

Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights Reporting Workshop

Held at Hotel Tivoli, Maputo, Mozambique

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Final Report



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Workshop Completion Report	
Workshop Title	Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights Reporting
Course Venue	Hotel Tivoli, Maputo, Mozambique
Duration	From June 27 - 28, 2019
Nos of Participants	5 Female + 4 Male = 11
Workshop overview	<p>Sexual reproductive health and rights issues constitute a fundamental element for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) attaining the targets of the 2015 SADC Protocol on Gender and Development. Some of the key challenges to attaining sexual and reproductive health include HIV and AIDS, unintended pregnancy and unsafe abortion, infertility resulting from STIs and sexual dysfunction, gender inequality and gender-based violence, lack of choice impact significantly on the attainment of sexual and reproductive rights for women and girls”.</p> <p>While this is recognized, the silence on political discourse and in the media in general, puts SRHR in the hide, therefore not given the necessary attention to feature among top priorities in the public discussion. Issues of SRHR are under reported in the media throughout the whole region and attention to it is overshadowed by other most reported issues such as politics, economy, sports and crime.</p> <p>This workshop, which is designed for journalist of print and electronic media, is intended to create an opportunity for participants to learn new concepts about SRHR issues, gain practical knowledge that would enable them to report on the issues in a more innovative ways.</p> <p>Initially the course was organized for 10 participants but in the last minute one participant could not join due to sudden illness. So the workshop end up with 9 participants who followed to the end.</p>
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase media coverage of SRHR from a human rights perspective. Including media coverage that challenges discriminatory social norms and stereotypes. This coverage should also hold government, private sector and civil society accountable for implementing SRHR commitments. 2. Strengthen gender and SRHR reporting in the media. It will help journalists to more easily understand and accurately report on SRHR topics, and thus lead to improved media coverage of SRHR issues in the region. 3. Provide participants with updated information on SRHR issues to improve their knowledge of the topics 4. Provide participants with insights and practical skills to help them improve their writing and interviewing skill. 5. Introduce participants to the new concepts of gender.

	6. Provide a platform for networking and knowledge sharing among participants.
Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increased media coverage that tackles SRHR from a human rights perspective ▪ It is expected that at the end of the workshop participants will have gained good understanding and appreciation of SRHR issues as a component of gender equality. ▪ Participants will have gained knowledge to apply new approaches in reporting on SRHR. ▪ Participants will have learned important concepts of SRHR, gender, sex and sexuality.
Expected Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It was expected that after the conclusion of the workshop each participant would write/produce two stories on an agreed topic of SRHR and publish in his/her respective media outlet. ▪ Stories on SRHR will be shared at the national SADC Gender Protocol@Work Summit
Description of Content (Head Topics)	<p>Day 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview of SRHR issues in Mozambique ▪ Sexual orientation and gender identities <p>Understanding of sexual orientation and gender identities</p> <p>Presenting the Five Sexes</p> <p>Media Monitoring Exercise</p> <p>Story ideas and sources on key LGBT issues</p> <p>Day 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Body Mapping Exercise ▪ Other SRHR Thematic Areas ▪ Key issues on SRHR
Evaluation by participants	<p>The most interesting Topics:</p> <p>Participants were requested to indicate the most interesting topics of this workshop. Almost all participants indicated that the workshop was an eye opening experience, particularly the discussion on the five sexes. They considered the workshop a fruitful exercise in the sense that they gained new information and practical skills to report on SRHR.</p> <p>The least interesting Topics:</p> <p>When asked to indicate the least interesting topics, all participants said that could not indicate a specific topic as least interesting, because all topics contributed to their learning experience and added to what they have learned before.</p>

<p>Suggestions for further improvements by trainees</p>	<p>Participants suggested that similar workshops should be organized for editors and senior manager of their media houses, because while they are introduced to new information and concepts and start to appreciate these, their leadership are not aware of the importance of bringing issues such as SRHR to the media as part of contributing to the promotion of gender equality. They indicated that some media manger would prevent journalists from reporting on issues of SRHR because they are still blind when it comes to gender equality and for that reason from time to time media managers and journalists should be put in the same room to discuss these issues.</p>
<p>Challenges</p>	<p>The workshop run smoothly with no major issues of concern. The venue was well arranged and all the logistics were promptly available.</p>
<p>Conclusion</p>	<p>The workshop was considered relevant by the trainees and requested that more of such should be provided to a larger group so that no one is left behind. With no exception, all participants were in full attendance. This shows that participants gave particular consideration to this workshop. I reach this conclusion because in most cases full attendance is only achieved when the programme is run out of town on full board and with payment of per diems.</p>
<p>Important notes</p>	<p>The programme of the workshop has been sent</p> <p>All participants wrote/produced, published and submitted to the gender summit two stories each. (The report for stories submission has been sent)</p> <p>All participants received an allowance of R2200 for writing/producing two stories each. (the cash receipts have been sent)</p> <p>All participants received an allowance of R500 for transport (the cash receipts have been sent)</p>

