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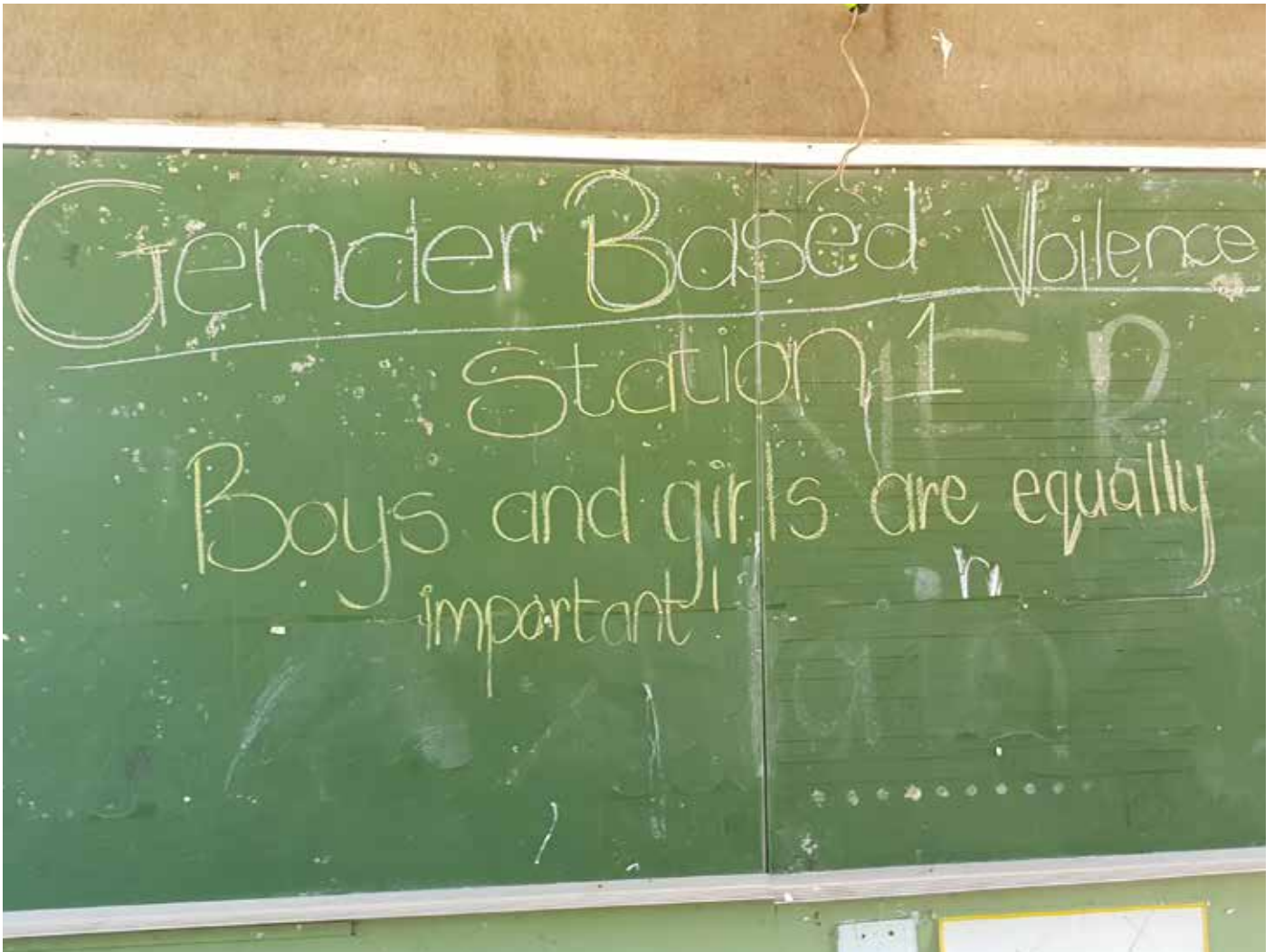
REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls
in Southern Africa – from Evidence to Action

4 – 5 December 2019

Johannesburg, South Africa





Replication of 'Stronger Together' in primary schools in South Africa.



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Foreword

The numbers on gender-based violence (GBV) against women and girls are staggering. More than half of all women in countries in the Southern African region confirm having experienced violence (physical and/or emotional), with domestic violence by a partner being the most commonly cited form of violence.

