



***NAME OF GOOD PRACTICE: SHE-HIVE***

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**GENDER EQUALITY BY 2015, YES WE MUST!**

# BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE GOOD PRACTICE

- to engage people, who experienced or are stilling undergoing abuse to speak out about it.
- To disseminate information, education and share experiences aimed at improving lives of domestic violence survivors/victims.
- To campaign for behavioural change in communities and especially among families with the view of eliminating further chances of domestic violence cases.t



# WHAT IS THE PROBLEM BEING ADDRESSED? WHY?

- Gender based violence.
- Encouraging the community at large to embark on the struggle for elimination of further chances of domestic violence cases

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

PROTOCOL TARGET	ACTIONS
Part 6 of Article 20 which entails the legal provisions, where the signatories to the protocol pledged to enact and enforce legislation prohibiting all forms of gender based violence by 2015	To educate and lobby for enactment and enforcement of laws that deal directly and indirectly with issues of domestic violence

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## DESCRIBE YOUR TARGET GROUP

- People who experienced or are stilling undergoing abuse .
- 40 females and 3 males in 5 months
- To disseminate information, education and share experiences aimed at improving lives of domestic violence survivors/victims.
- To campaign for behavioural change in communities especially among families with the view of eliminating further chances of domestic violence cases. Victims and Survivors of domestic violence.



# OBJECTIVES

- To have a well enhanced coordination of services aimed at improving lives of women and children who are victims of domestic violence.
- To provide psychosocial support and advocacy for abolition of domestic violence by the use of the slogan “speak out, domestic violence is not private anymore”
- To raise awareness by disseminating information, educating and sharing experiences aimed at improving lives of victims of domestic violence, through seminars, workshops, road shows, school competitions and use of media.



# PROCESS

- **Formation of Districts domestic violence clubs.**
- The plan is to have a meeting in each district introducing the Association, its objectives and goals, its anticipated outputs and outcomes and the beneficiaries to stakeholders within the districts with a common goal.



# PROCESS

## Technical Working Groups

The expected output of the introductory meeting mentioned above is to have technical working groups (TWGs) in the districts.

## Districts Clubs

The TWGs will be expected to formulate clubs in different areas of the districts. The clubs will be comprised of survivors and victims of domestic violence, and any other person or organization / company within the area who subscribes to the objective of the Hive."





# WHAT HAVE BEEN THE MAIN SUCCESSES?

- Use of media:- Television and Newspapers attracted victims and survivors to join the association hence 43 members in five months.
- Ceremony of the 16days of activism against gender based violence by candle light.
- Ceremony of the V-day on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013.
- Open day forum held on the international women's day.



# WHAT HAVE BEEN THE MAIN SUCCESSES?

- Issues of domestic violence have been dealt with by the use of media, which was very useful to create awareness and disseminate information.
- Increase of membership from 10 members to 43 in 5 months.



## KEY OUTPUTS (MATERIALS ETC.)

- Number of members who are survivors and victims and have become members.
- Number of cases of domestic violence reported in the association's legal office are being dealt with in the courts of law.



# KEY OUTCOMES (MAIN RESULTS)

- Number of cases being dealt with in the courts of law of people who are now members of the association.
- Candle light ceremony
- Newspapers (no of people who came to the office after having read the articles.
- Radio Programmes – (phone in response and visitations afterwards)

# CHANGING LIVES

- I am a founder of the association, I founded the association after having dealt with the trauma of domestic violence in 20 yrs. Both my children also got involved and this affected their studies and every day life. Much was done to cope with the pandemic, when we got over it I realized that not many would have been able to sustain the trauma, hence the high rate of crime, homelessness and deaths. My son (12yr) who once was suicidal has also formed his own club at school.



# LESSONS LEARNT

- Culture, religion and norms in our country hinders most people to come out and not shy away from speaking about issues of domestic violence as it is still a very private matter. Fear of humiliation and discrimination to avoid being accused of violating the misconception that diverts them from their traditional norms.





## **WAY FORWARD**

- The process will be sustained by monitoring and evaluating the established domestic violence district clubs with supervision from the head office which will be based in Maseru.

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