

GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

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GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

ZAMBIA POLICE SERVICE - VICTIM SUPPORT UNIT

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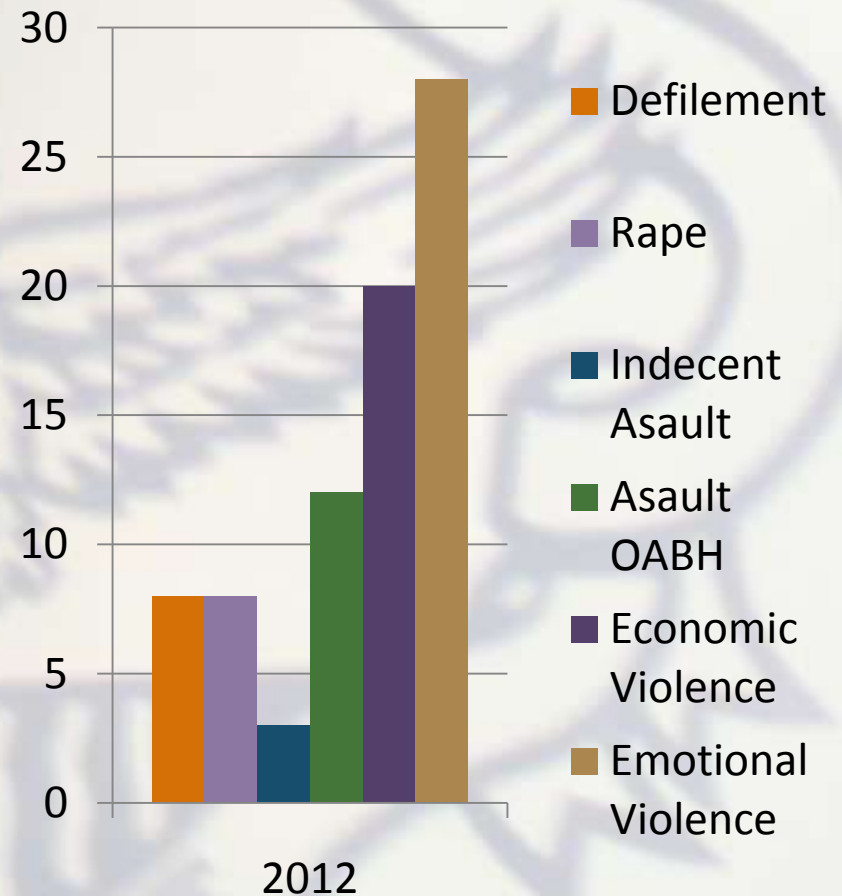
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE GOOD PRACTICE

- To respond to all gender based violence cases
- To apprehend and arrest perpetrators of gender based violence
- To assist in conflict resolution especially in the other forms of violence – economical and emotional



WHAT IS THE PROBLEM BEING ADDRESSED?

WHY?

- Previously issues of gender based violence were treated as civil and domestic cases
- In 1994 under Police reform programme the police changed from Police force to Police Service
- The Victim Support Unit was formed where cases of gender based violence are handled



HOW IS THE PROJECT CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE 28 TARGETS OF THE SADC PROTOCOL?

PROTOCOL TARGET	ACTIONS
<p>Article 20 – 28 GBV and Conflict resolution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enact and enforce laws prohibiting all forms GBV • Review and reform criminal laws and procedures applicable to cases of sexual offenses and GBV • Adopt integrated approaches in GBV and Conflict resolution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure all cases of GBV treated as criminal cases • Amendment of other acts to support the outstanding laws • Sensitise the community on the laws of the Country

DESCRIBE YOUR TARGET GROUP

- All perpetrators of gender based violence including child defilement and abuse
- The survivors of Gender Based Violence



OBJECTIVES

- To save life
- To protect property
- To prevent crime
- To detect crime
- To maintain law and order



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PROCESS

- Sensitisation to the community on the dangers of GBV through meetings, Posters and radio
- Provide counselling to the survivors of GBV