In recent years, the voices of survivors and activists – through campaigns such as #MeToo, #TimesUp, #Niunamenos, #NotOneMore and #BalanceTonPorc – have put the spotlight on the issue of gender-based violence and reached a new crescendo. Regional bodies, like the Southern African Development Community (SADC), and national governments across the region have adopted policies and strategies on GBV.

Policymakers and programme developers at global, regional and national level are called upon to promote and resource the effective and sustainable implementation of approaches to prevent GBV.

The good news is: research shows that GBV can be prevented. But strengthening evidence-informed policies and programmes requires stronger efforts around research uptake through peer learning and exchange.

This regional conference offers a unique space for policymakers, practitioners, scientists and private sector actors to come together to discuss new evidence on the prevention of violence and explore how best to translate research findings into policy and practice.

Furthermore, this event will contribute to the building of partnerships across different sectors and disciplines. The conference will provide participants with the opportunity to learn, connect, and reflect, as regional partners working together to prevent violence against women and girls.

On behalf of the organising GIZ programme Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls in Southern Africa (PfP), I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our collaborators and sponsors for their contributions to the conference.

Dr Alexander Erich

Programme Manager, Partnerships for Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls in Southern Africa (PfP)



Conference overview

Worldwide just over a third of women and girls face violence in their everyday lives, just because they are female. We know how to stop this abuse. We have evidence that tells us which tools work.

That is why we have titled this conference *Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls Southern Africa – From Evidence to Action*. The time for talk is over. Now is the time for action, based on the evidence we have gathered from research and practical experience in the last years.

The German Federal Ministry of Development and Economic Cooperation (BMZ) through its implementing agency Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), and the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) through its programme What Works to Prevent Violence against Women and Girls implemented by a consortium under the lead of the South African Medical Research Council (MRC), in partnership with the Gender Unit of the SADC Secretariat and The Ford Foundation, are jointly organising a regional conference to promote turning evidence on effective programmes and approaches into policies and actions to prevent all forms of violence against women and girls. The organisation of the conference will be led by the GIZ programme Partnerships for Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls in Southern Africa (PfP) with funding from PfP, the GIZ sector programme Promoting Gender Equality and Women's Rights and assorted sponsors.

Violence against women and girls (VAWG) is a form of discrimination that impairs women's and girls' enjoyment of their human rights and fundamental freedoms. It has health, social and economic impacts that extend across society and that impede national development and poverty reduction goals. This is evidenced by

the inclusion of gender equality in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, a set of 17 goals aimed at ending poverty, protecting the planet and ensuring global peace and prosperity by 2030, that was unanimously adopted by 193 UN member states in 2015.

Around the world, 35% of women have experienced physical violence, sometimes including sexual violence. In international comparison, the prevalence of VAWG in Southern Africa is high. Between half and two-thirds of all women in countries within the region confirm ever having experienced violence (physical and/or emotional), with domestic violence against a partner being the most commonly cited form of violence.

Addressing the root causes of violence against women and girls means addressing the persistence of attitudes, behaviours, and harmful cultural and traditional practices that perpetuate it, and addressing the negative stereotypes, discrimination and inequality that they perpetuate.

This event will provide a unique space, bringing together development partners, government officials and parliamentarians, UN agencies, civil society organisations, global researchers, media and private sector representatives, as well as traditional and religious leaders to exchange experiences and explore ways to implement effective and promising practices to address VAWG in Southern Africa.

We look forward to these two days of discussion, and to learning from each of you. Let's get to work.

#Evidence2Action



DAY 1: Wednesday, 4 December

Time	Session	Venue
08:30 - 09:30	Registration	Venue Hall
BLOCK A: GOOD PRACTICES ON PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS		
09:30 - 09:45	Official opening	Plenary
09:45 - 10:15	Welcoming remarks	Plenary
10:15 - 10:20	Video projection	Plenary
10:20 - 11:20	Keynote speaker and Q&A - Prof Rachel Jewkes	Plenary
11:20 - 11:50	Coffee/tea break	Venue Hall
	Press conference	Press Room
11:50 - 12:50	High level panel discussion and Q&A	Plenary
12:50 - 13:00	Presentation of the clinics	Plenary
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch break	Restaurant
14:00 - 15:30	Clinics	Breakaway rooms
	Topic 1: Prevention of violence in the education sector	
	Topic 2: Role of media and creative industries in preventing gender-based violence	
	Topic 3: Working with religious and traditional leaders in prevention programs	
	Topic 4: Economic empowerment combined with gender-transformative approaches	
	Topic 5: Contextualisation of prevention interventions: adaptation of interventions to different contexts and populations	
	Topic 6: Intersectionality: VAWG prevention interventions and HIV prevention, women and girls living with disabilities, sexual diversity, IDPs and others	
	Topic 7: Gender-transformative interventions at community level: engaging men and boys	
	Topic 8: SADC response to GBV: good practices from member states	
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee/tea break	Venue Hall
16:00 - 17:00	Clinics (continuation)	Breakaway rooms
17:00 - 19:00	Evening cocktail (including cultural performance)	Conference Venue

