THE GENDER LENS

CCGD FACILITATES WORKING PARTNERSHIPS TO ENABLE COUNTIES MANAGE SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (SGBV)

In January and February 2019, CCGD partnered with Council of Governors (COG) to build capacity of senior executive officers from Mandera, Wajir, Bungoma, Kisumu, Baringo, Nakuru, Kilifi, Kwale, Mombasa, Lamu, Tana River, Makueni, Kiambu, and Kakamega on gender mainstreaming. The Mandera workshop also focused on skills development to implement a multi-agency centre for managing sexual and gender based violence. The workshops aimed to increase capacity of key county government departments to deliver effective programmes that address GBV. The workshops also benefited from contributions by key policy experts from the Attorney General’s Office, Ministry of Health, National Police Service, State Department of Gender Affairs and Kenya School of Government.

The UKAID funded “Jamii Thabiti” project is managed by Coffey International. Coffey partnered with National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC) and CCGD on Violence Against Women and Girls in eight counties; Bungoma, Kisumu, Wajir, Mandera, Baringo, Nakuru, Kwale & Kilifi between 2016 and 2019.

Engagement with Kwale county on the left to review their GRB action plan.
OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TO GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IN KENYA

On 7th February 2019 CCGD was part of the meeting hosted by National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC) whose agenda was to provide an overview of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Prevention and Response to Gender Based Violence in Kenya by the National Police Service. The presentation highlighted the need to understand what the law says on the particularities of each case. The principles guiding people on these activities and what each party expects from the other - be they police, victims and the community. These standard operating procedures are meant to strengthen the police in improving the prevention and response to GBV in Kenya. The SOPs can be downloaded at no charge from the national police service website: [http://www.nationalpolice.go.ke/2015-09-08-17-56-33/news/271-nps-unveils-standard-operating-procedures-for-prevention-and-response-to-gender-based-violence.html](http://www.nationalpolice.go.ke/2015-09-08-17-56-33/news/271-nps-unveils-standard-operating-procedures-for-prevention-and-response-to-gender-based-violence.html)
NATIONAL GENDER SEC-TOR WORKING GROUP BI-ANNUAL FORUM

CCGD joined other stakeholders in the preparation and participation at the first GSWG bi-annual forum for 2019 on 23rd of April hosted by the State Department of Gender Affairs. The forum saw the presentation of a new inter-Governmental Coordination framework, sector achievements and charting of a way forward. In addition, it was announced at the meeting that the gender technical working group would be renamed to gender sector working group and will have four sections namely: women, peace and security; gender based violence mitigation, women in leadership and socio economic empowerment.

COUNTIES TAKE PROGRESSIVE STEPS TO INSTITUTIONALIZE GENDER RESPONSIVE BUDGETING

CCGD with support from Ford Foundation has partnered with the Council of Governors (COG) to support counties prepare budgets that are gender responsive. In 2019 activities towards Gender Responsive Budgeting began with a workshop held in Mombasa County to sensitize county officials on GRB. This meeting was held with a view to undertake more comprehensive training sessions in future to build their capacities in Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB). The workshop’s main goal was to create awareness about the basic concepts relating to GRB as well as Gender Mainstreaming. Four counties namely Makueni, Kisumu, Bungoma and Kwale with officers from planning, agriculture, health and gender departments as well as office of controller of budget officers based at the counties were present.

The participants were briefed on the GRB project and the work CCGD is undertaking within the counties in partnership with various stakeholders which included support in development of gender policies at both regional, national and county levels, publication of gender manuals as well as gender focused research. Successes from previous work e.g. disaggregation of data by Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) resulting from CCGD and other stakeholders input. Constitutional amendments were also highlighted and the opportunities for further engagement shared. They were also introduced to the interventions that COG is undertaking aimed at promoting GRB, knowledge management and the importance of sharing information on the performance of counties with the objective of learning and promoting best practices.

It was observed that of the counties present, although they have attempted to plan for gender focused interventions, they lack capacity to implement GRB. They have no clear plan to implement GRB successfully in the long run since their understanding is that gender has to be planned for separately yet it is a cross cutting issue that needs to be planned for in all sectors through mainstreaming. There is a disconnect from planners on how gender influences planning such as how a gender consideration has to be planned for in a sector that is not directly involved in gender interventions. The Counties agreed to plan for implementation of GRB through a progressive action plan by integrating GRB in all their plans. A joint statement on way forward was shared and all counties adopted it for execution.

