



Addressing Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in Kibera

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Center for Rights Education and Awareness gender-based violence specialist holds an education session with boda boda riders in Kibera.

Funding Level:

US \$600,000

Duration:

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Activity Goals:

- Raise awareness about gender-based violence among residents of the Kibera informal settlement
- Improve access to medical, psychological, and economic support services for victims of gender-based violence and their dependents
- Strengthen the response of the legal and health systems for gender-based violence

Activity Accomplishments:

- Provided 1,100 people with information on the Sexual Offences Act during International Human Rights Day, International Women's Day and 16-Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence
- Reported cases of gender-based violence have risen steadily since the project started
- Exposed hundreds of community members to the activity and the services it provides through public awareness campaigns

Key Partners:

Kibera Law Court, Langata District Commissioner's Office, Task force on the Sexual Offences Act

Center for Rights Education and Awareness (CREAW)

ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

Addressing Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in Kibera is raising awareness about gender-based violence among residents of the Kibera informal settlement. The activity is improving access to medical, psychological, and economic support services for victims of gender-based violence and their dependents. The activity is working to strengthen the response of the legal and health systems for those affected by the problem.

ACTIVITY AREAS

Addressing Sexual and Gender-Based Violence increases access to justice and integrated support services among the survivors of violence in Kibera. It also increases overall public awareness about gender-based violence.

The activity supports Kibera community theatre groups to expand gender-based violence outreach and exposure among the settlement's residents. The activity also supports a "one-stop shop" referral platform to provide legal aid, psychosocial support, and access to medical and economic empowerment services for victims.

The activity maintains an updated database of clients and cases to track individual cases and to allow for aggregation of data. The activity is working to incorporate its data into the national statistics maintained by the National Gender and Equality Commission.

The activity creates public information mass media programming around gender-based violence issues, including jingles and radio call-in shows to raise public awareness.

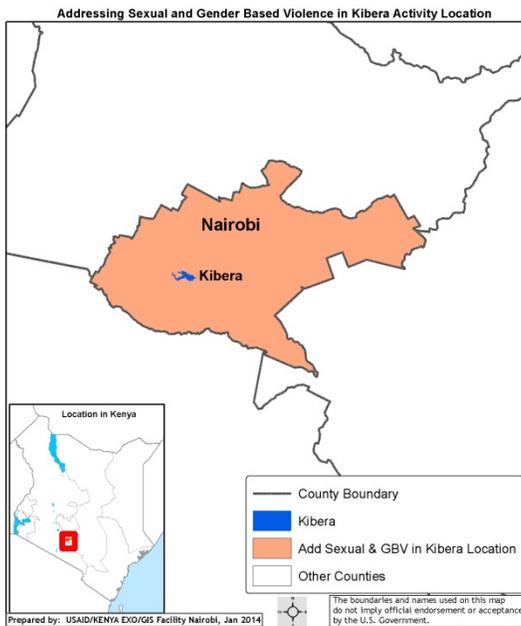
The activity provides gender-based violence trainings to teachers and school children, safe house managers, healthcare and legal system workers, and victims.

ACTIVITY IMPACT

USAID's Addressing Sexual and Gender-Based Violence activity supported the painting of murals that outline the steps one should take if he/she is sexually assaulted. The murals catch the attention of each and every person that passes by. They are entitled "Suluhisho ni Mimi," which means "I am the solution," implying that each person has a role to play in combating sexual and gender-based violence.

Activity Locations:

Nairobi's informal settlement area of Kibera



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Addressing Sexual and Gender-Based Violence awareness and educational activities are helping victims get the help they need. The activity is also increasing the likelihood that victims will report sexual crimes and that they will have better experiences with the Kenya police and other legal, medical, and psychosocial service providers when they do so.



This mural, painted outside a school in Kibera informal settlement, outlines the steps one should take if he/she experiences sexual violence.