END OF DAY 1



Keynote
speaker profile:

Prof Rachel Jewkes

Professor Rachel Jewkes is the executive scientist for research strategy in the office of the president of the South African Medical Research Council, and former director of the SAMRC's Gender and Health Research Unit. She is an NRF A1-rated scientist.

She is the consortium director of the What Works to Prevent Violence? global programme, leading research on prevention of violence against women in 13 countries, secretary of the Sexual Violence Research Initiative, and a member of the WHO Expert Advisory Panel on Injury and Violence Prevention and Control.

Prof Jewkes has worked for over three decades in research on violence against women, to build understanding of this as a major obstacle to public health and development, and to use the research for stronger global policy, prevention interventions and services for survivors.

She has written over 350 peer-reviewed journal articles, reports, training manuals and book chapters.



DAY 2: Thursday, 5 December

Time	Session	Venue
08:30 - 09:00	Registration	Venue Hall
BLOCK B: MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS		
09:00 - 09:15	Welcome remarks	Plenary
09:15 - 09:45	Keynote speaker - Dr hc Christine Brendel	Plenary
09:45 - 10:15	Q&A session	Plenary
10:15 - 10:45	Coffee/tea break	Venue Hall
10:45 - 11:45	Roundtable discussion: Multi-stakeholder partnerships and the role of the private sector in prevention of VAWG	Plenary
11:45 - 12:15	Q&A session	Plenary
12:15 - 13:30	Lunch break	Restaurant
13:30 - 15:30	Parallel sessions	Breakaway rooms
	Topic 1: Costing of GBV	
	Topic 2: Strengthening prevention responses: partnerships with private and public sector and philanthropy organisations	
	Topic 3: Capacity development for practitioners: effective multi-stakeholder partnerships	
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee/tea break	Venue Hall
16:00 - 16:30	Feedback session	Plenary
16:30 - 17:00	Rapporteur	Plenary
17:00 - 17:30	Official closing	Plenary

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Keynote
speaker profile:

Dr hc Christine Brendel

Dr hc Christine Brendel manages the GIZ programme Preventing Violence Against Women in Ecuador. She holds a Doctor Honoris Causa for her investigative work about the costs of violence against women and a master's degree for Social Pedagogy and has over 20 years of professional experience in development cooperation.

Currently, Dr hc Brendel works in counselling and representation of the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in the international context and as a political advisor. Her expertise is focused in the field of women's rights and gender equality, as well as the design and implementation of multi-stakeholder processes. As an internationally recognised expert, she has worked in Latin America, Africa, South Asia and the USA.

She has published numerous publications and education materials.



DAY 1: Clinics overview

CLINIC 1

Prevention of violence in the education sector

Host organisation: GIZ – Violence and Crime Prevention Programme

Young people play an essential role in the future of the country. They can become change agents who positively contribute to reducing violence in schools when they are allowed to participate in activities and projects that enable them to become positive role models.

This session looks at interventions that seek to promote schools as safe environments and aim to work with the broader school community (management, teachers, parents, students), furthering a culture of non-violence. They also work to introduce the prevention of gender-based violence into the curriculum and/or extracurricular education.

The United Nations Children’s Fund (Unicef) will present the manual *Opening Our Eyes. Addressing Gender Based Violence in South African Schools* for preventing gender-based violence in schools. GIZ will present on “Building resilience in young people to be change agents for violence prevention in schools”. In addition, interventions for GBV prevention in schools in Port Elizabeth and Gauteng will be presented by GIZ in this session.

