



## **VALIDATION AND CHAMPION WORKSHOP**

### **SADC Gender Protocol Barometer Validation and Alliance building meeting report/Village level workshop**

**Date:24 September 2013**

**Venue:Ecole des Metiers du Tourisme de Mahajanga**



*Participants in Majunga*

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## **Synopsis**

This report sets out building blocks for the Southern African Gender Protocol Alliance in Madagascar led by the Alliance focal network FPFE in collaboration with Gender Links, the Alliance Secretariat .The strategy sought to use this period up to February 2014 to host national meetings to canvass the country Barometer, develop fact sheets, enlist champions for the 28 targets of the SADC Gender Protocol and launch a campaign Countdown to 2015 that culminates in a high profile sustainable event until 2015. This campaign builds on a series of meetings leading up to the 2014 SADC Gender Protocol Summit. The meeting took place at Ecole des Metiers du Tourisme de Mahajanga (EMTH) on 24 September 2013 . Attached at **Annex A** is a list of participants. Attached at Annex B is a programme. Attached at **Annex C** is the matrix of champions who have agreed to take forward the work of the SADC Gender Protocol.

## **Objectives**

The workshop aimed to

- Validate the country Barometer
- Create awareness around the SADC Gender Protocol.
- Set up theme clusters at national, to provincial to local.
- Collect Protocol@work case studies in preparation for the 2014 SADC Protocol@Work summit.

## **Context**

The Protocol on Gender and Development is a unique sub-regional instrument that is now in force, adopted at the Heads of State Summit in Johannesburg in August 2008. This instrument brings together all existing international commitments to gender equality in one instrument, and enhances these through specific targets to be achieved by 2015.

Gender coordinates the Southern African Gender Protocol Alliance that brings together national coordinating networks; regional theme clusters and interest groups to lobby for the implementation of the Protocol, Southern Africa's roadmap for achieving MDG 3 - gender equality.

## **Participants**

30 women and 09 men attended the workshop.

## **Key activities :**

**Facilitators: Kidja Marie Francine / Hoasy Solange**

**Country: MADAGASCAR**

**Council: Mahajanga**

**Date: 24 Septembre 2013**

**Number of participants : 39**

**Female : 28**

**Male : 11**

## **REPORT**

Questions asked

1. Is there a link between the SADC protocol Alliance and the SADC that implements the Road Map ?
2. Why is the Alliance set up only now, whereas Madagascar signed it in 2008?
3. Does Alliance membership bring about advantages to the association?

Answers and remarks

1. There is no link, the first deals with networking to empower women; the second is involved in finding a solution to the crisis.
2. Everything happens at its own time. Alliance has always been working, but it is only now that it is brought and presented to basic community in order to develop throughout the world.

## **Next steps**

1. Elect a man to be the representative of the cluster
2. To popularize what the things are. To bring realities from regions to national levels
3. Yes, because union is better, and we should not forget the saying: 'union makes strength'. And we can also know what is being done in other neighboring countries.

REPRESENTATIVES TO CLUSTER :

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## **GROUP WORK**

### ***GROUP I Women with disability***

- Discrimination still existing.
- No structure for listening people with disability in all aspects
- Many women with disability are single mothers
- No leisure activities for them
- No means for moving since their purchase power is so low (clutches, wheelchairs)
- Facilities are there but not sufficient (Administrative block)
- Most of disabled persons have not enough knowledge
- They do not know their rights
- Stereotypes are still persistent (family hide the person with disability)
- Violent, aggressive, fear people's mockery and tend not to ask for assistance
- Close collaboration with Handicap International and CUM for taking in charge of disabled people.
- The work of COPH Boeny is developing

### **The government must provide**

- Assistance
  - Vocational training
  - Resources
  - Financial help
- Popularization and information about disabled people's rights by all means (media, sensitization)
- Drafting and implementing a national policy
- Give reduction for tariffs for health, education, transport
- **What is already done for SADC targets**
  - Education and training of people with disability
  - Health

### ***GROUP II GOVERNANCE :***

#### **1. Targets reached :**

- Art 15 Constitution
- Art 12-13 Protocole

#### **2. Realities within the Province Majunga**

- Political field :
  - women are discarded in political parties and field
  - eg : right to speak, to get seats, trust, respect, decision making, do not dare take mandate
  - Employment
  - Civil service: many women hold high positions
  - eg : IPI, DREF, culture, domains, commune, DIRAP, region, civil service, transports ...
  - Private sector

- Few women in professional decisional circles
  - Social sector
- Stereotypes still prevailing.No mentality change
- The statedoes not take legal responsibility for social issues

### 3. Urgent needs

- Issue laws related to quota for elective and nominative positions and to implement to reach 50/50 by2015
- To continue the nomination of women in decision making circles
- To build women’s capacity and empower them right from basic community.
- Advocacy.

