

Community Dialogue Guide: Response to Gender-Based Violence

Community Dialogue session guide

Introduction

Welcome participants and let them know you appreciate their attendance and time. Inform them of the discussions to be held around GBV to understand the structures in place to address this. Inform them you will be using some posters to elicit their views on the prevalence of the various forms of GBV in Bomet (Refer to the SASA posters).

To guide our discussion, allow me to explain what GBV is Gender-based violence (GBV): Gender-based violence (GBV) refers to any verbal or physical act that results in bodily, psychological, sexual and economic harm to somebody just because they are female or male. GBV can be done by an intimate partner, a family member, a neighbor, an acquaintance or a stranger. GBV happens because one person chooses to exercise power and control over another person.

Intimate partner violence (IPV): Intimate partner violence (IPV) describes physical, sexual, or psychological harm by a current or former partner or spouse.

Objectives

At the end of the dialogue, participants will be able to:

- Highlight the prevalent forms of GBV in Bomet
- List the community structures involved in addressing GBV
- Mention socio-cultural practices that fuel/'normalize' GBV

Discussion guide

1. Are there any cultural practices in Bomet that:
 - Promote the violation of women and girls- share examples
 - Promote the violation of men and boys-share examples
 - Make it difficult for people to report- share examples
2. How do community leaders address cases that are reported to them?
3. What would you like to see done to curb the occurrence of GBV in this county?
4. (In case the group is comprised of community leaders) ask the following:
 - What role do you play when cases are reported?
 - Is there any training that has been conducted for community leaders on GBV in this county?

5. Describe a community-based GBV protection mechanism and follow up with the following questions.
- How would you ensure that you take part in GBV response: what role would you play and how will you link up with each other to ensure prompt referral and follow up of cases? (ask each of the community leaders for their views).
 - Who would you involve (health, police judiciary, children services, - for child-related issues, gender and social services)?