Currently the implementation team is engaging counties to support them in actualizing the GRB action plans they developed. The team is also reaching out to county based CSOs to build their capacity to advocate for gender responsive budgeting processes and budgets. The project continues to partner with other stakeholders to advance GRB practice in public finance management.
KENYA GENDER BUDGET NETWORK (KGBN) REVIVED

CCGD with support from Ford Foundation has been leading efforts to revive the Kenya Gender Budgeting Network (KGBN) - initiated in 2005 but that became largely inactive towards the end of 2008. The Kenya Gender Budget Network is a network of Organizations, Individuals and institutions engaged in gender related budget advocacy whose main purpose is to enable a more coordinated GRB advocacy and promote knowledge sharing on GRB.

The ongoing revival aims to make it vibrant to facilitate: sharing of GRB knowledge, skills and expertise; do continuous stock-taking and definition of its goals as well as ensuring actualization of continuous learning opportunities for members of the network. KGBN will also revive networking with regional and international GRB networks. Already over 40 organizations and individuals have expressed an interest to join and have been duly registered. In the initial stages the network is prioritizing enhancing engagement among members through online and one on one interaction by facilitating an online platform on the CCGD website. It will also publish a periodic online newsletter to document what stakeholders are undertaking in advancement of GRB, such as past or current learning resource materials developed by partners, successes and lessons for future reference and knowledge transfer.

A network meeting is planned for June 2019 whose agenda shall include adopting a framework of collaboration and engagement. To read more about the network and how you can be a part of please see the link: http://www.ccgdcentre.org/kenya-gender-budget-network

Left: Mombasa GRB workshop group picture in January 2019.

The Maputo Protocol addresses gender inequality and abuse against African women comprehensively. It promotes legal and other measures to protect women from violence, inequality and discrimination including in marriages and divorce, in education and the workplace, in inheritance rights and protection from harmful practices including child marriages and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). It also addresses sexual and reproductive health rights including protection from HIV and the right to safe and legal abortion under qualified circumstances. The Maputo Protocol is a key tool in addressing gender inequality and advancing women’s rights in Africa. The African Commission has an integral role in monitoring the compliance of states with the Maputo Protocol primarily through state reporting, issuing of concluding observations and considering complaints of human rights violations.

Even though AU state parties have ratified the protocol they are yet to comply with accountability reporting requirements that obliges them to report to the “African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights” every two years - indicating progress towards full implementation and outlining the human rights situation in the country. CSO’s are granted observer status to the commission (on successful application) and may present a shadow report to the government report. As the EACSOF gender thematic lead and host in Kenya, CCGD is supporting EACSOF finalize the process of coming up with a scorecard to track the implementation of the protocol. The workshop resolved that the scorecard be comprehensive to cover all articles and that it be done in partnership with NGEC leading to final validation and publication. EACSOF and NGEC have since commenced the finalization of a comprehensive scorecard through existing institutional partnership between NGEC and CCGD. A validation meeting is projected for June/July period and publication and launch In August/September. Apart from CSOs, key government sector stakeholders such as the State Department of Gender Affairs, the State Law Office, State Departments of Health and Education among others will be involved in the review, finalization and publication and launch of the scorecard. It is expected that the completed scorecard will be instrumental in facilitating timely and accurate reporting to AU and with it accountability of the Kenya state to rights of women and girls.

Development of a Scorecard on the Maputo Protocol on Course

Left: CCGD Executive Director Masheti Masinjila gives opening remarks at the Maputo Protocol Scorecard Meeting
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**PARTNERSHIP ON 2ND UNSCR 1325 KENYA NATIONAL ACTION PLAN: KNAP (2019-2023)**

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**VISION**
A society that guarantees equality, social justice and respect for human rights of women, men, girls and boys.

**MISSION**
Collaboratively contribute to gender responsive transformation of society through evidence based policy advocacy and technical support to related institutional processes at regional, national and international levels.

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Left: Rachel Shebesh, Chief Administrative Secretary MPSYGA, during the KNAP meeting review process.

Above: Milka Kariuki CCGD Program Officer makes a presentation during the KNAP meeting review process.

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