

The South Africa programme has run by GL headquarters in Johannesburg since the founding of the organisation in 2001. In 2021, GLSA:

- Held 60 events with 1572 people, 1178 women, 381 men and 13 gender non-conforming persons.
- Hosted a hybrid South Africa and regional Summit and GL's 20th anniversary event.
- Rolled out the Sunrise programme to 19 councils in the Gauteng, Limpopo and Western Cape Provinces of South Africa.
- Conducted 10 Business Revival workshops for 10 councils in Limpopo, Western Cape and Gauteng. 112 women attended in 3 Provinces, Limpopo, Gauteng and Western Cape.
- Coordinated the Business Rescue Fund payments for 112 Entrepreneurs from three Provinces, Limpopo, Western Cape and Gauteng.
- Provided three Training of Trainers workshops for 31 Gender Focal Points, 20 women and 11 men in 3 Provinces, Western Cape, Limpopo and Gauteng. The aim of the workshops was to officially handing over Sunrise Campaign to Councils for sustainability of the program.
- Conducted two buy meetings with 18 officials, 8 men and 10 women. The aim of meetings was to forge partnership with new Councils, Lesedi and City of Joburg.



Sunrise campaign training of trainers workshop at the Blouberg Municipality in Limpopo. Photo by Gender Links

- Provided Life Skills workshops for 205 women in 12 Councils from two Provinces, Limpopo and Gauteng. The workshops equipped women with social and interpersonal skills that enable them to cope with the demands of everyday life. The objectives were to build their self-confidence, encourage critical thinking, and foster independence and helped women to communicate more effectively.
- Ran four workshops for the news media in South Africa on Gender Sensitive coverage of gender based violence.

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 disabilities. This shows that councils are sensitive to the needs of different groups in their communities.



Life skills training for GBV survivors at Ba Phalaborwa council, Limpopo. Photo by Gender Links



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