

**Cyber Dialogue Summary**  
*Gender and climate change*  
*Berseba Town council*

**Date:** 27 November 2013

**Theme:** *Gender and climate change*

**Dialogue Statistics**

Male	Female	Unknown	TOTAL
3	27		30

<b>Country</b>	<b>Namibia</b>
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Genderlinks Namibia</b>
<b>Contact person and details</b>	<b>Sary Xoagus-Eises</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>27 November 2013</b>
<b>No of participants</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Names of panellists</b>	<b>Cllr Chris tina Issac</b>
<b>Partners</b>	
<b>Theme for the day: e.g. GBV and Media</b>	<b><i>Gender and climate change</i></b>

**Quote for the day:**

*"climate change has brought lots of natural disasters such as floods earth quakes to which most women and children end up losing their lives' Nakulu a survivor comment'*

*"Men take advantage of leaving women and children behind to look for employment in cities when there is a crop failure due to climate changes"*

*"We are the most affected durong flooding and need a solution'*

*"There is lots of food shortages and many people especially women cannot cope with this situation, is there a way how to stop climate change aske one survivor.*

*"Our climate has changed drastically and this has brought along so many challenges such as deases, malnutrition and poverty. Women can longer produce food for family"*

*"Climate chanmge has made women to be more vulnerable "*

*"Where is government in times of Climate Change, where women and families have lost their livelihoods"*

*"Women are abused as they can not produce food for the family"*

*"Survivors cannot make a decent living as their projects suffer during floods, they remain marginalised and marginalised" Rebekka Motinga survivor.*

"Climate Change is a very expensive disaster, it can destroy in big numbers the only livelihoods of people"

"We don't have disasters like in Japan Philippines and USA", but we feel the same about our climatical situations here, a participant questioned.

<b>KEY ISSUES RAISED</b>	<b>SUMMARY</b>
<p><b>Activity</b></p> <p><b>Climate change impact on womens livelihood and economic status.</b></p> <p><b>Climate change increase woman vulnerability</b></p> <p><b>What are key gender and climate change issue</b></p> <p><b>Links between womens and economic statuses and GBV</b></p> <p><b>Issue that need to put on the climate agenda.</b></p>	<p>Berseba is a small Village ,majority consist of women who are in most cases unemployed. They survived on small crops and farming. Other part of women are found in rural areas. This Village's pre cyber dialogue started immediately after the march on 'Gender and Climate Change discourse'. The pre-workshop held before the cyber dialogue on line discussed challenges women face at this Village. The participants discussed how Climate Change can destroy gains made by women and men all over the world. But women are the main victims,</p> <p>This Village experienced drought and strong winds often. Disasters like drought, has made the community in rural areas especially women poor.Strong winds have destroyed houses, disturbed communications infrastructure and road as well. Animals died of hunger and thirst' says one survivor. In Keeping animals in these areas bring great income for farmers in rural and urban areas. 'Rivers and wells are dry, forcing farmers to relocate from one area to the other. Most of these farmers were producing food and vegetables for the Village residents, but this is not the case any longer participants related their personal experiences.</p> <p>They told the workshop that years ago, there was a tremor in the close Mount called Bucharos. Houses, animals, crops and people were affected heavily. The Village has not recovered totally from that disaster.. One participants says, some of 'us were very young but were told by our grand parents , it is was</p>

	<p>one of the greatest climatical change Challenges they have seen and heard in those years.</p> <p>In the rural areas of Namibia, women and are highly dependent on wood, agricultural crops, and forest resources for their energy and livelihoods. The San women, a marginalised tribe in country are heavily affected by Climate Change challenges. They are known for collecting `wild fruit from the bushes, which they no longer can do so. There are no fruits there as rain robbed them from their daily food.</p> <p>However, in the face of climate change, the ability of women and men to obtain these indispensable resources are reduced. Now women are mostly getting their income from gardening, but with the low rain fall, this is not again sustainablen but bnring littl income for survivsl. Cliimate climate has a negative effect women as they are unable to be productive. The workshop heard that</p> <p>Women, children and men are differently affected by Climate change. The facilitator brought up the issue of a woman who gave birth on a tree during flooding in Mozambique many years ago. It is very difficult for women to venture into agricultural projects as no rain has been experienced at the Village. This were the opinions expressed by participants. The participants further demanded that Local Authorities must provide suitanable sources of energy such as harvesting of rain water to address the shortage of water at the Village.</p> <p>Local Authorities should also implement projects that makes climate change bearable so that the woman have alternatives to make life easier. `They should also start implementing the Local Economic Development Policy to empower women, when Climate Change has robbed women of their income.</p>
<p><b>Cyber dialogue</b></p>	<p>Running with the theme: <i>Gender and climate</i></p> <p>Cyber dialogue gives a platform to people from different countries to debate online issues related to the abuse of woman and children, share experiences and propose solution."We need a world where women and children feel safe and free, through cyMBER dialogue we are likely to find solution to GBV and ways</p>

	<p>to implement those solution say some participoants. Cyber dialpgue is such a tool many issues can be discussed privayely and solutions found. Many can get advice on issues they raised on line.Women have made use of the cyber chat to share with the SADC survivors their 'I' stories. This has made a great impact to many. For the survivals this was theit first time to meet many friends online.</p>
<p><b>Photos</b></p>	
<p><b>Photographs attached Yes/No</b></p>	<p>Yes.Picture have been taken during cyber dialogue.</p>