CLINIC 2

Role of the media and creative industries in preventing gender-based violence – challenging social norms and harmful stereotypes

Host organisation: UN Women

This clinic is aimed at sharing and discussing research insights, ideas and approaches on how the media and creative industries can play a role in preventing gender-based violence and femicide through combating harmful stereotypes and challenging negative social norms.

Presentations will be followed by a question and answer session and then a “World Café”-style roundtable discussion hosted by Gail Smith, senior manager of strategic integration at Soul City; Anne Githuku-Shongwe, representative for UN Women’s South Africa Multi-Country Office; and Maximilian Vogt, technical adviser to the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit Partners for Prevention programme.



CLINIC 3

Working with religious and traditional leaders in programmes to prevent violence against women and girls

Host organisation: Trócaire

This session aims to demonstrate the importance of meaningfully engaging with religious and traditional leaders in preventing violence against women and girls in Southern Africa, and different ways of doing this.

The session will bring together religious and traditional leaders, community activists, programme managers and researchers from various gender-based violence prevention programmes in Zambia, Malawi and Zimbabwe.

Different methodologies used in preventing violence against women and girls – such as national advocacy campaigns, influencing legislation and policy, and behaviour change work – will be shared. Existing evidence and emerging research findings on what is working when involving religious and traditional leaders in preventing violence against women and children in Southern Africa will also be shared.

The session will feature the following presentations:

- Partnerships for Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls in Southern Africa (PfP): “Religious and traditional actors preventing violence against women and girls”
- Trócaire Malawi and partners: “Working with religious and traditional leaders in feminist-informed programming (SASA!Faith) to address the root causes of violence against women and girls in Malawi”
- Trócaire Zimbabwe and partners: “Working with Christian leaders to ‘Speak Out’ and address sexual and gender-based violence in faith spaces”

A “World Café”-style session will follow the presentations, discussing the topics raised in greater depth.

CLINIC 4

Economic empowerment combined with gender transformative approaches

Host organisation: South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC)

This session is aimed at understanding the relationship between poverty, gender inequalities and violence perpetrated by intimate partners. It will seek interventions that work to diminish the incidence of this type of violence, and to understand the challenges related to implementing and expanding these actions.

This presentation and the discussion that follows will be led by Dr Andrew Gibbs, a senior specialist scientist at the SAMRC’s Gender and Health Research Unit and an Honorary Research Fellow at the Health Economics and HIV/Aids Research Division at the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

Researcher Nomhle Khoza, a doctoral fellow at the Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute will present research on using conditional cash transfers to keep girls in school, and Project Empower director Laura Washington will speak



about the Stepping Stones and Creating Futures trial, a programme aimed at decreasing the rate of intimate partner violence in urban informal settlements in South Africa.

After the presentations, the clinic will split into two groups to cover:

- What needs to be considered when replicating or upscaling economic- and gender-transformative programmes?
- What needs to be done to better translate evidence into policy and practice with regards to economic- and gender-transformative programmes?

These discussions will be followed by a feedback session that will end the clinic.

CLINIC 5

Contextualisation of prevention interventions: adaptation of interventions to different contexts and populations

Host organisation: South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC)

This session will be facilitated by Prof Rachel Jewkes, executive scientist for research strategy: office of the president of the South African Medical Research Council. Afterwards questions will be taken from the floor.

The discussion will explore why it is important to contextually adapt interventions, how to do this and what the pitfalls are if adaptation is not well implemented. The discussion will also look at how to develop a theory of change for each intervention within a new setting and how it can be tested to see if it works. Prof Jewkes will ask for examples of well-adapted programmes and any advice that can be offered. Best practices examples will also be shared by Partnerships for Prevention programme manager, Dr Alexander Erich.

CLINIC 6

Intersectionality: violence against women and girls prevention interventions and HIV prevention, women and girls living with disabilities, sexual diversity, internally displaced persons and others

Host organisation: Raising Voices (Uganda)

This clinic aims to:

- Improve understanding of the term “intersectionality” and its application to Raising Voices’ work on preventing violence against women and girls
- Learn about diverse approaches to violence against women and girls prevention
- Apply key, evidence-based principles to our work in relation to intersectionality

The session will take the form of presentations and interactive activities. It will include a presentation from LGBTIQ+ activists from South Africa. In addition the clinic will hear from Malebogo Molefhe, a disability rights activist from Botswana.



