

# Benedicta fronts 'Because I am a Girl' campaign

By James Rogers

DUNDALK woman Benedicta Attoh is presently fronting Plan Ireland's Because I Am A Girl campaign.

The campaign aims to tackle root causes and lift millions of girls out of poverty and the Louth African Women's club member insists

she is delighted to be involved with an operation that is so close to her, having grown up in relative poverty herself in Nigeria.

Now Benedicta is an active part of the local community and as well as obtaining a Masters in Communications from Dundalk IT in recent years, she is also a Director of

the Africa Centre and a co-ordinator of a multicultural youth club.

She has never forgotten where she came from though and the troubles many women in impoverished countries in face.

She said: "Plan Ireland work in developing countries with families and young

people. They also work to help communities come to terms with negative female practices like genital mutilation.

"In my experience, education liberated me from the level of poverty and suffering I experienced.

"That's why I support anything that helps educate the disadvantaged and Plan

Ireland also sees the need to develop young people, especially young girls.

"It's only 22 euro a month to support a child and 22 euro would not buy you a proper meal from a restaurant," she said.

For further information on the Because I Am A Girl campaign visit [www.plan.ie](http://www.plan.ie)



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