### **GROUP III EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Education within the region of Boeny :

Already done	REALITIES	REQUIRED FROM THE STATE
- There is the law lalàna and.22	- Not applied	- Sensitization but needs accompanying measures from the state.
- Law lalàna and.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Contrary to realities because fees are to be paid for schooling</li> <li>✓ Shortage of teachers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- state is required to apply this law art .24</li> <li>- the state should recruit and pay for enough teachers.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Many drop outs,boys and girls after primary school</li> <li>- The “caisse école” (FAF) does not help parents for the registrationof children at school but only alleviates the overhead charges of the schools</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ There is no law setting equality in education so fight against GBV is difficult in schools.</li> </ul>	The state should issue a law on that issue and apply it
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Obstaclesto childrens chooling</li> <li>✓ No seats</li> <li>✓ Cannot afford fees</li> <li>✓ Conflicts between administration and parents</li> <li>✓ Parents are late for their children’s registration</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Politicians forget the fight for gender equality at school</li> </ul>	Advocacy to politicians carried out by actors in that field (media, associations

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#### **GROUP IV CLIMATE CHANGE**

- *Women's role in climate change: should use energy saving stoves , usesolar energy*
- *Increase the number of women working in environmental sector to have more impact*
- *Green economy : to reach every household, decrease the price f gas , subsidies for solar cookers, at affordable prices*
- *Collaboration with NGO and association to plant trees and follow up because rural women have to collect firewood in remote areas.*

#### **GROUP V GBV**

- GBV laws are existing but not implemented.Needs follow ups at all levels : FKT – CUM - District
- There should be lawsrelated to prostitution,becausesometimesthe parentsthemselvesurge the children to do it due to various reasons.
- Either of the couple does not keep promises.

Realities in Boeny

- ✓ Rap erate is very high ,perpetrated by fathers, maternal uncles
- ✓ The state should apply the legislation
- ✓ Eradicate traditional customs that are not so efficient :early marriages,
- ✓ Sensitization of rural people.

#### **GROUP VI HEALTH**

Alredy done

- Mother and infant protection SSME
- The Ministry of health is making efforts to support private and public sector
- Public sector = gratuity
- Private sector = affordable price

Public services : CPN – vaccination – déparasitage – palu – fer – suivie – Σ – VIH

Private: (MID) Marie stop – Top réseau – FISA – SALFA – dispensaire – etc ...

Realities within Majunga

- ✓ Not enough sensitization
- ✓ PEC :

- Delay in referencing due to the matrons,the means oftransport,the patient is not convinced, does nothave money, traditions and customs, the service providr does nothaveenough medicines, no emergency unit  
reference

The state should

- Reinforce collaboration and train the matrons
- To see to the welfare of medical staff especially in remote isolated areas
- To open the basic health center
- To re provide free delivery kits and OC

## **GROUP VII HIV AIDS**

### What is already done

- In town ; PTME (Prevention of Transmission Mother/child)
- A.R.U. is already available
- P.E.C free delivery
- Free Analysis and testing
- Volunteering mediation already operational but needs reinforcement

### Realities

- No budget for sensitizations
- Low testing rate (TDS - MSM – marginal clothing of seropositive people)
- MSM most of them poor (exploitation among themselves or from foreigners)
- No confidentiality thus discrimination.

### Needs

- ✓ Reinforce sensitization
- ✓ Funding and motivation
- ✓ Support NGO(3P)
- ✓ To set up reference doctor for private sector
- ✓ To increase budget so as not to lose patients
- ✓ To set up shared confidentiality
- ✓ Financial help to association

## **GROUP VIII PEACE BILDING AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

### Already done

- The specific objectives in peace building are :
  - to prevent GBV towards women and minors (brigade de police of protection et de moeurs)
  - the number of policewomen and gendarme has increased

### 2. Realities in Mahajanga :

- Many women and under aged girls are sexworkers
- The number of policemen and gendarme still few
- To preserve fihavanana amiable resolution is still maintained when a minor is victim of GBV so laws not applied.
- Collaboration between police and gendarme in carrying out patrols to deter criminals
- Policewomen and police's wives association sensitize women to take responsibility and get involved in development activities within the community or in the rural areas.

### 3. Needed from the state

- ✓ Sensitizations on media from towns to rural areas to inform people who to contact in case of GBV occurrences
- ✓ To strengthen GBV laws
- ✓ Rate of women in conflict resolution still low in Madagascar since women do not dare take responsibility and go public.
- ✓ As for the armed forces the obstacle is the height required for recruitment

- ✓ Women should be given high position and take decisions in army institutions or schools

3) Military Academy : peace is very fragile ; many women are unemployed, women aged 18 should be encouraged to embrace armed forces career, or in social ,cultural and economic sectors.F.P.F.E.,should sensitize women about orientation policy for women ;

4) Prison management : still a few women in managerial positions , number to be increased.

### **GROUP 9 : INFORMATION AND MEDIA**

- ✚ Establish the communication code
- ✚ To set up again the association of ordre des journalistes
- ✚ Continual training of journalists
- ✚ Produce gender highlighting programmes
- ✚ Establish data base and documentation centre to file documents or other information aids.



✚ Mahajanga : women are more than men in communication ,journalism and animation,responsible yet :

- The programmes on women are so few
- Women solidarity is not enough
- The sensitization on GBV does not have so much impact on the population

Women are used in publicity (STAR, Airtel, Orange, Telma)

The fight against big companies using women (make them wear shorts , or breast showing tops ) is not sufficient . They need awareness arising to feel responsible.

### **Impacts**

- The Barometer is to be finalized
- At least 8 cluster members and 6 regions attended the reference meeting and come up
- Some resolutions to reach the SADC protocol objectives.
- Score card and M&E collected, registered, reports written



**M & E #1**

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**Village workshop (MOBILISATION COMMUNAUTAIRE)**



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## **REPORT**

### Questions from participants

1. What is the use of this protocol?
2. Can it also change rural people's life?

### Answers and comments

1. To improve women's life
2. It is the objective to promote women in every field

### Next steps

3. The Rural Council of Belobaka to be a gender responsive council