

BOTSWANA



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Gender Links Botswana opened in 2008 as a liaison office with the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) and country office. In 2019 the Botswana office:

- Strengthen GBV Action plans for 16 COEs for Gender in Local Government to include the BNRS and male involvement.
- Production of information, Education and Communication materials on the Botswana National Relationship Study and sharing study results with districts.
- Conducted entrepreneurship training with councils to survivors of GBV as part of GL's Sunrise Campaign for empowering women and ending violence. In Moshupa, Lobatse, Mabutsane, South East and Good Hope.
- In partnership with M&B we held 6 trainings, men were introduced to the men care program which covers importance of male engagement, father impact/legacy, letter to my father, children's needs and rights and non-violence. In Moshupa, Lobatse, Mabutsane, South East, Tonota and Good Hope.

- The short film documentary was produced during the first lockdown; minor adjustments were made to make it possible for the filming of the documentary to be done during that period. This included the incorporation of COVID-19 messages in the documentary and shooting it only in Gaborone.
- Produce and air Radio Drama on GBV and COVID-19 - 28 episodes.
- Updating of SRHR Action plan by 16 COEs to include COVID-19.
- Conducted HUB and SPOKE training. Trained 4 hubs Lobatse, Francistown, Maun and Moshupa. And 6 spokes Tonota, Mabutsane, Good-hope, South East, Hukuntsi and Okavango.
- Conducted training for journalist on reporting on women political participation.

GL's Monitoring and Evaluation through the Gender and Local Government Scorecard based on the data for 16 councils show that:

- **Representation of women** in local councils in these councils is 18% and 29% in political leadership positions.
- **Employment of women** in councils is 55%.
- **Women in council management** constitute 41%.
- **Land:** 66% is allocated to women for various uses in the councils.
- **Housing:** 53% is allocated to women ensuring that they are independent and able to negotiate safe relationships without fear.
- **Disability facilities:** 88% of councils have facilities that cater for people with disability.



Lobatse Town Council receiving an award during hub and spoke training. Photo by Mboy Maswabi