

CAPACITY BUILDING

Women voice need capacity building on specific subjects;-

The dynamics of gender based violence including cycles of violence and issues of power control.

Abusive /violent men including how and why they use violence and manipulate survivors, survivor service providers and justice system.

Risks to women who attempt to leave their abusive/violent husbands or intimate partners.

CHALLENGES

SECURITY

Security is a major challenge .Of a particular concern the security threats that comes from the perpetrators .Security is also a major concern when there is continuing violence . We need shelter.

MEDICAL CARE

Providing survivors with medical care is difficult due to high costs involved.Facillitating access to justice for survivors is hampered by the negative altitude of most law enforcement officers to GBV cases and also



WOMEN VOICE AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE NYERI COUNTY



INTRODUCTION

Organisational Background



The Women Voice Against GBV – Nyeri Chapter (WVA-GBV) (we can coin a good acronym) is a national non-profit women's rights organisation in Kenya founded in the year 2018 as a response to amplify women voices in addressing all forms of Violence Against all gender but more so, against Women and Girls (VAWG).

WVA-GBV is committed to advancing women's rights and work towards achieving a society free from all forms of VAWG. The origin of WVA-GBV is traced to a workshop organized by Centre for Rights Education and Awareness (CREAW), to sensitize

women leaders on a community involvement in fight against GBV - SASA tool

- , which identified the need to have grassroots women addressing GBV and limited capacity of the women in key leadership positions, to speak out. The workshop participants underscored the need to form a network of grassroots women leaders that would address these problems; as a result, WVA-GBV was established.



Access to Comprehensive SGBV and SRHR Services

In case GBV occurs the survivor needs shelter ,survivor support services and transitional

Housing for gender based violence.



Access to Justice Advocacy

Gender desk; CGN – Gender policy....e.t.c. We work with men not only as perpetrators of GBV but also as GBV survivors and mobilizes them to reject all forms of GBV.



of intimate partners brutality. We have a proven track record in engaging with grassroots communities in Nyeri County. To date, WVA-GBV has footprints in Mukurwe-ini, Kieni, Mathira and Nyeri Central sub-counties.

We have a wide network of multi-sectoral partnerships that enables us to offer a wide range of complementary services as well as widen reach and impact. For instance, we have partnered with St. Mary's Resuce and Nursing home /caritas and County Government of Nyeri.

2. OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Strategic Areas of Focus

In keeping with the global agenda of elimination of violence against women and girls, we have defined our organizational priorities based on five areas that constitute key elements of women and girls' empowerment organized under the following five strategic focus areas/pillars:

Primary Prevention



WVA-GBV engages the public and community in creating awareness on Gender Based Violence through various Behavioral Change Communication (BCC) interventions, such as development and dissemination of target friendly BCC materials, public barazas (public forums that engages community members), trainings, school-based activities and campaigns. Target groups include: Most at Risk



Populations, school children, adolescents and adult women and men; community members; service providers (health workers, teachers, and police officers), private sector agencies, Faith-Based Organizations, National and County Administrations.

Since its inception, WVA-GBV has focused on the maxim of 'amplifying women voices against Gender Based Violence. We have succeeded in moving the issue of WVA-GBV from the private to the public domain, positioning it as a crime and a human rights violation. Over the years, WVA-GBV has invested in empowering women and girls to claim their rights, enabling equitable access to services, resources and opportunities; facilitating greater access to justice for survivors of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV); and supporting change agents opposed to and committed to eradication of all forms of Gender Based Violence. WVA-GBV's interventions deliberately address norms, attitudes, laws, policies and practices that affect women and girls' safety and wellbeing in general. This is done through fostering consistent engagement with different actors to prevent and respond to Gender Based Violence and to hold perpetrators of these violations accountable. Our key stakeholders are the community, civil society, government and the private sector.

Identity and Core Values

Core Values:

Solidarity
Courage
Integrity
Dignity
Commitment



Our Philosophy



WVA-GBV adopts the United Nations International Declaration on Elimination of Violence Against Women (DEVAW). Article 4 of the UN Declaration defines Violence Against Women and Girls as any act of Sexual and Gender Based Violence that results in, or is likely to result in physical, sexual and psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in private or public life. Building upon this and other human rights and feminist principles, WVA-GBV recognises Gender Based Violence as a crime and a human rights violation. Gender Based Violence and related violations are both a cause and consequence of gender inequality and inequity that deny women and girls an opportunity to attain their full potential. WVA-GBV therefore invests in interventions that accelerate progress in addressing



norms, systems and structures that deter women and girls safety, equal rights and wellbeing. WVA-GBV works with and supports vulnerable and marginalised women and girls, rural and indigenous women, special interest groups as well as women and girls' at risk of being left at the peripheries of advancement, in Nyeri



County.

Our Track Record

WVA-GBV has been at the forefront of championing for change in the criminal justice response to SGBV survivors, especially young girls in Nyeri County. In this regard, WVA-GBV successfully advocated for sensitization and dialogues. The measures include hearing such court cases in camera, provision of intermediaries to victims, allowance of more time during hearings, placement in a witness box and support towards building the capacity of the criminal justice actors. This campaign has been bearing fruits. WVA-GBV also successfully advocated for gender progressive laws, policies as well as establishment of institutions. In this regard WVA-GBV lobbied for establishment of Gender Desk at Mukurwe-ini Police Station, Karatina Police Station and still lobbying for other stations within the county. WVA-GBV contributed to formulation of Nyeri County Gender Policy through CREAM. WVA-GBV launched the "Justice for SGBV



survivors." campaign in June 2023 that sought justice for a woman in Karatina who was brutally murdered by her husband and has been voicing out cases



