



16 DAYS ACTIVISM

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CATEGORY: TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

INSTITUTION: ALLIANCE

COUNTRY SADC GENDER PROTOCOL SUMMIT

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VENUE: SA, Johannesburg

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE GOOD PRACTICE

- ❖ It was important to take the candles to the march in order for the women of Outjo to reclaim back their freedom of walking in the streets at night and to show the rapist
- ❖ That the community of Outjo has join hands together with the police and the municipality of Outjo in order to combat GBV in the town
- ❖ Take Back the night march has helped the concerned citizens to express their sadness against the evil practice of GBV together



WHAT IS THE PROBLEM BEING ADDRESSED? WHY?

- ❖ Problem at hand is rape against women and children and also other human rights violation
- ❖ The women of Outjo have the fear of walking at night as they are afraid of being raped and killed



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

PROTOCOL TARGET	ACTIONS
CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL RIGHTS	<p>Endeavour to enshrine gender equality and equality in their constitutions and ensure that these are not compromised by any provisions, laws or practices</p> <p>Review, amend and or repeal all discriminatory laws</p> <p>Abolish the minority status of women</p>
HEALTH	<p>Reduce the maternal mortality ratio by 75 %</p> <p>Ensure provision of hygiene and sanitary facilities and nutritional needs of women, including women in prison</p>
GBV	<p>Enact and enforce legislation prohibiting all forms of GBV</p> <p>Review all and reform their criminal laws and procedures applicable to cases of sexual offences and GBV</p>

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DESCRIBE YOUR TARGET GROUP

- ❖ Police, are trusted with the responsibility of protecting the citizen by enforcing the law on culprit of crime.
- ❖ The town council. As the council is responsible for the social welfare of the community and they need to make sure that services to meet the social needs of the community is meet like setting up street lights as often the rape cases normal happens during night time in dark areas.
- ❖ Women, children and to people who need it on a spiritual note



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OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To reach out to all people affected by this evil practice and to try and find possible solutions to this evil practice which has affected our community and has taken away a lot of lives of our loved ones and it also had a psychological impact on the survivors. WSW are planning to set up Victim Support Unit in Outjo Township to support survivors of GBV assisted by the Social Worker, Municipality of Outjo and Police.
- ❖ To educate the community on GBV, especially women and girls.
- ❖ To inform the community on how both men and women can live together as one. Respect each other and take care of each other especially married couples and lovers.



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PROCESS

- ❖ Participate in the 16 days planning by Genderlinks Namibia has assisted in the march.
- ❖ Both men and women involved, when they took to the streets their concerns about what has been happening in their community
- ❖ Holding of the cyber dialogue facilitation with local authorities.
- ❖ Conducting GBV committee meetings on which i am the chairperson
- ❖ Mapping the role of churches, schools, principal meetings
- ❖ Identifying the role of parents the upbringing of the children.



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WHAT HAVE BEEN THE MAIN SUCCESSES?

- ❖ The involvement of men in the campaign of stop violence were visible
- ❖ The police having agreeing to patrol the streets on the request of the community
- ❖ The council has also agreed to set up street lights especially in informal settlement areas and de-bush the riverbanks
- ❖ Women are aware of the constitutional rights and fundamental freedom.
- ❖ Women have increased awareness on their rights and claim back their freedom.
- ❖ Communities including the council are sensitive to women's issues.



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KEY OUTPUTS (MATERIALS ETC.)

- ❖ Statistics of 2012 shows the reducing of GBV in Outjo
- ❖ Women have been informed about ways on how to protect themselves from rape
- ❖ Men are now showing interest in stopping rape in Outjo. More men should be involved in this campaign. Fellow men should educate other how to curb violence at the town.
- ❖ The mayoral representative set Gender links should be uploaded the community of Outjo for providing a plat form for the community of Outjo to speak out.
- ❖ Children also spoke out and said they want safety in Outjo.



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KEY OUTCOMES (MAIN RESULTS)

- ❖ The key outcomes have been the police who are now patrolling the streets and also the council is considering of setting up street lights on the request of the community.
- ❖ Men are also trying to be part of the solution equation were they are trying to end violence against women by partaking in the marches with women.



CHANGING LIVES

- ❖ Hans Gaingob has been charged with 10 GBV cases, whereby most victims are women. He has more than 3 previous convictions of rape cases.
- ❖ He is a threat to Outjo Community and he is detained in Outjo police cells.
- ❖ Hans changed his life and he repented through the intervention of Tchopiline assistance and WSW.
- ❖ Currently, Hans is applying for bail to go back to the community of Outjo, (using church platforms, community meetings, schools etc.) where he committed all this evil practices to apologize for all his wrong doings before he is sentenced for his crimes.

LESSONS LEARNT

- ❖ Provide specific information as women really learnt a lot as to protect ourselves from violence.
- ❖ For e.g. Stay away from dark places and not to stay at night on the streets. Stay away from shebeens and shops at night by buying their stuff early to avoid the dangers of the night.
- ❖ Men have realize that they need to care for their women and protect them
- ❖ That GBV can only be eliminated through support response from various stakeholders. The united force behind the campaign of take back the night can be a case study to share with other regions.



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WAY FORWARD

- ❖ By providing educational materials to people to read and educate themselves.
- ❖ Through the involvement of the council to make sure that the community understand what Gender based violence can do to the community.
- ❖ Advocating for Women and Children Safety unit.
- ❖ To popularize the process to be more familiar to the people so people will have an interest ending GBV

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