



**THURSDAY'S IN BLACK & Candle light vigil**  
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**CATEGORY: GBV & CONFLICT RESOLUTION**  
**INSTITUTION: ALLIANCE**

**SADC GENDER PROTOCOL SUMMIT**  
**DATE: 22 – 24 April 2013**  
**VENUE: Indaba Hotel (Johannesburg)**

# BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE GOOD PRACTICE

- ❑ GBV campaign launched in 2010 to compliment government's efforts in the district
- ❑ An outward sign of mourning and standing in solidarity with women victims & survivors of GBV
- ❑ It offers a multi-sectorial approach to the fight against GBV



Participants at the launch of the Thursday's in Black initiative

# WHAT IS THE PROBLEM BEING ADDRESSED? WHY?



Church members attending the campaign

- ❖ Unacceptably high GBV related offences (Stakeholder Consultative forum - GBV Pitso)
- ❖ Initiative to address the problem and to religiously condemn it
- ❖ Focus - ways that individuals can challenge attitudes that cause rape and violence

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

PROTOCOL TARGET	ACTIONS
<b>TARGET 20-25</b>	<b>Gender Based Violence &amp; HIV/AIDS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="755 572 1754 725">○ Awareness campaigns which involves information dissemination on GBV as well as the Domestic Violence Act</li><li data-bbox="755 796 1671 901">○ Promotes collaboration of stakeholders in the fight against GBV &amp; HIV/AIDS</li></ul>

# DESCRIBE YOUR TARGET GROUP

❖ Entire community; for the fight against GBV needs the concerted efforts of all:

❑ Community's renewal of its commitment to freeing women from the nightmare of violence.

❑ Reminder – society's moral and ethical obligation (report cases of abuse, assist the police and social workers in their investigation)

❖ victims and survivors of GBV, to indicate to them that society will fight for their deliverance



**GBV survivors giving testimony & a motivation at the Thursdays' in Black activity**



# OBJECTIVES

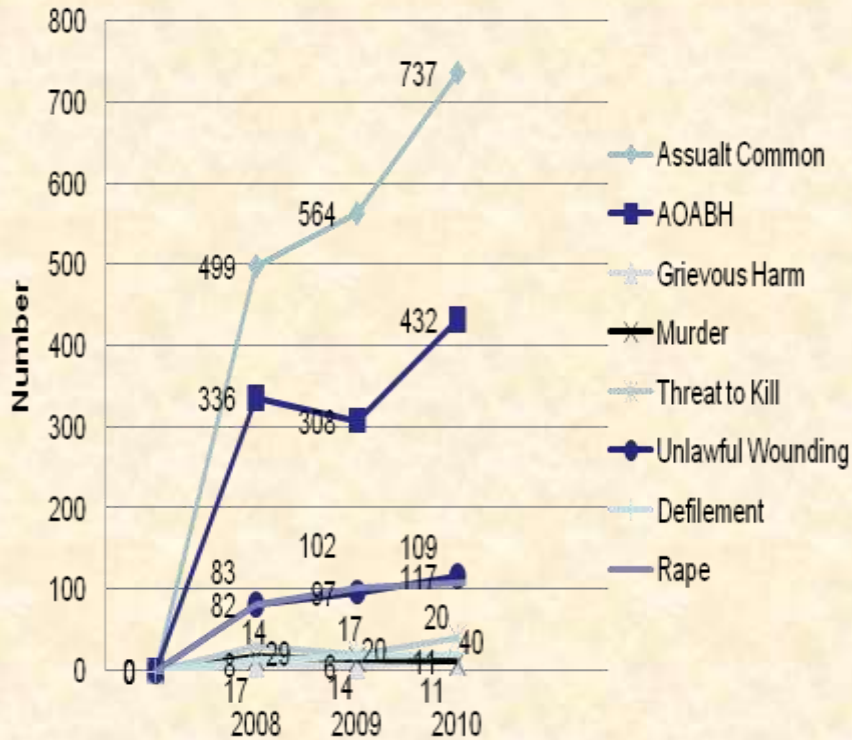
- raise awareness and trigger action on this pervasive human rights violation
- unite the community to end violence & show support to GBV survivors.
- encouraging local churches to indicate that violence against women is religiously and morally wrong
- and offer an opportunity for the community to show the district's desire for a free violence society.