CLINIC 7

Gender-transformative interventions at a community level – engaging men and boys

Host organisation: Sonke Gender Justice

International evidence shows that well-implemented work with men and boys can effectively address issues of gender inequality.

This clinic will feature several presentations, by:

- Sonke Gender Justice and the MenEngage Africa secretariat (South Africa)
- Shadrack Mutembei, country director: Help Lesotho (Lesotho)
- Desmond Lunga, programme coordinator: Men & Boys for Gender Equality (Botswana)

These will be followed by a question and answer session.

CLINIC 8

Southern African Development Community (SADC) response to gender-based violence: showcasing good practices from member states

Host organisation: SADC

This session's primary objectives are to make the SADC Gender-based Violence Strategy visible to the SADC's partners and stakeholders, and to promote the strategy's implementation by all SADC member states – and other stakeholders – by showcasing good practices in preventing and responding to gender-based violence from Botswana, Lesotho, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Zimbabwe.

The presentations will take the form of information banners, a video presentation and plenary discussions.



Learners attentively participating in exercises on GBV prevention.



DAY 2: Parallel sessions

PARALLEL SESSION 1

Costing of gender-based violence

Host organisation: PfP (GIZ)

Gender-based violence is one of the most severe forms of inequality and remains one of the most pervasive human rights violations. Identifying the economic costs of gender-based violence will contribute to better-informed decision-making and comprehensive policy development when it comes to working to eradicate gender-based violence.

The presenters will clearly show that the impact of gender-based violence on economies, and on society, is significant, and that a holistic approach involving everyone who is focused on preventing gender-based violence is fundamental to addressing its root causes.

The session will be led by Dienneke ter Huurne as moderator, with presentations by:

- Dr hc Christine Brendel, programme manager, Preventing Violence against Women in Ecuador (PreViMujer), GIZ: “Calculating the cost of violence against women, a useless exercise? Concrete experiences and lessons learned”
- Dr Arístides A Vara-Horna, research director, San Martín de Porres University, Peru: “The cost of GBV for the private sector”
- Ms Carmen Abdoll, economist, Cornerstone Economic Research: “Costing exercise of the National Strategic Plan in South Africa”

A question-and-answer session will follow.

PARALLEL SESSION 2

Strengthening prevention responses – partnerships with private sector, public sector and philanthropic organisations

Host organisation: The Ford Foundation

This clinic will explore how the success of programmes aimed at creating a role for private philanthropy, and strengthening partnerships and collaborations to eradicate gender-based violence, can be measured. It will discuss the scope of private and public sector engagement on the prevention of violence against women and girls. It will also explore multi-stakeholder partnerships geared towards this end.

Key discussion points include:

- What are the success factors for programmes that create a role for private philanthropy, and strengthening partnerships and collaborations, that help to prevent violence against women and girls?
- What challenges have been experienced in designing and implementing these programmes?



- What practical recommendations are available for designing and implementing these programmes?
- What needs to be considered when replicating or upscaling these programmes?
- What needs to be done to better translate evidence into policy and practice around these programmes?

The session includes presentations from the following distinguished guests:

- Bongwiwe Mlangeni, Social Justice Initiative (South Africa)
- Lesley Ann Foster, Masimanyane Women's Rights International
- Gugu McLaren-Ushewokunze, National Business Initiative (South Africa)

PARALLEL SESSION 3

Capacity development for practitioners – effective multi-stakeholder partnerships

Host organisation: South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC)

This session is aimed at sharing experiences and lessons around developing capacity within practitioners working on preventing violence against women and girls when the capacity development is focused on partners from the global south – low- and middle-income countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. It is also aimed at developing an enhanced understanding of the practical processes and key steps involved in developing capacity in partners from the global south. Lastly, it is aimed at allowing space for participants to support capacity development that is driven from, and focuses on, partners from the global south.

The session will take the form of a short panel discussion during which experiences, lessons and research are shared. After the panel discussion participants will form small working groups to apply what has been discussed to their own projects.

Panellists include:

- Annabelle Metzner, technical adviser: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit's research partnerships for the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Girls in Southern Africa
- Pinky Manong, gender-based violence liaison officer: Lesotho Ministry of Gender, Youth, Sports and Recreation
- Samantha Willan, capacity development manager for the What Works to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls programme, South African Medical Research Council
- Dumisani Rebombo, What Works partner and co-director, Yanani Community Project

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