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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 2021, the Botswana office:

- Held 27 events and reached a total of 550 people, 359 women and 191 men.
- Conducted a Fifty Fifty Media Learning and Sharing meeting in Gaborone in March 2021.
- Participated in the regional virtual *#VoiceandChoice Protocol@Work* Summit and GL's 20th anniversary at the Masa Hotel in Gaborone in March 2021.
- Conducted cross-generational academies in Palapye and Francistown, aimed at enhancing the inclusion and effective participation of women in political decision-making with a strong emphasis on local government.
- Produced of information, education and communication materials on the Botswana National Relationship Study (BNRS) and sharing the results with all districts.
- Strengthened GBV Action plans for 16 local government COEs for to integrate the findings of the BNRS and held workshops with men in the 16 councils to strengthen male involvement in GBV prevention.
- Conducted entrepreneurship training with councils to survivors of GBV as part of GL's Sunrise Campaign for empowering women and ending violence in Francistown, Selebi Phikwe and North East.
- Held seven training workshops in partnership with *Men and Boys for Gender Equality* GL Botswana for Men Care Peer educators to train other men on the men care programme which covers importance of male engagement, father impact/ legacy, letter to my father, children's needs and rights and non-violence in Gaborone, South East, Lobatse, Francistown, Maun, Gantsi and Francistown.

- Enhanced 365 Days Flagship programmes to End Gender Based Violence (GBV) developed by the 16 Centres of Excellence for Gender in Local Government. The 365 Campaigns training occurred in Maun, Gantsi, Selebi Phikwe, Palapye, Francistown Gaborone, Tutume, Lobatse and South East.
- Launched the Women in Politics in Botswana Situation Analysis in Gaborone in June 2021.
- Launched the SADC Gender Protocol 2021 Barometer in Gaborone October 2021.

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 disabilities.



Youth Political Party Participants Political Rally WPP Cross Generation Academy training Palapye BotswanaMM08112021.

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