

## **KANYE VILLAGE LEVEL WORKSHOP**

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Name of event/ workshop	Village level workshop
Country	Botswana
Location	Kanye Village
Date	23 October 2013
Total participants	24
Women participants	
Men participants	

## **REPORT**

### **Issues raised**

- HIV infection rates are high in the country
- The Quiz should have been written in Setswana to cater for those who could not read English.
- The participants wanted to know how strong the advocacy for Botswana to sign the protocol was.
- Being a member of SADC force countries to sign all protocols brought before it to ensure uniform development across SADC countries.
- Tradition Setswana culture was cited as being too dominant to adjust to the recommendations of the protocol.
- Marital rape can be used as an excuse by partners to leave marriages the same way false cases of assault or domestic abuse have been brought before courts as way of ending relationship.
- Culture does not recognize marital rape as women are bound by marriage to always submit and ensue sexual gratification of their husbands
- Marital rape should not even be legalized-in fact it doesn't even exist, the language should be changed to forced intercourse as opposed to rape.
- The current Children's act does not protect 16-18 years old.

## **Comments**

- In campaigning for gender equality it should be taken into consideration that there are those jobs that compromise the health and well being of women
- Abortion should be made legal to guard against the high number of orphans
- Rehabilitation centres for GBV survivors should be equipped with multidisciplinary professionals to deal with and attend to their needs in a timely manner
- Government releases statements about the law but some of the laws are not written down

## **Constitutional and legal rights**

- It was suggested by the participants that cohabitation should be recognized, but should not be legalized as it would contravene the marriage institution, and all cases and conflict resolution on matters of cohabitation should be handed over to the customary courts.
- It was further suggested that customary courts should exercise precedence so that there is assured consistency in the judgements passed by these courts.
- The participants indicated that marital rape should be criminalized to protect people from abuse.
- It was suggested and recommended that abortion should be legalized, as some pregnancies are a result of sexual abuse.
- It was proposed that legal aid should be available to the poor, socially and economically disadvantaged people, furthermore thorough needs assessment should be done in determining who is eligible to receive legal aid and that people's monthly income should not be used as the only measure.
- The participants pointed out that sexual harassment policy exists in the public service act but incidents of sexual harassment in the workplace continue to take place. It was pointed out that the weakness of the current sexual harassment policy is that it focuses more on physical sexual harassment than emotional.
- It was further suggested that the law should also have a say on romantic relationships in the workplace as they are a possible breeding ground for sexual harassment in the workplace.
- It was recommended that civil society needs to ensure the full implementation of treaties and regional agreements signed by government.

- The participants argued that there is need for education in the communities and for community leaders s most of the judgments passed in customary courts are biased
- Customary court judged/chiefs need to be trained so that their judgments do not contradict common law
- There needs to be monitoring and evaluation of laws and policies are implemented

### **Governance**

- The participants recommended that government needs to encourage the participation of women in governance as the current number of women in leadership positions is low.
- It was suggested by the participants that the electoral system needs to amended, and that people need to be taught on the different methods that can be used to elect governments.
- It was highlighted that there is need to mainstream gender equality in school curriculum from primary to tertiary schools.
- The law needs to recognize pregnant mothers and mothers to infants, to create an atmosphere that does not negatively impact on the development and growth of their children.
- The participants suggested that there should an equal recruitment process of women into the Botswana defence force as opposed to the status quo that calls for women only with a Bachelors degree to apply to enrol with the force.
- It was further recommended that there should be equal incentives or rewards given to men and women in sports to encourage equal development of women and men.

### **Economic justice**

- Government needs to pull back and allow people make autonomous decisions especially for women in terms of getting in business or what kind of employment opportunities they would like to pursue.

### **Education and training**

- The participants argued that gender segregation should stop at household level so as not promote inequalities an example cited was that young women should be encouraged to go to the cattle post.

## **Gender based violence**

- It was recommended that the law needs to be sensitive to rehabilitating and addressing report of gender based violence so that victims do not undergo further trauma causing lack of faith in the law
- It was also suggested that more female police officers need to be trained to address gender based violence cases as it is not easy for victims to talk openly about the details of their abuse with male officers.
- There needs to be more safe houses built for survivors of gender based violence.
- It was argued by the participants that marital rape does not exist, it was argued that it is difficult for spouses to rape each other and that rape in marriages often results from deep rooted domestic violence and it is those deep rooted problems that need to be identified and addressed.
- It was suggested that more campaigns on gender based violence should be done and should be sensitive to the needs of people in the rural areas, especially the language used.

## **Health**

- The participants suggested that civil society should encourage consistent correct condom use in communities.
- There should be intense debate on legalization of abortion at community levels as opposed to parliament alone and there should be equal representation of all members of communities.
- It was recommended that the Government of Botswana needs to engage the public on the new public health bill
- There is need to have research done, to which recommendations can be done based on reliable information on issues of gender as opposed to making assumptions about things
- It was also suggested that parents should be encouraged to start talking to and engaging their children on sexual reproductive health.

## **HIV/AIDS**

- There needs to be increased financial support to Non Governmental organisations and churches in order to meet the rising number of orphans.

- It was suggested that there should be comprehensive support given to NGO's especially by the corporate sector in society.
- It was highlighted that although condom use has great publicity around it but condom use is still very low therefore government need to change strategies of reducing HIV transmission.

### **Gender, information and Media**

- It was highlighted that NGO's are failing to secure funding because they have built a reputation of misusing funds and allocating funding for administrative costs made public and that media houses should be encouraged to intensify the coverage on NGO activities so that NGO's are able to attract donor funding.

### **Peace building and conflict resolution**

- It was recommended that the policy on human trafficking but in needs to be passed as law.

### **Gender and Climate change**

- It was recommended that climate change awareness campaigns should be intensified especially to farmers.

# ANNEX A WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

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## Workshop Registration Form

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**PROGRAMME**

**SADC GENDER PROTOCOL: NATIONAL ALLIANCE BUILDING WORKSHOPS**  
**Moderators: C. Chinyepi and A. Sepobelo**

Time	Action	Who
8h15-8h30	<b>Registration, DVD, Roadmap to Equality</b>	GenderLinks
8h30-8h35	Inter-Faith prayer	Volunteer
8h40-9h00	Welcome Remarks	C. Chinyepi
9h00-9h15	Introduction and Objectives of Meeting	C. Chinyepi
9h15-10h30	<b>Accountability Forum</b>	A. Sepobelo
	Findings of the Barometer & MDG 3 report	
	Response by the forum	
10h30-11h00	<b>TEA</b>	
11h00-13h00	<b>Interactive exercise and group work:</b> Identifying key issues and priorities in Botswana, assessing progress in-country, identifying champions and members of steering committee	<b>ALL</b>
	1. Constitutional and legal rights	
	2. Gender and governance	
	3. Education and training	
	4. Economic Justice	
	5. Gender Based Violence	
13h00 -14h00	<b>LUNCH</b>	
14h00-16h00	6. Health	
	7. HIV/AIDS	
	8. Peace Building and Conflict resolution	
	9. Implementation	
	10. Gender and Climate change	
	11. Gender and media	
	<b>Working TEA</b>	
14h00-16h00	Way Forward and Closure	C. Chinyepi