Comparative Statistics of GBV related offence

Offence	YEAR			
	2009	2010	2011	2012 (Up to Sept)
Rape	102	109	93	62
Indecent Assault on Females	4	7	8	5
Defilement	17	20	20	9
Threats to kill	20	40	36	9
Unlawful Wounding	97	117	116	72
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>157</b>

# PROCESS

Assault Statistics (2008-2010)



- ❖ Collection of statistics on GBV related offences from Police Stations in the district
- ❖ Committee drafted a 5 year plan based on the noted challenges (2010 – 2015)
- ❖ Thursday's in Black initiative launched in 2010

# PROCESS

- ❖ Gender Based Violence Pitso held in 2011 (Consultative Forum)
- ❖ Each year comparism of statistics is made to assist in choosing the host village
- ❖ Leadership focused meetings & Pre-awareness campaigns to sensitize & raise interest of the community prior to the event.



**Participants at the consultative forum/Pitso**



# WHAT HAVE BEEN THE MAIN SUCCESSES?



St Paul Brass band leading the march for the 2012 campaign

❖ Strengthened functional Ministers Fraternal Committees around the district

- ❖ Good collaboration between stakeholders - good working referral system of clients
- ❖ increased membership of the committee (15-25)



# WHAT HAVE BEEN THE MAIN SUCCESSES?

- ❖ Increase in partnerships; Women Shelter, Gender Links, Finger prints, Hope Worldwide Botswana & Project Concern International
- ❖ Women's Shelter opened a satellite office in Molepolole)
- ❖ Project Concern International (PCI) assigned to profile/document the works of the committee for replication in other districts by WAD

# KEY OUTCOMES (MAIN RESULTS)



The then Vice Council Chairman committing to being an ambassadors in the fight against GBV

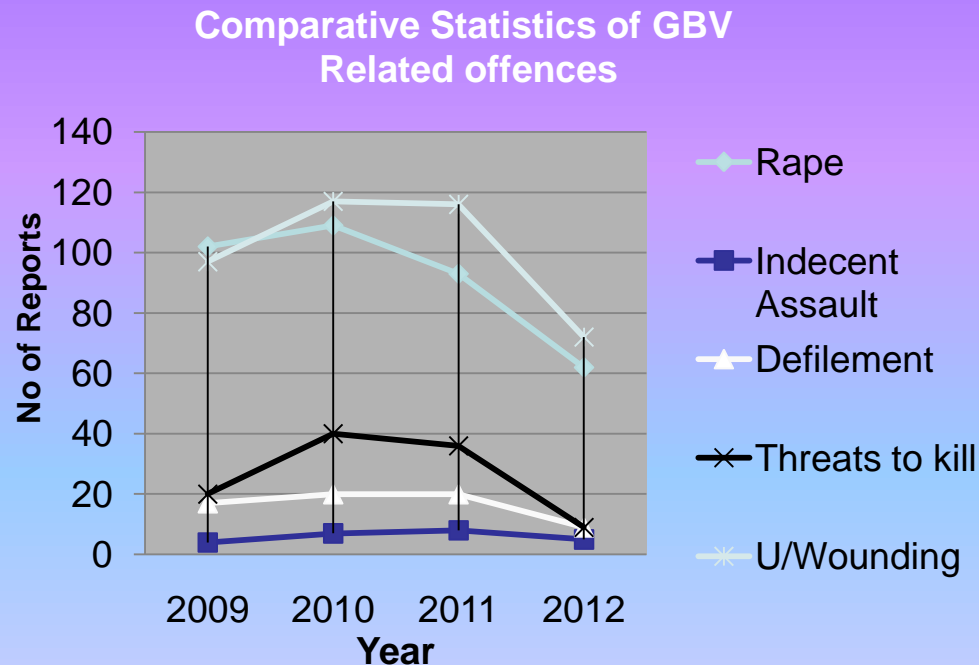
- ❖ Domestic Violence Act of 2008 (increased usage by the community)
- ❖ Vocal district leadership which is encouraging to the committee

❖ White commitment ribbon engraved 'ending violence starts with me'



# CHANGING LIVES

- ❖ Feedback from leadership focused meetings indicated reduction in GBV mediation cases
- ❖ Reduction in terms of statistics of GBV related offences through out the district



# LESSONS LEARNT

- ❖ Need to intensive campaigns - majority not aware of the existence of the Domestic Violence Act of 2008
- ❖ Support of traditional & religious leadership important (easy to deal with the identified susceptible cultural & religious challenges)
- ❖ Involving the community from the planning stage of an activity instils the sense of ownership in their part.



Above is Kgosi Bakwena & below are some of the Baruti from Ministers Fraternal

# WAY FORWARD

- ❖ Continue annual campaigns
- ❖ Revival & orientation of Minister's Fraternal Committees as well as the traditional leadership
- ❖ Continue soliciting for more partners to reinforce the fight against GBV
- ❖ Host a Gender Based Violence Pitso 2 to review progress the district has made since the first forum(after every two years)