

Report on the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence and Violence Made to Women

Date: November 29th, 2023

Location: MINPROFF Conference Hall

Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Attendees: Representatives from government agencies, NGOs, civil society organizations, and the general public

Summary of Event

Value Health Africa participated in the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence and Violence Made to Women event held at the MINPROFF Conference Hall on November 25, 2023. The event was well-attended and provided a valuable platform for discussion on the important issue of gender-based violence.

ATTENDANCE

A diverse group of participants were there:

- Representatives from government,
- Civil society (local and international organizations)
- Private sector.

The MINPROFF was impressed with the strong participation of men, who made up an estimated 40% the audience. She encourage and appreciate.



AGENDA

The event was opened with a welcome and introduction of the round table by the Regional Delegate of MINPROFF.

This was followed by a series of presentations of **Mme MACHIM Pauline Founder and CEO of Association femme et enfant; Mr Maurice NSIA GBV Expert of MINPROFF and Mme Kathel BOUMSONG VBG Expert UNFPA** on the current landscape of violence against women and girls (VAWG) and gender-based violence (GBV).

The presentations highlighted the prevalence, forms, and impact of these forms of violence. Participants also gained a clear understanding of the distinction between VAWG and GBV, recognizing that while VAWG is a subset of GBV, it holds unique characteristics and requires specific interventions.

The event also explored existing mechanisms and circuits for providing care and support to victims of VAWG and GBV. Participants also learn how to support survivors with access to the necessary resources and services, such as legal aid, medical care, and psychological counseling.

The concept of positive masculinity was introduced. Participants discussed the importance of fostering healthy and respectful attitudes among men, challenging harmful gender norms, and promoting gender equality. Mr NSIA also notice that 80% of women victims of murder and 95% of man are responsible of the crime



Key takeaways

- VAWG and GBV are serious and pervasive problems that have a devastating impact on the lives of women and girls.
- There is a need for greater awareness and understanding of VAWG and GBV.
- There are existing mechanisms and circuits for providing care and support to victims of VAWG and GBV.
- Positive masculinity is an important tool in the fight against VAWG and GBV.



CONCLUSION

The 16th Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence and Violence against Women was a valuable event that raised awareness about these important issues and discussed strategies for prevention and intervention. MAIMO FOUNDATION. Committed to continuing to work on these issues to make a positive difference in the lives of women and girls.

Networking:

- Introduce VAHA Foundation on a list of UNFPA, PLAN International ,
- VAHA is inviting to register to LUKMEF AFRICA CIVIL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT CENTER
- Waiting to get invite on the next cluster meeting for protection