The Girl Power Project (GPP) aims to administer a “social vaccine” to disrupt harmful cultural norms that affect adolescent girls in Uganda, i.e., permanently shift attitudes, beliefs, and practices. It intends to impact education and empowerment of girls who will transform themselves and others, make decisions in every dimension of their lives, hold institutions accountable, and shape the choices they make about prevailing norms regarding education, marriage, and motherhood – develop leaders who will not only enjoy a better quality of life but also change the present culture. In Central Uganda’s Luwero Triangle there are at least one million adolescent girls ages 10-19 years. Of these, 90% experience vulnerabilities on multiple levels - individually, within households, in their communities, and because of cultural and societal norms. Over a decade ago, in response to these challenges, JLMC designed the GPP curriculum and system of delivery to empower adolescent girls to stay in school and protect them from early child marriage, disease, early pregnancy, and violence. This is being accomplished by equipping teen girls with critical assets they need to overcome these challenges and navigate adolescence successfully. This portion of the panel presentation will feature the lived experience of a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer who served in Uganda for two years and continued to implement programs in Uganda since before the inception of the GPP. The presentation will provide insight into four key areas. (1) JLMC’s history of development, implementation, and trajectory that led to the GPP. (2) Introduction to the GPP, i.e., rationale and approach to implementation. (3) Key outcomes from internal monitoring and evaluation showing participants have gained knowledge, life skills, and assets. (4) JLMC’s commitment to building an environment for empowerment of girls and boys to flourish and how this is accomplished by training and capacity building of parents and local community members to sustain GPP well into the future. JLMC serves as an example of an international development organization that is committed to equality, equity, and development from a gender and sustainable impact lens.