri, Deputy Director Gender, Gauteng Province, Department of Education
15. Medium shot, chalkboard with GEM/BEM meeting time
16. Long shot, from outside classroom door, to kids setting up desks for GEM/BEM meeting
17. Medium shot, student standing up and speaking
18. Close up, chalk board "Boys in Action! Gender=Equality"
19. SOUNDBITE: (English) Aida Girma, UNICEF Country Representative.
20. Two shot, with posters in background
21. Wide shot, student leading discussion in GEM/BEM meeting
22. Close up, girls singing
23. Medium shot, boys singing and swaying
24. SOUNDBITE: (English) Zanele Nkutha, 16, President of GEM/BEM at the Phefeni School
25. Wide shot, GEM/BEM students Theme Song to Queen Rania
26. Close up, Queen Rania
27. Medium shot girls singing
28. Medium shot, Queen Rania watching

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