

# PROJECT BEST PRACTICE AWARD APPLICATION

## 2016 SADC PROTOCOL@WORK SUMMIT PROJECT BEST PRACTICE AWARD APPLICATION FORM



This award recognises innovative programmes and projects being implemented by governments, councils, NGOs, CBOs and faith based organisations to advance the Post 2015 SADC Gender Protocol and its related SDG targets in the following categories, aligned to the Alliance theme clusters:

Sexual and Reproductive Rights including GBV, HIV and AIDS

Governance, including the 50/50 campaign, peace security, constitutional and legal rights

Climate Change and Sustainable Development

Economic justice, including education, training, and economic development.

You will be prompted to choose a category as soon as you start filling in the form, so please decide ahead of time which category your entry fits into!



The application has five (5) sections:

Administrative information (information about yourself; some from drop down menus

Category (drop down menu of the four categories).

Presentation of the good practise (narrative)

Evidence (written and or audio visual uploads)

Analysis (tick boxes)



Please take note of the instructions below **BEFORE** attempting to complete your application:

Please enter your administrative information as you start the application. This will allow you to start your application and complete it at a later stage. You can save your application and continue later by clicking save icon on top of the application page. You will be prompted to supply your email address and a unique link will be emailed to you that will allow you to return where you left it off.

All sections of the form **MUST** be completed.

Fields marked with a red asterisk (\*) are compulsory.

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Use OANDA or the link provided in the application for conversion of currency.

It would be ideal if the person that is filling in the application is the person that will be presenting the application.

If the person filling in the application is not the presenter, then the presenter's details should be filled in where applicable.

The Designation, Education Level, Age, Sex, Email and Mobile Number fields should reflect the details of the presenter. The Telephone and Fax numbers should be those of the organisation to which the presenter belongs. Please attach supporting evidence, such as action plans, policies, photos, articles or programmes, in-house newsletters and testimonial evidence (letters, E Mails), that attest to the extent to which you have been promoting gender equality in your work. Please note that files may not be more than 50 MB in total. You can

attach up to 10 files.

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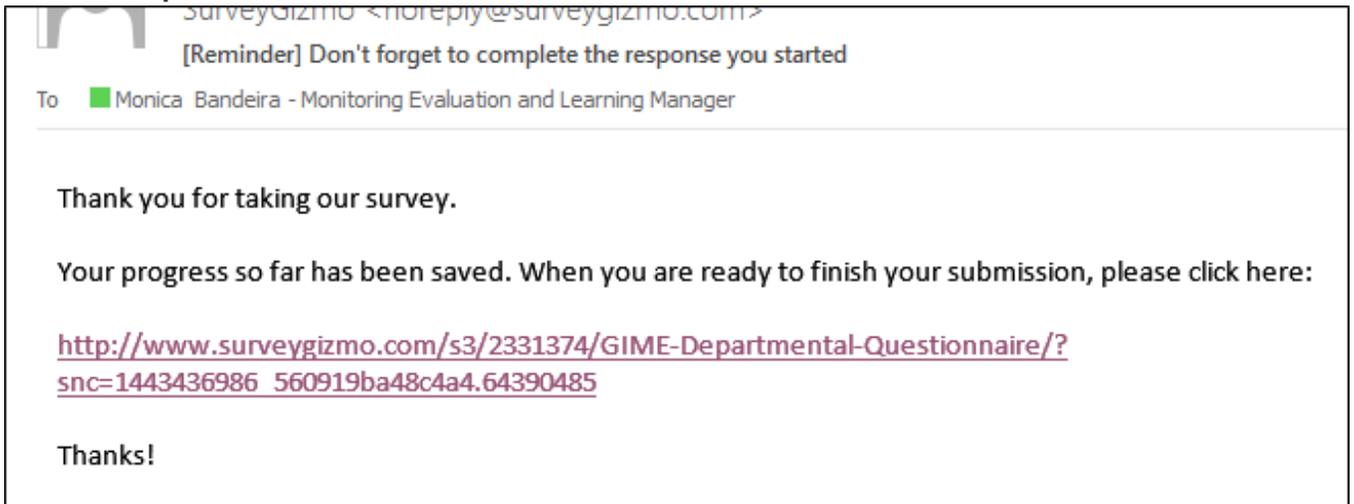


If you want to go check something and return later, they can click on this and enter your email address:

A green form with the text "Save and continue later" at the top. Below it is the instruction: "Please supply an email address to save your progress. A unique link will be emailed to you that will allow you to return where you left off." There are two input fields: "Email:" and "Verify Email:". To the right of the "Verify Email:" field are two buttons: "Save" and "Cancel".

