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Participants of Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) training held from 6th to 8th September 2022 in Nairobi. The training was jointly organized by UK WBG, CCGD and the KGBN.



Participants of legal aid clinic at Kajiado County Referral Hospital GBVRC. The clinic was organized by by Kajiado Survivors of Violence Caucus.

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Kwale County medical, law and justice actors join efforts to improve collection and handling of SGBV -related evidence

By Maurice Goga



Kwale Law Courts Senior Principal Magistrate Hon. Joe Omido making a presentation on the nature of the evidence required and how to present such evidence during the court process by police and medics. (Picture: Vicky Kisuli, CCGD)

Clinicians, police, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and judiciary representatives held consultations on collection and handling of SGBV related evidence to ensure justice for survivors.

Speaking at the meeting, Msambweni Law Courts Senior Resident Magistrate, Hon. Sandra Ogot stated that the chain of conviction starts with the police who compile evidence before handing them over to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) which then presents the evidence before the court.

“The police are the first point where survivors of SGBV run to before they proceed to the hospital for examination by clinicians. Once the evidence is lost at this point, the case is lost because the evidence determines whether the case will end up in conviction or acquittal,” Hon. Ogot said.

The Senior Resident Magistrate called on the police not to accept any form of bribery to interfere with evidence saying interfering with evidence will delay or deny justice to the survivors.

Mr Mulama Allen, Prosecutor from the ODPP stated that the majority of the medical practitioners and the police usually have a challenge when it comes to filling the P3 and PRC forms as the prosecution teams often have challenges in interpreting the filled forms which has led to

many acquittals.

On her part, Fatuma Hadi Ali, a Senior Superintendent from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations said that Kwale County has seen a reduction in the number of unreported SGBV cases which she attributed to the establishment of police gender desk and policare at various police stations across the country. She urged the police officers to ensure that they go through the evidence and exhibits with the plaintiff before the case proceeds to court for a hearing.

The participants said that through community policing they have been able to respond to SGBV cases which has led to a decline in the cases of SGBV in Kwale County. However, some of the cases go unreported due to preference by community for community informal resolution mechanisms.

CCGD continues to strengthen support and services to SGBV survivors by offering institutional support to the Msambweni Referral Hospitals; Gender-Based Violence Recovery Centre (GBVRC).

The GBVRCs offer clinical and psycho-social support to survivors as well as referrals to law and justice institutions support services including medical attention, psychosocial support and linkages to referral pathways whenever they report their cases.

Putting Gender-Responsive Budgeting into Practice

By Maurice Goga



Cindy Kobi (C) from Crown Trust making presentation on mapping of daily life during Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) training held from 6th to 8th September 2022 in Nairobi. Onlooking is Hana Abid, Programme Manager, UK Women's Budget Group. (Picture: Maurice Goga, CCGD)

Participants from county governments, civil society organizations, and research institutions took part in a three-day training on gender-responsive budgeting held between 6th and 8th September 2022 in Nairobi. The training dubbed, "Gender Responsive Budgeting: putting GRB into practice" was jointly organized by the UK Women's Budget Group (WBG) and the Kenya Gender Budget Network KGBN) which is hosted by the Collaborative Centre for Gender and Development (CCGD).

The program manager at UK WBG explained that GRB is not a special budget for women, but a gender balanced policy approach that ensures equitable budgeting for the needs of women and men, boys and girls.

The training was attended by representatives of 20 organizations including, University of Nairobi Women Economic Empowerment Hub, Investing in Children and their Societies (ICS), International Budget Partnerships Kenya, Follow the Money Kenya, County Government of Nairobi, Institute of Public Finance Kenya, Institute of Economic Affairs Kenya, Emerging Leaders Foundation Youth Alive Kenya, Fight in-

equality Alliance, International Peace Support Training Centre, Oxfam Kenya, Population Reference Bureau, County Government of Nyeri, Community Empowerment and Development Centre (CEDC), Kenyatta University, KGBN, CCGD and Ebyan Adiraham, Programme Officer, UK Women's Budget Group and Lucille Onyango -the consultant.

