

COUNTRY: BOTSWANA

SOUTH EAST STAGE 1 REPORT

VENUE: LEGODIMO CONFERENCE FACILITIES

DATE: 4-5/08/2014

BRIEFING WITH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT

Country	BOTSWANA
Facilitator	GOMOLEMO RASESIGO
Council	SOUTH EAST DISTRICT COUNCIL
Date of meeting	04 AUGUST 2014
Attendance	The meeting was attended by council management including councillors and the selected gender focal person. There were five women and eight men. The council is chaired by the men and the deputy is a woman. The Chief executive of the council is a man.
Buy-in to proceed with 'centre of excellence' process obtained?	The council management were introduced to the COE process and they were taken through the ten stages of the process. Almost all of the participants were not aware of the COE process. The COE pamphlet was used to demonstrate the process. The conclusion was therefore reached that the council will activate the COE process as it had been dormant since 2004 and therefore permission to conduct situational analysis was granted.
Access to conduct a situation analysis obtained?	The council management welcomed the COE process and they pledged their commitment towards gender mainstreaming. They said that ever since they drew a plan no one had ever taken action to ensure that the plan is seen through. They noticed that they have been doing some gender mainstreaming and not even being aware of it. They highlighted that by being part of the process will help them to actively participate in gender issues and also to consider community activities related to promoting gender within the council, but most importantly to empower and promote women participation in governance. The score card was discussed and scores were given together with management to measure the stance of the council in terms of gender mainstreaming activities.
Contact person/s for the process identified? (Give name/s and position/s).	The contact person for the process was identified as Mrs. Semakaleng Moamogwe who is the Social Welfare Officer 1 in the District Council

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