Once you have entered your email address twice, whatever you have entered in the application form thus far will be saved and you will receive an email with a link to continue.

Email example:



You can then click on the link and continue where you left off.



Please consult the country officer for help if you have challenges in your application:

<http://genderlinks.org.za/who-we-are/where-we-work/>

Or send an E Mail to: [mande@genderlinks.org.za](mailto:mande@genderlinks.org.za).

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

If this is a third party application, fill in the following information about the person you are applying on behalf of.

### 1. Date of Application

07/11/2016

### 2. Name

Merapelo

### 3. Surname

Kesegofetse

### 4. Sex

Female

### 5. Name of organisation

GCC

### 6. Designation

Gender Focal Person

### 7. Country

Botswana

### 8. Province

Gaborone

### 9. City/ Town/ Village

Gaborone

### 10. Email address

mkesegofetse@gmail.com

### 11. Telephone number e.g. 00 27 11 622 2877

002673902038

### 12. Cell phone number e.g. 00 27 82 622 2877

0026771354399

### 13. Age Group

31- 40

### 14. Education level

Tertiary

### 15. Are you living with a disability

No

### 16. Name of good practice (e.g. Women in Curepipe, Mauritius, roll back climate change)

Mosadithari Support Group

### 17. Type of organisation

Community Based Organisation

## **18. Category**

Rights – including Constitutional and Legal Rights, Sexual & Reproductive Health and Rights; Gender Based Violence, HIV and AIDS

## **PRESENTATION OF THE GOOD PRACTISE**

### **19. Synopsis (150 words)**

**Brief description of the good practice and motivation as to why it is a good practice. What makes this project innovative?**

This project target single female parent families to deal with the social issues that they encounter in their aspects of life. The engaged individuals also reach out to the community to address the needs of the community. The group encourage other single parents in the community. they are often invited to facilitate in health activities, campaigns and workshops on issues surrounding, HIV/AIDS and sexual reproductive health issues. the campaigns are also extended to other issues such as tuberculosis, measles and other diseases.

### **20. Key objectives (250 words)**

**What did the project set out to do?**

- To assist these mothers with information on good parenting skills.
- To assist them to accept the situation they find themselves in.
- To assist them to be integrated in to the society.
- To help them understand the Laws, Policies and Acts which they can use to fight and protect their rights and those of their children.
- To give them information on HIV/AIDS and sexual reproductive health.
- To equip them with life skills so that the able to deal with emotional and socio-economic situations effects such as budgeting and decision making.
- To give them an opportunity to share experiences so as to gain emotional connection when they feel isolated from friends and families.
- To give them opportunity to release painful emotions they may otherwise keep to themselves
- To assist them to come up with income generating projects in order for them to better their lives.

### **21. Background (300 words)**

**Why did the activity come about? What problem or context is it responding to?**

The Social & Community Development Department (S&CD) at Babusi area has formed a support group for single mothers. The department is a unit of Gaborone City Council which is a Centre of Excellence. The reason why such a group was formed was that a lot of cases such as truancy, child neglect, juvenile delinquency, were reported to our office. It was established during assessments that a lot of these cases were from a single parent headed households and most of them are single mothers. As a result of the above cases a support group was formed as an intervention strategy.

### **22. Key activities (300 words)**

**What were the different steps/ activities in the implementation?**

1. S&CD made an advertisement to the public in the form of mobilization to single female headed families.
2. Twelve participants were oriented and inducted in the formation of the group
3. After the ground rules were formed and the mandate of the group was laid out, the group was trained intensively on a three days workshops.
4. Another empowerment workshop was held for a period of two days to capacitate the participants.

### **23. Partnerships and coalition building (200 words) \***

**Has the intervention fostered partnerships and coalition building? Are these at the local, national, regional or global level?**

The group has formed partnerships with Extension two clinic which is a local clinic at the ward level. Every Friday the support group is part of the facilitators in the morning health talks to the community at the clinic. This partnership has exposed the support group to national campaigns and activities such as sixteen days of activism, HIV/AIDS campaigns e.tc

The group has also forged relationships with Member of Parliament office in the constituency.

