

MADAGASCAR



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"I am a single mother and I will do my best to educate my children, so that they do not face the same violence that I suffered from. Education is the key and I will strengthen them on the use of IT, languages and all subjects required at school. In that way, they will certainly have a bright future." Razafiarisoa Bernadette, Sunrise campaign participant, Bongatsara.

GL Madagascar (GLM) began operations in 2011 and is the Francophone head office of Gender Links. In 2019 Gender Links Madagascar:

- Conducted a gender audit of the 2019 elections including the national assembly and the local government.
- Implemented the #VoiceandChoice campaign at national level and through ten councils.
- Trained journalists on SRHR in partnership with six newsrooms. The journalists produced articles on early pregnancy, contraception, menstruation, menopause, HIV and STDs and gender-based violence.
- Conducted a SRHR training workshop with thirty young peer-educators who disseminated their knowledge on SRHR-related topics to their communities.
- Carried out an Adolescent SRHR rapid assessment for 2200 young people to assess the accessibility, quality and scope of SRHR services available to young people.
- Organised the #Voice and Choice SADC Protocol@Work Summit where 73 women and 37 men from civil society, local government, Sunrise campaign participants and youth presented 110 best practices.

- Finalised the business plans to close out all stages of the Sunrise campaign with 149 beneficiaries across the eight target councils: Manjakandriana, Toamasina, Mahajanga, Andoharanomaintso, Antanamitarana, Fort Dauphin, Bongatsara and Anjozorobe.
- Worked with GIZ/ProDéCID, on the project "Increased participation of women in local government for inclusive development". This assisted 20 associations of women and young beneficiaries to develop strategies to sustain their projects.

GL's Monitoring and Evaluation through the Gender and Local Government Scorecard based on the data for 31 councils show that:

- **Representation of women** in COE councils in Madagascar is 16% (twice the national average) and 16% in political leadership positions.
- **Employment of women** in councils is 39%.
- Women constitute 33% of **council management**.
- **Land:** 41% of all land in COE councils is allocated to women.
- **Housing:** 62% of COE housing is allocated to women.
- **Disability facilities:** 55% of councils have facilities that cater for people with disability.



COE verification at the Mahajanga Council.
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