UK Women's Budget Group is a small non-profit organization that analyzes government public policies from a gender perspective to influence and lobby to create a more gender-equal economy. Through their Global Partnership and Learning Programme, they have been partnering with CCGD on various capacity-building sessions on GRB, gender-sensitive policy planning and fundraising strategies. On the other hand, Kenya Gender Budget Network which is hosted by CCGD has been engaging in gender-focused advocacy work to inform programming and budgeting. The network is an open membership for stakeholders and new institutions and individuals interested in advancing GRB in Kenya and beyond can express their interest by writing an email to Josiah Kiarie at kgnb@ccgdcentre.org and copy ccgdinfo@gmail.org.

Relaunch of the Protection of Civic Space in East Africa Platform

By Getrude Angela

RELAUNCH OF PROTECTION OF CIVIC SPACE EAST AFRICA PLATFORM WEBINAR



Hon. Zein Abubakar
Former legislator
East Africa Legislative Assembly

**Thursday
15th Sept.
2022**

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm





Ms. Florence Nkazibwe
Legal Advisor
ICNL



Mr. Morris Odhiambo
Chairman
East Africa Civil Society Organizations' Forum



Mr. John Owegi
National Coordinator
Civic Freedoms Forum (CFF)

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INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT LAW

A poster for the relaunch of Protection of Civic Space East Africa Platform (Design: Maurice Goga, CCGD)

The East Africa Civil Society Organizations' Forum (EACSOFF) Kenya Chapter with support from International Centre Not-For-Profit Law (ICNL) on 15th September 2022 relaunched the Protection of Civic Space in East Africa Platform - an open interactive platform that seeks to re-enforce the capacity of civic actors in East Africa to counter shrinking civic space by sharing information, human resources strategies and share best practices in the region. The platform was originally launched on 19th September 2019.

Speaking at the relaunch, Hon. Zein Abubakar, a former legislator of the East Africa Legislative Assembly (EALA) stated that one of the cornerstones for creating the platform was to safeguard public participation in civic space.

He noted that constraining constitutional and legal frameworks from different EAC partner states have advanced the shrinking of civic which has left only Kenya with a fair legal framework in the region.

Ms. Florence Nakazibwe, Legal Officer at ICNL said the platform will consolidate expression and intensify efforts to address the challenge faced by civic actors and CSOs. Adding that it will also incorporate influential people such as traditional leaders, youth and FBOs, social movement activists, and trade unions as key allies that will amplify the civic space. She called on civic actors in Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania to build the capacities of civic actors in the new states joining the EAC.

The chair of EACSOFF-K, Mr. Morris Odhiambo urged members to interact with the platform as it will enable them to get regular updates on emerging trends in civic space saying that the platform will offer the opportunity for information sharing across the region and formulation of strategies to enforce and safeguard civic space.

Kajiado Survivors of Violence Caucus at the County Gender-Based Violence Recovery Centre (GBVRC)

By Ruth Nashipae



Dr Richard Tempe addressing survivors of SGBV during a legal aid clinic on 20th September 2022 at Kajiado County Referral Hospital Gender-Based Violence Recovery Centre (GBVRC) (Picture: Ruth Nashipae, CCGD)

The African Pro-Poor Tourism in partnership with Global Fund Management held a legal aid clinic for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence at the Kajiado County Referral Hospital GBVRC. The clinic focused on providing legal aid services to survivors of SGBV by identifying and supporting cases for possible mediation, arbitration, and litigation.

Speaking at the forum Dr. Richard Tempe called on the survivors to speak up against any form of discrimination and challenges they are facing in the quest for justice. He also urged stakeholders to make frequent follow up on survivor cases.

The survivors also benefited from a Legal Clinic conducted by pro bono lawyer, Ms.

Ruth Ogano, from the Mosongo & Co Advocates. Ms. Ogano lauded the Kajiado Police for being efficient at the Police Gender Desk saying the police handle SGBV cases efficiently when such reports are made at the station.