## Resource allocations

**Indicate how much in US\$ has been allocated towards this project. Click on this link to calculate US\$: <http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/>**

**24. How many US\$ have been allocated per area. Must be a whole number with NO spaces or commas(,) or full-stops (.). E.g. 5000. If nothing was allocated please put in zero "0".**

Budgetary resources allocated to this project by the council in \$ : \$0  
In kind contributions made by the council to this project in \$ : \$8397  
Total : \$8397

**25. Please explain who the donor/partner was and what they contributed in relation to the in kind contributions you mentioned above.**

S&CD office act as a broker of the support group. it further provide resources such as stationery, phone, office and transport to run errands of the group when preparing for their activities.  
With the help of S&CD office, the group has forged relationships with the business community more especially supermarkets at local level for financial assistance. Supermarkets in partnerships are Lobame Meat market, Plus 14 supermarket and Indulgence Shop. The group has also fostered the relationship with the specially elected councilor in the ward for support. The shops have provided refreshments to the group in their various meetings.

**26. Beneficiaries (in numbers). Must be a whole number with NO spaces or commas(,) or full-stops (.). E.g. 5000. If no beneficiaries in one of the areas please enter a zero "0".**

Direct beneficiaries : 12  
Indirect beneficiaries (e.g. through other networks) : 0  
Online beneficiaries (e.g. website access, mailing lists, scholarly articles) : 0  
Total : 12

**27. Challenges (300 words)**

**What have been the main challenges? How have these been overcome?**

1. Limited resources

The group has always relied on S&CD to source out resources for it to operate smoothly. The resources include among other things, transport, finances and other material needs.

2. Lack of commitment of some members

Other committee members rely on others most of the time and do not actively participate in the group's activities. the office continue to encourage and motivate the members for continued engagement.

3. Limited social and life skills

Some members still struggle to be peers because of the above challenge. two training workshops have been done with support of the office. and if there may be funds permitting, the office will continue to build capacity of these members.

**28. Monitoring and evaluation (300 words)**

**What types of monitoring and evaluation methods and tools did you use to measure the impact of the 50/50 campaign? These may include qualitative and quantitative.**

not applicable

## RESULTS

**29. Women's empowerment (200 words)**

**How have women been empowered as a result of the action?**

The women have been able to have access to the services of the needs in their lives. All of them have been approved to be funded with individual small scale projects under the poverty eradication scheme to improve their personal livelihoods. The projects include among others, sewing, tent hire, bakery, cleaning services and food catering. Most members have become more assertive more so that they can be able to empower other women.

**30. Evidence (100 words)**

**Please provide at least one quote from a woman beneficiary to support your statement on women's empowerment. Please include name, surname and designation.**

Florah Banankoko who is the chairperson of Mosadithari support group, has been provided with a bakery project. She sells bread confectionaries such bun and fat cakes. Mrs Banankoko has been able to connect electricity with the aid of the poverty eradication project which she accessed through this support group.

**31. Men for change (300 words)**

**Have men become more supportive as a result of the organisation's work? Please give examples.**

not applicable

**32. Evidence (100 words)**

**Please provide at least one quote from at least one man as evidence. Please include name, surname and designation**

not applicable

**33. Changes at household level (300 words)**

**Has the campaign resulted in changes in power relations at the household level? Please give a few examples.**

1. This project has been able to motivate the members and had become assertive
2. they are more organized in their personal lives than before.
3. their parenting skills has greatly improved
4. their socio economic status, health status has greatly improved as they have access to information, education and services at their disposal.

**34. Changes at the community level (300 words)**

**What changes have taken place in the community as a result of this intervention ? Please give examples.**

1. the group have been able to participate at different community level activities as part of the facilitators in empowering the community.
2. the group now is known at community level and is the ex officio at various committees such as health committee and child protection committee. the chairperson of the support group is the one who sit in these committees on behalf of the group.

**35. Changes in attitudes (200 words)**

**How have attitudes changed? Please give an example.**

1. Members have adopted a positive change towards life and are now embracing life in a positive manner.
2. Other community stakeholders, now can tap into the potential of the support group since it has been organized and see the community as part problem solving.

