

SADC COMMUNITY MOBILISATION WORKSHOP

Municipal Council of Curepipe

Venue: Camp Caval Community Centre

Date : 23 June 2011



Figure 1: Facilitator explaining on the objectives of the workshop.

The workshop was held on the 28th April 2011 and saw the participation of a total of 21 persons including 20 women and one man (participants list at annex A)

Facilitator welcomed participants and explained the objectives of the workshop; she went through the program with them and explained the process of the day (program at annex B)

She explained that Gender Links' s all work is based on the articles of the Protocol and with the aid of the pamphlet she enumerated some of them;

To the question of identifying the acronym SADC, only one participant knew the answer.

Facilitator then handed the SADC quiz form to all for filling in.



Figure 2: Participants filling the SADC quiz form

The video “Roadmap to Equality” was then shown to the participants followed by a plenary session.



Figure 3: Participants watching the video on SADC protocol.

Comments were invited from participants who identified three areas which struck them:

1. Constitutional rights : they were amazed to see that in some countries women were still considered as minors and realized the chance that they had to have equal rights as per the Mauritian Constitution.
2. Gender Based Violence : participants put forward that it was an acute problem in Mauritius especially the increase in violence against women and young children

including boys (sexual abuse and neglect which leads to domestic accidents). Whilst for some time HIV/AIDS was associated in Mauritius with drug injection only, as shown in the video, the recent research is showing that it is now becoming a result of GBV.

3. Economic empowerment of women: In Mauritius, many programmes have been set up to empower women economically and budget earmarked accordingly; the government is encouraging entrepreneurship and the National Women Council gives training and support while the Development Bank of Mauritius has special loan schemes for women to start their business.

Facilitator gave a brief on the origin and history of the SADC on Gender and Development, she then went through all the articles. Facilitator then went through the quiz form with the participants who after having seen the video now knew some of the answers.

As seen in the video, it was stressed that Mauritius was far behind in the decision-taking area especially the political field.

The regional graph was examined and participants were invited to identify barriers which prevented women to enter politics:

1. Cultural: in some communities, women are not supposed to participate in public life.
2. Historical: the parties have always been governed by men.
3. Social: Women are more vulnerable and the object of calumny.

Participants themselves proposed some actions to encourage women in politics:

1. Women should themselves be more interested in what is happening around them
And read and listen to political debates.
2. Politics should be in the school curriculum.
3. Leaders should put more women on their party list.

In the, the participants were requested to go in three groups to identify means and ways to popularize the Protocol.

Report back exercise:

1. The Protocol pamphlets could be deposited to the Municipal Library for distribution to the users.
2. Protocol could also be distributed at the different municipal social centres.
3. Talks on the Protocol could be organised on national and private radios.
4. The participants themselves would talk about the Protocol in their surroundings (family, neighbours, friends and on site of work)

The activity ended with all participants having lunch together.

ANNEX A

REGISTRATION FORM- WORKSHOPS IN LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Event: SADC community mobilisation workshop
Venue: Camp Caval Community Centre, Curepipe

Date: 28 April 2011

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Stage 4: SADC community mobilisation level workshop

PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
9.30-9.45	Registration
9.45-10.00	Introduction & objectives
10.00-10.10	SADC quiz
10.10-10.45	Film "Roadmap to equality"
10.45-11.30	Plenary discussions, post-quiz, country barometer
11.30-12.00	Women in Politics
12.00-12.30	Group work: Popularising the Protocol
	LUNCH