

In 2020, Gender Links South Africa:

- Replicated the “hub and spoke” model strengthened by a study visit by GL country managers to Zimbabwe that piloted this unique model in which stronger and more seasoned “hub” COE's mentor neighbouring “spoke” councils.
- Strengthened the COE model by anchoring the COE model within councils to ensure sustainability.
- Completing and consolidating the hand-over of the Sunrise Economic Power to End Violence campaign in Gauteng, Limpopo and Western Cape. The entrepreneurs form a Women in Local Economic Development (WLED) Network.
- Alliance partners met to assess the impact of the #VoiceandChoice campaigns between 2018 and 2020. The meeting identified the need for policy mobilisation to take place on social media to effectively promote the constitutional rights of the most marginalised groups. Secondary victimisation of victims that happens in shelters, hospitals, clinic was a case in point.
- The meeting identified the need to have a standalone campaign on the rights of children and raised concern on the absence of relevant and key campaigns to promote children's rights. There was also an increasing concern on child/teen pregnancy related suicides due to sexual gender based violence; the absence of dialogues with the girl child.

- The Alliance emphasised the need to review national gender statistics, women's effective political participation and the Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality Bill.

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

- **Representation of women** in COE councils in South Africa is 46% and 33% in political leadership positions.
- **Employment of women** in councils is 41%.
- **Women constitute** 36% of council management.
- **Housing:** 55% of housing is allocated to women.
- **Sexual harassment policies:** 100% of the councils have sexual harassment policies in place.
- **Disability facilities:** 100% of the councils have facilities that cater for people with disability. This shows that councils are sensitive to the needs of different groups in their communities.



South Africa Alliance meeting to track progress on the #VoiceandChoice Campaigns.
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