**36. Changes at a policy level as a result of the campaign (200 words)**

**If applicable, please use this space to note any changes that have come about at a policy level as a result of the good practise.**

not applicale

**37. Lesson learned (300 words)**

**1) What lessons have been learned?**

**2) How are these being applied?**

1. adopting community participation notion  
Seeing the community as part of the problem as well as part of the solution is highly bound to be a successful intervention
2. using peer leadership  
Empowering people who have gone through painful life experiences and using them to heal their own communities is bound to have high success.

### 38. Sustainability and replication (300 words)

**How can the good practise be sustained and amplified post 2015?**

1. Support in terms of resources both materially and skills can keep the project going.
2. Various initiatives and innovation can break the monotony of doing the same thing again and again hence sustaining the functionality of the group.

#### **EVIDENCE**

**Please upload documentary evidence of your good practise. Please upload the evidence or provide a url. . Please note that files may not be more than 50 MB each.**

### 39. Media Coverage or Letters of Evidence

[partnership+ext+14.doc](#)

### 41. Brochures Evidence

[application+form.doc](#)

#### **Photo Evidence:**

**Upload your photo or photos here (maximum of three). Please ensure that each is less than 50 MB. Please ensure that the photo or photos are captioned using the following file naming protocol:**

**Nameofphoto\_yourname\_country\_monthandyear**

**EG womeninthemarket\_joeblow\_malawi\_062016**

### 44. Photo 1

[MOSADITHARI+CHAIRPERSON.doc](#)

#### **45. Please add Photo 1 caption here.**

Who? Name and surname of each person if less than five; description of the group is more : Pretty Nkomba Ntsosa

What is this about : Social worker who initiated Mosadithari Support Group

Why is it happening : the officer was attending one of the activities of the support group

Where is it happening? : Babusi Extention Area

When did it happen? : 2015

Name of photographer : Pretty Nkomba Ntsosa

### 46. Photo 2

[MOSADITHARI+CHAIRPERSON.doc](#)

#### **47. Please add Photo 2 caption here.**

Who? Name and surname of each person if less than five; description of the group is more : Florah Banankoko

What is this about : chairperson of Mosadithari support group

Why is it happening : The chairperson was attending one of the group events

Where is it happening? : Babusi Extention Area

When did it happen? : 2015

Name of photographer : Pretty Nkomba Ntsosa

#### **49. Please add Photo 3 caption here.**

Who? Name and surname of each person if less than five; description of the group is more : Mosadithari Support group members

What is this about : Mosadi support group social event

Why is it happening : capacity building and fundraising activity

Where is it happening? : Babusi Extention Area

When did it happen? : 2008

Name of photographer : Pretty Nkomba Ntsosa

## ANALYSIS

Please help us understand the change you have brought about or the areas you have worked in.

### 50. Please tick which of these rights areas of focus are most applicable in your case.

The right to sexual freedom and to sexually associate freely  
The right to sexual autonomy, sexual integrity, and safety of the sexual body; sexual equity  
The right to sexual pleasure  
The right to make free and responsible reproductive choices.  
The right and access to comprehensive sexual information and sexuality education  
Freedom from gender based violence  
The right to making individual decisions about family planning; affordable and acceptable methods of birth control  
The right to, accessible and affordable sexual and reproductive health and services.  
Improved safety during pregnancy  
Sexual and reproductive rights

### 51. Please tick which of these rights sub-topics are most applicable in your case.

GBV  
HIV and AIDS  
STIs  
Family planning  
Access to SRHR services

### 52. Please tick which of these rights protocol targets are most applicable in your case.

Enact and enforce legislation prohibiting all forms of gender-based violence  
Ensure that laws on gender based violence provide for the comprehensive testing, treatment and care of survivors of sexual assault  
Review and reform their criminal laws and procedures applicable to cases of sexual offences and gender based violence  
Enact and adopt specific legislative provisions to prevent human trafficking and provide holistic services to the victims, with the aim of re-integrating them into society.  
Adopt and implement legislative frameworks, policies, programmes and services to enhance gender sensitive, appropriate and affordable quality health care

### 53. Please tick which of these rights Target Groups are most applicable in your case.

Women - general  
Youth

### 54. Please tick which of these rights Types of Interventions are most applicable in your case.

Prevention  
Treatment  
Response  
Capacity building

### 55. Please tick which of these levels of change are most applicable in your case.

Individual  
Close relations  
Community  
Society

### 56. Please tick which of these kind of change are most applicable in your case.

Greater public awareness of the issue  
Improved services  
Change of attitude; reduced stigma  
Change of behaviour

**Thank you for your application!**