The GBVRC was established by the County Government Kajiado with support from Collaborative Centre and Gender Development (CCGD) to provide clinical and psycho-social services to GBV survivors as well as boost the SGBV referral chain by supporting the collection and preservation of forensic evidence for the prosecution of cases.



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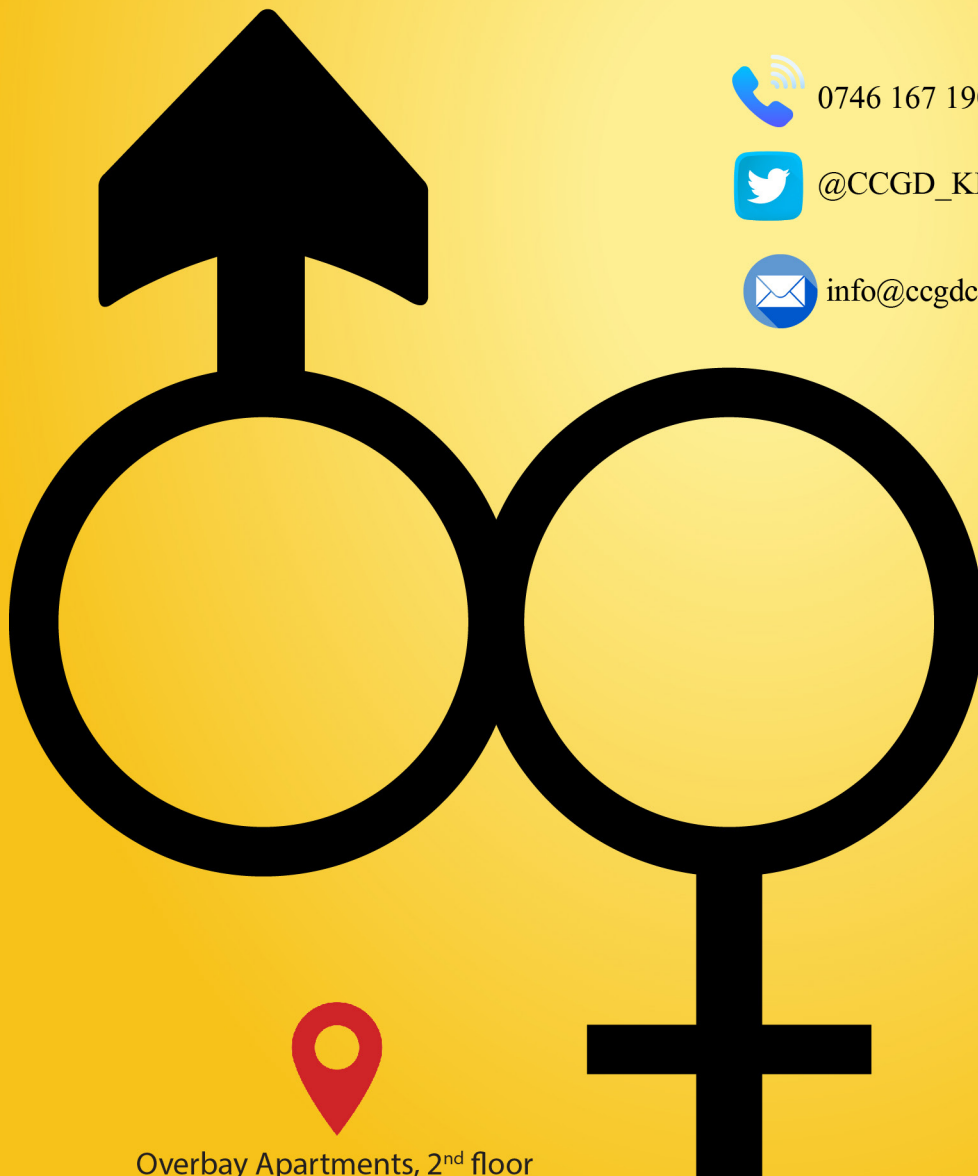
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