

## SHISELWENI REGION



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At this region our *International Day of the Girl Child* was celebrated over several days. Starting on Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>, the children made a large banner that they hung in the Education Center.

Following banner creation, on Monday activities were held with the children under the theme that “**Girls Can Achieve Anything Boys Can Achieve.**” Programs were designed around the fact that girls can do anything boys can do including motor skills, crafts, numbers, math, recitation, and songs.

Next was a Spelling Bee and Math Bee Competition for younger children. These competitions presented 5 boys vs. 8 girls. The competition was close with boys achieving 32-30, but all the children received the message that girls can do anything boys can do.

Lastly 16 older children group into four groups, and assigned reports on the following women:

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf---Liberia

Hadizatou Mani---Niger

Dambisa Moyo---Zambia

Suraya Pakzad—Afghanistan

These are women of great accomplishment, three African, and the older children did a good job researching, planning, and then presenting to the entire group. Prizes were awarded for the best individual, and best group presentation.