

MANZINI EAST

All Girl Talent Show

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To celebrate the day, my school put on an all-girls talent show. To get the girls interested my counterpart and I made posters that explained the day and how to sign up. Together my counterpart and I came up with the theme. Boys were slightly upset that they could not participate, but we used these moments to explain why it was important to have the celebration.

We had two days after school for rehearsals. When the day of the show arrived, we had no electricity. Just a half hour before performances began, the electricity came back! The students were getting the hall ready and low and behold boys who at one point been upset were now decorating the blackboards. With no prompts from adults, the boards now said 'celebrate international day of the girl,' 'girls hold the future in their hands,' and 'don't let boys destroy your body.'

Some girls participated in traditional dance, and others sang praise songs. We also had dances to modern music and a rapper. My favorite performance which really caught the spirit of things was a song composed by one of the girls. Some catchy lyrics from it included, 'We are ladies, let's celebrate it! Lets fight, fight for our rights.' we had two of the girls be the MCs for the show. It was great seeing the girls be proud of themselves and what they could do.