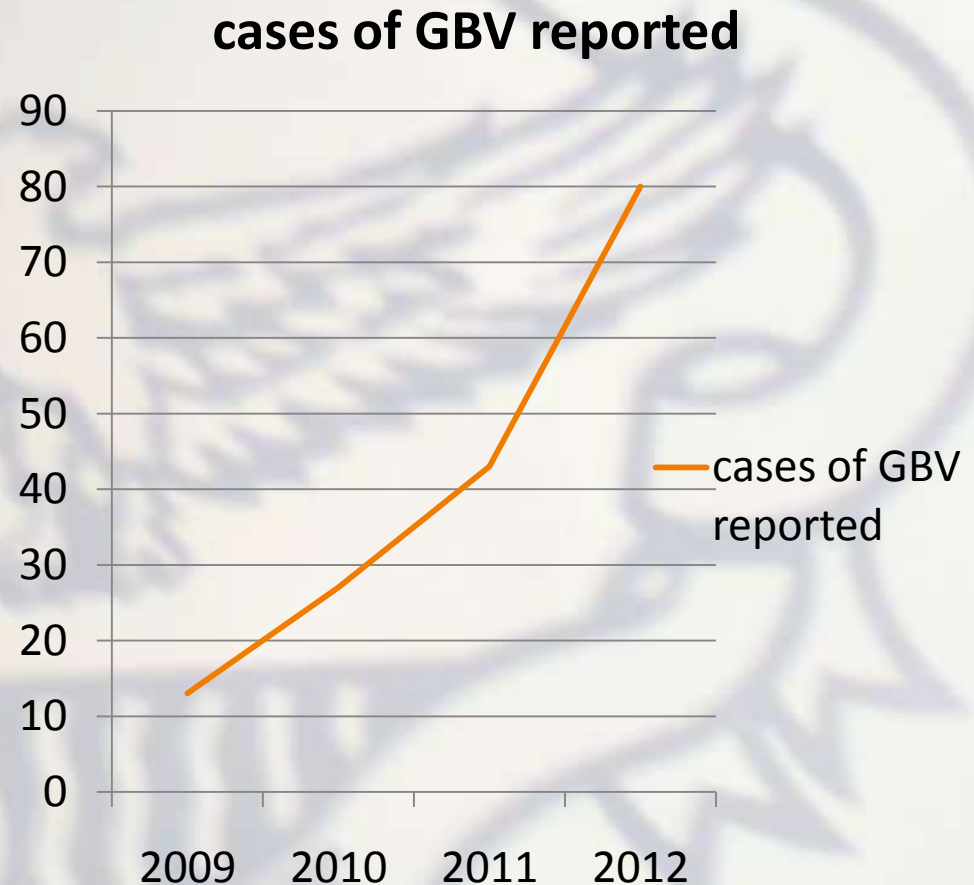
PROCESS

- Arrest and prosecute the perpetrators of Gender Based Violence



WHAT HAVE BEEN THE MAIN SUCCESSES?

- Reporting of Gender Based Violence has improved.



WHAT HAVE BEEN THE MAIN SUCCESSES?

- Cases of GBV have reduced
- The Local radio station has programmes in the local language sensitizing against GBV



KEY OUTPUTS (MATERIALS ETC.)

- 8 Cases of defilement taken to court
- 8 assault cases taken to court
- 2 rape cases taken to court



KEY OUTCOMES (MAIN RESULTS)

- People are now aware of gender based violence and what to do in cases of victims



CHANGING LIVES

- Agnes Phiri Ibex compound in Katete was being beaten often and sometimes the money she made from selling fritters would be grabbed from her by her husband
- This changed when Agnes heard from the local radio station that such was gender based violence and not what she had always believed to be respect for her husband.
- Agnes reported her case to the Victim Support Unit where her husband was summoned and educated on matters concerning gender based violence
- The couple now lives knowing and respecting each other's rights



LESSONS LEARNT

- Very few males report cases of GBV
- Involving Community leaders in the fight against GBV would accelerate the battle



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WAY FORWARD

- Continue sensitization programmes on radio and in the community
- Involve traditional leaders in the fight against gender based violence