

**REPORTING ON HEALTH (MODULE SEVEN)
LIMPOPO CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE**

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A. SYNOPSIS

The module on HEALTH (Module Seven of the Training Manual) formed part of the Media GBV Training Workshop held from 6th to 8th November, 2012 at Jacaranda Lodge, Polokwane. Journalists, news presenters, programme managers and some station managers were present.

The following media houses represented by two delegates each (a total of 26 participants)

- a. Greater Tzaneen Community Radio Station
- b. Musina Community Radio Station
- c. Mokopane Community Radio
- d. Botlokwa Community Radio
- e. UNIVEN Community Radio
- f. Greater Lebowakgomo Community Radio
- g. Zebediela Community Radio
- h. Radio Turf
- i. Mohodi Community Radio
- j. Tubatse FM
- k. Sekhukhune FM
- l. Moutse Community Radio
- m. Phalaborwa Community Radio Station

The module on Health (Module 7) and that of HIV and AIDS (Module 8) were delivered together as they impacted on each other. The content was taken from the Training Manual on "Making Everyone's Voice Count". Ms Ndlovu provided an introduction on the SDAC Protocol provisions on health as outlined in the Training Manual. This was followed by group discussions on the SADC SGDI on health; sexual and reproductive health and rights; maternal health and mortality.

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The content in the form of group discussion on gender and health indicators in SADC was done according to the training manual. (See power point presentation by Sheila Mmusi). The following topics were included:

- Health as a key gender equality and women's human rights issue
- The role of the media in reporting Health and HIV and AIDS in South Africa
- Ethical reporting
- Case studies were done in the form of group work followed by discussion
- Media monitoring and research studies were discussed
- The GMPS were used for the participants to determine who speaks on Health and HIV and AIDS

DISCUSSIONS EMANATING FROM THE PRESENTATION ON HEALTH

- Most community radio stations, if not ALL, already have a programme slot on Health (General topics, women's issues, etc.)
- HIV and AIDS is not a stand-alone, but is addressed during this programme
- Programmes are received from the Department of Health (clinics, hospitals, etc.)
- Health officials are regularly invited as guests to inform and educated

OUTPUTS FROM THE WORKSHOP

- Stories and articles on Health, HIV and AIDS and GBV
- Group assignments on the writing and recordings of stories
- Gender dimension missing in media coverage of Health and HIV/AIDS
- Recognition of the need for journalists to improve on how they are covering the issues

OUTCOMES

- Articles on Health and HIV and AIDS and GBV
- Preparation of stories to be covered during the 16 Days of Activism for the Field Day of 8th November (Health, HIV and AIDS, and GBV)

NEXT STEPS

- Cement partnerships with local government
- Involvement with local clinics and hospitals to report on the local picture as well as to educate and inform the community through programming

ANNEXURES

- Attendance lists
- Photos
- Monitoring evaluations
- Recordings of Vox Pops and interviews of local councillors and the mayor