

A photograph of three Black women walking on a dirt path on a hill. The woman on the left is wearing a black and white plaid dress and has her hands outstretched. The woman in the middle is wearing a black and white striped tank top and jeans, smiling. The woman on the right is wearing a bright pink button-down shirt and grey trousers. In the background, there are green plants and a cityscape with buildings and a tower under a clear sky.

VOICE, ACTION-NOW!

Leading the way to end violence against women.

16 Days of Activism
Regional Campaign 2015

Violence Against Women (VAW)

Is any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or mental harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs239/en/>

Magnitude of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

- **1 in 3 women** globally will experience physical or/ and sexual violence from a intimate partner (WHO)
- In Sub Saharan African **36.6% of women** experience physical or/ and sexual violence from an intimate partner

(Insert national statistics here please)

Consequence and Cost of VAWG

There are multiple consequences of violence, having immediate, short-term and long-term effects. They impact the individual, family, community and wider society, which translate into costs at the national, regional and international level

Consequences and costs of VAWG

- VAWG reduces productivity and drains public budgets
- VAWG deprives girls and young women from education (*insert relevant national statistics*)
- VAWG fuels the HIV pandemic (*insert relevant national statistics*)

Why Address VAWG

- Because it's everyone's right to live free of violence
- Fulfill regional and global commitments made to uphold the dignity and rights of every citizen in relation
- To save costs at individual, family, community and national level
- To encourage equal participation of girl and boys, women and men in education and political sphere
- Boost social and economic development

Legal and Operational Frameworks

- Our country is signatory to the following legal and operational frameworks listed below. This signals the country's commitment to ending VAW:

(please insert international, and regional legal and operational frameworks that apply to your county)

Our Leadership to end VAWG

In this section please find out and include the following information

- *Provisions within your national constitution around gender equality. If there are none point this out as well*
- *Check for and include provisions in the country's laws that address violence against women. If there are none point this out as well*
- *Include any other policies and national plans within the country that address violence against women. If there are none point this out as well*
- *Check for and include progress in implementing the above mentioned laws and policies*
- *Check for and include gaps in implementation i.e. absence of operational plans, insufficient budgets, lack of knowledge and skills within implementing institutions etc*

Take Action! – Leading the Way to end VAWG

Insert your specific campaign asks ideally they should be the campaign objectives and specific asks that you as a team agreed on as you completed the worksheet in the Action and Advocacy Kit before you commenced this campaign

Leading the Way to end VAWG

- Everyone can and must end violence against women

Show your leadership – use your voice to condemn VAW, and take action for effective prevention and response now!